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Pocklington Provincial Update for April 2017

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), the Tennis Club (reports of anti-social behaviour, (ASB)) 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. Pocklington – Vehicle related nuisance

To reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB) and its impact on the communities within the Pocklington area as well as taking positive action against offenders who cause ASB with their vehicles. Hotspot areas in Pocklington will be checked regularly and any 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.

3. Examples of crimes in your area

- The casing of a wing mirror of a car parked in Pocklington has been stolen.
- An outbuilding was damaged and entry gained into the score board building at the cricket club.
- A male was seen to jump over a fence into a garden of a property in Pocklington and then run out of it once the security light came on.
- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into and searched but it would appear that nothing was taken.
- A shed at the Cricket club has been damaged in an attempted break in.
- A vehicle in Pocklington was damaged in an attempted break in.

4. News and Appeals

Distraction Burglars

Not sure? – Don't open the door!

A distraction Burglar is someone who gains access to your property by distracting or tricking their way in to steal cash or valuables. This can include people, who are trying to sell items on your doorstep, to those who claim to be representing a company or charity to gain entry into homes before stealing items whilst the occupants are distracted.

When someone calls at your door follow these simple steps to help protect yourself and your home.

- Keep your front and back doors locked at all times, even when at home.



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- Before you answer the door, stop and think if you are expecting anyone and ensure that no rear/side doors and windows have been left insecure. It may be that the caller is trying to distract you while someone else sneaks in.
- If you decide to open the door, put the door chain or bar on first and keep it on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep. Some bogus callers call on older and vulnerable people saying they need help urgently. They may ask you to help them outside the house or ask to come in to make a phone call or have a glass of water. Only go to help them if you have someone else with you. Don't worry if you choose not to help it is not rude or unfriendly.
- If someone who looks official calls at your door, always do the following. Ask for and carefully check their identity card, even if they have a prearranged appointment (all genuine callers will carry one). Do they look like the person on the card? Is the name the same one as that on your letter? Close the door while you do this. If you are not expecting them and they have not shown you an identity card, do not let them in until you have checked that the caller is genuine. If you are going to ring the company the caller claims to be from, don't rely on a number provided by them, you could be ringing an accomplice sat in the van outside - (you can normally find a contact number on your utility bill or from the telephone directory).
- If you think the caller is genuine, but you would rather have a friend or relative with you, ask the caller to rearrange to a time when you are not on your own. Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot. Do not be pressured into having any work carried out. Never pay cash up front and never go to the bank or cash point with a trader.

Doorstep crime isn't common, but it can have a long-lasting impact on victims' lives. Remember if you're not sure of a caller, don't open the door – but do give us a ring. You can call us on 101. But please always call 999 in an emergency or if you suspect a crime is in progress