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North Yorkshire Police Federation and bereaved family members have honoured fallen officers at the annual National Police Memorial Day in Cardiff on Sunday (24 September 2023).



Rob Bowles, Federation Chair, said: “It is really important for us to demonstrate to all the families we bring down with us that they’re still a part of the policing family and that their sacrifice is remembered, and that officer is remembered. It is a really poignant event.”

Rob said it was important that the Federation builds a relationship with the families “to make sure they know they’re not forgotten and that we’re always here for them”.

He added: “They’ve all got heart-rending stories. But they are stoic, they are brave and over the years of doing this, we’ve all just got to know each other. We all go out and we have a laugh together and it’s a nice way of letting off steam for them.

“This is a sombre occasion, but it’s important to the Federation, it’s important to the police service, and it’s important to the families.”

More than 5,000 officers have lost their lives on duty and the names of those officers who had died in the past year were read out at the service.

They were PCSO Daniel Gower, of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary; Sgt Steven Creal, of Sussex Police; PC Richard Kemp, of Lancashire Constabulary; PC Bruce Lister, of Hertfordshire Constabulary; PC Neil Pattinson, of Northumbria Police; PC Andrew Boardman, of West Mercia Police; Insp Gareth Earp, of Dyfed-Powys Police; and Sgt Graham Saville, of Nottinghamshire Police.

During the service, candles were lit for officers in each of the four nations.

Representing Wales was Dorothy Ellis, mother of PC Adrian Ellis, of Gwent Police, who died aged 29 on 27 September 1989 as a result of a road traffic collision.

Representing Scotland was David Taylor, son of PC George Taylor, of Strathclyde Police, who died aged 27 on 30 November 1976 after being attacked with an axe.

Representing England was Sid Mackay, father of PC Nina Alexandra Mackay, of the Metropolitan Police, who died aged 25 on 24 October 1997 having been stabbed by a wanted man. She was posthumously awarded the Commissioner's High Commendation for Bravery.

Representing Northern Ireland were Mervyn and Dorothy Reynolds, parents of Constable Philippa Reynolds, of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, who died aged 27 on 9 February 2013 after the police vehicle in which she was a passenger was struck by a stolen vehicle.

Tribute from Frances Ellerker who lost her husband, PC Richard Ellerker, in 1993



The wife of a fallen North Yorkshire Police officer has been paying tribute to fallen colleagues at the National Police Memorial Day service in Cardiff.

Frances Ellerker, who lost her husband PC Richard Ellerker in 1993, said the day was a significant one for her.

She said: "The police carry on. They're very, very busy. But it's important that the ones that died on duty are remembered and are still thought of."

"I live with it every day, but it is nice when we all get together. There are lots of tears, but it's just nice that they're not forgotten.

"We all come together as a family and we know that we're all feeling the same. Despite how many years, it never goes away. But it brings comfort to be with other people who know what you've been through. It is a unique position to be in when you lose a police officer."



PC Ellerker (pictured above) collapsed and died of a heart attack shortly after sustaining injuries when he arrested a drunk and violent man while on foot patrol in York. He was just 42.

The service also heard a reading from the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford, Home Secretary Suella Braverman, and Shadow Home Secretary Yvette Cooper.

There was silence as petals of remembrance, representing all who have lost their lives, descended from the gallery as the Last Post was sounded.



Chief Constable Lisa Winward announces forthcoming retirement

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Following a policing career spanning more than 30 years, the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police, Lisa Winward, has today (22 September) announced that she will retire on 31 March 2024.



Speaking about her decision, Chief Constable Winward said:

"I am immensely proud to have been a police officer and public servant for 30 years, and it has been an absolute privilege and honour to serve as the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police for over five years.

"My heartfelt appreciation goes to each and every member of our team here at North Yorkshire Police who consistently display relentless dedication and hard work to keep our communities safe and feeling safe. North Yorkshire is truly an amazing place full of lovely people and I can think of no better place to have served during my policing career.

“It was a very difficult decision to make but I feel that the time is right for me to retire. I will still be here for several months and look forward to saying goodbyes in person to as many people as possible who I have had the privilege to meet during my time in policing.”

