



**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE**

**Becoming a victim of crime can be
traumatic.**

Restorative Justice can change this.



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What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice (RJ) is a victim focused approach that empowers victims and communities by giving them the opportunity to:

- Communicate with the person/s responsible for the offence.
- Explain how the crime has affected them.
- Ask questions.

It allows offenders to reflect, this helps them understand what impact their actions have made directly from those harmed by their actions.

It is an opportunity for the offender to take responsibility for what they have done, acknowledge the harm caused and where possible make amends.



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Any victim of crime or Anti-Social Behaviour can access Restorative Justice services

During the process you will be informed to ensure that you have sufficient information.

RJ is voluntary for all parties and you should not be pressured into taking part in RJ

Important information about



Measures will be taken to ensure that any RJ process considers the needs of the people involved

Youth Offending Teams also provide these services if the offender is under 18

In Hampshire, Restorative Solutions are working in partnership with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

How do I take part in Restorative Justice?

- Depending on the circumstances you may be contacted automatically by Restorative Solutions or one of their partners.
- If the offender is a Youth, you will be contacted by the Youth Offending Team responsible for the case.
- If you would like to make a self-referral or find out more information about services locally please email victim referrals on victimrjreferrals@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or call the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 01962 871 595.
- You can find out more about RJ and more options here: <http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/restorative-justice>

Tania's story

One day Tania was robbed on a busy street. A month later she was contacted by PC Nick Hughes. Craig, her robber had asked to take part in an RJ Conference with her. She was cautious at first but to help her understand the process she spoke with PC Nick everything was explained to her and she was given time to think about it and decide.

'For me, because of the way the mugging had made me feel I thought that restorative justice would give me back control. I would be the one making decisions. I would be in charge'.
The route of RJ was a valuable opportunity for her welfare.

Tania felt thoroughly prepared for the meeting she was nervous but happy she was going to get answers. Craig explained why he had committed the crime and although there was no excuses it allowed Tania to understand why.

Afterwards she felt relieved and that she could finally move on. She said: 'I would recommend restorative justice to other victims. It worked for me. I think it goes a long way to putting the incident into perspective and starts to give you closure.'



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