

North Cleethorpes



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Big Local North Cleethorpes
A Community Safety Special

Welcome

Welcome to this special community safety themed newsletter from Big Local North Cleethorpes.

There's a bit about what Big Local has been up to recently in these pages, but mostly we want to provide plenty of important messages about ways to keep you, your property and your money safe as we start 2021. **Big Local North Cleethorpes** always works closely with other partners and here we're currently working with Humberside Police and the local Neighbourhood Policing teams; Trading Standards; Humberside Fire and Rescue Service; the local authority as well as the NEL Neighbourhood Watch Network to keep you informed. At the moment COVID restrictions are a part of our lives; scams are unfortunately on the increase and darker nights make burglaries that bit more likely. So we can all play our part in watching out for ourselves and others and knowing what to do should something go wrong.

So the committee and team at Big Local North Cleethorpes hope you find this edition interesting and useful and hope you all stay safe. Don't forget you can keep up with more news on our website at www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk where you can also find copies of our previous newsletters.

**Enjoy this newsletter. Keep safe.
Darren, Chair of Big Local North
Cleethorpes Committee**

Community Shed Construction underway

At the rear of the Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road, a new, Big Red Super Shed is appearing. This will be a place for the community to do practical activities such as crafting, repairing and making.



The 'flat pack' arrived in November and after a lot of effort, the building itself is up and complete. Lots to do with electrics and fitting out next, but in the coming months the shed will be ready. Watch our website for ongoing progress and news from the Shed (and our other projects).

In Memory of

Ian Brocklebank (1960-2020). Vice-Chair of Big Local North Cleethorpes for many years and passionate community supporter. The Big Local journey in Cleethorpes so far owes Ian a lot. Thank you Ian and we'll miss you.



HUMBERSIDE
Fire & Rescue Service

Thank you to all our partners supporting
this edition with news and information.



Sign up for MyCommunityAlert

Have you ever seen a police car or fire engine pass by only to discover the road ahead is closed? Or heard a rumour about a run of crime in your street and wished you had known about it sooner?

My Community Alert is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, giving you live info about incidents happening in your area. You choose how you receive messages, either by phone or email, how often you want to hear from us and about the issues that matter to you. When something happens that you've told us you want to hear about, your local officer will send you the details, whether that's notice of a road closure due to a collision or a burglar who has been caught in a nearby garden.

Subscribe to My Community Alert at www.mycommunityalert.co.uk and join the hundreds of residents across North East Lincolnshire who keep up with important updates from the area.



Let's beat Modern Slavery

Much as we'd like to think that the days of slavery are consigned to history, unfortunately that's not the case. It's still happening today in towns and cities across the UK and, unfortunately, it's likely that includes here in Cleethorpes. *But you can help to stop it.*

PC Caroline Cameron from the Croft Baker Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "You may have read or seen on the news that we have set up a dedicated team – Operation Wilberforce – who are devoted to tackling modern day slavery in our area.

"A large part of their role is to raise awareness that this is an issue in our communities and appeal for your help in looking beyond what you see at face value and spotting the signs that someone may be being exploited. For example, if you see someone wearing the same clothes – whatever the weather – being picked up and being dropped off in the same place every day, they may be a victim of forced labour.

"There are details of the other signs to look out for on our website and our appeal to you is that if something doesn't look or feel right, please let us know by calling 101. You could change someone's life." www.humberside.police.uk/operation-wilberforce



Local Policing Teams taking action

The **Sidney Sussex Neighbourhood Policing Team** have been overwhelmed with the thank you messages they've received after successfully closing down a house linked to drug-related crime and antisocial behaviour in Lovett Street.

Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Gary Cooksey said: "Acting on your concerns is something that's really important to us, so we were delighted to be able to share the news we'd been successful in applying for a closure order on this property.

"We know that having a property like this in an area has a huge impact on how safe you feel and your quality of life, so we actively work to gather the evidence we need to take action.

"It frustrates us as much as you that we can't always do it straight away but rest assured that we're working tirelessly to ensure that the action we do take will make a long term difference."

Reporting Crime

As well as **999** for emergencies and crimes in progress, we all know that **101** exists to report less urgent crime. But did you know that many community crime and safety issues can be reported online? Visit www.humberside.police.uk/report-it You can then follow the links to report non-emergency crime; asbs; civil matters; vehicle crimes and more. You can also contact **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111** where you can give crime information anonymously.

