



## **North Yorkshire Police Report**

## **Morton on Swale Parish Council Reports**

Statistics taken from	01/02/2024 to 29/02/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0 Reports
Total	0 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	0 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	0 Report
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime/ SMV	0 Reports
Total	0 Reports

### **Local News:**

# The moment we found an 11-year-old boy towing a caravan along the M1

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We stopped a BMW X5 towing a suspected stolen caravan yesterday and were staggered to find an 11-year-old child at the wheel.

At around 3.30pm on 7 March, we received a call that a caravan had been stolen from a caravan holiday site near Thirsk and was being towed away by a black BMW.

We were able to track the BMW, that was also using cloned registration plates, travelling south on the A1.

45 minutes after the caravan was reported stolen, we stopped the vehicle on the M1 after it left the A1 at Hook Moor Interchange near Garforth.



But nothing prepared us for finding the school-boy sat at the wheel.

A search of the car also revealed equipment typically used by suspects to carry out thefts and a selection of vehicle registration plates.

The boy was arrested on suspicion of a number of offences including theft, burglary, going equipped for

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theft, and motoring offences including dangerous driving.

He was questioned and has been released on conditional police bail to allow further enquiries to be carried out.

Thanks to the quick work of our skilled roads policing officers, our control room and intelligence team working in the background, the rightful owners have been updated that their caravan had been found.

No-one was injured during the incident.

While we're talking about caravans, just a reminder that we have seen an increase in caravan thefts across North Yorkshire recently.

Follow these top tips to make it harder for thieves

Install CCTV in the place you park your motorhome, and consider fitting cameras inside the vehicle. Lock access to your garden, driveway or garage - and invest in a removable driveway/parking post too.

Security devices: fit a good alarm/immobiliser, and in particular a tracking device. Use steering wheel and pedal locks. And most importantly of all, keep all keys locked away safely in your home, well away from doors and windows.

Get your vehicle - and any expensive property inside - security marked. Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team can help you with this. Just call us on 101. And while you're at it, remove any removable items from inside, particularly if they may be seen through windows.

Take some good quality photos of your vehicle and keep them safe. We could use these to identify your vehicle if it were to be stolen and recovered.

Report any suspicious activity around your vehicle to the police, so we can take action straight away.

If you see a crime in progress, always call 999.





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#### Your Local Team -

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