| **YOUR LOCAL TEAM** |
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For frequent updates about what is happening in your community follow us on social media.

**Facebook** – Horncastle, Spilsby and Woodhall spa police

**Twitter** – WoldsSthPolice

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| **FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS** |

**January**

**16th Coningsby Police Station 14:00 – 15:00**

Further details will be announced on [**nextdoor.co.uk**](https://nextdoor.co.uk/)

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| **REPORT CRIME, ISSUES & SPEAK TO US** |

[Report a non-urgent incident online (lincs.police.uk)](https://www.lincs.police.uk/q/report-a-non-urgent-incident-online/)

**Report parking issues to council**

([www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/nuisanceparking](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/nuisanceparking))

**Crime Statistics (Historical)**

Horncastle and Wragby | Police.uk (www.police.uk)

[Spilsby | Police.uk (www.police.uk)](https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lincolnshire-police/spilsby/)

[Woodhall Spa, Coningsby and Tattershall | Police.uk (www.police.uk)](https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/lincolnshire-police/woodhall-spa-coningsby-and-tattershall/)

**Connect with Lincolnshire Police on** [**nextdoor.co.uk**](https://nextdoor.co.uk/) **for local information regarding your village.**

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| **LOCAL PRIORITY** |

**Quarterly priorities**

* **ASB**
* **Fatal4 (Speeding, seatbelts, drink/drug drive, mobile phone)**
* **Rural Burglaries**

**Changes…**

**These priorities will be reviewed again January 2023.**

**So make your thoughts known by emailing the team or message on** [**nextdoor.co.uk**](https://nextdoor.co.uk/)**.**

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| **COMMUNITY UPDATE** |

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team appreciates the importance of being in the right place, at the right time, for the right reasons to reassure the public, improve public confidence and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area in which we all live and work.

We encourage all residents to call and report any issues where they live so that we can deal with any issues and step up our patrols in the area.

If you feel that there are other issues affecting you or your local community that should be given priority, please inform your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

**Welcome to the team**

PCSO’s Lora Blackett and Holly Grogan have joined us this month. Lora will be covering Horncastle and Holly will be covering Coningsby. They are both very enthusiastic and are looking forward to their new roles. We are delighted to welcome them to the team.

**Phone scams in this area**

On 29/12/22 we received 12 reports of attempted courier fraud in the areas of Louth and Horncastle - experience tells us that these fraudsters hit an area repeatedly and hard before moving on to the next. Thankfully our residents have recognised this for the scam that it is and hung up the phone. Sharing this message will help to protect others from falling victim to this unscrupulous crime.

Today's MO: a cold caller, claiming to be a Police Officer, DC Matthew Francis, stating that your card has been cloned and fraudulently used in Morrisons in Louth. He then tells you to stay on the phone while he transfers you. Six people in Louth and five in Horncastle have reported receiving a similar incident today but have terminated the call.

If you have any doubts at all - hang up and call us on 101.

What is courier fraud?

Courier fraud happens when criminals cold call victims purporting to be a police officer or bank official, convincing them to hand over their cash, bank cards or any other high-value items to a courier that’s been sent to their home.

Fraudsters will often suggest some money has been removed from the victim’s account andthatthe staff from their local bank are being investigated. They may also suggest that an individual known to the victim has been arrested but the “police officers” need money for evidence.

Another tactic being used by criminals is to instruct the unsuspecting victim to purchase high-value items such as jewellery or gold. If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately.

**Your bank or the police will never ask you for your PIN, bank card, or any other financial details. They will also never ask you to withdraw money or to buy items on their behalf to be picked up by a courier.**

**Child safety concern**

On 17/12/22 police were called to a report of youths playing on a frozen pond in the Horncastle area. The Children were found nearby and were given suitable advice and their parents have been informed. As we know from the Solihull tragedy in which four boys died, the consequences of this can be utterly devastating. Please make sure your children know how dangerous this can be.

**Car Seized**

On 26/12/22 Police patrols discovered an uninsured car being driven in the Woodhall Spa area. The car was seized and the driver will be prosecuted.

**Rural Crime Action Team**

Our commitment to protect rural communities and tackle crimes including hare coursing, lead thefts and fly-tipping has been realised and enhanced with the formation of a new rural crime action team.

The team of eight police constables and one sergeant will be employed by Lincolnshire Police in the coming months as part of our recruitment uplift.

They will target rural crime such as hare coursing and wildlife crime, arson, flytipping, lead theft, theft from farms and rural properties as well as offer crime prevention advice:

**Op Signature**

This is a special ongoing operation which identifies and helps vulnerable people who may have been or could be a victim of scam / banking fraud. Some reports are passed to police via Action Fraud, who may have taken the initial report.

This will result in a member of the neighbourhood policing team making a face to face visit to the victim. Fuller details of the crime are obtained, with further safeguarding measures put in place. These could include; a telephone call blocker, ‘No Cold Calling’ signs, scam awareness packs, alert relative/friends