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Pocklington Provincial Update for July 2017

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout July 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

- A letter box of a house in Pocklington was damaged.
- Wall insulation was stolen from a building site in Stamford Bridge.
- A garden gate in Wilberfoss was damaged.
- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into, searched and items stolen.
- Materials were stolen from a building site in Wilberfoss.

4. News and Appeals

Shopping Online - Security Tips

Shopping online has become a part of everyday life but many still worry that their credit card or bank details will land in the wrong hands or that the goods bought on the internet may not be all they seem. Follow these tips to help keep your online shopping a safe and secure experience.

Check out the company's validity

- Research the company on line and look at the website's feedback function, always see what other customers have said about their recent transactions with the company.
- Look for their contact details and give them a ring. Reputable companies will always display their contact details and welcome customer contact. Just because the web address has 'UK' in it don't assume an internet company is based in the UK.
- Spelling mistakes and bad grammar can be an indication that the company may not be legitimate or may have been developed abroad. Although shopping from overseas websites is not necessarily unsafe it may be difficult to enforce your contract if things go wrong.



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- Be careful when buying items from people with little or no selling history. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS, if you are unsure, consider shopping elsewhere.

Paying for goods

- Paying by credit card or PayPal will give you added protection.
- Try to avoid paying by bank transfers – they are not secure.
- Don't send confidential personal or financial information by email.

Other things you should consider before buying

- What are the postage and packaging costs?
- Check the delivery times – try and be there when your goods are delivered.
- Is billing up front or on delivery?
- Can you track the item in the delivery process?
- Is there a warranty or guarantee for defects?
- What is their cancellation or return policy and who will pay these costs?
- Is there a cooling off period?

Scams

- Be wary of opening unsolicited emails or links within emails if you don't know the sender. Many of these emails may ask you to make contact or send your details for verification. If any promise made sounds too good to be true then in reality it probably is.
- If you bid for an item unsuccessfully, don't be tempted to trade off site if another seller makes contact with a similar items

Report it

Action Fraud is the UK's national fraud reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime. Early recognition of fraud can be vital, so no matter whether you think you've been a victim of fraud or you just want to know how to protect yourself, this is the place to start.

Action Fraud is a central point of contact to call and get help if you've been a victim of fraud.

Call 0300 123 2040 or go to the website: www.actionfraud.org.uk for information and advice.

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