**Police report for Hemingbrough**

**March/April 2020**

The month of March began with a report on the 8th March of youths climbing on the roof of the school and moving items within the school grounds around. If you see anything suspicious at all around the school then please contact the police where you think it is necessary. The school will be predominantly shut during the current lock-down period and so there is a likelihood that any persons seen on the site may not be authorised to be there.

On 31st March, we received reports from a resident that persons were going around offering a tree cutting service and appearing to target vulnerable residents. Please don’t ever feel pressured into accepting a service if it is not something that you want or require and where possible do not pay any money for the service up front. A genuine and legitimate business should provide you with a quote and give you the opportunity to consider it before deciding if you want to accept it. Please also look out for any vulnerable neighbours who may be targeted and act on their behalf if the situation allows by contacting the police or a family member.

On 5th April, we received reports of unnecessary travel with vehicles parking on Landing Lane and going for walks along the riverbank. The government guidelines do allow for short distances to be travelled by car for the purpose of exercise but if you feel that this travel is being abused and social distancing guidelines being breached then please contact the police and we will where possible attend the location and speak with the vehicle occupants.

On 10th April, a report was made of cars belonging to groups of youths parking on the lane leading to the quarry/ponds and in doing so breaching the government regulations. Police did attend but no vehicles were present at that time however we will continue to check this location at regular intervals going forward.

In regards to the ‘lockdown’ period we have found ourselves in, I would also just like to thank the residents of Hemingbrough for their compliance, on the whole, I have found the residents to be really respectful of the restrictions put in place in regards to not making unnecessary journeys, not meeting with those not living with them and only leaving the house for daily exercise when required. The local police will continue to make regular patrols of the village though and look to educate and discourage any acts and behaviour that contravene the government guidelines and can also issue £60 fines to those repeatedly flouting or refusing to adhere to the regulations in place.

Hopefully, these restrictions will be lifted as soon as it is deemed safe to do so and Hemingbrough will again be the busy, friendly and thriving community it has always been with all the groups, businesses and clubs fully operational again and lots of village events to look forward to.