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Pocklington Provincial Update for May 2019

1. Crime and ASB

East Yorkshire-Pocklington Provincial Ward	This year compared to last year			Last 12 months											
	May 17 to Apr 18	May 18 to Apr 19	% Change year on year	2019 Apr	2019 Mar	2019 Feb	2019 Jan	2018 Dec	2018 Nov	2018 Oct	2018 Sep	2018 Aug	2018 Jul	2018 Jun	2018 May
All offences	523	674	+28.9%	60	33	43	53	58	50	60	58	71	68	50	70
Burglary	48	61	+27.1%	9	5	3	3	6	9	4	5	7	5	0	5
Criminal damage	91	117	+28.6%	11	4	7	14	9	9	12	9	15	9	4	14
Drug offences	8	3	-62.5%	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Shop theft	16	12	-25.0%	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	1
Sexual offences	37	19	-48.6%	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	3
TFMV	17	14	-17.6%	2	1	3	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	1
TOMV	2	3	+50.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Thefts excluding vehicle and shop th	69	85	+23.2%	11	3	9	6	10	2	4	4	10	9	7	10
Violence against the person	183	285	+55.7%	18	15	16	23	21	19	30	31	27	33	28	24
ASB	117	127	+8.5%	15	9	3	6	8	16	10	16	12	11	14	7

TFMV – Theft from motor vehicle

TOMV – Theft of motor vehicle

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

The Pocklington Provincial ward experiences a relatively low level of crime compared to other areas served by Humberside Police. Although there has been a year on year increase in Burglary, Criminal Damage, TOMV, Theft, Violence and ASB, closer analysis of the figures show that there has only been a marginal increase in most categories. For example, TOMV have increased by 50% but this represents only one additional offence compared to the previous 12 months. It is positive to see annual reductions in the number of Drug Offences, Shop Thefts, Sexual Offences and Theft from Motor Vehicles.

The above figures show reductions in Drug offences, Shop Thefts, Sexual Offences and TFMV.



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2. Crime issues of particular note

The following list shows some of the crimes that have occurred in the previous month in your area.

- Entry was gained into a property in Pocklington, which was then searched and items stolen.
- A mobile phone was stolen from an insecure vehicle in Pocklington.
- Entry was gained into two vehicles in Wilberfoss which were searched but nothing was taken.
- A satellite navigation system was stolen from a tractor near Wilberfoss.

3. 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.

a. Pocklington Town Centre area (Evenings):

Throughout May 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.

b. 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.

4. Crime Reduction Advice

Sneak Thieves

Now that spring is here again, we all want to relax and enjoy the warmer weather, however we still need to think about home security to prevent ourselves from becoming victims of crime.

So what do you need to consider?

- You need to ensure that your home is always secure when you go out and that you don't leave potential entry points open and accessible, for example a downstairs window or a door. This also applies at night especially when it's a warm muggy evening and you are thinking about leaving a downstairs window open for ventilation whilst you are asleep.
- You may be out working in the garden and out of sight of the windows or doors that you have left open. You could even be cutting the grass or hedge perhaps with a loud lawn mower/hedge cutter or be using power tools and it could be so easy in these circumstances for a sneak thief to take advantage of the situation, go inside your home and steal things, for example keys, handbags, wallets, laptops etc that are often on display or easily accessible.



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- The same applies with garages. We often leave the doors wide open and go off into the garden leaving everything in them on display. How easy is it then for someone to take advantage of this situation and steal bikes, power tools or garden equipment!
- Lastly there's your vehicles to consider: On a warm day, there might be a temptation to leave your car parked on the drive with its windows open to allow fresh air to circulate, along with items e.g. a sat nav, coat or shopping bags on clear view that you just haven't managed to bring in doors yet!. These items can all be stolen very quickly, but the worst case scenario is that your car could be stolen too.

