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Wolds Weighton Update for September 2016

1. Priority

Issue: Market Weighton Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout September, we are to continue our High Visibility patrols of the Market Weighton Town Centre area to deter potential anti-social behaviour. These patrols include regular checks on the High Street and peripheral areas of Londesborough Road Car Park, Scotts Croft Memorial Park, the town council building area and the area surrounding the Giant Bradley statue (periodic reports of youths causing annoyance). Criminal offenders will be challenged robustly, arrested or reported for summons. Penalty Notices for Disorder or warning letters may be used in appropriate cases however, those who offend should expect to be arrested and dealt with if their anti social behaviour amounts to criminal offending. The exercise of discretion should not be expected.

2. Priority

Issue: Youths Causing Annoyance (Evenings):

Officers will continue patrols in the areas of Aspen Close, the park, the monkey run & football field due to regular reports of low level anti-social behaviour. Anyone caught engaging in such activities will be dealt with jointly with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

3. Meetings

You are invited to attend any of the below meetings:

Police "Drop In" Surgery at the Village Hall, Shiptonthorpe

PCSO Terry Cundiff will be available at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice between 10:30 to 11:30 hours on the following dates: 29th September and 3rd November.

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Market Weighton Library:

PCSO Terry Cundiff will be available at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice between 12:00 to 13:30 hours on the following dates: Thurs 29th Sept and Thurs 3rd November.

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Wetwang Village Hall Coffee Morning:

PCSO Laura Hudson will be available at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice between 10:30 to 12:00 hours on the 6th September.

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Market Weighton Methodist Church Coffee Morning:

PCSO Laura Hudson will be available at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice between 11:00 to 12:00 hours on the 7th September.

4. Examples of Crimes in your area

- An insecure bike was stolen from a garden in Market Weighton.
- A wing mirror and rear windscreen wiper of a car parked in Shiptonthorpe were snapped off and the aerial stolen.
- A secure property near Shiptonthorpe was broken into and cash and jewellery stolen.
- A locked bike was stolen.



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- A van was broken into but nothing was stolen as the van had been left empty.
- A Moped was stolen from a secure garage in Sancton.
- 2 suspects broke into a secure garage in Market Weighton in the early hours but fled after a neighbour shouted at them.
- Entry was gained into a property near Market Weighton and an off road bike and tyres were stolen.
- A secure container at the Allotments was broken into but nothing was taken.
- A secure shed in a rear garden was broken into and items stolen.
- Entry was gained into a secure garage in Market Weighton, there was no signs of a search and nothing believed stolen apart from the garage door handle.

5. News and Appeals



NOT SURE – DON'T OPEN THE DOOR

Distraction Burglars and Rogue Traders

A distraction Burglar is someone who gains access to your property by distracting or tricking their way in to steal cash or valuables. This can include claiming to be representing a company or charity to gain entry into homes before stealing items whilst the occupants are distracted.

A rogue trader is a cold caller who deliberately overcharges for unsatisfactory goods and /or services. This can include charging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately in order to obtain money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating behaviour in order to extort money.

LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK

When someone calls at your door and offers to do repairs to your home, asks for urgent help, or when someone official knocks on your door, follow these simple steps to help protect yourself and your home from bogus callers.

- **LOCK:** Keep your front and back doors locked at all times, even when at home.
- **STOP:** Before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Before you answer the front door, ensure that no rear or side doors and windows have been left insecure. It may be that the caller is trying to distract you while someone else sneaks in.
- **CHAIN:** If you decide to open the door, put the door chain or bar on first. Keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep. Some bogus callers call on older and vulnerable people saying they need help urgently. They may ask you to help them outside the house or ask to come in to make a phone call or have a glass



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of water. Only go to help them if you have someone else with you. Don't worry if you choose not to help it is not rude or unfriendly.

- **CHECK:** If someone who looks official calls at your door, always do the following. Ask for and carefully check their identity card, even if they have a prearranged appointment (all genuine callers will carry one). Do they look like the person on the card? Is the name the same one as that on your letter? Close the door while you do this. If you are not expecting them and they have not shown you an identity card, do not let them in until you have checked and double-checked that the caller is genuine. If you are going to ring the company the caller claims to be from, don't rely on a number provided by them, you could be ringing an accomplice sat in the van outside.
- If you think the caller is genuine, but you would rather have a friend or relative with you, ask the caller to rearrange to a time when you are not on your own. Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot. Do not be pressured into having any work carried out. Never pay cash up front and never go to the bank or cash point with a trader.

Doorstep crime isn't common, but it can have a long-lasting impact on victims' lives. Remember if you're not sure of a caller, don't open the door – but do give us a ring. You can call us on 101. But please always call 999 in an emergency or if you suspect a crime is in progress.