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Pocklington Provincial Update for December 2017

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), 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

- Access was gained into a secure compound on the Industrial Estate and a secure transit van was broken into and stolen.
- A car parked in Barmby Moor was scratched causing damage to the paintwork.
- A car parked on Percy Road was damaged as the result of it being kicked and someone climbing over it.
- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into and searched.
- Number plates were stolen from a car parked on the street in Pocklington.
- Entry was gained into a secure business compound and tools stolen.
- A secure catering trailer in a compound was broken into and stock etc stolen.
- A cash machine was stolen in a ram raid but found abandoned nearby.
- A car in Pocklington has had its wing mirror smashed and paintwork damaged.
- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into and various items including cash and electrical equipment were stolen.
- A vehicle parked on the road had eggs thrown at its windscreen causing damage.

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 October now look relevant, and the same festive adverts are on the TV again and again.



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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.

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.

- If out shopping, don't leave any shopping bags, coats 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.
- If you can, leave a radio on and put lights on timer switches to ensure that it looks like that someone is at home.
- Ensure your property is secure by making sure that your garage door, house doors, garden sheds/outbuildings and windows are all locked.
- 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 defense to thieves.
- Motorbike and pedal cycles should also be locked even when they are in a shed or garage.
- If you have a household alarm consider extending it to cover your outbuildings, fit a bespoke shed/garage alarm or buy an inexpensive, but effective battery operated shed alarm. Anything which makes a loud noise will send a thief running!
- Lastly for reference, record a description and add photographs of your cycles, golf clubs, fishing equipment, tools, jewellery and any other valuable property on www.immobilise.com