Chief Constable Winward began her policing journey as a volunteer Special Constable in York. Following service through the ranks of Constable through to Chief Inspector for Humberside Police, Lisa resumed her service to North Yorkshire in 2008, serving the City of York as Chief Inspector, Superintendent and Commander between 2009 and 2013.

Lisa has served with distinction in key roles at the heart of North Yorkshire Police including Executive Officer to the then-Chief Constable, Head of Uniformed Operations, Major Crime, Specialist Operations, Criminal Justice, and Force Intelligence.

She has led corporate change programmes and has demonstrated her vision for partnership and multi-agency collaboration throughout her service.

After leading the local policing portfolio as Assistant Chief Constable throughout 2016, in February 2017 she became Deputy Chief Constable at North Yorkshire Police.

On 15 August 2018, Lisa was confirmed as Chief Constable. Her vision and passion for understanding and addressing the root causes of crime and disorder in communities has been a hallmark of her tenure as Chief, positioning North Yorkshire Police to play its part in early-intervention, and working seamlessly with partner organisations to help the residents of York and North Yorkshire be safe and feel safe.

Lisa is a graduate of the FBI’s National Academy development programme in leadership and policing, and during her time as a chief officer has been the lead on a number of national portfolios, including Citizens in Policing, Women’s Health, and Menopause. She is a trustee for the Police Treatment Centre and the chair of the Board of Trustees for the British Police Symphony Orchestra. She currently leads for the National Police Chief’s Council on Intelligence, Local Policing and Senior Assessment, and in 2022 was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal for distinguished policing service.

Paying tribute to Chief Constable Winward, Commissioner Zoë Metcalfe said:

“On behalf of the public, and personally, I would like to thank Chief Constable Lisa Winward for her distinguished service to our communities and to North Yorkshire Police, her dedication of over 30 years of public service and collaboration has shone through whilst serving as a leader here at North Yorkshire Police and I feel privileged to have spent time working alongside such a remarkable individual. I know all of us here in York and North Yorkshire wish Lisa well in her future plans.”

An announcement about the arrangements for appointing Chief Constable Winward’s successor will be made in due course.

'Punched Out Cold' campaign heads to schools during One Punch Awareness Week (18-22 September 2023)

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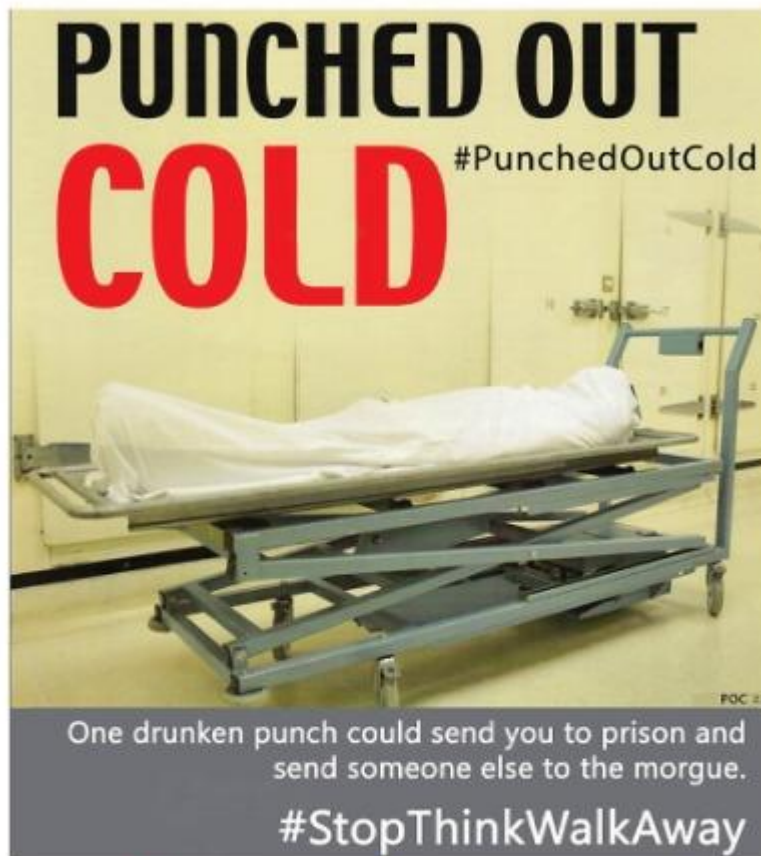
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During One Punch Awareness Week (18-22 September 2023), North Yorkshire Police's School Liaison Officers are holding the first in a series of special talks with secondary school students about the catastrophic consequences of one punch incidents.

