



Northern Villages CaP Group Newsletter



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21st Edition

Welcome to our Newsletter!

Our quarterly newsletter is used to inform you of what was discussed at our last meeting and to give notice of any forthcoming meetings/shows or fairs which may be of interest to you.

What is a CaP Group?

CaP stands for Community and Police and these meetings were started back in 1985 by the (former) Police Authority as a public consultation process between the Police and the Community. At these meetings it's possible to learn of current crime trends, any corporate information that the Police have, but there is also an opportunity for members of the public who might not normally come into contact with the Police to ask questions about procedure, initiatives and the workings of their local Officer (s).

Who might attend these meetings?

- Your Local Area Policing (LAP) Commander, Usually the local Inspector
- Your Safer Neighbourhood Team's Sergeant
- Your Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Who can also attend these meetings?

- **Members of Parish Councils, Borough and County Councils**
- **Members of the public – including young people!**
- **Members of Rural /NH Watch Groups**
- **Residents and Tenants Associations and**
- **ALL Community Groups.**

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Our Last Meeting: -

Was held at East Ayton Village Hall, Wilson's Lane, East Ayton and was well attended despite apologies being received. Topics included:

- Target hardening measures suggested for West Ayton Bowling Club
- Parking issues in Crossgates area
- Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) for neighbouring Villages throughout the Derwent Valley
- Fraud in the area
- Thefts in the area

Police Report

Details for the Police report were expanded on by PCSO Lockey and PCSO Wilkinson who had both come to the meeting (despite being off duty). Figures show increases in arson/criminal damage, burglary, fraud, drug offences and public order offences for the Derwent Valley and Seamer areas.

FRAUD

As ever, fraud is prevalent and we should all ensure we are not caught off guard; especially during the COVID-19 crisis where criminals are targeting the elderly, vulnerable and disabled in order to frighten them into buying over-priced supplies of cleaning materials.

THEFTS

Outbuildings and insecure buildings are being targeted for thefts; again vigilance is advised and if possible tighten up security by fitting good outdoor dusk-to-dawn lighting and/or a CCTV or wildlife camera to protect properties.

Thefts from Unattended Motor Vehicles (TUMVs) are also taking place on pub car parks and isolated areas; please be advised to ensure that all valuables are removed from vehicles or lock them away out of sight, including removing suckers for Sat Navs as this is a clear "giveaway" that you have one in the car!

Discussion took place about the siting of VAS signs in the Wykeham, Hutton Buscel and East and West Ayton areas. Sadly, some smaller Parishes will struggle to afford to purchase signs, despite desperately need them but a meeting had taken place to discuss the issue taking a multi-agency approach to the problem and it was agreed that Wykeham would definitely benefit from one being placed in the vicinity of the Downe Arms and West Ayton PC are hoping to buy their own sign instead of sharing with Snainton.

The speed van has been deployed within our area successfully with the driver of the van agreeing that Wykeham was an area of concern with a new spot in Wykeham being suggested (near the Downe Arms) for siting the van for future monitoring; this is to be implemented, though it was stated (at the CaP meeting) that Wykeham probably could not afford the cost of a VAS.

Progress was being made in the Station Road area of Crossgates to alleviate the parking issues there; it is hoped that more improvements will be made soon.

PCSOs Lockey and Wilkinson have been giving Operation Cracker talks to organisations and groups in our area offering advice on crime prevention; a recent talk had been given to the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association. PCSO Lockey and Wilkinson were both sincerely thanked for their attendance and report.

Priorities remain as Safer Road, Poaching and Fly-tipping and Dog Fouling; these haven't changed for over 10 years, but this is because they continue to cause our areas problems.

