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Howdenshire - Update for September 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:

- In the early hours a secure building at a property in the Main Street, Hotham was broken into and various items stolen. Suspects were also seen in the grounds of a second secure property nearby.
- The church in Hotham was broken into by damaging a window and various items stolen.
- Objects were thrown at an upstairs window of a property in Gilberdyke causing the window to smash.

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

Email Fraud

Scam emails are currently one of the most common reported fraud types. Scammers use email to trick you into giving them your personal information. They may try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or bank details.

Fake emails often (but not always) display some of the following characteristics:

- The sender's email address doesn't tally with the trusted organisation's website address.
- The email is sent from a completely different address or a free web mail address.
- The email does not use your proper name, but uses a non-specific greeting like "dear
- customer"
- A sense of urgency; for example, the threat that unless you act immediately your account
- may be closed.
- A prominent website links. These can be forged or seem very similar to the proper address, but even a single character's difference means a different website.
- A request for personal information such as username, password or bank details.
- The email contains spelling and grammatical errors.
- You weren't expecting to get an email from the company that appears to have sent it.
- The entire text of the email is contained within an image rather than the usual text format.
- The image contains an embedded hyperlink to a bogus site.

What should you do if you've received a scam email?

- Do not click on any links in the scam email.
- Do not reply to the email or contact the senders in any way.
- If you have clicked on a link in the email, do not supply any information on the website that may open.
- Do not open any attachments that arrive with the email.



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If you suspect you've been a victims of fraud report it to your bank and call <u>Action Fraud</u>. Don't feel embarrassed, it can happen to anyone.

Received an email which you're not quite sure about? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk

Avoid the latest mobile phone scam.

The Force has received reports of a mobile phone scam circulating within the Bridlington area and are urging members of the public everywhere to remain vigilant.

This involves someone receiving a text message, appearing to be from someone they know, prompting them to call or text the number and send money to their new bank account details.

Criminals are using these messages whilst in disguise of someone known to the person being targeted.

We are issuing another reminder to take a moment to think before parting with your money or information, especially if the request has come from a text or a cold call. Do you know or trust the person it's come from? It's ok to reject, refuse, or ignore any requests. If you have any doubts, try contacting the person you know by another unconnected form of communication. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

If you received an unexpected text or email asking for personal or financial details or to prompt you to send money, do not click on the links or attachments. These scammers are sophisticated in their approaches and anyone can be a victim of fraud with fraudsters constantly reinventing themselves to find new ways to trick people.

If you receive a suspicious text message, you can forward it to 7726 (SPAM on your keypad). If you receive suspect calls or voicemails, or if you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud (www: actionfraud.police.uk) or Fraud Watch (email: help@fraudwatch.org.uk), funded by the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner.

Alternatively, you can call our non-emergency number 101 to report information, or, if you have information regarding those responsible for fraud, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

5. News



A huge welcome to our new Police Community Support Officer, Phoebe Buttle, who will be based at Goole Police Station and covering the Howdenshire area. Phoebe has recently completed her initial training and is excited to be joining our team. #newbie



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6. 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/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 <u>non-emergency crimes online</u> via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.