

# Parish/Town News Release

## **Wolds Weighton Update for December 2016**

## 1. Priority

**Issue:** Market Weighton Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout December, 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  $12^{th}$  January.

### **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 on the following dates: 7<sup>th</sup> December (10:00 to 12:00 noon) and 12<sup>th</sup> January (12:30 to 13:30 hours)

### 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 following dates: 20<sup>th</sup> December and 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> January.

# 4. Examples of Crimes in your area

- Entry was gained into a secure garage in Market Weighton and a vehicle stolen from a driveway.
- A secure garden shed in Market Weighton was broken into and searched.
- A secure garage in Market Weighton was broken into and access gained into a car and items were stolen from inside it.
- A purse was stolen in a sneak in burglary in Shiptonthorpe.
- A secure van in North Dalton was broken into and tools stolen.



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- A robbery took place at the Post Office in Bugthorpe.
- A liquid was poured over a parked car in Wetwang causing damage to the paintwork.
- Entry was gained into a secure garage in Seaton Ross causing damage but it would appear nothing was stolen.
- Access was gained into a property in Market Weighton via an insecure window and items were stolen.

## 5. News and Appeals

## **Keep your presents off the burglars list this Christmas.**

Well it's that time of year again, the trees are going up, the Christmas Lights are being turned on, those Christmas decorations that have been on display in most of our larger shops since September now look relevant, and the same festive adverts are on the TV again and again.

Yes, Christmas is here and with it, the excitement and the frantic rushing around have begun in earnest. It's a time when everything goes up a gear. We're in a hurry; we need to do loads of things; we have so much to plan. But, if we're not careful, whilst doing all of these things, we can become careless and lose sight of those simple crime prevention measures that we practice all year.

Just as Christmas is a busy time for everyone, it can equally be a time of plenty for the opportunist thief if we let them take advantage of our rushing around. Follow these simple steps to avoid becoming a target for crime and have a crime free Christmas and New Year.

- When shopping be mindful of your bags and what's inside them, try and use a bag that has a zip fastener and ensure that your purse/wallet and mobile phone are out of sight and out of easy reach of pick pockets.
- Don't leave your handbag unattended in shopping baskets or trolleys, pushchairs or mobility scooters.
- In cafes and restaurants keep bags on your lap, between your feet or place the strap around a chair leg.
- Don't hang your handbag on the back of your chair where you can't keep an eye on it and don't leave your mobile phone on view on a table. Mobile phones are frequently targeted by thieves and easily swiped when your back is turned even just for a minute.
- Don't leave any shopping bags or other items on view in your car, always ensure that they are out of view by placing them in the car boot.
- Always try and park in a well lit car park or street and check that your car is secure!
- Consider your home security too don't leave the curtains open and all your presents and Christmas tree on display
  whilst you're out. Leave a radio on, use timer lights to ensure that it looks like that someone is at home and ensure
  your property is secure by making sure that your garage door, house doors, garden sheds/outbuildings and windows
  are all locked.

Don't give a thief an early Christmas present at your expense!