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We have concerns over the large groups of young people gathering in Hockley and Hawkwell on Friday nights at Clements Hall, Spa Road, the railway station and other locations around the district.

Some of the teenagers are loitering, drinking alcohol and causing a general nuisance to others when they leave certain locations to go to another. Some are 'begging' adults to buy cigarettes and alcohol for them at the supermarket and off licences - which some adults agree to do. It is illegal to buy for a minor, so please don't do it!

We are also left 'gob smacked' when parents actually drop their children off with alcohol and tell them to have a good night!

Do not believe it when your child tells you they are going to stay at a friend's house for the evening. You can bet that the friend they are 'staying with' has given a similar story to his or her parents and are then roaming the streets until the early hours.

Please know where your children are when they say they are going out for the evening. Please make sure they are home at a reasonable hour and are aware of the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Why not take a trip out and find your child and see what happens? I'd be interested to know what you discover.

Please take time to secure your property at night. Why not have a look in your street last thing at night and report anything suspicious to police.

Regards,  
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Alternatively, Rayleigh Police Station is open 24hrs a day, every day.

You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.  
For Neighbourhood Watch call 01268 770519.