



# Parish/Town News Release

## Pocklington Provincial Update for December 2016

### 1. Priority

**Issue:** Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout December, 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) 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 Priority

**Issue:** Youths causing annoyance with Vehicles, Stamford Bridge (Evenings):

Officers will continue patrols in Stamford Bridge and the Viking Road car park. Anyone caught engaging in anti-social behaviour will be dealt with under the FAIRWAY process jointly with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It is unlikely that any discretion will be shown. Also 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

- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into and an items including a laptop and jewellery were stolen.
- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into, searched and items stolen.
- Entry was gained into a vehicle in Pocklington causing damage to the lock and items were stolen.
- Two separate cars in Wilberfoss have had car tyres let down.
- Front and rear number plates were stolen from a car.
- Entry was gained into a secure empty property in Pocklington, which was then searched but it would appear nothing was taken.

### 4. News and Appeals

#### **Keep your presents off the burglars list this Christmas.**

Well it's that time of year again, the trees are going up, the Christmas Lights are being turned on, those Christmas decorations that have been on display in most of our larger shops since September now look relevant, and the same festive adverts are on the TV again and again.

Yes, Christmas is here and with it, the excitement and the frantic rushing around have begun in earnest. It's a time when everything goes up a gear. We're in a hurry; we need to do loads of things; we have so much to plan. But, if we're not careful, whilst doing all of these things, we can become careless and lose sight of those simple crime prevention measures that we practice all year.



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Just as Christmas is a busy time for everyone, it can equally be a time of plenty for the opportunist thief if we let them take advantage of our rushing around. Follow these simple steps to avoid becoming a target for crime and have a crime free Christmas and New Year.

- When shopping – be mindful of your bags and whats inside them, try and use a bag that has a zip fastener and ensure that your purse/wallet and mobile phone are out of sight and out of easy reach of pick pockets.
- Don't leave your handbag unattended in shopping baskets or trolleys, pushchairs or mobility scooters.
- In cafes and restaurants keep bags on your lap, between your feet or place the strap around a chair leg.
- Don't hang your handbag on the back of your chair where you can't keep an eye on it and don't leave your mobile phone on view on a table. Mobile phones are frequently targeted by thieves and easily swiped when your back is turned even just for a minute.
- Don't leave any shopping bags or other items on view in your car, always ensure that they are out of view by placing them in the car boot.
- Always try and park in a well lit car park or street and check that your car is secure!
- Consider your home security too - don't leave the curtains open and all your presents and Christmas tree on display whilst you're out. Leave a radio on, use timer lights to ensure that it looks like that someone is at home and ensure your property is secure by making sure that your garage door, house doors, garden sheds/outbuildings and windows are all locked.

**Don't give a thief an early Christmas present at your expense!**