*Dear Residents* **June** **2016 – bulletin 6**

**Crime reports and anti-social behaviour**

Current copies of the Pocklington Post are available to be viewed at The Old Bus Stop in Burnby. The latest includes the Police’s monthly “On the Beat” article summarising local criminal activity and the initiatives they are taking to counteract it. Alternatively, you can read the Police bulletin from which it is derived by going to the Parish Council website (see above) and clicking on “Parish Council”, “Newsletters” and “Humberside Police Bulletins 2016”. The latest theme is protecting our identity from thieves and fraudsters. There is no criminality reported this month that is specific to our villages. The next “Drop-In Surgery” is at Pocklington Library on 14 June at 2pm-4pm with PCSO Mike Simpson.

**St. John Ambulance – Fundraising in East Riding (charity no. 1077265/1)**

The EYRC Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) co-ordinator has advised me of an EYRC-wide campaign from now until December this year. It involves door-to-door canvassing by professional fundraisers to encourage support by voluntary donation (direct debit only – they are forbidden to accept cash). They are readily identifiable with badges and logos on clothing. You can check identification by calling 0845 222 11 99 and quoting their name and ID number.

**Potholes**

It is good to see repairs being carried out in preparation for the promised surface dressing mentioned last time. It looks like the surface dressing is to be confined to the part of Town Street in Hayton nearest to the A1079 and to the section in Burnby between the Railway Cottages and the Pumping Station. As the purpose of surface dressing is to extend the life of roads that are in a reasonable condition already, presumably the road between the villages is too far gone and we will have to wait for resources to be available to allow more ambitious action in this section.

**Warnings from the national NHW network**

**(a) Euro 2016 ticketing fraud** – people wanting to purchase last minute tickets are likely to be targeted by fraudsters posing as official sellers. Purchasing from an unauthorised seller could mean the tickets are counterfeit. People wishing to sell their tickets can do so through the Resale Platform on the UEFA website.

**(b) Counterfeit Cheques** – Businesses are being contacted for the sale of goods/services by fraudsters requesting to pay by cheque. They pay with a higher amount then ask for the difference to be paid back with instructions how to do it. The original cheque then proves to be fraudulent. The average amount to be refunded is £1,818 and the highest £80,000 so far.

**(c) Phishing campaign targeting university students** – UK students are being hit with fraudulent emails purporting to be from their universities’ finance departments claiming they have been awarded educational grants by the Department for Education and they need to click on a link to provide personal and banking details.

If you or your family/friends are affected by any of these issues, I can email more information on request or you can go direct to Action Fraud (tel: 0300 123 2040; www.actionfraud.police.uk).

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