**Wolds Weighton Update for January 2020**

**1. Crime and ASB**

TFMV – Theft from motor vehicle

TOMV – Theft of motor vehicle

ASB – Anti-social behaviour



In Market Weighton it is worth noting that although overall crime figures show that there has been a 12.4% increase in crime compared to last year, this is primarily due to the number of offences committed last year being very low. For example, Shop Theft Offences increased by 36.4% compared to the previous 12 months but in reality this was an increase of only 4 offences. 11 reports of Shop theft offences for the entire Wolds Weighton ward in a year is very low in comparison to other areas in the UK. It is also worth mentioning the significant decreases in sexual offences, ASB, Theft of Motor Vehicles and Theft from Motor Vehicles.

**2. Community Priorities**

The Neighbourhood Policing Team meet regularly with partners to ensure we have a multi-agency approach to local issues, individuals and problem solving.  These meetings are regularly attended by partners including Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Youth and Family Support, Housing Officers, Environmental Health and the East Riding Anti-Social Behaviour Team.  We share information and resources to deal with local neighbourhood issues, in particular, those identified as causing the most harm in the community.

* **Market Weighton Town Centre area (Evenings):**

We are to continue our high visibility patrols of the Market Weighton Town Centre area to deter potential anti-social behaviour (ASB). These patrols include regular checks on the High Street and peripheral areas of Londesborough Road Car Park, Scotts Croft Memorial Park, the town council building area and the area surrounding the Giant Bradley statue (periodic reports of youths causing annoyance). 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.

* **Operation Galileo**

Operation Galileo is the Humberside Police response to tackling and reducing the incidents of hare coursing across the force area. Over the next 4 months at this time of year there is a seasonal increase in Wildlife Crime, namely illegal Hare Coursing and Poaching.

As part of Operation Galileo dedicated Patrols will aim to prevent and detect this activity with planned days of action. In addition, local patrols will be conducted to deter this type of criminality and will take positive action to anyone caught committing these offences and use the full extent of the law to disrupt this activity as much as possible.

We would like to encourage the local community to report any issues by calling Humberside Police on 101 (non-emergency number) or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

**3. Crime Prevention Advice**

**Telephone / Cold Call Scams**

These ‘cold call’ scams typically involve fraudsters deceiving victims into believing they are speaking to a police officer, a member of bank staff, or a representative of another trusted organisation, such as the council or a computer company in order to steal money.

Always be on your guard if you receive a cold call and are asked for any of the following:

* Personal or financial information, eg full name, date of birth, address, passwords, bank details, security numbers etc.
* You are asked to transfer or withdraw money.
* You are asked to hand over your credit / debit card or cash to someone eg a courier who will call and collect it.
* You are told that the caller requires access to your computer as it needs an “update” adding or that the caller needs to validate your copy of Microsoft Windows.
* You are told that you have won something eg lottery winnings or a competition and so the callers needs your bank details to arrange to pay your prize money. (If you haven’t entered any competitions then you can’t have won anything!)
* You are informed that you are owed a refund or have underpaid a bill (eg council tax) and therefore need to pay the balance over the phone to rectify the problem. Never give out your bank details over the phone even if the caller becomes difficult or aggressive towards you. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email address or phone number that can be found on an invoice.

The banks or the police will never tell you to take such actions or ask you for financial information. If you are asked to do any of these things, someone is trying to con you! If in doubt, call back the organisation on a number you trust, but do it on another phone or leave it at least five minutes before you make the call. This is important because criminals are able to keep the line open for two minutes after you put down the phone, which means you could end up inadvertently talking to the criminal or their accomplice again. Also do not ring on the number that they offer to give you as this could be a false number too.

For other hints and tips log onto the **www.actionfraud.police.uk** website, which lists an A – Z of different fraud types as well as tips on how to protect yourself from fraud.

**4. News and appeals**

**Graffiti**

In December there were 2 reported incidents of white paint graffiti on various buildings/walls in Market Weighton. If you have any information about this or wish to report any suspicious activity please contact us on the Non Emergency number 101.

**Please be aware of potential rogue traders in the area.**

Over the last couple of months we have received several reports of a building company cold calling at peoples’ doors asking if they want work doing. Examples have been for replacement windows and doors, roofing and conservatories. A price has been agreed between residents and a company rep for the work to be carried out. They are then asking for bank debit details so that the invoice can be paid in instalments. They also often add extra payments of several thousand pounds which are not agreed by the customer at the time.

This arrangement is a civil agreement between two parties, however if you’re not happy with any work being undertaken you are entitled to complain. You can seek advice and report your issues to Trading Standards on Citizen’s Advice Consumer Helpline 03454 040506. If you feel you are being scammed, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

We recommend that you get several quotes before considering any potential work you want carried out, and ask people you trust for recommendations of reliable local traders.

Don’t be pushed into agreeing anything if you’re unsure, and always check the small print.

There have also been recent reports of suspicious cold callers; males knocking at doors, who appear to be targeting addresses without cars on the driveway, to deliver leaflets in the Pocklington, Barmby Moor and Market Weighton areas.

#BeatColdCallers #CrimePrevention #ReportRogueTraders

Please visit our website on the Internet. You can also visit us for more information and regular updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/wolds-weighton>

Facebook – Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West

Twitter - Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West - @Humberbeat\_ERYW

Community alerts is a new, free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, to help keep you updated about what is happening in your local area. Choose how you receive messages by phone or email, how often you want to hear from us and about the issues that matter to you. Sign up for free at: [www.mycommunityalert.co.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5C8987%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5C15MZZS5Y%5Cwww.mycommunityalert.co.uk) to start receiving real time updates now

**5. Meet your officers.**

 **PCSO Nicola Cliffe** is one of the PCSOs responsible for policing the Wolds Weighton ward. You can meet Nikki next at:

* **Shiptonthorpe Village Hall** on the Thursday 23rd January from 10:30am to 12:00noon
* **Market Weighton Town** Hall on Wednesday 29th January (10:00am – 12:00noon)
* **Market Weighton Library** on the following dates:
* Wednesday 5th February – 11:00am – 12noon
* Monday 24th February – 11:00am – 1pm
* Monday 2nd March – 10:00am – 11:00am

**PCSO Laura Hudson** is one of the PCSOs responsible for policing the Wolds Weighton ward. Laura doesn’t have any surgery dates planned at the moment but please read our next newsletter for any future dates.

Please check our website for any further dates/events.