The visits are part of the force's 'Punched Out Cold' campaign backed by the One Punch UK charity.



The aim is to help prevent tragic deaths and life-changing injuries resulting from momentary acts of violence.

As One Punch UK advises, it is always best to "stop, think and walk away" in such situations.

During the summer holidays, the campaign has targeted men aged 18 to 35 at pubs, bars, gyms and sports clubs. This aspect will be repeated during the festive period. You can read more about it [here](#).

Attention has now turned to secondary school students, with education and awareness seen as key factors in positively changing behaviour in the long term.



Sergeant Heidi Lewis, Children and Young People lead at North Yorkshire Police, said:

“Increasing awareness about one punch incidents is vitally important for everyone, but especially so for young people who may find themselves in potentially violent situations at some point in their lives.

“During the visits, our police School Liaison Officers will highlight tragic one punch case studies and discuss various scenarios with the students.

“We stress the fact that you risk seriously injuring someone if you raise a fist - even just one punch can prove fatal.”

Sgt Lewis added:

“There are also the consequences if you are found guilty of manslaughter and end up in prison. This will have a lasting impact on your future education and employment prospects, and you and your family will have to live with the guilt and shame forever.

"One punch incidents can have a hugely destructive effect, on both victims and perpetrators and their families. The consequences can be devastating, completely altering the lives of all concerned.

“North Yorkshire Police wholeheartedly endorses the One Punch UK charity’s advice to ‘stop, think and walk away’ from potentially violent confrontations.

“We believe our early intervention and prevention approach to this issue will make a lasting impression and help young people make safer choices both now and in years to come.”

The school visits during One Punch Awareness Week are just the start of the education campaign, with one punch awareness sessions to be held throughout the school year.

- For more information go to the One Punch UK website <https://www.onepunch.org.uk/>

Criminal damage to Northallerton house - appeal

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North Yorkshire Police is appealing for witnesses and information about criminal damage that occurred in Northallerton.

It happened on Meadow Lane just after 10pm on Friday 8 September, and involved a house window being smashed.

We are requesting the public's assistance to help establish the full circumstances surrounding the incident. We are appealing for information about the incident and in particular two female witnesses who were near to the property at the time and spoke to our Force Control Room immediately after the offence happened. They had left the scene before police arrived.

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation should email holly.abbott1@northyorkshire.police.uk You can also call North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 2, and ask for Holly Abbott. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can pass information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote the North Yorkshire Police reference number 12230170375.

Police in North Yorkshire working together to tackle rural crime

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North Yorkshire Police's Rural Task Force will spearhead a major clampdown on rural crime next week.

The intensive police activity is part of National Rural Crime Action Week, which aims to raise awareness of the impact of rural crime nationwide.

Rural crime is any criminal activity that predominantly impacts on rural communities and business, such as machinery and agricultural theft, livestock theft, livestock worrying and wildlife crime. It's also criminal activity that can take place anywhere, but requires a unique approach due to specific issues associated with rural communities, such as isolation or a lack of access to services.

A national survey found in 2022 that 97% of people in the UK believed rural crime was a "significant" issue in their community.

Inspector Mark Earnshaw, of North Yorkshire Police's Rural Task Force, said: "We aim to ensure the North Yorkshire countryside remains a hostile environment for criminals. That work involves intelligence-led operations and proactive patrols – but also building strong partnerships, including with Watch scheme volunteers, technology and security companies, rural businesses, and residents themselves.

