

Hello,

I know it has been a while since I sent you a Bulletin but the world had been a strange place and the pandemic has really altered the way we all work with change happening sometimes very often.

In this Bulletin, we have:

- ⇒ a **Christmas message** from the Police & Crime Commissioner, Keith Hunter (PCC),
- ⇒ an opportunity for you to **Meet the Commissioner** in a series of online meetings in the New Year using Zoom
- ⇒ Up to date information on the increase in **Policing numbers** and the introduction of a **new Rural Task Force** in the East Riding
- ⇒ the link to a survey of Parish Councils, Neighbourhood and Farm Watch Groups on what you think the **Rural Policing Priorities** should be in your community
- ⇒ The offer of **online fraud prevention session** for your area through ERVAS (East Riding Voluntary Action Service) who have been commissioned by the East Riding Community Safety Partnership to deliver them to East Riding communities
- ⇒ **Home safety advice** from Humberside Fire & Rescue Service
- ⇒ A **recruitment** advert from Humberside Police for **volunteers** to join their **Community Advisory Groups**.

**First, a message from the Police & Crime  
Commissioner for Humberside, Keith Hunter,**



We approach Christmas and the traditional festive season this year with the whole world having been significantly shaken during the past 10 months or so. Things we took for granted as being basic freedoms or had come to think of as almost entitlements, have been taken from us as we have all worked to contain the worst excesses of covid 19. Many loved ones are no longer with us and innumerable others have lost jobs or are worried they may do so as the effects of the damage to the economy continue to cause problems into the future. We should all give some time to reflect on the lives disrupted and the loss felt by so many across the country and, indeed, the world.

The news of vaccines beginning to be distributed should give us all hope that our health, at least, may be at less immediate risk in the near future. There is currently, however, still a significant risk to health and to the ability of our health services to care for the ill if we do not take seriously the continuing threat covid presents. For that reason I hope you will consider carefully how you celebrate Christmas and enjoy the festivities this year.

The officers, staff and volunteers of Humberside Police have worked hard throughout this year attempting to engage with communities and work with them to keep us all safe. Dealing with criminality, anti-social behaviour and the impact of covid on every aspect of police activity has been a major challenge but, in addition, so much of what the force does, largely unseen, in protecting vulnerable people from those who prey on them has been massively impacted by lockdown and restrictions. My office, the OPCC, has also continued working, ensuring the Force are in tune with their communities and that services for victims are capable of providing essential support during these changed and challenging times.

It has been a tough year but one that has seen your local police service illustrate the great strides forward it has made in recent years. When you are celebrating during this brief period of respite over Christmas, your police service will still be out there working to keep you safe. It's what they do, often with little thanks or recognition.

I hope people will be a bit more reflective this year in recognition of the unprecedented period we are living through. So, perhaps you can all give some thought to our police officers, staff and volunteers, but also our health-care workers and all the others in the public, private and voluntary sector who ensure we are kept safe, healthy, provided with access to food and fuel and who provide all the real essentials that we perhaps may have taken for granted, before covid opened our eyes to the fragility of day-to-day life as we know it.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and festive period.

### **Meet the Commissioner**

Over recent years, many of you have taken the opportunity to attend one of the many Meet the Commissioner events we have hosted across the East Riding. Regrettably, we have been unable to run these events this year so we have moved them online using Zoom. It's quite different doing it this way because we don't have to worry about you all driving at night and in bad weather. You can hear about his work, ask questions and talk to the PCC from the comfort of your own home. The dates are:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Registration deadline Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Registration deadline Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb)**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Registration deadline Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar)**

To register for any of the above sessions please email me on

[Deborah.fagan@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Deborah.fagan@humberside.pnn.police.uk). The deadline for each session is shown above and once registered, you will be provided with the Zoom access codes on the day before the event. You can also submit questions for the Commissioner ahead of the sessions and we will make sure they are answered on the night. These events are open to the general public so please pass this invitation on to anyone who may be interested in taking part. We look forward to seeing you there.



## **Increasing Policing Numbers in the East Riding (Chief Superintendent Darren Downs, North Bank Commander, Humberside Police)**

In 2014, Humberside Police had 1420 Officers and, as of November 2020, numbers have risen to 2036 police officers, an increase of 616 across the Force. The rise has enabled the re-introduction of 12 response Officers into Pocklington with a further 4 soon to arrive. These are officers who work 24 hours a day responding to emergency and urgent calls for service.

Neighbourhood Policing is also growing in the East Riding with the introduction of new Community Beat Managers (PCs) in Market Weighton, Cottingham and Hessle.

Humberside Police are introducing a new Rural Task Force of a Sergeant and four PCs who will be based at Driffield Police Station and will concentrate on crime in rural areas such as theft of plant and travelling criminals across the East Riding. This is in addition to the specialist Wildlife, Rural and Heritage Crime Officer PC Rich Fussey, now dedicated to the north bank being Hull and East Riding rather than the whole force area. They also wanted to strengthen their response to rural and organised and have increased capacity in technology for operational officers.

