



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

Parish/Town News Release

Pocklington Provincial Update for November 2015

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout November, 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

Street Patrol in Wilberfoss

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Wilberfoss on the 7th November from 12noon to 13:00.

Street Patrol in Sutton on Derwent

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Sutton on Derwent from 10am to 11am on the 7th November.

Street Patrol in Barmby Moor

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Barmby Moor from 10:00m to 11:00am on the 11th October.

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 09:00 to 11:30 hours on the 4th December.

4. Crimes in your area

- A pile of wood in the corner of a garden in Pocklington was set alight, fortunately the small fire was seen by a neighbour and was extinguished.



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- Entry was gained into a secure property in Wilberfoss where car keys and a wallet were taken, this resulted in 2 vehicles (a Ford Ranger and Volvo V50) being stolen.
- A vehicle parked on Scaife Garth was scratched all down the passenger side by a sharp object.
- The bike shelter at the Doctors has been damaged.
- A car parked in the West Green car park was broken into and set alight causing damage.
- Up to 50 bales of straw were set alight in a field near Sutton on Derwent.
- A rear passenger tyre of a car parked on a driveway in Pocklington was punctured by a sharp instrument.
- A secure vehicle parked in the overflow car park at Francis Scaife, Pocklington was broken into and items stolen.
- A bank card was stolen from a victim in Pocklington as she helped 2 females who said they needed directions and had a map with them. Cash was then taken out of the victims account.
- Keys were taken from an insecure portacabin and a vehicle was stolen.

5. News and Appeals

GOING SHOPPING? GOING OUT?

Don't give opportunist thieves the chance to bag your belongings! Crowds, music, noise and aching feet can all make shopping quite stressful but make sure you stay alert at all times. You might be rushing to get it all done, chatting with a friend you've just bumped into or queuing at the cash desk, opportunist thieves are always after small items like mobile phones and purses, so keep them close and keep them secure.

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 bag on the back of your chair where you can't keep an eye on it.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR MOBILE PHONE ON THE TABLE. Mobile phones are frequently targeted by thieves and easily swiped when your back is turned even just for a minute.

While walking about **KEEP HANDBAGS CLOSE TO YOUR BODY**, and closed at all times. Choose a bag that can be zipped. Your purse and phone should be well hidden and tucked away out of sight, and out of easy reach of pickpockets. Be particularly careful on public transport, keep your bag where you can see it. If you carry a rucksack, wear it on your front rather than on your back or over your shoulder.

In public toilets, **DON'T PLACE YOUR BAG ON THE FLOOR** as it could be snatched from the outside. If there is one, use the hook on the back of the door instead.

KEEP THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLES INSIDE HANDBAGS TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM and do not carry large amounts of cash.

BE MINDFUL OF DISTRACTIONS, thieves working in pairs may try to divert your attention in order to steal your handbag. Avoid carrying too much around with you, the more bags you've got the more vulnerable you are. If you need to take shopping back to your car, put bags in the boot – don't leave them where they can be seen.

This advice also applies if you are going out on an evening too. Don't ever leave your handbag/wallet unattended on a table or a seat even if you are just nipping to the bar to quickly buy a drink, speak to someone or going for a dance etc as it only takes seconds for your belongings to disappear! Keep them with you at all times!