"Policing our rural communities happens day-in, day-out, but Rural Crime Action Week is an opportunity to raise the profile of rural crime nationally, and send a clear message that it will not be tolerated in our area."

Throughout the week, which runs from 18 to 23 September 2023, officers and PCSOs from the Rural Task Force will attend auction marts in Craven, Northallerton and York to speak to farmers and other attendees. They will also be at the Stokesley Show and Nidderdale Show.



PCSO Caroline Saville, Steve Barker and PC Simon Barker, from North Yorkshire Police's Rural Task Force

In addition to engaging with local communities, specialist police teams will also carry out proactive enforcement activity at undisclosed locations throughout the week, focusing particularly on tackling poaching, quad bike theft and rural burglary offences.

The Rural Task Force will also take to social media, sharing important crime prevention advice aimed specifically at rural residents and businesses.

National Rural Crime Action Week is run by the National Rural Crime Unit, a newly-formed team designed to help UK police forces share best practice, effective tactics and manage joint operations.

Investigation into fatal light aircraft crash

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Update Wednesday 13 September 2023

North Yorkshire Police have made three arrests in connection with the light aircraft crash which occurred on Thursday 06 July 2023 at Bagby Airfield near Thirsk.

Three men aged 37, 55 and 68 were yesterday (Tuesday 12 September 2023) arrested on suspicion of manslaughter.

The men were interviewed and have since been released under investigation.

The investigation is led by North Yorkshire Police with support from the Civil Aviation Authority.

NYP Ref: 12230125317

Original Update

North Yorkshire Police can confirm that at around 7.45pm on Thursday (6 July 2023), we received a report that a light aircraft had come down in a field near to Bagby Airfield in the Thirsk area.

Police, Fire and Ambulance all attended the scene.

One person, a man aged in his 20s, sadly died in the crash. His family are being supported by specially trained officers.

There was not believed to be anyone else on board the aircraft.

A full investigation is underway led by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch.

People are asked to avoid the area and we thank local residents for their patience and co-operation while the emergency services continue to work at the scene.

Further updates will be placed on the North Yorkshire Police website in due course.

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Non-molestation pilot receives national award

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North Yorkshire Police has been announced as a regional winner in the first National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Policing's recognition event for police officers, staff and volunteers who are working to tackle violence against women and girls.

At an event held on 6 September 2023, the force won the recognition under the technology category for its ground-breaking [Project Shield](#) that brought together the police, His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, Independent Domestic Abuse Service (IDAS), technology company, CGI, and Edge Hill University, to launch a Domestic Abuse Non-Molestation Order Pilot.

Non-Molestation Orders (NMO) are civil orders granted by the courts to protect victims of domestic abuse from further harm. Breach of a NMO is a criminal offence.

In March 2019 the Centre for Women's Justice called for changes in the processes around enforcing protective orders to better support vulnerable victims. His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire and Rescue Service then called for better data collection and a requirement for research to identify a more robust system of nationwide information sharing which can be used to improve the safety of vulnerable people.

North Yorkshire Police and partners had already picked up this challenge. Project Shield developed a new approach to ensure vital information about the existence and conditions of victims' non-molestation orders that had been granted by the courts, was easily accessible to safeguarding professionals and police officers.

The pilot utilised the Police National Database to share the information so that every police service in the country would know if a person they encountered was subject to a non-molestation order and what those conditions were.

The Court service also improved the information it collects to aid police identification of applicants and the perpetrators. They have also launched a pilot scheme to disclose non-molestation orders to the police before serving orders on the perpetrator.

The key benefits of the pilot were independently verified by Edge Hill University. The force's Domestic Abuse Officers were able to identify potential risk to victims earlier, allowing more time for critical safeguarding measures to be put in place to prevent harm.

The pilot also delivered real improvements to the frontline, by making essential information about the conditions of an individual's NMO accessible to police officers, meaning they could take quicker enforcement action when breaches of orders had taken place.

The solutions identified by the Project Shield team can be upscaled and rolled out nationally, so that all police forces and safeguarding agencies can experience the same benefits, and importantly, deliver a better level of service and safety to those who are most at risk of harm – the victims and survivors of abuse.

