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## **Howdenshire - Update for December 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](http://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:

- A secure property in Newport Road, North Cave was broken into and searched (the rear door lock was damaged to gain access).
- A secure property in Back Lane, Holme upon Spalding Moor (HOSM) was broken into, searched and items stolen. Also there was an attempted burglary of another property in Back Lane but the suspect/s left after seeing CCTV cameras.
- Entry was gained into a secure property in Cliff Lane, HOSM, however the suspect/s were disturbed by the owner returning home and fled.
- Two cycles have been stolen from the cycle frame fixed to the rear of a vehicle parked in a rural area.
- There was an attempted burglary of a property in HOSM.
- Entry was gained into a property near HOSM and two vehicles stolen.

### **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**

#### **Keep your presents off the burglars list this Christmas.**

Well it's nearly that time of year once more. Yes, Christmas is not far away. It's a time when everything goes up a gear: we're in a hurry; we need to do loads of things; we have so much to plan. However if we're not careful, whilst doing all of these things, we can lose sight of those simple crime prevention measures that we practice all year.



Just as Christmas is a busy time for everyone, it can equally be a time of plenty for the opportunist thief if we let them take advantage of our rushing around. Follow these simple steps to avoid becoming a target for crime and have a crime free Christmas and New Year.

- If out shopping, don't leave any shopping bags, coats, sat navs or other items on view in your car, always ensure that they are out of view by placing them in the car boot.
- Always try and park in a well lit car park or street and check that your car is secure!
- Consider your home security too - don't leave the curtains open and all your presents and Christmas tree on display whilst you're out.



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- If you can, leave a radio on and put lights on timer switches to ensure that it looks like that someone is at home.
- Ensure your property is secure by making sure that your garage door, house doors, garden sheds/outbuildings and windows are all locked. Try not to leave any keys in locks as glass can be smashed, keys taken and then used to open doors or windows to gain entry.
- If you are going away over the festive period then consider asking a trusted neighbour or family member to come round and open and close curtains, plus move the post, so it looks like people are coming and going at your home. Also don't advertise that you are away. Social networking sites can be a risk if people know you are away and your home is empty.
- Remove and secure items that may be used to break in or climb into your home (eg spades and ladders). Garden tools, DIY equipment and leisure items such as fishing and golf equipment should ideally be locked away in storage cupboards within outbuildings to form a second line of defense to thieves.
- Motorbike and pedal cycles should also be locked even when they are in a secure shed or garage.
- If you have a household alarm consider extending it to cover your outbuildings, fit a bespoke shed/garage alarm or buy an inexpensive, but effective battery operated shed alarm. Anything which makes a loud noise will send a thief running!
- Lastly for reference, record a description and add photographs of your bicycles, golf clubs, fishing equipment, tools, jewellery and any other valuable property on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

## **Avoid fraudsters and #ShopSavvy this festive season**

Christmas last year, was a lot quieter for us all as we stayed at home at the height of the covid pandemic. It may have been a quiet one for us, but online shopping fraud increased by 42% as fraudsters looked to take advantage of our need to access Christmas gifts and other essentials online.

This year has seen the return of High Street shopping, but it does not mean these calculated fraudsters aren't continuing to use new and sophisticated methods to target members of the public throughout the advent season, and that's not just online. It is really important you do everything you can to protect yourself from fraud this festive season, otherwise you may be saying "NO NO NO" rather than "HO HO HO".

We would like to offer you some simple things to look out for:

- Don't pay for anything by transferring money directly to companies or people you don't know – you make think that all of your Christmas wishes have come at once, it's an amazing deal or you just can't find it anywhere else.
- If it is in fact a scam, it's unlikely the bank will be able to recover or refund your money. Were possible, the safest way to pay for anything is by credit card.
- Make sure the site you're visiting is authentic – The easiest way to do this is to ensure that the address is spelled correctly. Fraudsters can set up convincing websites with very similar spelling to the authentic one.
- Ensure the payment pages are secure by checking the address starts with https. The s stands for secure. There should also be a closed padlock in the address bar.



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- Log out of your account when you've finished paying. Just closing the window doesn't do this.
- Found that must have gift for a fraction of the price? The likelihood is that it's a fake. It may even be dangerous and the quality certainly won't be as good as the real thing.
- Beware the free or low cost trial – you could be signing up for large monthly direct debits that are difficult to cancel.
- If you're booking a festive getaway do some research before you book. Look for independent reviews and make sure the agent is genuine by looking for the ABTA or ATOL number.
- Always buy tickets for gigs, concerts and events from official sources otherwise you could end up shelling out a fortune for fake or non-existent tickets.
- Beware of unexpected emails, texts or posts urging you to click a link or attachment – if you're not sure, just delete it.

If you've been a victim of crime and need further support and information to assist you through the process you can visit our [victim support page](#) on our website and download a copy of our leaflet.

## 5. Stay informed

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#):

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire>

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 [non-emergency crimes online](#) via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.