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# Witnesses sought following Road Traffic Collision in Easingwold

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North Yorkshire Police is appealing for witnesses and information in relation to a collision that in Easingwold.

The incident happened on Church Street in Easingwold at 12.25pm on Saturday 26 August 2023.

A black Kia Sorento collided with a pedal cycle. The rider of the pedal cycle suffered serious injuries to his arm and was taken to York Hospital by ambulance.

The stretch of road was closed for a short time to allow officers to carry out investigation work at the scene.

Police are now appealing for witnesses to the collision or anyone who recalls seeing the vehicle(s) prior to the collision, to get in touch as soon as possible to assist the investigation.

If you can help, please email [ross.moralee@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:ross.moralee@northyorkshire.police.uk), or contact North Yorkshire Police on 101, and ask for Ross Moralee.

Please quote the North Yorkshire Police reference number 12230161084.



# Update - CCTV appeal locates man police wanted to speak to following sexual assault in Bedale

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12:27 24/08/2023

Following a CCTV appeal released yesterday (Wed 23 August) to locate a man who police believe may hold important information regarding a sexual assault which occurred at the 'Rock the Town' event in Bedale, a man has come forward and made contact with officers.

If you shared our appeal, please can you ensure you remove the man's image from any social media accounts or websites.

Ref 12230157160.

# North Yorkshire Police will join a national road safety operation over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

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(In the above video, our Assistant Chief Constable, Elliot Foskett provides a look at our H2 Kawasaki and explains further details about our commitment to keeping North Yorkshire's roads safe.)

North Yorkshire Police is set to take part in the National Police Chiefs' Council weekend of action on motorcycle safety.

The operation will run across the August Bank Holiday weekend. Several other forces from the North of England will also take part in the operation including West Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Police, Durham Police and Humberside Police. The northern forces will work alongside forces in the south of the country as well as key partners which include Bike Safe and National Highways to promote the operation's key message which is "Reducing the Risk - Improving the Ride".

Motorcyclists represent almost a quarter of fatal or serious injury collisions in the UK, despite making up three per cent of vehicles on the roads, showing just how risky motorcycling can be. Reducing the number of people who are killed or seriously injured on the roads continues to be the priority, however police forces cannot achieve this solely through policing the roads. All road users have a responsibility to use the road network both legally and safely.

Engagement is key for the police to understand riders' behaviour when it comes to riding on the road network. This bank holiday weekend officers will be out on the road network speaking to people of all ages and riding ability to further understand what needs to be achieved to improve road safety.

The operation's priority is to reduce the number of casualties on the roads, and motorcyclists are some of the most vulnerable road users featuring disproportionately in road collisions in the UK. This operation provides the police and partner agencies the opportunity to remind all road users on how to behave and act responsibly on the roads.

Across the weekend North Yorkshire Police will use its H2 Kawasaki unmarked motorbike for engagement and enforcement. This machine is equipped with blue lights, a siren and a 4K camera which will be used to secure evidence. The force will also deploy several police bikes and cars, some of which will be marked and some unmarked as well as its safety camera vans on key routes across the county.



Superintendent Alex Butterfield, commented:

“We’re building on the success of the previous operation in May to make the roads safer for all users across the August bank holiday weekend.

“The partnership working is key to the success of this operation as we know that so many motorcyclists travel between different counties.

“Everyone has the right to travel on the road safely. We believe that no one should be killed or seriously injured as a consequence of using our road network and we will continue to work together to prevent harm and make our communities safer.”



# Police launch appeal following Northallerton arson

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North Yorkshire Police is appealing for witnesses and doorbell footage following an arson on Meadow Lane in Northallerton early this morning (Tuesday 22 August)

Just before 2am we received a call from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue who were attending an address where a vehicle had been set alight.

The fire was quickly extinguished, and the scene was made safe.

North Yorkshire Police are now conducting extensive enquiries in the area and are keen for anyone who may have been in the area at the time, or who may have doorbell footage to come forward.

Detective Inspector Jill Cowling from Northallerton CID said:

“If you were in the area and saw something, no matter how insignificant you think it is, we would like you to get in touch, especially if you saw anything suspicious or have doorbell footage.

“We want to reassure you that if you have any information that could help our investigation, that you can come forward in complete confidence.”

“Luckily, no one was harmed or injured in this incident. Fires can easily get out of control and can easily reach trees, houses and mains supply pipes, all of which could have potentially catastrophic consequences.

“We are increasing patrols in the local area tonight and over the next few days as we want to reassure residents that we will not tolerate this very serious crime.

“We’re also working with the Fire Service who are doing patrols in the area, fitting smoke alarms and engaging with the community.