The scheme also helped to improve disclosures under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, meaning more victims could be informed about perpetrators who posed a threat to them.



Inspector Clare Crossan (pictured right, above), North Yorkshire Police's lead for Domestic Abuse, attended the event. She said: "The pilot has not only achieved our objectives of improving protection and

safety of domestic abuse victims and survivors, it has also hugely increased visibility of perpetrators and those subject to non-molestation orders. This can only help prevent further people from becoming victims of what is one of the most prolific forms of abuse that we encounter.

“Direct feedback from victims who have been informed through the scheme has been extremely positive. Safety planning has been undertaken with the victims, provided them with reassurance and given them the confidence to report any future breaches.”

The recognition event

The recognition event was developed and judged jointly by police forces and representatives from charities including SafeLives, Suzy Lamplugh Trust and Karma Nirvana, alongside the Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales, Nicole Jacobs, and police staff associations. Over 140 entries were received which were initially judged regionally by police and third sector panels, before being put in front of a national panel who decided the 13 overall winners.

All winning entries had to demonstrate how they built trust and confidence, that their approach was victim-centred, and they had to show impact, including how they were pursuing perpetrators. Judges were impressed with the effectiveness of many of the entries, giving particular praise to those officers, staff and volunteers who listened to victims and survivors, and then shaped their activity accordingly.

Other winners include a campaign to tackle misogynistic and sexist behaviour internally (Avon and Somerset Police), reducing violent crime committed against sex workers (Cleveland Police), educational sessions for schools (West Midlands Police) and a survivor of rape who has helped Lincolnshire Police by telling her story of the criminal justice system in order to support other victims.

DCC Maggie Blyth, National Police Chiefs' Council violence against women and girls' coordinator, said: “Thank you to everyone who works in policing and whose focus is on making society safer for women and girls.

“Having regional and national judging panels made up of experts from inside and outside policing have really helped us to focus on winners who have demonstrated both an understanding of what victims want and expect, but also on activity that is sustainable. It's only by modelling this excellent work that we can hope to achieve consistency for women and girls across our police forces. Entries also showed how we are pursuing perpetrators and showing them that there is nowhere to hide. We all want policing to achieve more and although we still have much to do, I am heartened by the quality of work that is underway.”

Judging panel

Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales:

“I was honoured to participate in the judging panel for the violence against women and girls' recognition event as it is important to shine a spotlight on those who have gone above and beyond to help children and young people affected by VAWG. It is great to see that there were so many remarkable people who have shown great dedication to their work, and this is something that we should strive to achieve across all police forces. A huge congratulations to all!”

Ellen Miller, interim CEO, SafeLives:

“I was keen to take part because although there has been some appalling behaviour, and cultures that don't take this seriously enough, I know from experience that there are also many in the police who are working hard to improve the response for victims and survivors of abuse. I want to celebrate and promote what they do because the police have a unique role in protecting and obtaining justice for survivors. There's lots more to do but it's clear there are some stars working hard to transform the police from within and I celebrate the fact that they're listening to survivors and making a difference.”

Suky Bhaker, CEO, Suzy Lamplugh Trust:

“The Suzy Lamplugh Trust works with the National Police Chiefs' Council and local police forces to improve their response to stalking and ensure victims get the support and justice they deserve despite this devastating crime. We were glad to be able to support in the development of the categories for the VAWG police awards, in order to ensure that the voices of the tens of thousands of victims we represent were reflected and that the lived experience of victims of crime remained at the centre of the process. We very much hope that this event will champion best practice and ultimately improve the national police response to victims of all forms of violence against women and girls.”

Natasha Rattu, Executive Director, Karma Nirvana:

“It is great to be part of the panel for the first National Violence Against Women and Girls' Policing recognition event. We know that the epidemic of VAWG requires clear and strong accountability to address the many harms arising from policing failure. We also recognise it very important to acknowledge positive policing practice to tackle VAWG to support a 'culture change' and inspire confidence for victims to come forward and report the violent crimes committed against them.”

