Martyn’s Law update

Action Hampshire training session

Wednesday 3 June 2026, 10.00-11.00am

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Action Hampshire: an introduction

- We are a Local Infrastructure Organisation – which means we mainly work with other VCSE organisations

We strengthen and connect Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise leaders, organisations, and networks

We promote and support community-led and place-based action

We champion diversity, while challenging inequity and disadvantage

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Visit our website

www.actionhampshire.org.uk

Subscribe to our newsletter

For the latest community news, funding opportunities, jobs and more...

Become a Member

Access to resources, training, network opportunities and more...

Join the conversation on Basecamp

For community discussions on a wide selection of Action Hampshire projects and initiatives...

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Our current projects

- Vivid Community Investment Fund
  vividhomes.co.uk/vivid-plus/community-support/community-investment-fund

- Communities Against Cancer – working with organisations that are trusted by ‘under-served’ communities, to raise awareness of cancer
  https://actionhampshire.org.uk/about-us/our-projects/communities-against-cancer/

- Volunteers Week: 1-7 June
  https://volunteersweek.org/
- Small Charity Week: 22-29 June
  https://www.smallcharityweek.org.uk/

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Our support for community buildings

There are over 10,000 community halls and centres across England, with at least 300 in Hampshire

'Many thanks for the sterling work you are doing on behalf of us all. I for one would be lost without it'
Hampshire village hall manager

Information and guidance service

We share news and info for community buildings and have guidance on a wide range of issues around running a community space

Networking and training

We facilitate regular online sessions and a message board to help you connect with one another, sharing ideas and challenges

Member resources

We have template documents and other resources available free of charge to Action Hampshire member organisations

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Upcoming events and sessions

- Community buildings roundtable events:
  - Local Government Reorganisation etc.: Thurs 14 May, 10.00-11.30am
  - Recruiting and retaining volunteers: Mon 29 Jun, 2.00-3.30pm
    https://actionhampshire.org.uk/get-support/specialist-support/community-buildings/networking-and-training/
  - Tell us what else you'd like us to cover!
- District-focused forums across Hampshire (see the above page)
- Monthly online networking for member organisations
  First Thursday of each month, 9.00-10.00am
- LemonBooking demo session: Tues 19 May, 10.00-11.00am
- Martyn's Law online briefing: Weds 3 Jun, 10.00-11.00am
  https://actionhampshire.org.uk/get-involved/member-network/member-events/

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Free online message board

- To help you connect with your fellow trustees and staff of community halls and centres across Hampshire
- Share ideas, successes, and challenges on any topic you like
  - Practical issues around running your building
  - Marketing, fundraising, organising events etc.
  - Governance and management issues
- Using the Basecamp platform – it's easy to get started and no cost! https://basecamp.com/#features (message board and file sharing only)

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News and issues for community buildings

- NHS Ten Year Plan
  https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-term-plan/

- Martyn's Law – official Government guidance released on 15 Apr:
  https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-terrorism-protection-of-premises-act-2025
  ACRE's info specifically for community buildings (more to follow):
  https://acre.org.uk/guidance-for-village-halls-on-new-martyns-law-now-available/
  Main Martyn's Law guidance page is here:
  https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law

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Martyn's Law – what is it?

- Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025
- Aim is to 'ensure the public are better protected from terrorism, by requiring certain public premises and events to be prepared and ready to keep people safe in the event of an attack.'
- https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law
- Requirements are based on how many people 'it can be reasonably expected… will be present on the premises at the same time, from time to time'. Not your absolute capacity.

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Who does it apply to?

- ‘Standard Tier’ premises: 200-799 people there at the same time
  - ‘Simple, low-cost activities with costs relating primarily to time spent.’ (Rather than physical measures)
  - https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law/standard-tier
- ‘Enhanced Tier’: for premises and events that host 800+ people
  - More detailed requirements, see for more info: https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law/enhanced-tier
- Below Standard Tier – the legal requirements won’t apply to you
  - But other bodies, e.g. insurers, might bring in new requirements
  - And… good practice?

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Who is responsible?

- Chapter 6 of the statutory guidance
- The ‘Responsible Person’ – probably a company / organisation:
- “The identity of the responsible person is the individual, organisation or company that has control over the qualifying premises for the purpose of their Schedule 1 use, or control over the premises for the purposes of the qualifying event… The responsible person may not be a named individual or single person. It is most likely to be a company or an organisation.”
- For Enhanced Tier premises, “a senior individual **must** be designated”

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What do you have to do?

