

**Crime Bulletin Richmond Rural Area**  
**April 2021**

**Hot topic**

**Metal theft action week**

On the week starting the 19th April to the 23rd of April marks Metal theft action week. Due to this the Richmond Rural team began a week of targeted policing in efforts to raise awareness of metal thefts and deter would be criminals from targeting our district when committing theft of metals. Myself and PCSO Wilkinson increased high visibility patrols around industrial estates and recycling centres as well as this, we attended several rural churches around our district and delivered letters providing information around metal thefts from church roofs please see some key points regarding reporting and identifying potential criminals targeting church roofs:

- Suspicious van or persons checking out the church but not actually doing anything – ring 101
- People on the roof during the daytime who might look legitimate but need checking out – ring 101
- People on the roof day or night and you think they are stealing lead – this is a crime in progress, so ring 999
- Suspicious van or wagon parked up near the church or further up the road after dark that needs checking out – ring 101
- Torch lights seen around the church or on the roof after dark – possible crime in progress ring 999.
- Noises coming from the church, or vans or wagons loading up or with engines running after dark that doesn't seem right – possible crime in progress ring 999.

If you think lead is being stolen, please don't be afraid to ring 999. This is what the 999 number is for – crimes in progress. It prioritises your call and helps our police patrols respond more quickly.

Please keep an eye on your local church and help us to keep lead thieves out of North Yorkshire and away from our precious heritage sites.

## Incidents of note

I'm pleased to say that crime over the last few months has been relatively low around the Richmond rural areas most reports have been regarding anti-social behaviour and poaching. The total number of reports made is 51.

**Newsham**-Poaching 29/04/21

**West Layton**-Poaching 19/04/2021

**Stapleton**- Poaching

**Croft- on-tees** 10/04/2021

**Dalton -on-tees** Poaching 14/04/2021

**Peircebridge**- Theft of logs 26/04/2021

**Melsonby**- Poaching 11/04/2021 & 15/04/2021

**Melsonby**- Arson (small bin fire) 05/04/2021

**Middleton Tyas**- suspected theft of sheep form Middleton Lodge 22/04/2021

**Barton**- continued reports of anti-social behaviour- 04/04/2021 08/04/2021 15/04/2021 16/04/2021 and 20/04/2021

## Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	Environmental – 12 Nuisance - 12 Personal - 8	
Auto crime	1	
Burglary :	1	
Criminal Damage	3	
Theft (including from shops)	4	
Violence Against the Person	7	
Other crimes including Drugs	1	
Fraud	2	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>51</b>	

**Rural Team** Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Felicity, We will endeavour to help and support where we can. As you may be aware PS Mark Wood has recently left the team after serving 6 years on promotion to police sergeant however we are lucky to be able to continue to draw on him for his support when required and will be getting a new beat manager in due course.

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