

# Parish/Town News Release

## **Wolds Weighton Update for March 2016**

## 1. Priority

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

Throughout March, 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.

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**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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### Police "Drop In" Surgery at the Methodist Church, Town Street, 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## 4. Crimes in your area

- Two different business premises on an industrial estate in Market Weighton were broken into and cash and various items were stolen.
- A rear windscreen wiper on a car was damaged.
- Tools and other items were stolen from a secure van in Market Weighton.



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- A driver's side window of a parked car was damaged in Melbourne.
- A secure van was broken into and tools taken.
- There was an attempted break in of a transit van in Market Weighton, however the alarm went off and the suspects fled.
- A van parked in Fridaythorpe had one of its window damaged but no entry was gained.
- A wallet was stolen from the glove compartment of an insecure car in Market Weighton and then found further down the street.
- Entry was gained into a secure shed in Market Weighton and a bicycle stolen.
- Entry was gained into a secure wooden garage in Market Weighton and tools were stolen, the suspects then broke into the secure van on the driveway and stool further tools.
- Entry was gained into a secure garage of a property in Market Weighton and a secure bicycle was stolen.
- A secure shed in Market Weighton was broken into and an off road motorbike was stolen.
- There was an attempted break in of a business lock up but the suspects were disturbed and fled.
- A car parked on a driveway in Market Weighton was scratched down the driver's side door.

### 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.)



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- 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.

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.