

One community: stop hate crime now



Hate crimes happen because of hostility, prejudice or hatred of:

- **disability**
- **gender identity**
- **race, ethnicity or nationality**
- **religion or belief**
- **sexual orientation.**

They include things like name calling and verbal abuse, bullying and harassment, spitting and physical attacks, damage to property, graffiti, and written notes, emails and text messages.

If you or someone you know is affected by hate crime, it's important to report it. It will help you, your friends and your community to stop it happening to other people.



Read Stephen's story



I'm disabled. I got to know some people because I knew the girl's brother.

First she asked me for some money for the electric and I gave her £10.

The next week she asked for more money – for her baby. She kept on doing this and I kept on giving it to her.

A lady told me I was an idiot because the baby was in care. She had seen the baby being taken away.

I confronted the girl but she told me she needed the money.

I talked to my mum. She told me to check with social services. They told me the baby was in care.

The girl said her boyfriend had gone to London to buy drugs and she needed money for toilet paper. She made me walk with her to the cash point and get some money out for her.

They got me involved in drugs though I didn't realise it was drugs. They tried to make me shoplift but I wouldn't do it.

I started to feel suicidal because I hadn't got any money. We had a safeguarding meeting and I told the police about the drugs. They believed I didn't know it was drugs.

After the safeguarding meeting the police spoke to the people. They stopped causing me trouble.

Read Karen's story



Racist verbal abuse happens more often than you might think. Three times in the last two months while doing ordinary daily things, walking to the car, buying petrol, driving the children home from school I have had the unfortunate experience of hearing someone abuse me because of the colour of my skin in Bracknell Forest. (And they are usually happy to be sexist as well!).

I would like my children to grow up and not be hurt by hearing such comments and feel scared for their safety. Any message that is sent that this type of abuse is unacceptable will hopefully make my children feel more safe and accepted.



There are lots of ways to help stop hate crime.

Report it to:

Police on **999** (emergency) or **101** (non-emergency)
 Stop Hate UK **0800 138 1625**
 Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**
 Victim Support **0845 30 30 900**
 Bracknell Forest Council **01344 352000**

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev-pers-hatecrime
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/hatecrimeviolentextremism
www.stophateuk.org
www.mkequalitycouncil.org.uk

Bracknell Forest reporting centres

<p>Be Heard 4/5 Town Centre Bracknell RG12 1AU Tel: 01344 485 509</p>	<p>Rethink Coopers Hill, Bagshot Road, Bracknell RG12 7QS Tel: 01344 429 139</p>
<p>Bracknell & Wokingham College Church Road, Bracknell RG12 1DJ Tel: 01344 766 228</p>	<p>The Ark Studios Ravenswood Village, Nine Mile Ride, Crowthorne RG45 6BQ Tel: 01344 755 528</p>
<p>Bracknell Forest Council Adult Social Care 01344 351500</p>	
<p>MENCAP Suite 2, Oakemede Place, Terrace Road South, Binfield, RG42 4JF Tel: 0300 777 8539 <i>(Wokingham, Bracknell & Districts Mencap)</i></p>	