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Howdenshire - Update for June 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 secure property in Meadow Lane, Newport, was broken into and searched.
- A vehicle in Newport has been 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.

4. Crime Reduction Advice

Sneak Thieves

Now that Summer is on its way, we all want to relax and enjoy the warmer weather and longer days, however we still need to think about home security to prevent ourselves from becoming victims of crime. So what do you need to consider?

You need to ensure that your home is always secure when you go out and that you don't leave potential entry points open and accessible, for example a downstairs window or a door. (This also applies at night especially when it's a warm muggy evening and you are thinking about leaving a downstairs window open for ventilation whilst you are asleep.)

You may be out working in the garden and out of sight of the windows or doors that you have left open. You could even be cutting the grass or be using power tools and it could be so easy in these circumstances for a sneak thief to take advantage of the situation, go inside your home and steal things, for example keys, handbags, wallets, laptops etc that are often on display or easily accessible.

The same applies with garages. We often leave the doors wide open and go off into the garden leaving everything in them on display. How easy is it then for someone to take advantage of this situation and steal bikes, power tools or garden equipment!

Lastly there's your vehicles to consider: On a warm day, there might be a temptation to leave your car parked on the drive with its windows open to allow fresh air to circulate, along with items, eg a sat nav, coat or shopping bags on clear view that you just haven't managed to bring in doors yet! These items can all be stolen very quickly, but the worst case scenario is that your car could be stolen too.

The kinds of thefts described are committed by opportunists who could be wandering around your neighbourhood looking to take advantage of people who leave their property insecure so think security at all times and don't become a victim of crime!

Holiday Fraud

While travel has been limited in recent months, fraudsters are still targeting people searching for their dream getaway.



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Fraudsters may use fake online adverts, bogus sales calls, emails and text messages offering cheap rates, or steal images of accommodation from other travel websites. They may offer the chance to go on a free holiday in return for watching a presentation, or they may ask for a holiday to be paid in cash or a bank transfer via MoneyWise or Western Union, for example - which can be difficult to trace and isn't refundable.

In some cases, fraudsters may completely end contact after receiving payment, when the victim discovers the holiday doesn't exist. Sometimes the victim may find out at the airport that they're not booked onto a flight or that their hotel has no record of a booking.

Follow these tips to help outsmart the scammers:

- Don't reply to unsolicited emails, texts, social media or calls with holiday offers. Links and attachments in emails may lead to malicious websites or download viruses.
- Book a holiday directly with an airline or hotel, or through a reputable agent. Check whether they're a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA).
- If you decide to deal directly with the property owner or a letting agent, ask them questions about the booking, room, location and area. Don't book on websites that don't have a padlock icon (https) in the address bar and be extra cautious if you're asked to pay using bank transfer or cash. Pay by credit or debit card if you can for extra protection.

If you think you've been victim of holiday fraud, report it to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. The Action Fraud website (www.actionfraud.police.uk) also lists an A-Z of different fraud types as well as advice on how to protect yourself.

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.