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Pocklington Provincial Update for October 2017

1. Priority

Issue: Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout October 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. Meetings

Crime Prevention surgery at Barmby Moor Coffee Morning, The Boot and Slipper Pub

PCSO Laura Hudson will be available at the above location on the 4th October from 10:30 to 11:30 to discuss community issues and offer crime prevention advice.

4. Examples of crimes in your area

- A car wing mirror and its wipers were damaged in Pocklington.
- A secure property in Pocklington was broken into and searched.
- A garage door in Wilberfoss was damaged in an attempted break in.

5. News and Appeals

Are you ready for dark nights and winter weather?

With the evenings starting to get darker and winter on its way, home security and your general safety still need to be thought about. Below are a few suggestions that should help you to be prepared!

Your home

- Don't let a burglar think that no one is at home. Always leave a light on in more than one room, eg a bedroom, kitchen or lounge. Consider leaving a radio on too.



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- Use timer switches so that the lights come on as it starts to get dark especially if you are at work or going to be out all day. Consider changing the times on the switches so that the lights come on at different times to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house.
- Consider installing outside sensor lights that are activated by movement- especially at the back of your property or dusk to dawn lighting that comes on automatically as it gets dark.

Your car

- Make sure you check your car lights before you set out, do they work? (consider carrying a spare light bulb in case a bulb blows whilst you are out and about). Do they need to be cleaned before you set off? Are your registration plates clean?
- Make sure your windscreen washer bottle is full of water and screen wash. (To run out of water in the dark on muddy roads is not a safe or pleasant experience)
- Check the tyres. Have they got plenty of tread on them and are they at the correct pressure? If in doubt, get them checked!
- Think about what you might need if you break down in the cold. Consider keeping a blanket and a spare torch in the boot. Do you take a mobile phone with you and is it charged up sufficiently before you set off on your journey?
- Ensure that you have a can of de-icer and a window scraper in your car for those frosty nights or mornings. Always make sure that the windows and windscreen are fully clear before beginning to drive. It's very dangerous (and an offence) to try driving with a peep hole in your windscreen! That extra few minutes cleaning your windows could save your life, or someone else's!

Your bicycle

- Check that you have lights on the front and back of your bike, (ie a white front light, a rear red light and a rear red reflector). Check that they work and ensure that you use them as soon the light starts to fade or if the weather/visibility is poor.
- Make sure you wear bright coloured clothing, preferably luminous with reflective stripes, so that you can be seen more easily!
- Always wear a helmet, as it may help to prevent serious head injuries, make sure it fits you and conforms to current British Standards.