



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

# Parish/Town News Release

## **Snaith, Rawcliffe, Airmyn & Marshlands** **Update for September 2017**

### **1. Priority**

**Issue:** Youths Causing Annoyance on South Parkway and Prioryway, Snaith.

Officers will be patrolling in the above areas due to reports of youths congregating and causing a nuisance along with issues of littering and graffiti. Anyone caught engaging in such activities will be dealt with jointly with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

### **2. Meetings**

#### **Meet your PCSO at Snaith Town Council offices**

PCSO Sam Chandler will be holding a Drop In Surgery at Snaith Town Council Offices to discuss any concerns or issues that you may have on the following dates: 26<sup>th</sup> September (17:30 – 19:00 hrs) and 19<sup>th</sup> October (12:00 – 13:30 hrs).

### **3. Examples of Crime in your area**

- A hydraulic pecker left behind a skip in a rear garden in Snaith has been stolen.
- There was an attempt to steal a secure caravan from a driveway in Pollington. As the caravan was being moved it hit the neighbour's car causing damage. The caravan was then abandoned and the suspects fled.
- A secure house in Snaith was broken into, searched and cash stolen (the house alarm activated so the suspects fled).
- Car tyres were stolen from a rear garden in Rawcliffe Bridge.
- Entry was gained into secure farm buildings near Reedness where there was an attempt to steal diesel before taking a forklift which was then found abandoned nearby.
- Front and rear number plates were stolen from a vehicle parked on the roadside in Rawcliffe.

### **4. News and Appeals**

#### **Keep your keys and vehicles safe and don't be a "2 in 1" Victim**

The term "2 in 1 burglary" is used when there are two offences in one, for example when vehicle keys have been stolen in order for offenders to take a car/van from outside a property.

These crimes have usually been committed overnight and often the offenders have gained access to a house by forcing entry or by even using cat flaps and letter boxes to put an instrument into the house to unhook car keys from key hangers near to doors.

Here are some simple security measures that can be taken:

1. Keep all keys safe and out of sight. Never hang them near to doors where they could be taken through a letterbox or near an open window.



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2. Never leave house or car keys in an obvious place like a handbag or key cupboard.
3. If you've got a garage, use it rather than leaving your vehicle on the driveway or the roadside. Always ensure that your garage is locked too.
4. Always keep your vehicle locked and secured. If your car doesn't have an alarm/immobilizer then consider getting one fitted.
5. Consider extra security such as a steering wheel lock. (Steering locks and gear level locks are often all that is needed to deter a thief as they simply don't want the hassle of breaking in and trying to get them undone.)
6. Never leave any property in your car or van when it is unattended. It takes criminals seconds to smash a window and grab something.
7. There is also a growing trend for work vans to be targeted and broken into, so keep valuable tools in your home overnight or at work.

It is clear that offenders are looking at locations and vehicles prior to coming back to commit the crimes. This could simply be someone looking around an area during the day, someone pretending to do door to door sales, or someone coming to your home on another pretext.

So, if you get a "cold caller" ask yourself:

1. Is the caller coming to my home in any way suspicious?
2. Is the caller paying attention to my car or asking me questions about it?

**If so, give Humberside Police a call on the Non Emergency number 101 to report your concerns.**

If you're selling your vehicle via a newspaper, a magazine or a website, remember that you'll get callers coming to your home looking at your vehicle. If you do, do they seem legitimate? If in doubt, and can do so safely, get a description of the people who come to look at the car and, just as importantly, details of any vehicle they came in.

If you've got any doubts, then let us know!