DERWENT VALLEY from 1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020 (with comparisons)

Group	Crime Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Diff 2020 from 2019
Victim Based	Arson & Criminal Damage	9	14	19	+5
	Burglary	6	11	20	+9
	Sexual Offences	4	7	2	-5
	Fraud	1	3	27	+24
	Theft	7	17	10	-7
	Vehicle Offences	10	6	4	-2
	Violence against the person	21	39	47	+8
	Total victim-based crimes	58	97	129	+32
Crimes Against Society	Drugs offences	3	0	6	+6
	Misc Crimes Against Society	1	4	5	+1
	Possession Of Weapons	0	0	0	0
	Public Order Offences	5	5	9	+4
	Total crimes against society	9	9	20	+11
Total	TOTAL	67	106	149	+43

Crime Breakdown – Derwent Valley

- 6 instances of violence reported in January; 5 related to people who knew each other
- A set of ladders were stolen from outside a home in West Ayton; incident under investigation and 1 person has been arrested
- 2 off-road vehicles seized in January during joint Operation with North York Moors National Park (NYMNP) and NYP Road Policing Group – these joint Operations will continue to combat illegal off-roading
- An outbuilding in Hutton Buscel was broken into in February; 3 mountain bikes stolen overnight.
- Wykeham in February a driver failed a roadside breath test so was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving
- Fraud – 12 reports from Derwent Valley area in February; several were supposed calls from HMRC, phishing scam regarding TV licenses and calls supposedly from victim's bank whereby access is obtained, and money stolen from their accounts – **More on scams/fraud later in this newsletter**

Off-road patrols have continued in conjunction with the Rural Team and NYMNP Rangers with an off-road vehicle seized on 23 February for having no tax – this is the third vehicle to be seized so far this year in these circumstances.

If anyone wishes to report illegal off-roading please call 101 and where possible obtain a vehicle registration number and/or full descriptions of offenders and vehicles; give precise locations to all Police to take formal action.

SEAMER & CROSSGATES from 1 April 2019 to 29 February 2020 (with comparisons)

Group	Crime Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020	Diff 2020 from 2019
Victim Based	Arson & Criminal Damage	26	11	18	+7
	Burglary	6	10	5	-5
	Sexual Offences	1	6	4	-2
	Fraud	6	4	22	+18
	Robbery	0	0	0	0
	Theft	31	46	36	-10
	Vehicle Offences	15	12	5	-7
	Violence against person	42	51	37	-14
	Total victim-based crimes	127	140	127	-13
Crimes Against Society	Drugs offences	12	8	11	+3
	Misc Crimes Against Society	6	2	7	+5
	Possession Of Weapons	3	3	1	-2
	Public Order Offences	7	12	13	+1
	Total crimes against society	28	25	32	+7
Total	TOTAL	155	165	159	-6

Crime Breakdown – Seamer & Crossgates

- Pasture Lane, Seamer mini-roundabout – 2 non-injury RTCs
- Failure of roadside drug testing in January; driver is under investigation for possession of drugs and no insurance
- Theft from Unattended Motor Vehicle (TUMV) on Byways Car Park; items removed from car. **Please be vigilant and ensure you remove ALL valuables when leaving your vehicle unattended, even if it is only for 5 minutes!**
- Mobile phone stolen at Byways Public House; owner left unattended on table – please, don't leave expensive possessions in plain sight!!
- Several minor Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) reported in the Seamer/Crossgates areas; no injuries to drivers

OTHER NEWS

Five burglaries have been reported in Burniston/Cloughton/Scalby areas since the New Year; these targeted outbuildings during the night; 3 motorbikes and a quad bike, a Muddy Fox Mountain bike along with tools including a Stihl saw and Husqvarna Chainsaw were stolen. Marked patrols have been increased and other measures put in place to prevent further occurrences. Please report suspicious behaviour in your area during the night and if possible, obtain registration numbers (even partial ones) and direction of travel for any suspicious vehicles.

Report instances at the time, please don't wait for a Parish Council meeting as perpetrators may be apprehended sooner. Thank you

CALL CENTRE ISSUES - North Yorkshire Police are aware that there are issues with their Call Centre in that calls are not always answered in a timely manner. Sadly, these issues are NOT new, but the Police Service is trying very hard to address them.

If you have any complaints about dialling 101, it is possible to place a complaint by visiting the North Yorkshire Police website, looking at the top of the web page by looking for “contact us” - <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/contact/complain-to-us/> - and follow instructions and/or download their complaints form at the bottom of their page.

