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Pocklington Provincial Update for June 2017

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout June 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. (Two cars were issued with Section 59 warnings in May).

3. Examples of crimes in your area

- A car wheel arch was scratched by a sharp object causing damage.
- A decked area at Pocklington Infant School has been damaged.
- Two cars parked near Allerthorpe Woods were broken into and coats, a phone, a sat nav, car keys and other items were stolen.
- The tarpaulin wicket covers at Pocklington cricket club have been damaged.
- A trailer and wall were damaged in an attempted theft at a farm near Pocklington.

4. News and Appeals

Bicycle security

What can you do to protect your property?

- If you haven't done so already register your bicycle's frame number along with any pictures and other details you have on www.immobilise.com. (Registration on Immobilise only takes a few minutes and it's free. All you need is your bike's make, model, identifying number code(s) and a few photographs). If your bike is stolen or lost this free online register will inform all UK police and registered second hand dealers that your bike is missing and should it be offered for sale to a registered dealer or come into contact with any police force then a check of the system could reunite you with your stolen or lost bike.
- Invest in a quality lock, eg a D lock, to help reduce the risk of your bike being stolen. Consider using two different types at the same time, as thieves rarely carry tools to break two different lock types.



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- Lock your bike every time you leave it – it only takes seconds to steal! Keep the gap between the bike and the lock small, so inserting tools is made harder and where ever possible keep the locking barrel facing the ground too as this makes access more difficult.
- Look at where you are storing your bike and make sure that your shed or garage is secured with a good quality lock. Many shed windows are never used, if this is the case – why not screw them shut. Fitting mesh or steel bars across the window from the inside allows light to enter but means the thief has to go to a lot of trouble to remove them. Replace broken glass with laminated glass. Consider putting an alarm on the shed too – this could be a battery alarm or look at having the shed connected to the house alarm if you already have one.
- Consider buying a cycle anchor that can be bolted to the wall or floor of your shed which your cycle can then be fastened to or if you have several cycles lock them altogether.
- If you are having to leave your bike out on the street, where possible leave it in a well lit area and lock both the frame and wheels to the bike stand. If there is no stand, ensure that it's locked to secure street furniture eg railings or a lamp post. Try and avoid leaving your bike out overnight (even if well secured) as there are many valuable parts which could be gone by morning.