

# Parish/Town News Release

## **Howdenshire - Update for February 2023**

#### 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:

• Entry was gained into a property in Bubwith and a water tank was stolen from within.

## 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.

#### Keeping your shed or garage safe and secure.

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower. An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house.

#### Shed and outbuilding security

First off, check that your insurance covers the contents of your shed or outbuildings from theft. The top five most common items stolen from sheds:

- 1. Bikes
- 2. Mowers
- 3. Sports equipment
- 4. Power tools
- 5. Garden tools

#### Think like a thief

Take a look at your shed and consider how you would break in. It's worth having a good padlock on the door with no exposed screws. Pay attention to hinges, as these are sometimes easily removable.

If you have windows then these could be vulnerable unless they're secured with wire mesh or grills. And keep it locked at all times.

#### Alarm it

Consider a battery-operated shed alarm. They look low key but they respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

#### Lock it, hide it or mark it

Don't give them the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime. Lock everything away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.

Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand within a locked shed or garage. Visit <u>Sold Secure</u> to search for ground anchors and other locks designed to fix to floors and walls.

It's always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Although it might sound like stating the obvious, never leave your garage or shed door unlocked if you're not around.



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Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode. Forensic marking is also an option.

## 5. Stay informed.

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>:

<a href="https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire">https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire</a>
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.