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Howdenshire - Update for September 2021

1. Crime and ASB

Unfortunately due to technical changes we are unable to provide the monthly information at the moment. However you can obtain Crime and ASB data for your own area by visiting www.police.uk , clicking on "whats happening in your area" and enter your postcode.

2. Crime issues of particular not

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

- The hides at the nature reserve at North Cave Wetlands Reserve have been damaged.
- The windscreen of a car parked in Newport was damaged.

3. Community Priorities.

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

We also continue to patrol the Howdenshire areas during our shifts and post on Social Media on a regular basis as a way of keeping everyone updated.

4. Crime Reduction Advice

Warning after doorstep scams and burglaries

In August we received two reports of concern from elderly people in the East Riding. They have reported bogus callers which have led to theft from their homes in Hornsea and Goole.

In both cases a man was reported to have cold-called at the address discussing repairs to their drives or gardens. After the caller left, the elderly homeowners have reported that money has been taken from within the home.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind people about the potential dangers of door to door 'scammers' or 'bogus callers' and ask for people to speak to their elderly friends or relatives about the dangers.

Our advice would be:

- DO NOT answer the door to anyone you don't know or who cannot provide valid ID.
- DO NOT buy goods from door step sellers, the quality of the goods cannot be guaranteed and if there is a problem with the item you have no comeback or way to return items.

Age UK also have some very good advice about doorstep sellers at https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/doorstep-scams/

There are many different types of doorstep scams, some of the most common ones include:

- Rogue traders: A cold-caller may offer you a service you don't really need. They may claim to have noticed something about your property that needs work or improvement, such as the roof, and offer to fix it for cash or an inflated price.
- Bogus officials: People claim to be from your utility company as a way of gaining access to your home. Always check the ID of any official, and if they're genuine they won't mind waiting while you check.



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- Fake charity collections: A fraudster may pretend they're from a charity and ask you to donate money, clothes or household goods. Legitimate charities will all have a charity number that can be checked on the Charity Commission website.
- Made-up consumer surveys: Some scammers ask you to complete a survey so they can get hold of your personal details, or use it as a cover for persuading you to buy something you don't want or need.
- Hard luck stories: Someone may come to your door and ask you to help them out with cash, ask to use your
 telephone or claim they're feeling unwell. The story is made up and intended to con you out of your money or gain
 access to your home.

If you see or hear anything suspicious or if you think you have been a victim of this type of crime please call us on **101** to talk to us about what's happened or call <u>Crimestoppers</u> anonymously on 0800 555 111.. We want to help you and to help prevent anyone else becoming a victim.

5. Stay informed

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>: <u>https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire</u>

Facebook - Humberside Police - East Riding of Yorkshire West

Twitter - Humberside Police - East Riding of Yorkshire West - @Humberbeat ERYW

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.