Dear Residents  **December 2017 – bulletin 9**

**Crime reports**

* Pocklington has had its regular share of vandalism and breaking in to vehicles/property but nothing reported in our villages. Much publicity for another cash machine stolen.
* Farm equipment stolen from a field near Melbourne; JCB stolen from Yapham.
* Cars damaged in Warter and North Dalton.

**Police and Crime Commissioner’s meeting with the local Crime Prevention Panel (CPP)**

* Keith Hunter (PCC) and the CPP (chaired by John Brown, ex Woldgate School head) met at the end of October and had a wide-ranging discussion on the way ahead for policing in our area. The outcome is too detailed to reproduce here but many of the issues arising out of changes introduced over recent years appear to be being addressed with a new approach through fresh eyes.

**Scam reports – local**

* From “Amazon……your payment has been declined.…..the issuing bank may have declined the charge if ……details don’t match their information……please update the payment information for your order.” As usual, printing this message shows it is not from Amazon.

**Advice from National Neighbourhood Watch**

* **Payment Diversion fraud** – fraudsters are taking advantage of Common Agricultural Policy payments to be paid to farmers in December. They request that you change your details so that the payment can be diverted to an account controlled by the fraudster. Contact may be by phone, letter or email. Beware!
* **On-Line Shopping fraud** - (a) check the web address is genuine; (b) web pages for entering personal/financial details should display a locked padlock and an address beginning “https://”; (c) phishing – don’t click on attachments or links within unsolicited emails; (d) 65% of fraud reports are linked to on-line auction sites – don’t pay by bank transfer unless you know and trust the recipient (bank transfer offers no fraud protection).
* **Employment Fraud** - jobseekers are being targeted by people trying to obtain personal or bank details, or requesting money to secure accommodation. This may be when registering on job hunting or Student Room sites. They may be asked to complete interview or application forms and supply bank/personal details and identity documents. They may be invited for interview (could be in person or over the phone) to make it look legitimate. The answer is to take care, research well and do not pay advance fees.

Finally, I hope the bulletins have been useful to you - feedback is always welcome. Please have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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