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## Pocklington Provincial Update July 2020

### 1. Crime and ASB

TFMV – Theft from motor vehicle

TOMV – Theft of motor vehicle

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

East Yorkshire-Pocklington Provincial Ward	This year compared to last year			Last 12 months											
	Jul 18 to Jun 19	Jul 19 to Jun 20	% Change year on year	2020 Jun	2020 May	2020 Apr	2020 Mar	2020 Feb	2020 Jan	2019 Dec	2019 Nov	2019 Oct	2019 Sep	2019 Aug	2019 Jul
	All offences	645	566	-12.2%	54	37	15	42	53	55	45	52	43	53	55
Burglary	63	58	-7.9%	2	2	1	1	12	5	2	14	6	3	5	5
Criminal damage	115	81	-29.6%	10	5	0	4	7	9	8	11	4	4	7	12
Drug offences	3	14	+366.7%	0	2	0	2	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shop theft	13	23	+76.9%	1	0	0	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	4	2
Sexual offences	20	18	-10.0%	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	2	1	0	1	0
TFMV	14	16	+14.3%	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	3	1	3	2	1
TOMV	4	2	-50.0%	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thefts excluding vehicle and shop th	83	72	-13.3%	7	6	2	6	3	6	6	3	8	5	10	10
Violence against the person	265	189	-28.7%	20	15	5	15	13	16	14	11	17	24	18	21
ASB	125	99	-20.8%	19	8	8	10	4	4	1	4	10	9	14	8

Detailed crime and ASB data for your area can be obtained by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and following the 'Find your Neighbourhood' link.



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## 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 rear garden gate of a property in Yapham Road, Pocklington was damaged.
- A cycle was stolen from outside a property in Pocklington.
- A brick pillar and wrought iron gate in Pocklington have been knocked over causing damage.

## 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

### High Visibility Patrols

We have been patrolling Pocklington and the surrounding rural areas during our shifts including Pocklington football and cricket fields. 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. You have probably seen us posting on Social Media on a daily basis. This is so those that are self isolating also know that we are about. We are conscious that most people will not see us due to Government restrictions so hope this provided some comfort in these worrying times.

Patrols are continuing around All Saints Church in Pocklington and we are asking people not to gather in the area where antisocial behaviour has occurred.



## 4. Crime Reduction Advice

### Bicycle security

#### What can you do to protect your property?

- If you haven't done so already register your bicycle's frame number along with any pictures and other details you have on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). (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, 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.



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- 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.
- 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) as there are many valuable parts which could be gone by morning.

## 5. News and Appeals

- **New Sergeant based at Pocklington – Sgt Helen McGill-Sanderson is keen to meet the community.**

Pocklington is a town of over nine-thousand residents. It now has a new 'resident' at the police station as Neighbourhood Police Sergeant Helen McGill- Sanderson takes up her post.

Helen started her career in 2001 as a Police Constable in Scunthorpe where she spent eight years in a number of roles including in incident response, CID, the Major Incident Team (MIT) and the family protection unit.

Helen's career was interrupted for three years as she had her three children. Using this time not only to be a busy mum to her children but also she took the opportunity to study for her sergeant exams. By the time she'd had her youngest child she was successful in passing each stage of the process and was promoted to sergeant. She was initially posted to Goole where she was based in incident response for several years before going into the Goole custody facility working as a custody sergeant.

All of this experience has been invaluable to her, providing a grounding in many areas of the police, but it is neighbourhood policing that Helen has found the most rewarding and where she feels right at home.

We find out how she wants to work with the community to keep the Pocklington and Wolds Weighton areas a safe place to live. Helen takes up the story:

"I am very happy to be based in Pocklington as the Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) Sergeant. I am really excited to be at Pocklington, I am passionate about neighbourhood policing, and having already worked in the neighbourhood team for





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this area previously, I know them all well. They are so dedicated, and work really well together and have good working relationships with the local partner agencies and community groups.