Connect # @	Browse WWW	Visit in person	Call 101	Emergency 999
Stay informed through social media & My Community Alert	For 24/7 information & news & updates:	Your nearest police desk to speak to an officer:	For incidents that don't require an immediate response:	For an immediate response:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Latest news & appeals✓ Road closures & traffic updates also follow @HighwaysEngland✓ Safety information & advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Crime prevention & advice✓ Local appeals✓ Non emergency crime reporting e.g. non injury road traffic collision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Report a crime✓ Arrange to make a statement✓ Receive local advice & information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Car has been stolen✓ Property damaged✓ House has been broken into	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Life is in danger✓ Violence is being used or threatened✓ Crime is in progress

Humberside Police @Humberbeat humberside.police.uk My Community Alert



Being part of a **Neighbourhood Watch Group** is shown to help reduce crime. We have a couple of Groups spread around Cleethorpes but there is room for more! Perhaps you could coordinate the start of a new group in your street? Get in touch with Glyn or Karl at the **NEL Neighbourhood Watch Network** for support setting up a group, supporting a group or joining one. All details and info online at www.nelwatch.org.uk



Meet your Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Your Humberside Police Neighbourhood Policing Teams play a vital role in tackling many of the local issues that are important to you. They are out in your area every day and always available to raise concerns and offer crime prevention advice. They are often your first port of call and the ones you see the most.

The area of North Cleethorpes covered by Big Local is made of two wards and two policing teams. The Neighbourhood Policing Teams for Sidney Sussex and Croft Baker wards are led by **Inspector Dave Stephenson** supported by Sergeants **Sgt 1377 Claire Jacobs**, **Sgt 0734 Dan Healey** and **Sgt 0812 Colin Jarratt**

In **Croft Baker** the community beat managers are:

PC 1797 Michael Goodwin

PC 2029 Caroline Cameron

www.humberside.police.uk/teams/croft-baker

email CroftBaker@humberside.pnn.police.uk

In **Sidney Sussex** the beat managers are

PC 2355 Gary Cooksey

PC 1677 Lauren Gale

www.humberside.police.uk/teams/sidney-sussex

SidneySussex@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Beware of Covid-19 and NHS scams

Callous scammers have been targeting people worried about Covid-19, conning them into handing over their bank details.

Inspector Dave Stephenson said: "Our colleagues at Action Fraud have received reports that they have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for the vaccine. The messages have also been appearing on social media.

"There's then a link to an online form where you're prompted to put in personal and financial details.

"The key thing to remember is that the vaccine is only available on the NHS and it's free of charge.

"The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text, social media message or call from someone claiming to be the NHS and you're asked to give financial details, this is a scam."

You can forward suspicious texts to 7726 and emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. If you believe you're a victim of fraud, let your bank know as soon as possible and either call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk.



Common Scams

A scam is a fraud and is a crime.

Scammers are trying to get to your money, so you need to know how to recognise scams and avoid them.

Common routes to scam you are:

- Through your **letterbox** - **postal** scams. Offers of prizes or investments or supporting urgent issues.
- Over the **phone** - both your landline and your mobile phone.
- On the **doorstep** - callers at the door and rogue traders
- **Emails** to your inbox tempting you to click or making false claims
- **Websites, social media** and other online scams and fraud
- **Relationship fraud** - trying to build relationships ultimately to scam you
- **Identify theft** - someone uses your personal data to take over your life!

There are numerous approaches and countless types of scam. You can't learn them all but the Little Book of Big Scams is a helpful guide you could read (www.nelwatch.org.uk/scams). So you simply need to be aware and on your guard.

Home Services Directory—soon

In an attempt to help residents use tradespeople more safely, Big Local is launching a local, home services directory in Feb 2021. You will be able to avoid rogue traders, say no to doorstep services and choose local services with confidence. Watch our website...

Friends against Scams



Would you like to learn more to protect both yourself and others? The Trading Standards Friends Against Scams online training is free and you can learn how to spot and avoid scams. Become a certified Friend Against Scams today. www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Take 5 against Scams

Stop - take a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information

Challenge - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect - Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Don't react immediately, or click on links or agree to things. Instead, take 5 minutes. Say you'll get back to them or make an appointment. Ask someone you trust first. Do some research. www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

1. Don't open emails or attachments from someone you don't know. //
2. Your bank will never call you and ask for your PIN number. //
3. Don't believe letters claiming you have won a fortune. If you haven't entered a lottery or prize draw, you can't have won it. //
4. Don't be embarrassed to hang up, say no, or ask someone to leave. //
5. Use passwords wherever you can.

