



# NIFC COMMUNITY AWARENESS UPDATE



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*(The Community Awareness Update provides general information to enable personnel to keep up-to-date with routine correspondence; it is not provided for mission-related items and does not replace the Emergency Messaging System.)*

- RAF Wyton Armed Forces Day.
- Checking for scams.
- Northants Police initiative to protect women on nights out by tackling inappropriate behaviour.
- Ofgem scams.
- Hamerton Zoo.

**WYTON ARMED FORCES DAY:** On 25 Jun 22, RAF Wyton will be hosting an Armed Forces Day celebration on the Airfield. The event is open to all, including people from the local area. The event will open from 1000 hrs and close at 1630 hrs with the BBMF Lancaster Display.

RAF Wyton Armed Forces Day is built on the idea of joining the Armed forces and the local community together and showing you a variety of what the armed forces can and are doing home and abroad. This year we are proud to welcome the static displays from the Royal Air Force, British Army and re-enactments from medieval time through to WW2. There will be a variety of inflatables and attractions for people of all ages to enjoy. These include being guided down a paintball/airsoft range learning how to fire and move, to searching for dangerous materials with a Valon metal detector. There will be live music throughout the day provided by the RAF Wyton Volunteer band, the military wives choir and the Swingsetters. With plenty of food stalls & bars dotted throughout the site, you won't be left hungry. Whether it's a quick ice cream you're after or a more substantial lunch, you're sure to find something to suit you at a reasonable price too!

**Everyone** will need a ticket available from: <https://rafwyton.wixsite.com/armedforcesday>. Access will be via Crash Gate opposite Camp Garage or via the pedestrian gate near the gym on camp.

**CHECKING FOR SCAMS:** *Check if a Website is Legitimate or Scam | Scamvoid*

**NORTHANTS POLICE INITIATIVE TO PROTECT WOMEN ON NIGHTS OUT BY TACKLING INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR:** A proactive policing operation in Northampton and Kettering town centres which aims to keep women safe on nights out is proving to be extremely effective at stopping offending behaviour, and in safeguarding the vulnerable. The operation known as Operation Kayak was first introduced by Northamptonshire Police last year after Covid lockdown restrictions on pubs, clubs and leisure facilities were lifted. It was clear that following the terrible murder of Sarah Everard, women did not feel safe, and much more was needed to be done across the whole of the UK to reduce sexual harassment and violence against women.

Violence Against Women and Girls is a matter of priority for Northamptonshire Police and an area of focus for at least the next three years.

Operation Kayak initially began as a pilot in 2021, and was funded by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. However due to its success, this operation has now become business as usual for the Force. As part of the op, uniformed officers undertake hot spot patrols on Friday and Saturday nights (and on student nights) to help reduce offending, safeguard the public and protect against sexual aggression, harassment, and inappropriate behaviour. Since it began, officers from Operation Kayak have arrested nine men for sexual offences - including rape and sexual assault. Officers have also provided warnings and words of advice to people seen acting suspiciously, aggressively, or displaying concerning behaviours. In addition, any vehicles seen loitering in or driving around Northampton and Kettering town centres are stopped to see if their reason for being in the area is valid. As part of the op more than 200 vulnerable people have been supported and safeguarded.

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**OFGEM SCAMS: Action Fraud has received 752 reports in four days relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem.** The emails state that the recipient is eligible for a rebate as a result of a newly announced government scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information. Review the tweet to see a screenshot of the fake emails reported to Action Fraud:

<https://twitter.com/CyberProtectUK/status/1527657160586444800?s=20&t=RdAiopW83gUlsAymvjnu5g>

- Remember, your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact the company using details from their official website or app.
- Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

*For more information on how to stay secure online, please visit: [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)*

**HAMERTON ZOO:** You may have seen media reports that Shiva, a white tiger housed at Hamerton Zoo near Sawtry, has died. Shiva - a white Bengal tiger - was born in 2012 and arrived in Hamerton with her brother Mohan in 2014, having been transported from Hodenhagen, near Hanover, Germany.

The zoo, which sits in Cambridgeshire between Huntingdon and Oundle, has housed tigers since 2001. Since it was established in 1990, the team has run numerous conservation projects, including a cheetah conservation fund in Namibia, and a Great Anteater survey in Brazil.

It's one of those 'slightly out of the way' places worth putting on the 'To do' list.

<https://www.hamertonzoo.com/>

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