

Crime Bulletin Richmond Rural Area
October 2021

Hot topic

Fraud – We have received a number of fraud reports. Fraud is one of North Yorkshire polices' priorities. Some of the latest scams have been as follows –

- People phoning you claiming they are police officers who tell you that you are a victim of fraud. They then ask you to send money to them. The police would NEVER ask people for money and any legitimate police officer will have no objection to being asked for their collar number and the station they're attached to. You can then terminate the call and ring their force area on 101 to confirm who they are and if they're on duty. But I reiterate, the police will NEVER ask anyone to get and send money to them!!
- Calls from Amazon stating you have credit on your account and that they wish to send you the money back. They will try to get you to do it on your computer, it won't work and they will then ask to take control of your computer and then proceed to clear out your bank account.
- People ringing you purporting to be from the NHS asking you to pay money in order to get your COVID vaccination.

These people are very convincing and experts at what they do. They will usually sound very legitimate but please don't engage with them. Report any suspicious activity to the police.

Border watch

Over the past month we have been experiencing an increase in reports of poaching on rural farm land, this is most commonly reported through our Border watch volunteers.

Historically as the evenings start to get darker poaching activity increases having a detrimental effect on both the local rural community and the wildlife in the area.

We ask Landowners who witness this illegal activity to obtain as much information as possible including details of vehicles without compromising their own safety.

The rural team will continue to patrol poaching hotspots alongside our Rural Task Force Colleagues whilst working closely with our Border watch volunteers.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Border watch volunteer then please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will happily provide you with more information.

Incidents of note

- EAST LAYTON- Auto Crime theft from HGV 06/10/2021
- BROMPTON-ON-SWALE- Stolen Scrap Metal 07/10/2021
- DALTON ON TEES - Stolen Scrap Metal 14/10/2021
- MELSONBY- Poachers damage to crops gate 15/10/2021
- CALDWELL- Stolen motor Vehicle 18/10/2021
- EASBY- Stolen Quad Bike - 24/10/2021

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	Environmental – 1 Nuisance - 3 Personal - 3	
Auto crime	2	
Burglary :	1	
Criminal Damage	4	
Theft (including from shops)	7	
Violence Against the Person	3	
Other crimes including Drugs	3	
Fraud	2	
Arson		
Animals/Wildlife	8	
<i>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</i>	<i>37</i>	

Please continue to report suspicious incidents through 101 or directly to our team below.

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