“We would also urge that anyone with any footage does not share it on social media as it could adversely affect any criminal proceedings.”

Anyone with any information who has not already come forward to the police is asked to call officers on 101, select Option 2 and ask for Martin Willoughby.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can pass information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote incident number 12230157906 when passing on information.



# Police issue warning for residents in Hambleton

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12:21 17/08/2023

UpdatedNews Post

UPDATE - Police have made three further arrests. Two 15-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy have been arrested on suspicion of burglary. They were interviewed and released on bail with conditions which prevent them from entering North Yorkshire.

Original Update

North Yorkshire Police is actively increasing patrols in Hambleton following a spate of reported burglaries and thefts from unattended vehicles in Great Ayton and Great Broughton.

The series of incidents are being investigated by Northallerton CID. The team are also working with several specialist resources which include the force's Operational Support Unit and officers from Cleveland Police.

On Tuesday 08 August 2023, officers arrested a 14-year-old boy on suspicion of burglary, attempted burglary, theft from a motor vehicle and attempted theft from a motor vehicle.

He was interviewed and bailed with conditions not to enter North Yorkshire.

Police are now appealing for any information which will help the investigation. In particular, officers are keen to hear from anyone who may have caught any suspicious activity on CCTV or doorbell footage.

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation should email [quita.readman@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:quita.readman@northyorkshire.police.uk) Alternatively you can call North Yorkshire Police on 101 and ask for Quita Readman.

Please quote reference number 12230131864 when passing information.

Detective Constable Quita Readman from North Yorkshire Police commented:

“We’re asking residents in Hambleton to make sure their property (including outbuildings) and vehicles are kept secure.

“If you use a vehicle for work, please remember to remove tools when you have finished and ensure they are stored securely.

“Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity on 101 or if it’s happening now call 999.”

Officers are also asking residents to be vigilant and where possible increase security around their property and vehicle. Advice on how to increase security can be seen below.

It may not seem obvious, but protecting your garden and outbuildings like sheds not only keeps bikes and other valuables safe, but can also stop burglars accessing tools to get into your home

1. Low front boundary; keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
2. Secure side gate; keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting; keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
4. Gravel driveway and path; gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
5. Security light; install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.
6. Intruder alarm system; install a burglar alarm system.
7. Secure your shed; always keep your shed locked and secured, and make sure it is anchored down to prevent it from being lifted in order to gain access. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
8. Never leave tools lying around; never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.

Stay secure in summer

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the summer can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out.



# Warning after bogus police officer phone scam

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Police are urging residents to put the phone down on a recent telephone scam where the suspect claims to be a police officer.

North Yorkshire Police have received at least three reports over the past two days of a person calling older people in the Knaresborough area, claiming they are a police officer, asking about a fictitious person in custody and asking the resident if they are at home and when they will be out or returning home.

This is a scam, and police have urged residents to put the phone down, do not engage in conversation with the caller, and do not give any personal information to them.

If you are concerned that you may have been contacted by the scammer, please call North Yorkshire Police on 101 and pass information to our Force Control Room.

Although we have not received any reports of anyone physically calling at a property, please do be vigilant when it comes to any unexpected callers at your door. If you don't know who it is, don't answer the door, and keep your doors locked, even when you are at home.

If you're unsure about whether the person you're dealing with is a genuine police officer – stop – and call us on [101](#) to check their identity. We recommend you wait at least five minutes or call on a different phone to ensure the scammer is not still on the line.

More information about checking a police officers identity can be found on our website [How to check an officer's identity | North Yorkshire Police](#)

# Two arrested following attempted break-in at North Yorkshire pub

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16:58 14/08/2023

A 33-year-old man and 17-year-old girl have been arrested following a report of a break-in at a pub in Low Worsall close to the North Yorkshire/Cleveland border.

North Yorkshire Police received a call at around 2.10pm on Sunday 13 August that two people had been seen trying to break into the pub while it was closed.

Officers attended the scene and confirmed that a motorcycle the pair had arrived on, had been stolen from the Cleveland area.

A short time later officers arrested the pair who were seen leaving an outbuilding in a nearby private garden.

They were both arrested on suspicion of theft of a motorcycle, burglary, and going equipped for theft.

Both, who are from the Middlesbrough area, have been released on conditional police bail to allow for further enquiries to be carried out.

Incident number 12230151948

# Missing Aysgarth man found safe

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11:37 12/08/2023

The search for the missing 56-year-old man from Aysgarth has been called-off after he was found safe in the local area on Saturday (12 August 2023) morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal.

Please remove his photo and details from website and social media.

Ref: 12230149716