Steve Hartshorn, Chair, Police Federation of England and Wales:

“There is so much work and activity taking place across the country in relation to violence against women and girls, I was delighted and honoured to have been asked to sit as a panel member to witness the sheer volume of commitment to address the very real and pressing issues. I commend every entrant, thank you.”

Harvi Khatkar, Vice President, Police Superintendents' Association:

“Much of my work for the Police Superintendents' Association focuses on the importance of valuing difference, and doing all we can as an association to support inclusive environments. The issue of violence against women and girls is very much a part of this, as it extends across our own working environments and our services to the public.

“It was therefore a privilege to be part of the judging panel. The calibre of nominations was extremely high, and reflective of the excellent work that many forces are undertaking to build trust and confidence with women and wider communities. I hope these examples of best practice will instigate further positive change across the service.”

Debi Potter, chair of UNISON's Police & Justice Service Group and Police Sector Committee (England and Wales):

“During the judging phase I was really pleased to see police staff and volunteers as well as officers stepping up and trying to improve the service that policing offer communities. Those nominated should feel rightly proud of the work that they are doing in this arena"

The event has been kindly sponsored by Salesforce and Kulpa who have provided the venue free of charge, event support and a contribution towards the printed materials.

Special guests at No10

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Last week Chief Constable Lisa Winward and PC Charlotte Lancaster joined officers from across the country at No 10 Downing Street to mark the successful recruitment of 20,000 new police officers under the Uplift programme announced in 2019.

The event, hosted by Home Secretary Suella Braverman and Policing Minister, Chris Philp, recognised the public service of those stepping into policing during this time to serve our communities.



PC

Lancaster and Chief Constable Winward

PC Lancaster was one of North Yorkshire Police's first police officers to join our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) as part of the Uplift and will be the first to graduate next month.

CC Winward said: "It was an honour to be invited to Downing Street along with Charlotte who is the first of our [450 officers recruited as part of the Uplift](#) programme. She is a star pupil, achieving a first class honours in her degree and is already tutoring fellow student officers. She should be very proud of her achievement."

PC Lancaster, who is a Response officer based in Catterick Garrison, added: "I'm proud to have recently completed the PCDA programme. While I came from a policing background, having been police staff previously, the PCDA programme was an entirely different way of working for me. It was a challenging

but very rewarding three years. The opportunity to attend Downing Street to recognise the success of the Uplift was definitely a career highlight so far and I was incredibly grateful to be asked to attend.

We asked PC Lancaster how she found the demands of studying and working at the same time. She added: “Working full time alongside studying requires a lot of personal commitment, however there is so much support for you when you embark on the PCDA journey, from the outstanding training team, the Professional Development Unit and peer support.

“I would certainly recommend policing as a career and would say to anyone who may be tentative because of the degree, that it is 100 percent manageable and that you will be supported.

“Now that I've completed the three years, I most enjoy supporting other people. I've now started tutoring other officers and assessing at student officer assessment days. I've also started to develop my personal skills such as becoming a modern slavery victim liaison officer.

“There are so many things to love about this job, however the best bit about it for me will always be supporting victims and providing tailored support to them”

If you are interested in becoming a police officer, please keep an eye on this website for future recruitment opportunities.

Neighbourhood policing team works with residents after six arrested in connection with arson spree

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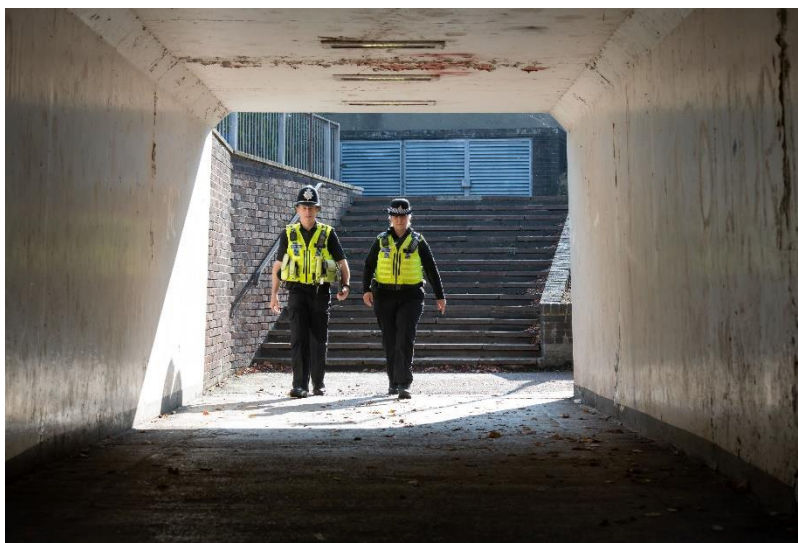
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Police in Northallerton have stepped up patrols and are offering community drop-in sessions after six people were arrested following a spate of arsons and criminal damage.

