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# **Wolds Weigl**

#### 1. Crime and ASB

Unfortunately due to technical changes we are unable to provide the monthly information at the moment. However you can obtain Crime and ASB data for your own area by visiting www.police.uk , clicking on "whats happening in your area" and enter 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:

- An object was used to smash a rear windscreen of a car park on a driveway of a property in Market Weighton.
- Entry was gained into a secure farm near Seaton Ross and a trailer stolen.
- Entry was gained into a secure building site in Melbourne and equipment stolen.
- 2 double axel trailers were stolen from a farm near Seaton Ross.

## 3. Community Priorities

The Neighbourhood Policing Team meet regularly with partners to ensure we have a multi-agency approach to local issues, individuals and problem solving. These meetings are regularly attended by partners including Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Youth and Family Support, Housing Officers, Environmental Health and the East Riding Anti-Social Behaviour Team. 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 Market Weighton and the surrounding rural areas during our shifts and post on Social Media on a regular basis as a way of keeping everyone updated.

#### 4. Crime Prevention Advice

## Keep your presents off the burglars list this Christmas.

Well it's nearly that time of year once more. It's a time when everything goes up a gear: we're in a hurry; we need to do loads of things; we have so much to plan. However if we're not careful, whilst doing all of these things, we can lose sight of those simple crime prevention measures that we practice all year.



Just as Christmas is a busy time for everyone, it can equally be a time of plenty for the opportunist thief if we let them take advantage of our rushing around. Follow these simple steps to avoid becoming a target for crime and have a crime free Christmas and New Year.

- If out shopping, don't leave any shopping bags, coats, sat navs or other items on view in your car, always ensure that they are out of view by placing them in the car boot.
- Always try and park in a well-lit car park or street and check that your car is secure!
- Consider your home security too don't leave the curtains open and all your presents and Christmas tree on display whilst you're out.
- If you can, leave a radio on and put lights on timer switches to ensure that it looks like that someone is at home.



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 Ensure your property is secure by m windows are all locked. Try not to open doors or windows to gain entry d :o

- If you are going away over the festive period then consider asking a trusted neighbour or family member to come round and open and close curtains, plus move the post, so it looks like people are coming and going at your home. Also don't advertise that you are away. Social networking sites can be a risk if people know you are away and your home is empty.
- Remove and secure items that may be used to break in or climb into your home (eg spades and ladders). Garden tools, DIY equipment and leisure items such as fishing and golf equipment should ideally be locked away in storage cupboards within outbuildings to form a second line of defense to thieves.
- Motorbike and pedal cycles should also be locked even when they are in a secure shed or garage.
- If you have a household alarm consider extending it to cover your outbuildings, fit a bespoke shed/garage alarm or buy an inexpensive, but effective battery operated shed alarm. Anything which makes a loud noise will send a thief running!
- Lastly for reference, record a description and add photographs of your bicycles, golf clubs, fishing equipment, tools, jewellery and any other valuable property on <a href="https://www.immobilise.com">www.immobilise.com</a>.

#### Avoid fraudsters and #ShopSavvy this festive season

Christmas last year, was a lot quieter for us all as we stayed at home at the height of the covid pandemic. It may have been a quiet one for us, but online shopping fraud increased by 42% as fraudsters looked to take advantage of our need to access Christmas gifts and other essentials online.

This year has seen the return of High Street shopping, but it does not mean these calculated fraudsters aren't continuing to use new and sophisticated methods to target members of the public throughout the advent season, and that's not just online. It is really important you do everything you can to protect yourself from fraud this festive season, otherwise you may be saying "NO NO NO" rather than "HO HO HO".

We would like to offer you some simple things to look out for:

- Don't pay for anything by transferring money directly to companies or people you don't know you make think that all of
  your Christmas wishes have come at once, it's an amazing deal or you just can't find it anywhere else.
- If it is in fact a scam, it's unlikely the bank will be able to recover or refund your money. Were possible, the safest way to pay for anything is by credit card.
- Make sure the site you're visiting is authentic The easiest way to do this is to ensure that the address is spelled correctly. Fraudsters can set up convincing websites with very similar spelling to the authentic one.
- Ensure the payment pages are secure by checking the address starts with https. The s stands for secure. There should also be a closed padlock in the address bar.



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- Log out of your account when you've finis
- Found that must have gift for a fraction of the price? The likelihood is that it's a fake. It may even be dangerous and the quality certainly won't be as good as the real thing.
- Beware the free or low cost trial you could be signing up for large monthly direct debits that are difficult to cancel.
- If you're booking a festive getaway do some research before you book. Look for independent reviews and make sure the agent is genuine by looking for the ABTA or ATOL number.
- Always buy tickets for gigs, concerts and events from official sources otherwise you could end up shelling out a fortune for fake or non-existent tickets.
- Beware of unexpected emails, texts or posts urging you to click a link or attachment if you're not sure, just delete it.

If you've been a victim of crime and need further support and information to assist you through the process you can visit our <u>victim support page</u> on our website and download a copy of our leaflet.

#### 5. Surgeries.

PCSO Laura Hudson will be attending **Wetwang Village Hall Coffee Morning** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10:30am to 12noon.

PCSO Simon Palmer will be attending the **Shiptonthorpe Village Hall Coffee Morning** on the Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30am to 12noon.

Please come along and discuss any issues or concerns that you may have.

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