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Pocklington Provincial Update for April 2018

1. Crime and ASB

East Yorkshire-Pocklington Provincial Ward	This year compared to last year			Last 12 months											
	Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 17 to Mar 18	% Change year on year	2018 Mar	2018 Feb	2018 Jan	2017 Dec	2017 Nov	2017 Oct	2017 Sep	2017 Aug	2017 Jul	2017 Jun	2017 May	2017 Apr
All offences	384	515	+34.1%	81	43	42	33	41	46	31	50	28	35	54	31
Burglary	33	51	+54.5%	9	3	4	4	3	7	5	4	5	3	0	4
Criminal damage	75	84	+12.0%	21	2	7	6	6	9	2	9	4	3	7	8
Drug offences	5	8	+60.0%	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Shop theft	25	17	-32.0%	1	1	2	1	0	2	3	0	2	1	2	2
Sexual offences	12	40	+233.3%	5	5	4	0	3	3	0	2	1	5	10	2
TFMV	13	19	+46.2%	6	1	0	0	3	1	0	3	1	0	2	2
TOMV	3	2	-33.3%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Thefts excluding vehicle and shop theft	61	66	+8.2%	7	3	6	8	7	5	4	6	4	5	7	4
Violence against the person	139	152	+9.4%	26	16	10	7	15	11	14	20	8	10	9	6
ASB	91	110	+20.9%	11	8	9	14	14	5	14	7	6	6	9	7

TFMV – Theft from motor vehicle

TOMV – Theft of motor vehicle

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

Detailed crime and ASB data for your area can be obtained by visiting www.police.uk and following the 'Find your Neighbourhood' link. Also details of any particular crimes or series of crimes of note e.g. serious assaults, run of Hanoi burglaries.

2. Community Priorities

a. 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.

b. 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. Crime Reduction Advice

SHED AND GARDEN SECURITY



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Lighter nights often means criminals are on the prowl for easy pickings from gardens, sheds and garages. As the weather starts to warm 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.
- Check there are no bins, composters or trees that can be used for climbing over your garden fence to gain access – consider planting thorny bushes inside the fence to deter entry.
- 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 people 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 free on www.immobilise.com.
- Consider marking your property too using a visible permanent marker (eg waterproof paint, engraving or permanent marker pen) or if you prefer an invisible marker (UV pens etc). It is recommended that you put your postcode prefixed with the number of your address, this allows any recovered stolen goods to be identified and returned to the owner.