POACHING - Historically at this time of year, incidents of poaching increase. There is a Rural Task Force (RTF) within North Yorkshire Police, see <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/tackling-crime/rural-cross-border-crime/> for works on the RTF. **It is possible now to download an app for smartphones for North Yorkshire Community Messaging – see the top of page 7 of this newsletter for how to download the app.**

There is also a Project Poacher app that you can download that helps you report instances of poaching, see <http://www.projectpoacher.com> to download the app – you can also contact Crimestoppers via the app.

FLY-TIPPING – there has been a significant increase in incidents of fly-tipping within the rural area. Any information re suspicious vehicles or sites of rubbish report to NYP on 101 or to the SBC Enforcement Team on 01723 232323.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – In order for the road to be deemed suitable for a Speedwatch Event to take place, it needs to be investigated via a speed survey; this is prompted by filling in a Speed Concern form which is available from either the Secretary of this CaP Group or by following this link –

<http://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/road-policing/community-speed-watch/>

Once the Police have received the form, an investigation is started, and data loggers are deployed by NYFRS on the road for 24hrs a day over a seven-day period. When the information is collated, NYP then decide the appropriate outcome. Those roads with a relatively high speeding problem will be referred to the Safety Camera Team for enforcement, or to Highways to implement an engineering outcome – speed bumps, chicanes, etc. If the road is found to have a relatively low or no speeding problem then it is referred to the relevant department to see if Community SpeedWatch would be suitable.

If the road is suitable for SpeedWatch, then relevant forms must be filled in either by the Parish Council or the original complainant and a minimum of four people are required to sign up to the scheme to start). Once received, site assessments take place and if successful, training and delivery of the equipment will be provided.

Once fully trained, it will then be up to the SpeedWatch Group to determine how often they deploy. Most Groups will go out for a couple of times a week for an hour at a time. Any offences the Group then capture are recorded at the roadside by writing down vehicle details and sent into the Traffic Bureau. This is then processed similarly to the Safety Camera offences and warning letters are then sent out to first and second-time offenders. If a 3/4/5th offence is registered, then drivers details are passed to local Road Policing Group Officers who will attend the address of the individual. Any questions should be emailed to CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk – they will be happy to assist.

UNWANTED PHONE CALLS (Information provided by North Yorkshire Police)

Dealing with unwanted calls on a landline has become much easier. Anyone receiving unsolicited calls via their home phone to contact their telephone provider and ask them if they provide a free call blocking service, BT, Talk-Talk, Plus Net, EE and Sky all provide a call blocking service that can prevent unwanted calls reaching vulnerable people. Alternatively call blocking devices and replacement telephones with call blocking software pre-installed are available to purchase:

PLEASE NOTE, IF A FRAUDSTER USES SPOOFING SOFTWARE TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF A TRUSTED NUMBER (SUCH AS A BANK) IT WILL BY-PASS ANY CALL BLOCKER IF THAT NUMBER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED PREVIOUSLY. If you receive a call from your bank, leave it for 10 mins, call them back on a different phone and ask them if they have rung you.

Further advice on call blocking products can be found on the links below.

BT have a free call blocking service called 'Call Protect', details on this link: - <http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/phones-tablets/bt-call-protect-free-service-crackdown-nuisance-calls-11364136279348>

Sky have their own free version - <https://www.sky.com/shop/broadband-talk/talk-shield/>

Talk Talk also provide a free service - <https://www.talktalk.co.uk/shop/security/callsafe>

EE - <https://ee.co.uk/help/help-new/billing-usage-and-top-up/track-and-manage-your-usage/how-can-i-manage-call-barring-to-block-or-unblock-calls>

PlusNet- <https://www.plus.net/home-broadband/plusnet-call-protect/>

WAYS TO CONTACT FILEY/EASTFIELD/RURAL POLICE

- Still always phone 999 in emergency and 101 to report incidents or crimes.
- 999 text service - <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/contact/emergency-sms-text-service/>
- Local Station but likely not get same day response at present
- snafiley@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- General NYP email address - generalenquiries@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- Who to contact for any issue & other agency contact details <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/do-it-online/report-it/>
- NYP service directory - <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/do-it-online/service-directory/>
- General Police advice - <https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/default.mth>
- Silent solution system, helps victims of domestic violence/stalking who cannot talk
- <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/contact/the-silent-solution-system/>

Please taken notice of Government advice and wherever possible #StayAtHome – this advice is given to keep us all safe so please, take notice and follow the daily bulletins and listen to your local radio stations.

