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Pocklington Provincial Update for March 2016

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout March, we are to continue our High Visibility patrols of the Pocklington Town Centre area to deter potential anti-social behaviour. These patrols include regular checks on peripheral areas at Pocklington Infants' School, Maxwell Road (periodic reports of criminal damage and youths causing annoyance), All Saints Church (periodic reports of anti-social behaviour on an evening) and town car parks (reports of low level anti-social behaviour). 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 with Vehicles, Stamford Bridge (Evenings):

Officers will continue patrols in Stamford Bridge and the Viking Road car park. Anyone caught engaging in anti-social behaviour will be dealt with under the FAIRWAY process jointly with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It is unlikely that any discretion will be shown. Also drivers using their cars to cause alarm or distress will be considered for warnings and possible seizure of their vehicles under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

2. Priority

Issue: Youths Causing Annoyance (Evenings):

Officers will continue patrols in the areas of Scaife Garth and Sherbuttgate due to 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/Patrols

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Lob Lane Sheltered Housing Coffee Morning, Stamford Bridge:

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice between 09:30 to 11:00 hours on the following dates: 1st April and 6th May.

Street Patrol in Sutton on Derwent

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Sutton on Derwent on the 5th March and 14th May from 11:00 to 12:00.

Street Patrol in Wilberfoss

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Wilberfoss on the 2nd April and 11th June from 16:00 to 17:00

Street Patrol in Barmby Moor

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Barmby Moor on the 6th March and 15th May (from 11:00 to 12:00).

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Pocklington Library

PCSO Mike Simpson will be at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice between 10:00 to 12:00 hours on the 21st March.



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4. Crimes in your area

- There was an attempted break in of a garage in Pocklington.
- Entry was gained into a secure building site in Pocklington and various tools, radiators etc were stolen from several unfinished properties.
- A mobility scooter was stolen from a garage in Wilberfoss.
- A secure transit van was broken into and tools stolen.
- Various tools, a printer etc were stolen from a secure cabin on a secure building site in Burnby Lane, Pocklington.
- A car parked on a driveway in Stamford Bridge was badly scratched by a sharp object.

5. News and Appeals

Keep your keys and vehicles safe and don't be a "2 in 1" Victim

The term "2 in 1 burglary" is used when there are two offences in one, for example when vehicle keys have been stolen in order for offenders to take a car from outside a property.

These crimes have usually been committed overnight and often the offenders have gained access to a house by forcing entry or by even using cat flaps and letter boxes to put an instrument into the house to unhook car keys from key hangers near to doors.

Here are some simple security measures that can be taken:

- 1. Keep your car keys safe and out of sight.
- 2. Never hang them near to doors where they could be taken through a letterbox.
- 3. Don't leave your keys near an open window.
- 4. Never leave house or car keys in an obvious place like a handbag or key cupboard.
- 5. If you've got a garage, use it!
- 6. Always keep your vehicle locked and secured.
- 7. If your car doesn't have an alarm/immobilizer then consider getting one fitted.
- 8. Consider extra security such as a steering wheel lock. (Steering locks and gear level locks are often all that is needed to deter a thief as they simply don't want the hassle of breaking in and trying to get them undone.)
- 9. Never leave any property in your car or van when it is unattended. It takes criminals seconds to smash a window and grab something.
- 10. There is also a growing trend for work vans to be targeted, so please keep valuable tools in your home if you are self employed or at work.



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It is clear that offenders are looking at locations and vehicles prior to coming back to commit the crimes. This could simply be someone looking around an area during the day, someone pretending to do door to door sales, or someone coming to your home on another pretext.

So, if you get a "cold caller" ask yourself:

- 1. Is the caller coming to my home in any way suspicious?
- 2. Is the caller paying attention to my car or house and asking me questions about it?

If so, give Humberside Police a call on the Non Emergency number 101 to report your concerns.