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Pocklington Provincial Update for February 2017

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout February 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. Community Priorities: to target Poaching, Rural Crime and reduce Criminal damage and ASB

1. Pocklington Farmwatch, Poaching & Wildlife Crime

The aim of this crime reduction initiative is to deter and prevent rural crime and increase links with partnership agencies and local landowners to provide a rural watch scheme to further prevent and deter crime. The victims are often in isolated locations and the key objective is to engage with these isolated members of the rural community. Operation Galileo is a poaching initiative that is ongoing, covering a large area which is now being monitored by PCSO Cliffe.

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 have been checked regularly and the local policing team are continuing to monitor.

3. Examples of crimes in your area

- A shop window in Pocklington was damaged.
- A window of a property was damaged.
- A building site in Wilberfoss was broken into.
- A quad bike was stolen from a farm yard near Pocklington and was later found abandoned.
- Two males were disturbed trying to steal a moped.
- A shed was broken into and tools stolen.
- A purse was stolen from a handbag in a Public house in Stamford Bridge- it was later discovered in an outside bin with cash missing.
- A van door was damaged in an attempted break in.
- A handbag was stolen from a property in Stamford Bridge in a sneak in burglary.
- Damage was caused to property at Pocklington C of E Infant School.



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4. News and Appeals

Vehicle Security

Developments in vehicle security have made it harder than ever to steal vehicles, but it does still happen. Theft from cars and vans is also quite a common crime. Below are some simple security measures that can be taken to help protect you and your livelihood.

1. Keep your car keys safe and out of sight, don't leave them near an open window and if you are work, then ensure that you keep your keys with you at all times (don't leave them in your vehicle/van).
2. Never hang them near to doors where they could be taken through a letterbox.
3. Never leave house or car keys in an obvious place like a handbag or key cupboard.
4. If you've got a garage, use it and lock it!
5. Always keep your vehicle's windows closed and the car locked.
6. If your car/van doesn't have an alarm/immobilizer then consider getting one fitted.
7. Consider extra security such as a steering wheel lock. (Steering locks and gear level locks are often all that is needed to deter a thief as they simply don't want the hassle of breaking in and trying to get them undone.)
8. Never leave any property or personal documentation in your car or van on display, ie on car seats, in the footwells or half hidden under a seat as it only takes criminals seconds to smash a window and grab something.
9. There is also a growing trend for work vans to be targeted, so please keep valuable tools in your home if you are self employed or at your workplace. No tools means no work and a big bill to replace them. Security mark all your tools and equipment to make items uniquely identifiable and less attractive to a thief. You can also register them on www.immobilise.com so that if they were ever stolen and then recovered at a later date they can easily be traced back to their owner.
10. Catalytic converter theft is on the increase too – mark yours to deter thieves

It is clear that offenders are looking at locations and vehicles prior to coming back to commit the crimes. This could simply be someone looking around an area during the day, someone pretending to do door to door sales, someone coming to your home on another pretext or it could be that you keep seeing a suspicious vehicle driving around.

If you have any concerns or want to report a suspicious vehicle then contact us by calling the Non Emergency number 101 or 999 in an emergency, or if a crime is occurring.