

# Parish/Town News Release

# **Howdenshire - Update for April 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 an insecure shed at a property near Holme Upon Spalding Moor (HOSM) and items including a bike and tools were stolen.
- There was an attempt to break into a secure property and a garden shed in HOSM but the homeowners disturbed the suspect/s who then fled.
- The paint work of a vehicle parked on a driveway of a property in HOSM has been damaged.
- A ride on lawn mover was stolen from a rear garden of a property near Wressle.

## 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.

#### **Bicycle security**

Thousands of bikes are stolen every year across the UK, so what can you do to protect your bike?

- If you haven't done so already register your bicycle's frame number along with any pictures and other details you have on <a href="https://www.immobilise.com">www.immobilise.com</a>. (Registration on Immobilise only takes a few minutes and it's free. All you need is your bike's make, model, identifying number code(s) and a few photographs). If your bike is stolen or lost this free online register will inform all uk police and registered second hand dealers that your bike is missing and should it be offered for sale to a registered dealer or come into contact with any police force then a check of the system could reunite you with your stolen or lost bike.
- Invest in a quality lock or chain, eg a D lock, to help reduce the risk of your bike being stolen. Consider using two different types at the same time, as thieves rarely carry tools to break two different lock types.
- Lock your bike every time you leave it it only takes seconds to steal! Keep the gap between the bike and the lock small, so inserting tools is made harder and where ever possible keep the locking barrel facing the ground too as this makes access more difficult.
- Look at where you are storing your bike and make sure that your shed or garage is secured with a good quality lock. Many shed windows are never used, if this is the case why not screw them shut. Fitting mesh or steel bars across the window from the inside allows light to enter but means the thief has to go to a lot of trouble to remove them. Replace broken glass with laminated glass. Consider putting an alarm on the shed too this could be a battery alarm or look at having the shed connected to the house alarm if you already have one.
- Consider buying a cycle anchor that can be bolted to the wall or floor of your shed which your cycle can then be fastened to or if you have several cycles lock them altogether.



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• If you are having to leave your bike out on the street, where possible leave it in a well lit area and lock both the frame and wheels to the bike stand. If there is no stand, ensure that it's locked to secure street furniture eg railings or a lamp post. Try and avoid leaving your bike out overnight (even if well secured) and take with you anything that can easily be removed eg lights or quick release wheels.

Also if you are considering buying a second-hand bike, make sure it's not stolen:

- Check the cycle for postcode security engravings and question the seller if the postcode does not match their address.
- Ask for the buyer's pack original documents, receipts, tools and handbook, which came with the bike.
- Check the seller's knowledge of the bike, its size, make/model, who rode it, why they are selling, is their story credible?

## 5. Stay informed.

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>: <u>https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/howdenshire</u> Facebook – Humberside Police – East Riding of Yorkshire West

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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.