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## Howdenshire - Update for May 2022

### 1. Crime and ASB

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 entering 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:

- Navigation equipment was stolen from 2 tractors at a farm near Wressle.
- A secure garden shed at a property in North Cave was broken into and items stolen including 2 chain saws and a petrol mower.
- Entry was gained into an outhouse at a property in Spaldington and items 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.

### 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 whilst 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.

**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



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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- 29<sup>th</sup> May you can hand in firearms and weapons at your nearest Police Station. All weapons handed in will be made safe and destroyed.

## 6. 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.