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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:

- A vehicle parked in Stamford Bridge has been scratched causing damage to the paintwork.
- A secure van parked on the street in Market Weighton has been broken into and stolen.
- A secure van parked in Market Weighton was broken into and tools stolen.
- A rear window of car was smashed but no entry was gained.

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

Online Fraud

Criminals commit online fraud in a variety of ways - online banking and shopping, auction websites and online identity theft are just a few examples.

The ease, speed and convenience of online transactions can sometimes lead consumers to exercise less caution than they would when dealing with someone face-to-face.

Action Fraud provides useful advice on avoiding becoming a victim of online fraud or cybercrime. You can view their tips on their website.

- **Online Shopping**

When shopping online, make sure the retailer is reputable; research them and make sure they have an address and phone number.

- Look out for secure "https" links in the address of the website to ensure the site is secure in its payment/form-handling methods.
- Paying online by credit card can offer greater protection than other payment types.
- Try to use different passwords for different websites.

- Fake scam versions of corporate site
  completely fake. Always check the w

- **Phishing, vishing and smishing**

This relates to any website, online service, phone call or text message which poses as a company or brand you recognise, such as a bank.

Any contact like this is designed to convince you to hand over valuable personal details or your money, or to download a virus to infect your computer.

The three terms are all plays on the word 'fishing', in that the fraudsters fish for potential victims by sending emails (phishing), social media messages or text messages (smishing) or making phone calls with urgent messages (vishing) in the hope of persuading someone to visit a bogus website.

You can find out more information about how to recognise these types of fraud, and also ways in which you can protect yourself, by visiting the Action Fraud website.

- **Holiday Fraud**

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

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.

Look out for warning signs of holiday fraud:

- You're contacted out of the blue by a travel agent or company you've never spoken to before, offering a holiday at a very low price.

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- The details, pictures or address of th
  aren't favourable or don't exist.
- You're asked to pay using bank trans

If you think you've been victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud online or call 0300 123 2040

5. Surgeries

PCSO Laura Hudson will be attending Wetwang Village Hall Coffee Morning on Tuesday 21st September 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 Twitter, Facebook and Instagram:

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 non-emergency crimes online via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.