



# Parish/Town News Release

## Pocklington Provincial Update for January 2018

### 1. Priority

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

Throughout January 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

- Materials have been stolen from a building site.
- A secure property near Barmby Moor was broken into, searched and a vehicle stolen. The car was later found abandoned.
- Equipment at the skate park in Pocklington has been sprayed with graffiti.
- Building materials have been stolen from a building site in Pocklington.
- A cycle has been stolen from a property in a "sneak in" burglary.
- Entry was gained into a secure property in Pocklington which was searched and items stolen.
- Objects were thrown at a flat window causing damage.

### 4. News and Appeals

#### **Protect yourself on social media**

You will undoubtedly be liking and following people on social media sites already. However, the nature of social networking means that using it carries a degree of risk including becoming a target for cyber-criminals, but there are tips to keep you safe on-line.

- Avoid publishing any identifying information about yourself -such as phone numbers, your address or birthday - that could be used by scammers.
- Make it difficult for anyone wanting to hack your accounts by using a strong passwords with symbols and numbers.



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- Only let your friends view your posts by using appropriate privacy features on social media sites to restrict strangers accessing your profile.
- Remember that the stuff you post stays on-line, so don't say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment.
- Never post comments that are abusive or may cause offence to either individuals or groups of society.
- Be on your guard against phishing scams, including fake friend requests and posts from individuals or companies inviting you to visit other pages or sites. If you do get caught up in a scam, make sure you remove any corresponding likes and app permissions from your account.
- Ensure you have effective and updated antivirus/antispyware software and firewall running before you go online.
- It has become common place for perspective employees to view possible recruit's social networking pages, so be careful about what you say, what pictures you post and your profile as it could affect your job prospects.

Unpleasant comments about people on social media sites are not dealt with by the police unless there is a criminal offence involved.

Offences might include threats to kill, threats to cause damage, criminal conduct amounting to harassment and comments that incite racial hatred, violence or rioting. If this is the case call Humberside Police on 101 to report it.

For general unpleasant or inappropriate posts, in the first instance, you should contact the social media site on which the comments have been made and ask for their assistance. If you think you have been libelled to the extent you wish to take action then you should consult with a solicitor.