

# Parish/Town News Release

# **Pocklington Provincial Update – February 2023**

#### 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 issues of particular note:

The following list shows some of the crimes that have occurred in the previous month in your area:

- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into, searched and items stolen.
- There was an attempt to gain entry into a secure house in Stamford Bridge.
- The paintwork of a car parked in a car park in Pocklington has been damaged.

#### 4. Crime Reduction Advice.

### Keeping your shed or garage safe and secure.

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower. An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house.

#### Shed and outbuilding security

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft. The top five most common items stolen from sheds:

- 1. Bikes
- 2. Mowers
- 3. Sports equipment
- 4. Power tools
- 5. Garden tools

#### Think like a thief

Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable. If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

#### Alarm it

Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.



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#### Lock it, hide it or mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.

Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit <u>Sold Secure</u> to search for ground anchors and other locks designed to fix to floors and walls.

It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.

Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

## 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: 10<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## 6. Stay Informed.

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 crimes online</u> via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.