



OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SAFER TOGETHER TEAM

NEWSLETTER

EAST LINDSEY



Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024...

Hello East Lindsey! This is my first newsletter so I thought I would briefly introduce myself; I am Kim Pickett and have taken over the role of Safer Together Co-ordinator for East Lindsey.

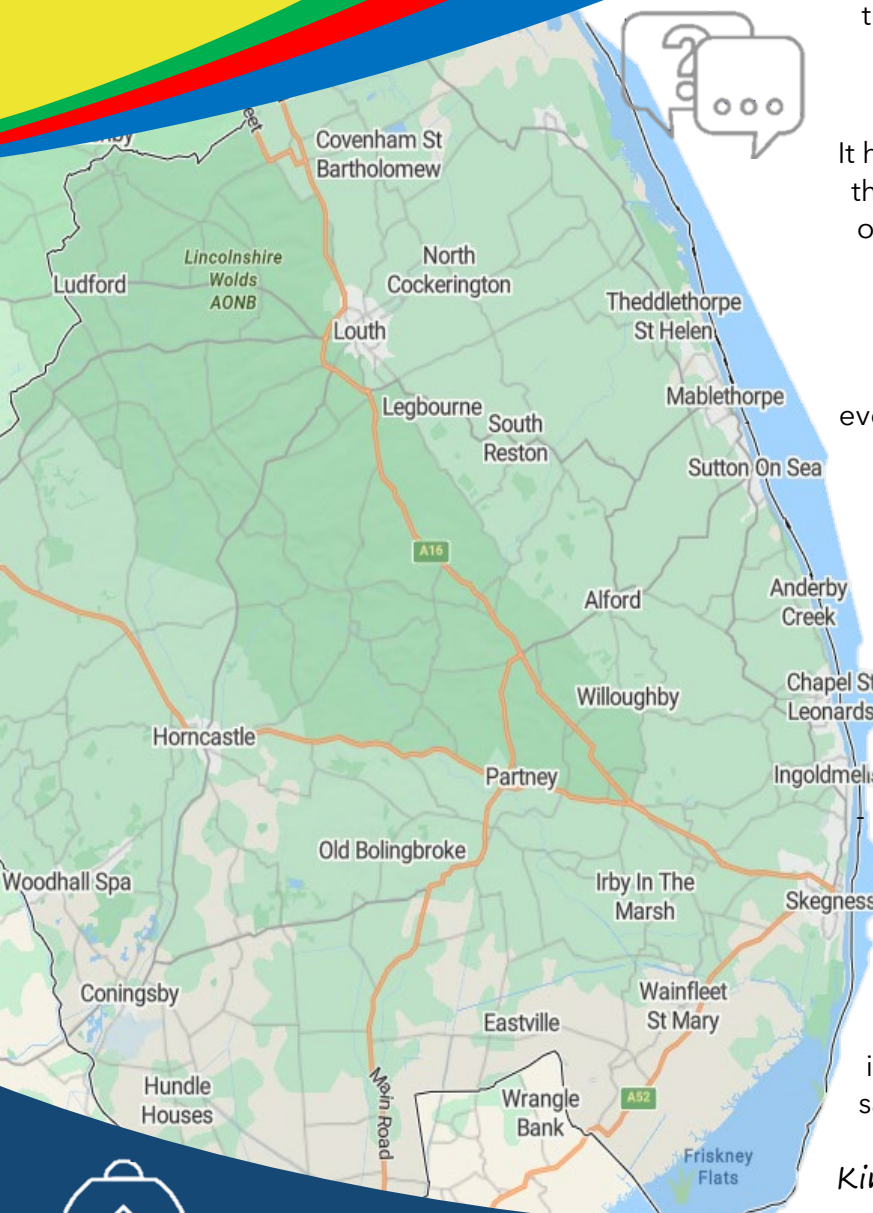
It has been an exciting and busy start for me joining the Safer Together Team, I have attended a variety of meetings with community groups, markets, and community walk abouts, all promoting the Crime and Policing Survey 2023.

I would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who took the time to complete the survey this year! As always, your feedback is invaluable and helps us to accurately represent the voice of the people of Lincolnshire.

In East Lindsey we received over 18% completed surveys, which is fantastic! It would be great to increase this in the 2024 survey, to hear even more voices across East Lindsey! Whilst a voice in the annual survey is important, I want to hear from East Lindsey residents all year round too if you have a community group that I can engage with during 2024, please get in touch!

As we move into the new year, I look forward to working across East Lindsey and building up partnership work to improve levels of community safety for all.

Kimberley Pickett



Some Good News from the Force

Working in partnership with the force, each quarter I will be sharing a good news story from them.

