

# Parish/Town News Release

## **Pocklington Provincial Update – August 2022**

#### 1. Crime and ASB.

You can obtain Crime and ASB data for your own area by visiting www.police.uk, clicking on "whats happening in your area" and entering your postcode.

### 2. Community Priorities.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team meet regularly with partners to ensure we have a multi-agency approach to local issues, individuals and problem solving. These meetings are regularly attended by partners including Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Youth and Family Support, Housing Officers, Environmental Health and the East Riding Anti-Social Behaviour Team. We share information and resources to deal with local neighbourhood issues, in particular, those identified as causing the most

We have been patrolling Pocklington and the surrounding rural areas during our shifts. Patrols are continuing around All Saints Church in Pocklington and we are asking people not to gather in the area where anti social behaviour (ASB) has occurred. We have also had several reports of ASB and damage around the area near to the skate park in West Green, the park on Broadmanor, the Rugby Club, the Football Club and Primrose Wood. Patrols will now be monitoring these locations on a regular basis.

#### 3. Crime Reduction Advice.

#### **YOUR HOME – KEEP IT SAFE.**

Burglary is by and large an opportunistic crime, with burglars looking for a home that gives them the easiest way of committing their crime undetected and with the fewest obstacles to negotiate. In many cases burglars do not need to use any force to gain entry which can be achieved via an insecure window or door. So how can you keep your home and property safe?

#### Going on holiday

If you are going away remember to cancel the milk or newspapers.

Don't make it obvious to burglars you are away; leave your curtains or blinds open – nothing reveals that a house is unoccupied so much as curtains drawn during the day. If possible, ask a trusted neighbour to close your curtains in the evening.

If you don't already have any, then consider getting timer switches and setting your lights both downstairs and upstairs to come on at different times throughout the day/evening.

Again a trusted neighbour collecting your post and possibly parking their car on your drive, whilst you are away will add to your security.

Don't talk about your planned holiday on social media – you don't know who may be reading your comments or who they might tell.

Keep your valuables safe, out of sight and don't leave them where they can be seen through a window. If you conceal valuables in your home, avoid obvious hiding places such as your sock drawer or in a fake food can in the kitchen – burglars are wise to this trick.



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Given that most burglars are opportunists and their motive is generally to get in, get something of value and then get out as fast as possible, your intruder might be encouraged to leave after finding a fake hoard rather than turning your house upside down to find anything of real value

#### Security around the home

Make your home looks occupied by leaving a radio on or a light on a timer switch to make the house sound and look as if someone is at home, even if you are out.

Never leave your spare keys in a hiding place such as under a doormat, in a flowerpot or inside a letterbox.

Make sure you use a burglar alarm (if you have one) every time you leave the house. Don't leave valuables on view or on windowsills and keep your car keys hidden out of sight - consider taking them up to bed with you at night. If you conceal valuables in your home, avoid obvious hiding places such as your sock drawer or in the bottom of a wardrobe.

If your property is stolen make sure you can describe it to the Police by keeping a record and photographs of makes, models and unique serial numbers etc. You can also register all your details onto <a href="https://www.immobilise.com"><u>WWW.immobilise.com</u></a>. This is a web-based property records system, endorsed and searchable by all UK Police Forces and secondhand dealers.

#### Security in the garden

Security of gardens and outbuilding buildings is often not your first thought. However, by making a few modifications sheds and garages, along with the equipment stored in them can be made more secure:

Make sure sheds and garages have good quality lock and hinges.

Consider fitting deterrents in the garden like movement sensitive floodlights as these will leave thieves feeling exposed. Likewise alarms on sheds and garages will deter thieves as they would not want to be spotted in out buildings taking property.

Garden tools, DIY equipment and leisure items such as fishing and golf equipment should be locked away in storage cupboards within outbuildings to form a second line of defence to thieves.

Motorbike and pedal cycles should also be locked even when they are in a shed or garage.

As well as protecting property in sheds and garages people can also stop thieves stealing plants by using heavy plant pots which will be less desirable to walk off with and ensure that unused garden furniture and tools are stored securely out of sight.

### 5. Police Surgery.

PCSO Laura Hudson will be holding a Drop In Surgery at the Dementia Forward coffee morning, at Ballerina House, Lavender Fields Care Village, Feoffee Common Lane, Barmby Moor from 10:30am – 12noon on the following dates: 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>: <a href="https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/pocklington-provincial">https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/pocklington-provincial</a>. Facebook – Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West - @Humberbeat ERYW.

For incidents that don't require an immediate response call our non-emergency 101 line. You can also report <u>non-emergency</u> <u>crimes online</u> via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.