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Snaith, Rawcliffe, Airmyn & Marshlands Provincial Update – May 2022

1. Crime and ASB.

You can obtain Crime and ASB data for your own area by visiting www.police.uk, clicking on "whats happening in your area" and entering your postcode.

2. Crime issues of particular note.

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

- A van parked in the High Street, West Cowick was damaged in an attempted break in.
- Entry was gained into a secure van parked outside a property in Mill Lane, West Cowick.
- There was an attempt to break into a vehicle parked on a driveway at a property in Snaith.
- At a property near East Cowick entry was gained into several farm buildings and vehicles, which were then searched and items stolen.

3. Community Priorities.

We have been patrolling Snaith and the surrounding rural areas during our shifts and will also contine to monitor the following: the Market Place in Snaith, Villa Fields, South Parkway, Tablers Wood, Croda, the water pumping station and Snaith quarry.

4. Crime Reduction Advice.

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 whist 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.



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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 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.

5. Appeals

Operation Sceptre

Humberside Police are supporting the national firearms and knife surrender scheme. Between the 12- 29th May you can hand in firearms and weapons at your nearest Police Station. All weapons handed in will be made safe and destroyed

6. Drop in Surgeries at Snaith Town Council Offices

PCSO Chandler will be available from 10:00 to 11:00hrs on Monday 30th May. Please call in if you would like to discuss any concerns that you may have or need any advice, or if you prefer to telephone, then please call 01405 862 663.

Stay informed.

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>:

https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/snaith-airmyn-rawcliffe-and-marshland

Twitter - Humberside Police - East Riding of Yorkshire West - @Humberbeat_ERYW

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For incidents that don't require an immediate response call our non-emergency 101 line. You can also report <u>non-emergency crimes online</u> via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.