# ELLERKER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### December 2017

#### **Crimes**

There have been no notified events in the area during the past six months but this does not mean that there have been no minor crimes. Your Neighbourhood Watch Committee hears unsubstantiated reports of minor crimes in and around the village which are not reported to the police. People seem to be reluctant to report crimes 'as nothing seems to be done and it's a waste of time' You should always report crimes on 101 because this may increase police activity in the area.

### **Grass Verges**

A number of residents have expressed concern about damage to the grass verges in the village which has mainly been caused by people parking on the verges. Most of the verges belong to the local council, ERYC, and they are becoming increasingly concerned about damage. The council's policy is as follows:-

#### 4.29 Grass Verges

A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) may be issued to vehicles parking on grass verges if an existing restriction is in place on the adjacent highway. If no restrictions are in place on the highway then a PCN will not be issued. However, drivers should be aware that action may be taken by the Council where vehicles are parked on the grass verge, particularly where damage to the grass verge results.

In other words you are not going to receive a PCN if you park on the grass verge in the village as we have no restrictions on the roads in the village but you may have action taken against you by the council anyway. Our advice would be to park on your drive if you have one and if you don't have a drive find somewhere safe to park on the road. Legally you will be committing an offence if you park on the road at night without lights as the village has no speed limit but the chances of being prosecuted are less than the chance of being prosecuted for damaging the grass verge.

## Help with heating

Help from npower Health Through Warmth may be available to vulnerable homeowners who have a long term illness, a low income with little or no savings and who are unable to fully fund measures, such as a new boiler or heating system (if broken). You do not have to be, or become, an npower customer to benefit from the scheme.

Contact Jane Mears at East Riding Council if you, or anyone you know, could benefit from this scheme.

We wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Your co-ordinators are

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If you are unable to reach your Co-ordinator please contact Janet Green on 423601.

John Timperley Chairman