TOP TIPS

Be Flood Ready.

At the end of December 2020, the flood warning sirens across Grimsby and Cleethorpes were switched off permanently. The alternative system which many residents now use is the Flood Warning System. All residents are encouraged to sign up to make sure you'll get notification should a flood warning for Cleethorpes need to be issued. Just call 0345 988 1188, or sign up online

www.gov.uk/flood. It's important to think about what you would do should a flood warning be issued. You need to **prepare, act and survive**. We're sharing flood information and advice through the Big Local website so make sure you take a look and sign up for flood warnings now.

Weekly Scam Bulletins
plus news & links on
www.nelwatch.org.uk

FLOOD

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Been scammed?

Contact Action Fraud on
www.actionfraud.police.uk
or call 0300 123 20 40.

Neighbours in Need

**Do you know someone in need?
Are you in need?**

These are particularly challenging and worrying times, but North East Lincolnshire Council and local agencies and partners have got systems in place so that anyone with concerns or needs can get in touch and can be referred to the right place.

A full range of phone numbers and weblinks can be found on the NELC website at www.nelincs.gov.uk/covid-19-guidance-and-support/covid-19-local-residents/covid-19-who-to-contact-for-help/ but here are some of the key ones you might need.

North East Lincolnshire Council – For information on food services and welfare call 01472 313131 – The contact centre is open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm.

NHS – For medical advice on COVID-19 or if symptoms have worsened visit the NHS website or call 111

NEL Single Point of Access – If you have medical, health, befriending, bereavement, mental health or adult social care enquiries call 01472 256256.

Police – If you are worried that someone is a victim of crime please call Humberside Police on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Mental health support – You can call NAViGO on 01472 256256, option 3 for 24/7 mental health support in North East Lincolnshire. For young people's mental

health support call Young Mind's Matter 01472 252570 (for out of hours support you can also call 01472 256256 option 3)

North East Lincolnshire Women's Aid – 01472 575757

Sector Support NEL – For up to date information on the voluntary and community sector organisations and their services go to www.sectorsupportnel.org.uk/covid-19-vcse-updates

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Visit www.capuk.org or phone 0800 3280006 for help and support with debt and money worries.

Harbour Place – If you are sleeping rough or think that you might have found someone who is, please call Harbour Place on 01472 355234

Citizens Advice - call 03444 111 444 for free advice to help you find a way forward

Age UK provide Free and confidential information and advice service for older people on 01472 344976 Visit Gov.uk for all the very latest national news about Covid-19 and support. Visit the NELC webpage for local useful advice and numbers.

More online

Visit the Big Local website for more information on community safety issues that affect where you live. Find information about Winter Safety; handling fireworks; reporting anti-social behaviour; more scam and tech advice; news and stories from the Police and local support agencies and much more.
All at www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk

Big Local. Preparing for a new year...

The North Prom **palm trees** have been packed away for the Winter and the Big Local **holiday home** on Thorpe Park has been closed for the season. And the **Community Hub** at 82 Grimsby Road continues to be closed to visitors whilst restrictions are ongoing.

But **Big Local North Cleethorpes** are still busy with plenty to do over the coming months.

We have also made real progress with our **Super Shed** which sits at the back of the Community Hub at 82 Grimsby Road and will provide crafting, DIY and re-pairing opportunities for local residents (once Covid restrictions allow). The building is now up but there's much to do before we can open it up for community activities. Watch the website for progress.

Clee.Tv has much more to watch now and you can see videos about the Shed, about local Policing, allotments, heritage projects, local musicians and more. www.clee.tv

The **Hangout Youth Group** has stayed closed since last March unfortunately, but they have a one off **"Your Digital Family"** zoom quiz in February and are gearing up for more online youth support in the months ahead. Check out www.cycethehangout.org.uk

We've supported the distribution of **"Stay Safe"** booklets for older Cleethorpes residents recently and we're working with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to find ways to keep local residents safe and supported. We've exploring ways to help home schooling families with technology needs and we're looking at all kinds of projects to do with the environment, younger people and older people too!

Visit the website

www.biglocalnorthcleethorpes.org.uk
to keep up with the very latest activity.



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