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Wolds Weighton Update for February 2017

1. Priority

Issue: Market Weighton Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout February, we are to continue our High Visibility patrols of the Market Weighton Town Centre area to deter potential anti-social behaviour (ASB). 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. Community Priorities - To target Poaching, Rural Crime and reduce criminal damage and Anti Social Behaviour

1. Wolds Weighton- Farmwatch, Poaching & Wildlife Crime

The aim of this crime reduction initiative is to deter and prevent rural crime and increase links with partnership agencies and local landowners to provide a rural watch scheme to further prevent and deter crime. The victims are in isolated locations and the key objective is to engage with these isolated members of the rural community. Operation Galileo is a poaching initiative which is ongoing and is now being monitored by PCSO Cliffe.

2. Market Weighton ASB

To reduce anti-social behaviour and its impact on the Communities within the Market Weighton areas. Looking at early intervention with local agency partners to prevent escalation and cross over into criminality. Hotspot areas have been checked regularly and the local policing team are continuing to monitor. Currently there are ongoing applications for Community Behaviour orders for two youths in the Market Weighton area.

4. Meetings

You are invited to attend any of the below meetings:

Police "Drop In" Surgery at the Methodist Church, Shiptonthorpe

PCSO Nikki Cliffe 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 16th February.

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Market Weighton Library:

PCSO Nikki Cliffe will be available at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice on Friday 24th February (12:00 to 13:00 hours)



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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: 28th February and 4th April.

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 following dates: 1st March and 5th April.

5. Examples of Crimes in your area

- Entry was gained into a car in Market Weighton and items stolen.
- Entry was gained into a secure shed and 2 cycles were stolen.
- Several hens were stolen from a chicken hut.
- Heating oil was stolen from a tank in the Seaton Ross area.
- The bonnet of a parked car in Bishop Wilton was damaged.
- A CCTC camera on a gate of a property was damaged.

6. News and Appeals

Vehicle Security

Developments in vehicle security have made it harder than ever to steal vehicles, but it does still happen. Theft from cars and vans is also quite a common crime. Below are some simple security measures that can be taken to help protect you and your livelihood.

- 1. Keep your car keys safe and out of sight, don't leave them near an open window and if you are work, then ensure that you keep your keys with you at all times (don't leave them in your vehicle/van).
- 2. Never hang them near to doors where they could be taken through a letterbox.
- 3. Never leave house or car keys in an obvious place like a handbag or key cupboard.
- 4. If you've got a garage, use it and lock it!
- 5. Always keep your vehicle's windows closed and the car locked.
- 6. If your car/van doesn't have an alarm/immobilizer then consider getting one fitted.
- 7. 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.)
- 8. Never leave any property or personal documentation in your car or van on display, ie on car seats, in the footwells or half hidden under a seat as it only takes criminals seconds to smash a window and grab something.
- 9. 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 your workplace. No tools means no work and a big bill to replace them. Security mark all your tools and equipment to make items uniquely identifiable and less attractive to a thief. You can also register them on



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<u>www.immobilise.com</u> so that if they were ever stolen and then recovered at a later date they can easily be traced back to their owner.

10. Catalytic converter theft is on the increase too – mark yours to deter thieves

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, someone coming to your home on another pretext or it could be that you keep seeing a suspicious vehicle driving around.

If you have any concerns or want to report a suspicious vehicle then contact us by calling the Non Emergency number 101 or 999 in an emergency, or if a crime is occurring.