The incidents include vehicles being burned, property being damaged and windows being smashed.

Police today reassured residents that the offences are believed to be self-contained, meaning there is little risk of the wider public being targeted, and suspects have been arrested.



Northallerton Neighbourhood Policing team has been working closely with the community.

It has been providing extra patrols in and around the Meadow Lane area, drop-in sessions which are being advertised locally and has been working with other organisations to develop information and provide community support.

The incidents took place in July, August and September.

Sergeant Chris Hughes, of Northallerton Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: “It’s understandable if residents have concerns about what’s been happening in and around Meadow Lane.

“I’d like to reassure people that we’ve been carrying out thorough investigations, making arrests and taking action to ensure people feel safe in their community.

“While some of these incidents are serious, they are isolated and self-contained. That means there is very little risk to the wider public.”

Six people, aged between their teens and late 30s, have been arrested over the past three weeks.

They were taken into police custody and bailed pending further investigations.

Anyone with information about crime in their community can share it with North Yorkshire Police using the reporting service on the force’s website, or by calling 101. You can also report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

North Yorkshire Independent Advisory Groups are recruiting

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Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) are a way for our diverse communities to work with us to help improve our service.

An IAG consists of members of the public meeting in each of our policing areas - York & Selby, Harrogate Area, Craven, Hambleton & Richmondshire and Scarborough & Ryedale.



IAGs consider local issues such as stop and search figures, hate crime statistics, critical incidents or issues raised as relevant and topical to the public that the divisional areas serve.

IAGs aim to:

- To maximise the trust and confidence of the diverse North Yorkshire communities through communication, exchanges of views and discussing police issues
- To provide a forum for the community to help shape service delivery
- To enable us to develop policies and procedures that are both accessible and transparent
- To increase our engagement with communities and help expand the potential for community resilience through the Neighbourhood Policing plan
- Act as a critical friend to scrutinise policing and policy decisions and debrief incidents and operations

IAG meetings are held at least quarterly. However, in the event of a major incident additional IAG meetings may be held.

Minutes of the IAG meetings will be made available to members.

Personal details including telephone numbers and email addresses are not shared with other IAG members or placed on any database other than that of the IAG. This information is held within GDPR regulations and policies.

All personal details from meetings will be held internally but will not be published in the media or be made available on the force website.

Who are the IAG members?

IAG members are members of the public who have an interest in the community and the policing of it. Membership seeks to be reflective of the protected characteristics stipulated within the Equality Act 2010.

Members are not expected to be a spokesperson for any particular community, but should bring their own personal experiences and perspectives to the IAG.

IAG's should have members reflecting the diversity of the local community which may include the following areas:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender (including transgender)
- Geography
- Isolated communities (including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities)
- Race
- Religion or Belief
- Sexual Orientation
- Socio-economic status

Who can become an IAG member?

If you work or live within the North Yorkshire Police area you are eligible to apply to become a member of an IAG. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who lives in the Craven area.

Previous court convictions or police contact is not a bar to membership.

Who else attends IAG meetings?

Aside from IAG members, the Local Police Area Commander or the Police and Crime Commissioner will attend IAGs. Sometimes guest speakers may also address the meeting. These guest speakers could include police officers and staff who deliver presentations on themes and act as subject matter experts to answer questions raised on the agenda items.

If you are interested in becoming an IAG member, please email: IAG@northyorkshire.police.uk