As a force, we recognise that shoplifting can have an impact on the shops, the economy and the wider community. We have recently seen a prolific shoplifter sentenced to 49 weeks and been issued with community Behaviour Order which prohibits him from entering any retail premises in East Lindsey bar one.

Community safety and prevention in partnership



Unfortunately, we know that if you work in retail, abuse and violence towards staff is a bigger problem than many people might think.

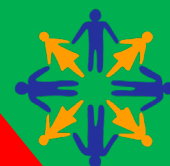
In November Deputy Police Crime Commissioner Phil Clark, and myself were in **Mablethorpe** discussing the recent publication of the Retail Crime Action Plan by the National Police Chiefs Council and the issue of retail crime. We met with Ryan Saywell (Store Manger Coop Louth) and Kevin Ferguson (Store Manager Co-op Mablethorpe) where we welcomed hearing from a retail perspective regarding the impact it has on the local community, staff and the shops.



I would like to extend my thanks to The Rotary Club for inviting both The Safer Together Co-ordinator for Boston; Alan Osborne, and myself to attend a meeting on the 28th November. Hosted in the beautiful Alford Manor House it was a fantastic opportunity to introduce myself and explain the role of the Safer Together Team. There were some interesting questions raised, overall, an insightful evening and I look forward to building on from this meeting to see what else we can do in and around the area.'



It was a pleasure to meet Cllr Yarsley at the end of November to discuss her exciting plan to make a safe place for young people in Wragby to commune and provide skills for life and activities for the young people. We had the opportunity to talk to the young people in Wragby to find out how they feel about the area and what activities they would be interested in. With Anti-Social Behaviour a priority force focus for this area, the work that Cllr Yarsley is seeking to do is already showing signs of success as she has witnessed and increase in interest and attendance at the local Youth Club.



Support for victims of crime

If you or your staff have been the victim of crime, Victim Lincs can help, whether you choose to report the crime to the police or not.

Victim Lincs can:

Inform

Answer any queries or concerns that you may have, as well as provide practical advice and information.

Support

Discuss the support options available and, should you need further support, make a referral to the specialist recovery service most suited to you

Listen

We are independent to the police, so anything you tell us will be in confidence

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The website is a source of practical information and advice for victims of crime in Lincolnshire.

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November saw the annual Safeguarding Adults Week, where there is a focus on individual and organisational responsibility when it comes to protecting vulnerable adults and issues linked to Safeguarding.

I spent an afternoon at **County Care in Skegness**, undertaking fun and engaging activities to understand issues relating to safeguarding and the feelings of those in attendance. With the opportunity to take part in questions posed in the annual Police and Crime Commissioners Crime and Policing Survey, this was a fantastic opportunity to engage with individuals who may not normally be heard.



With the voice of over 30 residents being captured through a range of activities including bean bag throws, stickers, voting and small group conversations.

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Don't Let the Grinch Steal Your Christmas!



Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

Protect loved ones from criminals who cheat victims out of cash and high value items

Courier/impersonation fraud happens when victims receive a phone call from a criminal who is pretending to be a police officer or bank official saying there has been suspicious activity on your account. After asking for personal information to 'verify' who you are they then move on to the next step.

Victims are told to withdraw a sum of money, and someone is sent to their home address to collect it or hand over their bank cards or give the criminals high value items, such as jewellery, watches and gold. Criminals may also convince the victim to transfer money to a 'secure' bank account,

A common tactic used is where victims are contacted by a fraudster who attempts to persuade them to purchase gold as part of a 'police investigation' that is later collected by a courier on behalf of the criminals.

In some cases, the criminal has invited themselves into the victim's home and collected other valuables, saying that the victim's possessions are no longer safe and they, 'as the police', can safeguard them.

Another common tactic used is called "open phone" where the victim is persuaded to stay on the phone to the criminal whilst they go to withdraw money or go to a jewellers. This stops the victim interacting with anyone else like staff members, or having the chance to think about what is really happening.

How to protect yourself and your loved ones:

- Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone, or offer to pick up your bank card by courier. Hang up immediately if you receive a call like this.
- If you need to contact your bank to check the call was legitimate, wait five minutes as fraudsters may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different phone altogether to contact your bank and ensure you call them on a number listed on the bank's website, or on the back of your debit or credit card.
- Your debit or credit card is yours: don't let a stranger take it from you. You should only ever have to hand it over at your bank. If it's cancelled or expired, you should destroy it yourself.

To find out more visit [Don't assume a phone call is authentic just because someone knows your name and address | Action Fraud](#)

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Safer Together Team in your area, or host an engagement event at your community group, please email:

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Useful Numbers



Emergency Services
999

Crimestoppers
0800555111

Police non-emergency
101

Medical non-emergency
111

RSPCA
03001234999

East Lindsey District Council
01507 601111

Victim Lincs
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