#StayHome and #StaySafe

When to call 999

It's never an easy decision as to when to dial 999 or 101 so here's a few tips on which number to use.

- P**hone 999 only if
- O**ffenders are near
- L**ife is at risk
- I**njury caused/threatened
- C**rime is in progress
- E**verything else, call 101



999 isn't for asking when the last bus has gone !! Please think before using 999, lives could be at risk

Members of YOUR Safer Neighbourhood Team are: -

PC595 Graham Bilton – Beat Manager and Wildlife Officer
PCSO Ria Lockey (Seamer, Irton and Derwent Valley) – Wildlife Officer
PCSO Anna Richardson (Seamer, Irton and Derwent Valley)

In addition, there is a 24/7 Response team and the area has been regularly patrolled by Police Officers and members of the Road Policing Group (RPG).

These Officers can all be contacted by telephoning **101** which is an automated switchboard that gives the following options: -

1. Report a crime or incident or provide information;
2. If you know the name of the person or department you wish to speak to;
3. To speak to custody.

Police can also be contacted by email – SNAfileyeastfield&rural@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk – **but please be advised – this email address is NOT for reporting crimes**; these should be given by calling **101** or **999** You can also follow your local Safer Neighbourhood Officers on Twitter – [@NYP_FileySNA](https://twitter.com/NYP_FileySNA)

Local intelligence is **very** important for the Police; it can save them many man-hours and help to hone resources so I would urge you to **report any and all incidents** no matter how trivial you may think they are (they may be the final piece in a complicated jig-saw) and call the Police immediately – don't wait or think that someone else will have done it, they would far rather have an incident reported a number of times than not at all!

In a day and age where everything is judged on performance and results – crimes cannot be detected if not reported and we need the dedicated Officers we have now to continue to keep us safe!

So please don't ignore it – REPORT it!

Any complaints regarding 101 or other Service issues should be reported to North Yorkshire Police via their website – click “contact us” at top of their page, then “complain to us” box or follow this link – <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/contact/complain-to-us/>

North Yorkshire Community Messaging

North Yorkshire Police have launched a new **FREE** app to enable mobile users to receive crime-related messages directly to mobile.

This new app allows you to decide how you are kept informed and enables you to choose what you wish to hear about! You can also choose how to receive alerts – landline, email, text message or by mobile app.



Or – you can download from www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org

Rural Watch

It's well known that the Police can't be everywhere at once so – extra eyes and ears are needed to watch for anything out the ordinary or suspicious. There is a newly formed Derwent Valley Watch on WhatsApp; the app is not for reporting crime but is an easy way for Officers to contact if there are suspicious vehicles in the area and for giving information on Police requests.

If you are interested and wish to know more, please contact PC Graham Bilton, PCSO Lockey or PCSO Anna Wilkinson

Joining a Rural Watch Scheme is FREE – just “costs” you a little of your time, asks you to keep eyes and ears open and report crime-related information to the Police as soon as it happens – which is VERY important – as it could be THE piece of their “jigsaw” that is missing from their investigations. [Help the Police Service to help you and #callitin.](#)

And finally ...

If you wish to attend the Community and Police Group meetings, please do! Our meetings are open to all residents in the Seamer, Crossgates and Derwent Valley area and it's a great opportunity to engage with your local Officers; meetings are held every **3 months**.

Don't forget, if you see a crime don't leave it to someone else to report it or wait 3 months while a meeting is scheduled – report it **straight away** while the information is fresh in your mind.

Date, venue and time of next meeting – Wednesday 10 June 2020 and the venue will be Sawdon Village Hall, Sawdon, YO13 9BG and will begin at 7pm make a note in your diary! **Your Parish Clerks will be informed should the meeting be cancelled due to COVID-19 virus #StaySafe everyone!!**

NEXT PRINTING OF NEWSLETTER – this will take place as soon as feasibly possible after the next meeting.