- Chapter 7 of the statutory guidance:
- Ensure appropriate public protection procedures are in place, so far as is reasonably practicable
- Co-ordinate with other responsible persons as required, so far as is reasonably practicable
- Notify the regulator that they have become responsible for qualifying premises or a qualifying event, or that they have ceased to be responsible, and any other information required in regulations

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Videos – Scope, Tiers, Legal Requirements

- Helpful short videos at: https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law/resources

- https://www.protectuk.police.uk/sites/default/files/2026-04/32.34_ho_mlaw_animation_01_v6_subbed_0.mp4
- https://www.protectuk.police.uk/sites/default/files/2026-04/32.34_ho_mlaw_animation_02_v5_subbed.mp4
- https://www.protectuk.police.uk/sites/default/files/2026-04/32.34_ho_mlaw_animation_03_v5_subbed.mp4

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Working out your attendance numbers

- ‘The number of individuals who may be expected to be at the premises at the same time, from time to time.’
- You don’t have to use your maximum capacity: you could use…
- Historic attendance data
- Number of seats
- Number of tickets available
- Restrictions, e.g. in your premises licence
- Other means of assessing (with supporting evidence)
- https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-terrorism-protection-of-premises-act-2025

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Public protection procedures

- ‘So far as is reasonably practicable, appropriate public protection procedures must be in place at the premises’
- The four types of procedures:
  - Evacuation: getting people safely out of the premises
  - Invacuation: moving people away from danger to a place at the premises where there is less risk of physical harm being caused to them
  - Lockdown: securing the premises to prevent individuals entering or leaving the premises, e.g. to restrict or prevent entry by an attacker by locking doors, closing shutters, or using available barriers
  - Communication: ensuring information is provided to individuals at the premises or event

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Evacuation (chapter 7.33)

- The purpose of an evacuation procedure is to get people away from danger by moving them out of the premises or event, or a part of the premises or event. In developing an evacuation procedure, the responsible person should consider how plans will vary according to the specific circumstances of their qualifying premises or qualifying event. The below considerations are not exhaustive, but those responsible should also consider:
  - the nature of the specific premises or event
  - whether the attack is taking place inside or outside the premises
  - how people will be directed to follow the evacuation procedure in response to an attack
  - how staff at the premises or event will direct people to move away from danger

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Invacuation (chapter 7.39)

- The purpose of an invacuation procedure is to move people away from danger to a place within the premises or event where there is less risk of physical harm being caused to them. This can include bringing them into the premises or event from outside, in circumstances where it is safe to do so. It can also include moving people within the premises or event to one or more pre-determined safe spaces within the premises or event. This type of procedure may be the most appropriate way to get people to safety if an attack happens outside the premises or in one part of the premises, or if emergency response communications advise that this is the appropriate course of action.

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Lockdown (chapter 7.41)

- A lockdown is a procedure used to secure the premises, preventing people from entering or leaving the premises or event to keep people away from danger. A partial lockdown may also be used to secure parts of the premises or event, if an attack is occurring within a different part of the premises or event.

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Communication (chapter 7.46)

- The purpose of a communication procedure is to ensure information is provided to people at the premises or event, alerting them to danger as quickly as possible if an attack is taking place. It ensures people are provided with instructions, where it is safe to do so.

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‘Appropriate and reasonably practicable’

- More details are in the Government guidance (chapter 7.11)
- ‘The responsible person must consider what is appropriate and reasonably practicable for their premises. This will involve consideration of the nature of the premises and resources available. One size does not fit all and all premises are unique.’
- Chapter 7.5 of the guidance says ‘reasonably practicable’ means: “The likely effectiveness of any particular procedure weighed against the burden of its implementation (in terms of cost and feasibility)”

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What about unstaffed premises?

- Chapter 7.7 of the guidance says:
- “The responsible person should consider whether and how the public protection procedures could be followed by individuals on the premises. If appropriate, this could include, for example, displaying procedures in communal areas via posters, or including information in an induction”
- Involve your regular hirers in developing your procedures
- Share with all your hirers (as with fire safety etc.)

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Enhanced Tier additional requirements

- For premises or events where 800+ are expected at the same time
- Public protection measures (chapter 8.7)
  - Monitoring: to enable the detection and identification of suspicious activities and items that may be indicators of a terrorist attack
  - Movement: to control, prohibit, restrict or reduce the movement of people into, out of and within premises and events
  - Physical safety and security: to strengthen the physical safety and security of premises and events to mitigate the potential impacts of attacks and/or deter or hinder attackers
  - Security of information: to ensure that information about the premises, their operation, design, usage or internal workings are not widely available and accessible to those who may use it for planning a terrorist attack

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When do you need to take action?

- No action required yet – but it's good to plan ahead
- More info at https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law
- When will action be required?
  - 'The Government intends for there to be an implementation period of at least 24 months [from 3 Apr 2025] before the Act comes into force.'
- Security Industry Authority is the regulatory body
- Consultation running until 12 Jun on how they'll carry out their role https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-draft-section-12-statutory-guidance

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Martyn's Law – what to do now / next

- Read the summary guidance and watch the videos
  - https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law
  - https://www.protectuk.police.uk/martyns-law/resources
- For more detail, see the official guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-terrorism-protection-of-premises-act-2025
- We'll be running more info sessions in the autumn (Action Hampshire members will get priority booking and further support – we're fully subsidising membership so it's free to you) https://actionhampshire.org.uk/get-involved/member-network/

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Tell us what you thought about this session!

- We want to know how the session has helped you
- And what we could do differently next time
- Session feedback form: https://forms.office.com/e/P9D7Bhwksw

- Skip over the personal questions if you like

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