*Dear Residents* **August** **2016 – bulletin 8**

**Crime reports**

Police attention this month is focussed on asking for our help in gathering information that can help them to act on crime. This may be by reporting suspicious individuals or vehicles roaming our locality or perhaps reporting speeding. This is a hot issue for the village and has resulted in recent calls from residents for some sort of “SLOW DOWN” signs on the roads coming in. Many of us have mobile phones these days and camera evidence is always useful in giving Police a starting point.

Crime statistics for East Riding were published recently and showed that crimes attended overall were up by 1% compared to last year. This broke down into: robbery - up 56%; possession of weapons – up 11%; violence without injury (includes cyber crime) – up 34%; drug offences – down 29%; domestic burglary – down 9%; theft – down 5%.

Drop-In Surgery is at Pocklington Library on 19 September (2pm – 4pm). PCSO Mike Simpson will be there to discuss community issues and crime prevention advice.

**Banking scam – a (potential) victim’s warning**

I received an email last month which, at first glance, looked genuine. It included Barclays Bank logos and warned me of an attempt to sign-in to my “Barclays online……..from an unrecognised device”. It asked me to use their link to “strengthen the security measures protecting your account…….we know what it means to serve you”.

One of the golden rules, we are told, is not to follow links from unsolicited emails so this was never going to happen. However, the clincher was that I don’t have a Barclays online account. If I had, I could have fallen for it in a weak moment.

**Potholes and roadworks**

After much lobbying by our Parish Council, particularly our Chairman, it is good to see completion of the promised passing places on the road between Burnby and Hayton. Although rough and ready (constructed of recycled road planings), it is a good effort in these austere times and I am assured that the foundations are sufficiently deep to cope with driving on them. It is a big improvement and the Parish Council report that, if they prove to be successful through the winter, more may be added on the road up to the quarry. Also, a reminder that potholes can be reported directly via the Parish Council website link.

**Warning from the national Neighbourhood Watch network – Upgrade Fraud**

Fraudsters are impersonating telephone service providers and contacting clients offering a phone upgrade on a low monthly payment contract. They glean your personal and financial details which they use to contact the genuine provider to order a new mobile handset. They then intercept the delivery or order it to a different address. Action Fraud advise: (i) never provide personal info to a third party after an unsolicited communication; (ii) verify the legitimacy of the communication with the genuine organisation; (iii) if the offer is too good to be true, it probably is.

Anyone affected can go direct to Action Fraud (0300 123 2040; *www.actionfraud.police.uk*).

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