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Pocklington Provincial Update for September 2016

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout September, 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) 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 Priority

Issue: Youths causing annoyance with Vehicles, Stamford Bridge (Evenings):

Officers will continue patrols in Stamford Bridge and the Viking Road car park. Anyone caught engaging in anti-social behaviour will be dealt with under the FAIRWAY process jointly with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It is unlikely that any discretion will be shown. Also 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. Meetings/Patrols

Street Patrol in Wilberfoss

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Wilberfoss on the 2nd October (11:00-12:00)

Street Patrol in Barmby Moor

PCSO Gareth Ludlow will be patrolling around Barmby Moor on the 1st October (11:00-12:00)

Police "Drop In Surgery" at Pocklington Library

PCSO Mike Simpson will be at the above location to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice on the 19th September (14:00 to 16:00 hours).

4. Examples of crimes in your area

- A front driver's side tyre of a car parked in Pocklington was slashed.
- A front tyre of a bike which was securely locked up near the owner's home was stolen.
- A shed in Stamford Bridge was damaged as a result of an attempted break, (no entry was gained).
- A car tyre was punctured and its wing mirror snapped off in Pocklington.
- A side window of a business property in Wilberfoss was damaged by a sharp object.
- Entry was gained into the courtyard of Pocklington C of E Infant School where two cupboards and other items were damaged.
- Access was gained into two separate cars in Stamford Bridge, both cars were searched but nothing was stolen.
- An insecure bicycle was stolen from outside a property in Pocklington.



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- Access was gained into a secure shed and a petrol lawnmower stolen.

5. News and Appeals



STOP

Is anyone EXPECTED?
Back door LOCKED?



CHAIN

Put the CHAIN ON before
opening the door.



CHECK

Ask for the caller's I.D.
Check it by PHONE.

NOT SURE – DON'T OPEN THE DOOR

Distraction Burglars and Rogue Traders

A distraction Burglar is someone who gains access to your property by distracting or tricking their way in to steal cash or valuables. This can include claiming to be representing a company or charity to gain entry into homes before stealing items whilst the occupants are distracted.

A rogue trader is a cold caller who deliberately overcharges for unsatisfactory goods and /or services. This can include charging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately in order to obtain money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating behaviour in order to extort money.

LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK

When someone calls at your door and offers to do repairs to your home, asks for urgent help, or when someone official knocks on your door, follow these simple steps to help protect yourself and your home from bogus callers.

- **LOCK:** Keep your front and back doors locked at all times, even when at home.
- **STOP:** Before you answer, stop and think if you are expecting anyone. Before you answer the front door, ensure that no rear or side doors and windows have been left insecure. It may be that the caller is trying to distract you while someone else sneaks in.
- **CHAIN:** If you decide to open the door, put the door chain or bar on first. Keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep. Some bogus callers call on older and vulnerable people saying they need help urgently. They may ask you to help them outside the house or ask to come in to make a phone call or have a glass of water. Only go to help them if you have someone else with you. Don't worry if you choose not to help it is not rude or unfriendly.
- **CHECK:** If someone who looks official calls at your door, always do the following. Ask for and carefully check their identity card, even if they have a prearranged appointment (all genuine callers will carry one). Do they look like the person on the card? Is the name the same one as that on your letter? Close the door while you do this. If you are



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not expecting them and they have not shown you an identity card, do not let them in until you have checked and double-checked that the caller is genuine. If you are going to ring the company the caller claims to be from, don't rely on a number provided by them, you could be ringing an accomplice sat in the van outside

- If you think the caller is genuine, but you would rather have a friend or relative with you, ask the caller to rearrange to a time when you are not on your own. Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot. Do not be pressured into having any work carried out. Never pay cash up front and never go to the bank or cash point with a trader.

Doorstep crime isn't common, but it can have a long-lasting impact on victims' lives. Remember if you're not sure of a caller, don't open the door – but do give us a ring. You can call us on 101. But please always call 999 in an emergency or if you suspect a crime is in progress.