

## **Ouston PACT Meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in Ouston Community Centre**

Attendees: Neighbourhood Sergeant and Neighbourhood Officer, Cllrs A Wake, G Batey, A Bell, M Duncan, T Fenwick, P Pringle, Mrs L Blondrage, Mrs J Watson, Mr A Lister and Mr D Mole

In January 2026, there was a reported incident of Anti-Social Behaviour – Youths on Ouston Garage roof.

There were no reports of shoplifting, no reports of harassment but two reports of vehicle crime – one damage to vehicle on a drive and one parking dispute regarding a minibus parked on the public footpath.

Cllr Bell said residents should report concerns to the Police. Cllr Bell said she could hear an off-road bike but could not see it. The Police Officers said they had dedicated teams as part of Operation Endurance to target illegal off-road bikes. The Officers said they cannot target areas if they have no reports.

Cllr Bell said parking around the Primary School is still an ongoing issue including resident's drives being blocked. The Officers said Parking Enforcement and Neighbourhood Wardens can issue tickets.

The Officers added that they will only attend if public footpaths are fully blocked, if vehicles are parked on zig zag lines or if resident's cars are blocked on the drive.

Cllr Batey asked if the Police could do anything regarding caravans parked on public roads which are causing an obstruction or restricting visibility. The Officers said they can speak to residents, but incidents must be reported by 101 or DCC.

Cllrs said they had concerns regarding electric scooters being ridden near the Brooms Park. Residents to report their concerns by 101. Police have the powers to seize if they are being ridden anti socially and a live chat on their website can be used.

The Officers said the Neighbourhood Police are working out of Chester Le Street Police Station. Residents can report incidents via 101 and the live chat on their website and emergencies by 999.

Mr Mole said he reported to 101 that the bus stop windows had been broken near Cook's Corner. He said the call handler said they would report it to DCC. Mr Mole said a crime had been committed and wanted it investigated. The Officers said it was criminal damage and should be investigated and encouraged residents to get an incident number.

Closed 7.00pm