The kinds of thefts described are committed by opportunists who could be wandering around your neighbourhood looking to take advantage of people who leave their property insecure **so think security at all times and don't become a victim of crime!**

5. News and Appeals

Humberside Police graded as GOOD by Her Majesty's Inspectorate

Humberside Police has been awarded an overall grading of 'GOOD' by HMICFRS as well as achieving a GOOD grading across every pillar of the annual inspection process. This inspection report is a comprehensive assessment of how the force is performing across a wide range of areas, including how we:

- Protect vulnerable people
- Investigate crime
- Prevent crime and tackle anti-social behaviour
- Tackle serious and organised crime

The report also assesses how efficiently the force uses its finances and resources and how sustainable these are in the future. The inspection also assesses how the force treats its staff and how the services it provides to the public is improving. Chief Constable Lee Freeman welcomed the report, writing:



"I am really pleased with the report and the assessment from HMICFRS and whilst we know we still have much more to do, a grading of GOOD right across the board for Humberside Police is a significant milestone and a giant step in the right direction.

"When I took over as Chief in June 2017, I said that it was actions and not words that the public and my staff needed to see. I believed I had staff and officers who were professional and committed and recall saying that they were absolutely not the inhibiting factor to the force improving. I believe the turnaround we've achieved shows that this is the case and it is our staff who have delivered these results.

"I wish to record my thanks to all my staff for their support and hard work over the last 20 months, as it is them, along with the 492 new officers that have joined us in the last two years, who have delivered these improvements. I also want to acknowledge the key role that our partners play in keeping people safe. With the force going back to its roots with locally based policing teams across East Riding, Hull, North and North East

Lincolnshire, ensuring that our relationships with all four local authorities have been excellent.

"When I became Chief, I said I wanted my officers and staff to feel proud to work at Humberside Police – and I think this is starting to happen. Reports like this help. But we also have to remember we're not finished yet – there's always more to do and the financial environment remains challenging. We have savings to make, criminals are adapting to new technology and the public rightly expects us to adapt too.



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"HMIC Inspectors have also recognised the work we have done to improve how we investigate crime, reforming our CID teams across the force and ensuring that the investigative training we provide our staff is of a high standard, has undoubtedly made a difference. I am also particularly pleased to see our Force Control Room being praised in this report. It is now answering more calls, more quickly, than ever before, with Humberside Police the first force in the country to offer a call back service for our non-emergency 101 service so that people don't have to wait on the line during busy periods.

"HMICFRS have also specifically mentioned the culture of continuous improvement that we've been developing. I have been very clear that managers and leaders in Humberside Police are there to support and listen to their staff, as well as the public, and we have seen encouraging and sustained improvements in levels of staff morale, wellbeing and sickness absence".

High Sheriff Award

PCSO Rosie Emerton from the Pocklington Neighbourhood Policing Team received an award from the High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire, Debbie Rosenberg, during a recent ceremony at Trinity House on 10 April 2019

Rosie was nominated for her commitment and dedication to safeguarding and reducing missing episodes of young children from the Croft Children's Home, Pocklington. Earlier this year the Croft was identified as having the highest number missing reports in the East Riding with some of the young girls being deemed to be at high risk whilst missing. This placed a huge amount demand on police resources but more concerning was the level of vulnerability and risk towards the girls.



Rosie has been extremely flexible to ensure she prepared for and attended multi-agency meetings to discuss how we could work together to keep the young people safe, often attending these meetings on her own in the absence of a supervisor. Rosie has been instrumental in developing information sharing.

Wildlife Crime Course



Officers from the Pocklington & Goole Neighbourhood Policing Team attended a week long course to learn and gain a greater insight into Wildlife Crime. Numerous partner agencies attended throughout the week to deliver, some of those agencies were, CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) - Joint Nature Conservation Committee, National Wildlife Crime Unit, RSPB, RSPCA, Bat Conservation Trust, BASC and many more.

Please read our Op Galileo update on the next page for more information on what Humberside Police are doing to tackle wildlife crime.



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APPEAL - Serious Assault Appeal

We are appealing for witnesses following the assault of a man on Yapham Road in Pocklington shortly after midnight on Saturday 6 April. The man sustained a serious head injury, when he had challenged men that were on his land illegally metal detecting known as nighthawking*. The men left the scene in a silver vehicle believed to be an Audi. If you witnessed this incident and have not already spoken to officers please call us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting reference 16/44596/19.