They have recently introduced a Roads Crime Team, specialist traffic Officers who focus on those using our road network in the commission of crime. Humberside Police used the opportunity in the first lockdown to form Operation Galaxy which concentrates on developing intelligence, executing warrants and making arrests of organised crime groups operating across all four of the local authority areas in Humberside. They have had remarkable success in the East Riding with multiple seizures of drugs, money, counterfeit goods, arrests and property closures, the most recent being the discovery of a cannabis farm in house in Beverley.

CID Officers have been reinstated in Goole and Beverley and a dedicated Domestic Abuse Team is also being introduced in early 2021.

Officers have continued with their force wide community engagement programme Humber Talking and have knocked on 27,150 doors across Humberside with many in the East Riding asking residents what their community concerns are and feeding them into the setting of policing priorities for their area.

Chief Officers are active Members of the Local Resilience Forum which brings agencies together in response to Covid. Humberside Police have remained visible and this is with particular thanks to the Special Constabulary in East Riding who's level of commitment and hours of volunteering have been remarkable.

There has been recent agreement for Humberside Police to be a key partner in multi agency projects in areas of Bridlington and Beverley improving neighbourhoods and making places safer.

Other good news is that crime rates in Humberside are down having started to reduce before Covid. Calls and contact levels about Humberside crime and criminals to Crimestoppers have increased. One important message is that it is people who stop crime.



## RURAL POLICING PRIORITIES

Both the PCC and the Chief Constable are keen for the views of communities to influence local policing priorities. With the growth of policing and the introduction of the new Rural Crime Task Force to the East Riding there is no better time to seek those views. The following link is to a short survey of Parish Councils, Neighbourhood and Farm Watch Groups on what you think the **Rural Policing Priorities** should be in your community.

This is a survey for rural communities across the whole of the Humber area. We understand that issues are often different from one area to another. We have not included other issues such as speeding at this time as they are common force wide and involve other agencies such as the local council as the Highway Authority. This survey will only take a few minutes of your time as we are asking you to just select your top 3 from the list. We are also asking you to provide the first four digits of your post code which will help us understand which are priorities in which area. Please pass the link on to anyone who lives in an East Riding rural community. It is:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6062468/Rural-Crime-Survey-2020>

The closing date is 28th January 2021 and I thank you in advance.

## FRAUD AWARENESS

East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) and the Humberside Police Cyber Crime team and the Economic Crime Unit, have launched their Winter Fraud Campaign, they are hosting a series of workshops focused on:

- Fraud and Cyber Awareness
- Understanding Your Digital Footprint, Social Engineering and Staying Safe Online
- Keeping Young People Safe Online

These workshops will have a focus on the next few upcoming seasonal events, such as the January sales, Valentine's Day and Easter.

To find out more about this campaign, and book onto some of the other workshops, you can access the full schedule [here](#).

If you operate a business or community based organisation, and would like to support this campaign, you can make a pledge on the [fraudwatch.org.uk](https://fraudwatch.org.uk) website.

If you would like to arrange your own local session, please contact Devan Witter at ERVAS via email on [devan@ervas.org.uk](mailto:devan@ervas.org.uk).

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040. The FraudWatch website also details how you can gain support locally, visit [fraudwatch.org.uk/support-for-victims/](https://fraudwatch.org.uk/support-for-victims/).

The campaign has been funded by the East Riding Crime Reduction Fund administered by Two Ridings Community Foundation and the Safer Hull Community Crime Reduction Fund. The Crime Reduction Funds are provided by the Office of the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner.



And finally,

Humberside Police are seeking volunteers to become members of their Community Advisory Groups. The aim of the Groups is to provide an open forum

The key function of a Community Action Group (CAG) is to form an open forum through which they review, challenge and advise on proposed or existing Humberside Police policies, systems and processes. The main aim of the CAGs is to prevent disadvantage from occurring to any one community through the development and implementation of policy and procedures. It is important to note that the role of a CAG is to bring communities and police together to improve the Police Service and not to scrutinise it as there are other mechanisms for doing that. Whilst the other three local authority areas in Humberside have a single Group, the geography of the East Riding has five. These are Bridlington/Hornsea, Goole, Beverley, Hedon and Haltemprice. The Groups are co-ordinated by Community Cohesion Officer PC 988 Carl Osler. If you are interested in learning more about the CAGs or becoming a member please see the advertisement below.

A poster for Community Advisory Groups (CAG) for Humberside Police. The background is dark blue. On the left is a large, stylized Humberside Police crest. The title 'Community Advisory Groups' is in large white font at the top. Below it, three questions are listed in white text: 'Do you live in or around Bridlington, Goole, Beverley, Hedon, Haltemprice?', 'Do you have an interest in your community and the policing of it?', and 'Do you represent a minority community or group and can you offer up to three hours of your time every couple of months?'. Below these questions is the contact information: 'If so, please contact SPOCCCommunitySafety@humberside.pnn.police.uk to find out more.' In the center is a white square containing a colorful circular logo with the letters 'CAG' in bold black font, and the text 'Community Advisory Group' and 'Engage. Educate. Empower.' below it. In the bottom right corner is a small Humberside Police crest and the tagline 'Serving our communities to make them safer and stronger'.

Thank You for taking the time to read this Bulletin. If you think there is anything I can help you with please don't hesitate to contact me as follows: Telephone: 07464985366 or email at

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