

Louth Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

* Festive Update 2013 *



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Christmas Drink Drive Campaign 2013

Lincolnshire Police will once again be running the annual Drink Drive Campaign during the run up to Christmas. We will be carrying out roadside breath testing and, if applicable, field impairment checks which will give an indication of whether a driver is under the influence of drugs. All drivers who fail the roadside screening will undergo further evidential testing at a Police station and failure of these tests will see them put before the Courts for prosecution.

If you believe someone is driving under the influence of drink or drugs, please call Lincolnshire Police on either 999 if it is happening at that time or 101 if it is not occurring at the time of the call. You can also report suspicions of regular drink drivers anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Doorstep Selling

During the run up to Christmas, you may see an increase in people calling at your door trying to sell you items that you may not want nor need. Some of these sellers use unprofessional techniques and often do not have the licences they require to allow them to doorstep sell... Please be vigilant and do not purchase items from the door.

We would like to thank all of our No Cold Calling Zone residents and also the co-ordinators who have supported the NCCZ's throughout the year and we look forward to setting more NCCZ's in the area during the next year.

Lincs Alert

We have had another successful year using the Lincs Alert system which will continue to promote throughout 2014. At the moment, we have 577 users in the Louth Rural area but we are keen to increase this in the New Year. If you know anyone who would like to become a member, please pass their details to a member of the team who will be happy to sign them up. Or alternatively, they can visit www.lincs.alert.co.uk where they can register for this free service. Thank you to all our members who are currently users of the Lincs Alert System and for the regular positive feedback we receive.

Festive Season Safety

Christmas is a time to relax and have fun but it can also be very stressful and busy. You may be out and about more than usual – for that essential Christmas shopping and to festive parties – and the last thing you need is to become a victim of crime. To help avoid this, consider some of the following advice:

At Christmas parties..

- Most of us like a drink or two at Christmas but remember that alcohol will affect your judgement – don't let it endanger your personal safety.
- Never leave your drink unattended, even if you are going to dance or use the toilet.
- Ensure that taxis are booked in advance or that you have a lift confirmed.

Within the home..

- Do not leave presents under the tree in view of the window, this is an ideal opportunity for thieves.
- If you are going on holiday for the festive period, ensure that you have timers to operate the lights whilst you are away. Ask a neighbour to move your bins on bin days.

Property..

- If you receive any new property over Christmas such as laptops, bikes, tablets etc, ensure that you mark the property using an ultra violet pen with your postcode and house name/number.

Throughout January we will be holding Property Marking Events in our area, the details of these will be sent out in due course.

www.immobolise.com

Please ensure that you register all of your new items on www.immobolise.com – this is a free database which can be used to register any belongings. It allows the user to upload serial numbers, photos and a description of your items. In the unfortunate event that the items are stolen, the database is linked directly to police systems, enabling officers to trace the owners of recovered property.

Louth Rural Team Update

At present the team consists of:

PC 256 Ian Clark
PCSO Justin Mekkaoui
PCSO Andrea Cave
PCSO Sally Read

Lincolnshire Police are in the process of recruiting more PCSO's but these will not be operational until April / May 2014 – we will hopefully have a new recruit joining our team at Holton le Clay.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our community a happy and safe festive season and thank you for the continued support over the last year.



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