



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

# Parish/Town News Release

## Wolds Weighton Update for April 2016

### 1. Priority

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

Throughout April, 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 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: 12<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**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: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 25<sup>th</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**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: 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: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### 4. Crimes in your area

- In Market Weighton a car was scratched down the driver's side door.
- Two motocross bikes were stolen from a secure unit in Market Weighton.
- Two plants were stolen from a business.
- Two areas across Market Weighton including the play park area and equipment were badly damaged as a result of being covered in a thick glue.
- Ten bottles of expanding foam were stolen from a secure container on a building site.



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## 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.
- 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](http://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.