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Special Edition

Safer Communities

Newsletter

Welcome to this special edition of the Newsletter with advice on how to enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night safely...

Safety tips over Halloween and Bonfire Night

- Clean up outside the house. Don't leave anything out like ladders, hoses, flowerpots or anything a child could trip over.
- Look after your pets. They can get easily scared or frightened and may even try to bite a strangely-garbed 'intruder.'
- Use battery-powered candles if you can. If you do insist on using a real flame, place pumpkins well away from where people are standing or sitting.
- Make sure paper and/or cloth decorations are kept well away from a naked flame.

- Consider healthy alternatives to sweets and chocolate. Low-fat crackers, single-serving cereals and low-fat popcorn, mini-boxes of raisins and packaged fruit rolls will go down well.
- Help keep your street safe and clean, don't leave your bin on the highway.
- You don't have to give food as a treat. Pencils, stickers, books and comics will be just as appreciated and will last longer.

Follow these rules and it should be a happy Halloween for everyone.

Guy Fawkes Trivia Questions

1. In what year was Guy Fawkes arrested on November 5th for treason?
a. 1602 b. 1605 c. 1608
2. Which King of England was the so called Gunpowder Plot supposed to kill?
a. James I b. James II c. Charles I
3. Guy Fawkes was arrested in a cellar under which famous London landmark?
a. The Houses of Parliament b. The Tower of London c. The Bank of England

answers overleaf

The Witch's Broomstick

The witch is a central symbol of Halloween. The name comes from the Saxon wica, meaning wise one. When setting out for a Sabbath, witches rubbed a sacred ointment onto their skin. This gave them a feeling of flying, and if they had been fasting they felt even giddier. Some witches rode on horseback, but poor witches went on foot and carried a broom or a pole to aid in vaulting over streams. In England when new witches were initiated they were often blindfolded, smeared with flying ointment and placed on a broomstick. The ointment would confuse the mind, speed up the pulse and numb the feet.

When they were told "You are flying over land and sea," the witch took their word for it.



Fireworks what you need to know...

Watching fireworks is popular and fun. But fireworks are explosives and potentially dangerous. Legislation has been introduced in recent years to help make fireworks safer to use and to tackle their deliberate misuse.

In the UK it is illegal to sell fireworks to persons under the age of 18. Caps, cracker snaps, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throwdowns must not be sold or supplied to persons under 16. It is illegal for fireworks to be carried in public places by persons under 18 and for a person of any age to throw or discharge a firework in a street or public place e.g. parks and beaches.

As fireworks can be noisy and cause a noise nuisance to people and animals, fireworks must not be let off after 12.00pm on bonfire night.

Those found guilty of breaking laws governing fireworks can be fined up to £5,000 or receive a six month prison sentence. Police also have the power to issue penalty notices of £80 for offences.

Don't dump rubbish

Torbay Council, local Police and the Fire Service are working together to ensure Bonfire Night goes off with a bang – without causing damage to the environment.

Extra officers will be patrolling Torbay in the run up to the celebrations to remove any illegally dumped waste associated with Bonfire Night, which could cause a nuisance or danger to the public.

Any individuals or businesses caught fly tipping could face an unlimited fine and up to five years in prison.

Local people are now being urged to help keep their streets clean by reporting any incidents to Torbay Council's Community Protection team on 01803 208091 or email community.protection@torbay.gov.uk



Bonfire safety...

The fire service always advises you to attend an organised bonfire and fireworks display in preference to having one at home. However if you do decide to hold a bonfire night party at home there are a number of important safety points to adhere to:

- Make sure the fire is an appropriate size for the space you have.
- Don't site it near to sheds, fences, or trees and keep any fireworks at a safe distance inside a sealed container.
- People looking after the bonfire should wear substantial outer garments that will not ignite easily.
- Never use flammable liquids like paraffin or petrol to get the bonfire going as this can result in an uncontrolled explosion and spread of fire.
- Don't burn dangerous rubbish e.g. aerosols, gas cylinders, paint tins, foam filled furniture, tyres or plastics.
- Keep spectators, especially children at a safe distance from the fire, it is very easy to underestimate the radiated heat from a fire.
- Never put spent or dud fireworks on the fire.
- Keep a hose pipe nearby to control the fire and ensure it is fully extinguished before leaving.



Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour in your Community



About us...

We all want the community in which we live to be free from ASB. When it happens, we all want it dealt with. Safer Communities Torbay can help. We're part of Torbay Council and work with a range of local agencies including the Police, youth offending teams and residential social landlords to tackle ASB and will take enforcement powers to stop it.

What it is...

"Behaviour which causes, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household" – this may include persistent verbal abuse or threats, assault or physical violence, racial or homophobic harassment or vandalism near your home.

How to report it...

We can only take action against ASB if we're aware it is taking place. If you do experience ASB it is important you report it; don't rely on someone else to do it. We would rather have ten people call us about the same incident than no one call at all. Only when it's reported can we take action.

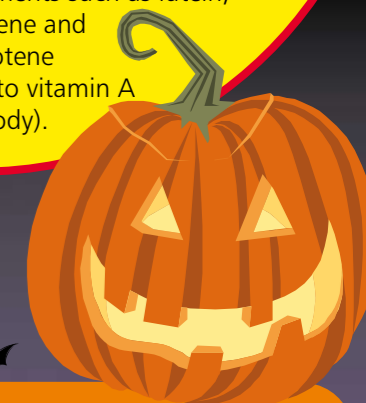
ASB Hotline 01803 207900

Pumpkin Facts...

Q. Is the pumpkin a vegetable or a fruit?
A. Surprise! The pumpkin is actually a fruit, a member of the Cucurbitaceae family of plants with trailing vines.

Q. Why are pumpkins associated with Halloween?
A. Using pumpkins as lanterns at Halloween is based on an ancient Celtic custom brought to America by Irish immigrants. All Hallows Eve on October 31st marked the end of the old Celtic calendar year. On that night hollowed-out turnips, beets and rutabagas with a candle inside were placed on windowsills and porches to welcome home spirits of deceased ancestors and ward off evil spirits and a restless soul called "Stingy Jack."

Q. Why are pumpkins orange?
A. The vivid orange color of pumpkin indicates a high content of carotene pigments such as lutein, alpha-carotene and beta-carotene (which turns in to vitamin A in the body).



HALLOWEEN & FIREWORKS EVENTS

24th October

Fireworks Awareness
St Martins Church,
Barton Rd
6pm - 9pm Free

31st October

Halloween Party
Windmill Centre,
Pendennis Rd.
Evening
Free

Halloween Party
Acorn centre,
Lummaton Cross,
Barton
6pm - 9pm Free

Halloween/Community event
Entertainer Pub,
Foxhole Rd
Paignton
Evening

4th November

Fire Safety, DVD's being shown of what could go wrong!
Come and join the BBQ with the Fire Service, Police and Street Wardens for your area.
Windmill Centre,
Pendennis Rd, Hele

5th November

Bonfire and Fireworks organised display,
Watcombe School,
Moor Lane, Watcombe
Minimum entry charge

Paignton Community Event, QED Community Centre,
Queen Elizabeth Drive

Plainmoor Organised Fireworks display,
Torquay United Football Club,
Moor Lane, Watcombe
Tickets on sale until 5.30pm on the day.
Turnstiles open at 6pm
£5 Adults, Under 16's £2.50 free for under 5's accompanied by an adult



OTHER LOCAL HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Halloween workshops
Model village - Babbacombe
10.30am - 8.30pm
Tel: 315315

Spooktacular Evenings
Living Coasts
29th/30th/31st
5 - 8pm
Tel 202470

Halloween Trail
Occombe Farm
age 7+
5.30pm £3.50
Tel 606035

Haunted Halloween party
Brixham Heritage Museum
5pm - 12midnight
£6

Brixham ghost walk
William of Orange
Children's walk from 6pm
Tel 857761

Halloween trail
Berry Head visitors centre
group activity £5 per group
11am - 12.30pm