

Crime Bulletin Richmond Rural Area
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Hot topic

Fraud – We have received several 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.

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 farmland, this is most reported through our Border watch volunteers.

We are continuing to patrol with the "Border Watch" volunteers and demonstrating excellent collaborative working. We have had some fantastic results and thank the support of locals/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

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 poaching and suspected poaching. The total number of reports made is 29.

MIDDLETON TYAS- 07/02/22- Theft of tools.

GILLING WEST- 16/02/22- Poaching

SCORTON- 13/02/22- Theft of Milk

BARTON-25/02/2022- Antisocial Behaviour

BARTON-12/02/2022-Criminal Damage to Gate

CROFT ON TEES 25/02/2022- Theft of Tools from Workshop

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	Environmental – Nuisance - Personal - 4	
Auto crime	1	
Burglary:	1	
Criminal Damage	4	
Theft (including from shops)	2	
Other crimes including Drugs	1	
Fraud	2	
Arson		
Animals/Wildlife	6	
Violence	8	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	29	

Rural Team Please do not hesitate to contact Bernie, Felicity or Connor we will endeavour to help and support where we can.

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