

Feedback from the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting 8 Nov 2023

Hi all,

I represented the WPRA at the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting at St Chad's Parish centre on Wednesday 8 November.

Here are a few of the points and issues raised at the meeting.

Re recent crimes (last six weeks)

3 burglaries

3 shed/garage burglaries.

12 vehicle thefts

0 robberies

7 criminal damages

2 incidents of arson at the derelict Tetley Hall.

The increase in the number of thefts from vehicles has risen significantly in the last six weeks compared to just three cases in the previous six weeks.

Doorstep thefts of goods, Amazon Prime etc, is a particular issue in Central Park (old filter beds site)

Other issues

- The Otley Run – 6 tickets handed out for drinks offences and 2 for urinating in a public place. The police are working with doormen to curb anti-social behaviour and monitoring taxis on the Otley Road to ensure that they are adhering to traffic regulations. Forty-two private hire vehicles were stopped for suspected offences and one was taken off the road. They would like to put more officers on the Otley Run but lack resources.
- Concerns about gatherings of younger adults in the West Park area adjacent to West Park Fields possibly involving sales of illegal substances.
- Concerns raised about lack of night time lighting on cycles and particularly on electric bikes used by food delivery people.

CPSO target for the next six weeks is to increase the number of patrols in the West Park and Central Park areas.

Next meeting Wednesday 20 December 7.00 pm at St Chad's Parish Centre.

Best wishes
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