The Pocklington and Wolds Weighton ward areas are a really safe place to live and I feel the residents are extremely lucky to live in such a lovely area with a low crime rate. The types of crimes that are reported here are things like antisocial behaviour, criminal damage and shop theft. I know that these types of crimes can have a huge impact on those effected and it's something I will continue to work on trying to reduce, but local residents are fortunate to have very little serious crime such as burglary and violence.

Obviously Pocklington and Market Weighton are in the heart of a huge rural area which does experience rural type crimes and heritage crimes, such as theft from churches and damage to historic buildings and we have very good links with community groups such as Farm Watch and Church Watch and work closely with them to raise awareness of any current issues. I am pleased to see they are very proactive in coming to us to let us know about anything of concern.

One thing I am really keen about is working with young people to prevent future criminality. This is what we call 'early intervention' and I am hoping to make this a big part of how we work in our community. Sadly this project will have to wait until all Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and we are able to work directly with young people again.

I will be looking at ways to help young people steer away from crime and antisocial behaviour and channel their energies into helping their communities in a positive way. Sadly, the Covid-19 restrictions have meant that as yet I have not been able to get out and meet our local councillors and other key individuals, but as soon as this is possible it will, of course, be a priority for me. Having a good working relationship with the town councils and its councillors is paramount to keeping Pocklington and the Wolds Weighton areas safe.

I am hoping that this article will help in introducing myself to the local residents but I am really looking forward to meeting people in person very soon."

When asked about what she feels she brings to the community policing team at Pocklington and the Wolds Weighton areas Helen said, "Ever since I have been a sergeant I have felt I have come into my own, I love the role of sergeant. I am good at looking after those who work with me and want my team to be happy. If they are happy in their jobs they will enjoy their work and this can only be reflected in how they do their job and work with everyone in the community.

I just can't wait to get started and get out and about and meet the residents but in the meantime, if anyone has any problems that they need our help with they can contact us in many other ways:

We have a section on the Humberside Police website where people can find out what's going on in the area, (eg type in Pocklington in the search bar). On this local page there is a link for people to sign up for My Community Alert too, something I would advise every resident to do if they can as they will get an email directly to their own email account. For anyone who uses Facebook and Twitter we also have accounts which would be good to follow, to keep up to date too:

[Facebook](#) and Twitter @Humberbeat\_ERYW

I really encourage people to get in touch with us if they have any concerns. People can come to the station, call us on 101 or email the local team directly on the following email: [Pocklington@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Pocklington@humberside.pnn.police.uk)"

Look out for Helen as she gets used to her new community and stop and say hello if you see her, from a safe distance, of course for now!



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- **Almost 800 arrests Forcewide in 8 weeks of Op Galaxy**

It's been eight weeks since we launched our intensified Operation Galaxy activity and in that time we have arrested a total of 795 people, carried out 153 warrants and brought 263 charges for various offences which are now going through the courts.

As our investigations progress we are now starting to see cases go through the court process and offenders being locked up. Just last week a burglar who preyed on vulnerable elderly victims was jailed for three years after he was caught by our Op Galaxy teams.

As well as arrests, warrants and charges, we have also been busy safeguarding vulnerable people, be that victims of DA, children at risk of criminal exploitation by drugs gangs or victims on online sexual offences.

Through the course of the eight weeks of activity we have safeguarded 32 children who we believe to be victims through our work to target internet sex offenders.

The teams are busy continuing to make our area a hostile place for criminals and we ask anyone with any information about crime in our area to get in touch.

Your information helps us to build up the wider picture and take action against those involved in crime, helping to ensure this remains a great place to live, work and visit.

If you have information about crime please call our non-emergency 101 line to report it. If you would prefer not to give your name, you can report anonymously via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. In an emergency always dial 999.

## Surgeries

We encourage everyone to follow the latest Government guidance. For this reason we will not be holding any more engagement events with our communities for the foreseeable future. Whilst we love seeing you, these events are non-essential in the current circumstances.

You will still see us out and about as we continue to do our job and keep our communities safe. As always there are a number of ways you can get in touch with us if you need us.

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.