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## Wolds Weighton Update for March 2021

### 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](http://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.

- There was an attempted break in of a property in Market Weighton (the lock on the rear door was damaged but no entry gained)
- A vacant property on a building site in Market Weighton was broken into and a boiler stolen.
- A bicycle was stolen from outside a shop on the High Street, Market Weighton.

### 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.

#### High Visibility Patrols

We have been patrolling Market Weighton and the surrounding rural areas during our shifts. We are aware that there are many vulnerable people that live within the community and we want to reassure them that we are still here for you. We have also been posting on Social Media on a regular basis as a way of keeping everyone updated.

### 4. Crime Prevention Advice

#### **SHED AND GARDEN SECURITY**

Lighter nights often means criminals are on the prowl for easy pickings from gardens, sheds and garages. As the weather starts to warm up, we all spend more time outside, but we all also get a bit lax about leaving our property around and locking our sheds and garages when we use them.

Opportunist criminals are always on the lookout for bikes, tools, sports equipment and fishing tackle in sheds and garages, as well as in gardens. So if you haven't assessed your security for some time then we would urge you to look at your sheds, garages and outbuildings and see how secure they really are. Do you need a better lock, an alarm, lighting, or even CCTC? Below are some areas to consider:

- Make sure your shed or garage is secured with a good quality lock.
- Keep back gates locked when not used.



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- Check there are no bins, composters or trees that can be used for climbing over your garden fence to gain access – consider planting thorny bushes inside the fence to deter entry.
- Do you have security/motion sensor lights? They can be a great deterrent if your home or garden is secluded from street lighting.
- Loop a strong chain through the handles of your garden tools and connect the ends with a strong padlock. If possible, fix a large metal eyelet to part of the shed frame and loop the chain through it. Alternatively consider installing a lockable storage cupboard within your shed/garage to store valuable items in, as this will also form a second line of defence to thieves.
- As well as protecting property in sheds and garages people can also stop thieves stealing plants by using heavy plant pots which will be less desirable to walk off with.
- 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.
- If you have a household alarm consider extending it to cover your outbuildings or fit a bespoke shed/garage alarm.
- Check your home contents policy to see if you are covered in the event of a break-in.
- If you have an expensive bicycle or motorbike, make sure you have a good quality lock securing it when it is not being used.
- For reference record a description and add photographs of your cycles, golf clubs, fishing equipment, tools and any other valuable property free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) .
- Consider marking your property too using a visible permanent marker (eg waterproof paint, engraving or permanent marker pen) or if you prefer an invisible marker (UV pens etc). It is recommended that you put your postcode prefixed with the number of your address, this allows any recovered stolen goods to be identified and returned to the owner.

## 5. News and Appeals

### • Protecting our local wildlife

On Wednesday 17 February three men were arrested on suspicion of hunting with dogs when they were reported by a resident near Gribthorpe (near Bubwith, north of Howden).

This initial report came from a local resident however was quickly disseminated around the Farmwatch community in the area. Our Rural Task Force was sent to action with one of our four Rural Task Force officers, PC Kevin Jones first to respond co-ordinating the incident with further support from the Farmwatch community, neighbourhood/patrol and traffic officers.

The regional Air Support NPAS21 helicopter came to assist with the search for the offenders and assisted in detaining two suspects and the NPAS84 fixed wing plane also assisted to detain the final, third, suspect

With the Farmwatch community members passing regular updates and assisting officers on the ground with movement across land this was truly a joint effort that resulted in not only the arrest of the three men but the seizure of a VW Caddy van and three dogs were also seized under the Hunting Act



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The men have been questioned and released under investigation as our enquiries continue.

Sergeant Jones continued, "We thank the local community and members of Farmwatch who assisted us during this incident.

"Being a key part of Farmwatch allows us to have eyes and ears in some of our remote locations and we will continue to grow on this partnership work within our farming community to assist with the disruption of rural, wildlife and heritage crime.

"Throughout the winter months we have had some good results with seven men due to appear in court on charges of hare coursing on land at Wetwang on 4 October, Rotsea (near Cranswick) on 1 November and Nafferton on 15 November.

"These results send a clear message to those who are thinking about coming into the East Riding of Yorkshire to commit wildlife crime. We will take positive action on every occasion, and will look at utilising all the available legislation to prevent, deter and prosecute those who decide to engage in criminality around our countryside and to protect our rural community.

"Wherever we have the evidence we will prosecute offenders and we welcome the help of our rural communities in letting us know of incidents in their area. If people see anything suspicious they should always call 101 to report their concern to us."

#RuralTaskForce #TeamWork #TogtherAgainstRuralCrime

## • **Fears over dog thefts - East Riding of Yorkshire**

We are acutely aware of the fear of dog owners after a number of social media posts about thefts in our area. Many of our officers and staff are dog owners and they are very much part of our families too. We understand that nationally there are increased reports of dogs being taken but we are thankfully not seeing a rise in our area. The number of dog thefts reported to us in our area remains low.

We would, however, advise people to continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

The theft or loss of a dog is a very traumatic experience for any owner and if it is reported to us we will act to try and locate the dog and fully investigate the theft.

We would always ask for people to take some basic crime prevention measures to protect their own dogs too.

- If your dog is kennelled outside please ensure these are secure and locked and install CCTV to monitor your property if at all possible
- If you are out with your dog please keep it under full and proper control and in sight
- Avoid leaving your pet tied up in a public place and outside shops



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- Keep your garden and property secure to prevent access to a garden where a dog may be free to roam.
- Make sure their pet is microchipped in accordance with the law.
- Report any suspicious activity to the police, if you see people checking out properties please call us to report your concerns.

We encourage people to join their local dog community Facebook pages the power of social media can really help when a dog goes missing, together we can help reunite pets with their owners.

So far in 2021 in the East Riding of Yorkshire three reports of dog thefts have been received. In one case three spaniels were stolen from farm outbuildings near Burton Agnes, two of the dogs were reunited with their owner, the third spaniel, Keedy, is still missing. In another report a staffie was taken from a car parked in Market Weighton. The third report was that bogus callers have gone to a house to say they were from the RSPCA and would take the dog away due to calls from neighbours, that the dogs were not being looked after, the owner refused to hand over the dog. We are still investigating this case and would ask for people to remain vigilant and always ask to check identification from any cold-caller.

In the East Riding of Yorkshire in 2020 there were eight dog thefts reported, seven in 2019 and 15 in 2018.

We take all reports of dog thefts seriously and would ask everyone to report any suspicious activity to us to help us prevent thefts and keep our communities safe. If you see anything suspicious please report your concerns to us on our non-emergency number 101

- **CrimeStoppers -Tackling Organised Immigration Crime together.**

In response to Operation Melrose, which sought justice for the 39 migrants found dead in the back of a refrigerated lorry in 2019, **CrimeStoppers** is launching a nationwide organised immigration campaign in partnership with the UK government who, in the last year, have convicted 59 individuals for people smuggling offences and handed down over 142 years in prison time.

CrimeStoppers is an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime, 100% anonymously, by phone (0800 555 111) and online ([crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)), 24/7, 365 days a year. For further information about the campaign please go to their website: [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

**PEOPLE DIE  
HIDING IN TRUCKS.**

If you see anything suspicious,  
report it before it's too late.

Call 101 to report it. In an emergency call 999.

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100% anonymous. Always.



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## 6. Surgeries

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.