Unlawful Metal Detecting

Unlawful Metal Detecting - 'Nighthawking' 'Nighthawking' is a term used in the United Kingdom to describe unlawful metal detecting on farmland, archaeological sites and other areas of archaeological interest heritage, usually in order to steal coins and other artefacts for their historical and financial value. Nighthawking refers to the fact that such illegal activity is often undertaken at night to avoid detection and arrest. Although this is deceiving as it also occurs during the day. It can occur anywhere in the country, but counties such as the East Riding of Yorkshire are particularly vulnerable due to the rich heritage and large amounts of arable land.

The removal of any object from land without the landowner's permission may amount to an offence of theft. It is also an offence to metal detect on a Scheduled Monument without a licence or to fail to report the discovery of potential items of Treasure. The historic objects and artefacts that are recovered are often kept in private collections or sold for personal profit. Because they are stolen property, the finders are unlikely to report their finds and valuable historical data is lost for good. Incidents of crime against heritage assets, including unlawful metal detecting should be reported to the police

Tackling Wildlife Crime

Wildlife Crime is a significant issue for many residents who live in the rural areas of the East Riding. We tackle many different aspects of Wildlife Crime but one of our most significant operations is Operation Galileo. Operation Galileo is a national police operation in relation to the enforcement and disruption of those criminals who course hares. Humberside Police works alongside many other forces to combat the issue as well as with other partners such as the local authority and local Farm Watch groups who are a vital source of information and our eyes in the countryside.



The hare coursing season is now at its end and we now have a clear picture of this last season's activity across the force as a whole. We intend to keep the pressure up in the coming seasons and are constantly looking at innovative ways of tackling the problem. Criminal Protection Notices and the scanning of dogs' microchips offer some great opportunities to tackle the issue. There are some landowners who continue to suffer repeated incursions by hare coursers and it is these areas we will continue to concentrate our activity the most.

Summary of results

- Between 1 August 2018 and 2 April 2019 there have been a total of 332 reports regarding day time hare coursing. During the previous season 2017 to 2018 the number was 508 reports from 01 August 2017 to late April 2018. This is a significant drop of 35% across the Humberside area compared to the previous year.
- In all 21 dedicated days of action have been undertaken during the past season.
- 1,500 officer hours worked across these dedicated days. This does not take into account hours worked by officers defaulting to hot spot areas as part of their normal duties and responding to reports.
- 60% of reports have been deployed to by officers. This is a vast improvement on previous years and helped by the re deployment of response officers to rural stations.



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- 153 x suspected hare coursers have been stopped by the police. Some of these have been stopped on more than one occasion. This is at least 90 more than the previous season and causes them significant disruption.
- 122 x Fairway reports submitted to East Riding Yorkshire Council.
- 58 x Section 35 dispersal notices issued.
- 70 x Dogs scanned
- 9 x Lurcher type dogs seized with 3 being rehomed
- 26 x Persons reported for poaching related offences
- 8 x Persons dealt with for various road traffic offences
- 8 x Section 59 warning notices issued regarding the anti-social use of vehicles
- 1 x Person arrested for criminal damage and poaching offences (not charged)
- 9 x Vehicles recovered under various powers

6. Meet your officers

Does your local area want a Police Surgery? A member of your Community Policing team will be available to attend a premises (E.G Village Hall, Coffee mornings, Library's) and be there to discuss any matters in your area or any crime prevention advice. It is required that the police can use the area free of charge, and if possible a separate private area in case any person attends wants to speak about something confidential.

If you think the area would benefit, please get in contact and arrangements can be made, and hopefully we can make it a regular event and provide reassurance for your local area.



PCSO Rosie Emerton is one of the PCSOs responsible for policing the Pocklington ward. You can meet Rosie next at:

**The Boot and Slipper, Barmby Moor , on
Wednesday 5th June (10:00 – 11:30hrs)**



PCSO Gareth Ludlow is one of the PCSOs responsible for policing the Pocklington ward. Gareth doesn't have any surgery dates planned for May but please read our next newsletter for any dates in June.