



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

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Pocklington Provincial Update for April 2016

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout April, 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 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 15th May (from 11:00 to 12:00).



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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 14:00 to 16:00 hours on the 15th April, 10th May and 14th June.

4. Crimes in your area

- A rear windscreen wiper of a car parked in Pocklington was damaged.
- A window of a van parked at a Pocklington industrial estate was removed and the ignition barrel stolen.
- A secure Yamaha motorbike was stolen, however it was found later abandoned nearby.
- A double axel trailer was stolen from a property near Wilberfoss.
- A business shop window in Pocklington was damaged.

5. News and Appeals

SHED AND GARDEN SECURITY

Lighter nights often means criminals are on the prowl for easy pickings from gardens, sheds and garages. As the weather warms up, we all spend more time outside, but we all also get a bit lax about leaving our property around and locking our sheds and garages when we use them.

Opportunist criminals are always on the lookout for bikes, tools, sports equipment and fishing tackle in sheds and garages, as well as in gardens.

So if you haven't assessed your security for some time then we would urge you to look at your sheds, garages and outbuildings and see how secure they really are. Do you need a better lock, an alarm, lighting, or even CCTC? Below are some areas to consider:

- Make sure your shed or garage is secured with a good quality lock.
- Keep back gates locked when not used.
- Do you have security/motion sensor lights? They can be a great deterrent if your home or garden is secluded from street lighting.
- Loop a strong chain through the handles of your garden tools and connect the ends with a strong padlock. If possible, fix a large metal eyelet to part of the shed frame and loop the chain through it. Alternatively consider installing a lockable storage cupboard within your shed/garage to store valuable items in, as this will also form a second line of defence to thieves.
- As well as protecting property in sheds and garages you can also stop thieves stealing plants by using heavy plant pots which will be less desirable to walk off with.
- Many shed windows are never used, if this is the case – why not screw them shut. Fitting mesh or steel bars across the window from the inside allows light to enter but means the thief has to go to a lot of trouble to remove them. Replace broken glass with laminated glass.



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- If you have a household alarm consider extending it to cover your outbuildings or fit a bespoke shed/garage alarm.
- Check your home contents policy to see if you are covered in the event of a break-in.
- If you have an expensive bicycle or motorbike, make sure you have a good quality lock securing it when it is not being used.
- For reference record a description and add photographs of your cycles, golf clubs, fishing equipment, tools and any other valuable property on www.immobilise.com

Finally when you're out in your garden, ensure your house is secure to prevent sneak in burglars from taking advantage of an open door or window.