

COAST POLICE

Quarterly Briefing – January 2022



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INTRODUCTION

During the last period of 2021 the Coast team have spent a significant amount of time tackling the priorities that our communities told us to focus on. The team have to make daily decisions on how to spend their time due to the demands of daily business, but I am pleased to report that we have made huge strides in combatting the police issues that cause our communities the most problems. The Coast team have seen further reductions in team strength, but we are continuing to provide an effective service by being intelligence led and using our time more effectively. We are better than ever at patrolling with a purpose and understanding the nature of our communities so we can prevent crimes instead of trying to detect them once they have occurred.



The Coast priorities for the last period were:

1. Shop theft

Dure to previous seasonal demand we expected to see an increase in shop theft in the run up to Christmas. We enhanced our visibility in town centre areas and added town centre patrols to daily tasking. We also provided more visibility to out of town retail areas, such as the Quora retail park in Skegness. I have received positive feedback from all sections of the community regarding an increase in police activity. This is as a result of focussing engagements in high footfall areas and conducting patrols in hot spot areas and hot times when we can maximise our visibility.

We continue to work with retailers and the ShopWatch coordinator to ensure that can design out and prevent offences.

2. E-scooters

We are still pursuing a policy of education over enforcement but sometimes this is not always possible, and we have to issue fixed penalty notices or take other appropriate action beyond a warning. We have distributed guidance leaflets to all retailers to ensure they are aware of their corporate social responsibility and we have used all mediums to educate the public. These include regular information on the police social media channels, updates on the Coast team segment on Coastal Sound radio and articles in the local papers. We anticipated an increase in the purchase of E-Scooters due to them being in demand as Christmas presents and we will know in January if this was the case.

3. ASB

Arguably our biggest success over the last three months was in relation to ASB in Skegness. We have received reports of street drinking and associated ASB on Roman Bank, Skegness but it was difficult to obtain actual evidence as most callers were unwilling to provide a witness statement. This was despite local business and residents informing us of the impact that the situation was having on their quality of life and earning potential. The team launched a sustained campaign to gather evidence of related ASB, such as people defecating and urinating in the street, foul and abusive language and littering. The team also focussed patrol activity (in conjunction with shop theft patrols) to reassure the public and prevent/detect offences and evidence of ASB. We also worked with partner agencies to offer help and support to the offenders, such as addiction and homelessness services and the ELDC ASB officer. As the team gathered evidence, they issued the street drinkers with community protection notice warning letters. I am happy to report that this issue has now been resolved and we have not received any new reports since November 2021.

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OUR PRIORITIES		

After consultation with our communities, we have decided to focus on the following three priorities for quarter 1 of 2022.

1. Shoplifting

NC51 (Ingoldmells and Chapel St Leonards) has seen an increase in offences over the winter and the anonymity of wearing a mask continues to provide an element of protection to would be shop lifters. With some retailers struggling to fill vacancies, shop theft continues to be an easy was of committing acquisitive crime with little risk to the offender.

2. E-scooters

E-scooters seem to have been a popular Christmas present with many retailers reporting healthy sales in December. We will continue to educate as the primary tactic but will increasingly move to enforcement when appropriate and in every case when E-Scooters are involved in other criminality.

3. Youth ASB

We have received numerous reports of youth ASB, mainly in the Skegness town and sea front area. Large groups of youths have been congregating during the evenings and being anti-social and a general nuisance. We will tackle this issue through partnership working and targeted patrols.

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A range of information and resources are available including online crime recording at www.lincs.police.uk



Action Fraud has information about fraud and facilities for recording offences of fraud. <u>www.actionfraud.police.uk</u>



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