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Bridlington update – December 2023 Issue

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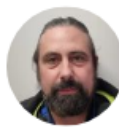
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For current information and guidance on Covid-19 please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. This is a 'one stop shop' for Covid-19 which is constantly being updated with the latest guidance from the government and health officials

If after viewing the current information and guidance you still have concerns in relation to an Individual, business or group of people not following the rules relating to Covid breaches please report via 101.

Can we also ask that if you become aware of persons living in your communities that you deem are vulnerable or isolated who are not receiving any support from Government agencies or volunteer organisations you please let us know via our email address:

Communities-BridlingtonTeamALLSTAFF@humberside.pnn.police.uk

1. What's Happening In Your Area?

Disruption of Drug activity – Ongoing core priority

Drug taking and dealing in the streets around the town centre of Bridlington continue to be our focus. We have received information and targeted areas of concern. Addresses with increased activity will be monitored adding to the intelligence picture. We continue to review this intelligence, obtain warrants, and target areas and individuals of concern using our stop and search powers. We continue to work with residents, Pro-active Patrols and BTP.

Operation Shield has led to numerous drug arrests. Clear, Hold, Build will further impact in this area. You can report anonymously via 'CrimeStoppers' at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Shop Thefts – Ongoing core priority

We are addressing this issue in areas of high demand. We are liaising with the retail premises in the HILDERTHORPE ROAD, PROMANADE, and ST JOHNS STREET areas to offer crime prevention advice and reduce demand which has risen through shop thefts. High visibility foot patrol in these areas will be conducted and working alongside are patrol officers we will deal with any offences positively. Working with the shops and using CCTV evidence we will look towards criminal behaviour orders for the prolific offenders. This priority links in with Operation YULETIDE.

ASB – Town wide – Ongoing core priority

We continue to engage with the community and monitor areas subject to ASB. Conducting high visibility patrols and liaising with housing and social care have reduced reported incidents. We are supporting local businesses with regular patrols and work with other agencies and children's homes to support youths and promote positive relationships. Liaison with schools continues. Local officers



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are working with housing and social services in relation to visiting youths and parents to minimise ASB.

Youths have already been identified and we are utilising the fairway system to deal with this. We have signed youths up to Anti-Social Behaviour contracts and parents are aware of the issues they are causing. Any offences will be dealt with positively and we will look towards Youth Justice Service intervention where appropriate.

This priority links in with Operation YULETIDE.

HumberTalking

Humber Talking is still being undertaken in the Bridlington area. We will be adhering to social distancing guidance and will not be entering houses but speaking to members of the public who want to take part on their doorsteps. If you would rather participate online and highlight any issues you think the Police should be dealing with, please visit the website

www.mycommunityalert.co.uk/humbertalking

Your responses help us better understand our area and prioritise issues to be tackled.

2. Meet your officers –

You will see us out and about as we continue to do our job and keep our communities safe. As always there are several ways you can get in touch with us if you need us. Please check our social media channels for updates of surgeries and events we will be attending.

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @humberbeat. For incidents that don't require an immediate response call our non-emergency 101 line. You can also report non-emergency crimes online via our reporting portal. In an emergency always dial 999.

Police Station Front Counters – Bridlington - WE ARE OPEN

Our normal opening hours are 8am-8pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday. We are closed between 1pm to 2pm each day.



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3. Local News

Detailed crime and ASB data for your area can be obtained by visiting www.police.uk and entering your postcode into the 'What's happening in your area?' section.

01/11/23 – Bridlington Emergency Services Day
Officers from your community team were in attendance with the Fire Service, The Armed Forces and Coastguard!



15/11/23 - As part of our Clear, Hold, Build initiative, four people have been charged with multiple offences following their arrest in Bridlington on Monday 13 November.

Jordan McMichael, aged 24, of Holyrood Avenue in Bridlington, has been charged with possession with intent to supply Class A drugs and two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

Callum Robinson, aged 23, of Kingston Terrace in Leeds, has been charged with possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, and two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

A 17-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has been charged with possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, and two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.



A second 17-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs, two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs, possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear or violence, assault of an emergency worker.

All four have been remanded into custody to appear at Hull Magistrates Court this morning (Wednesday 15

November).

We were called to reports of suspected drug dealing on the Promenade shortly after 2.30pm. Officers attended and carried out enquiries in the area and four people were arrested.

19/11/23 - NPT officers have been out and about today, amongst the large crowds that flocked to the Food Festival and Christmas Light switch on in the town. It





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was great to see so many people getting into the festive spirit.

20/11/23 - Today the Rural Task Force have assisted with an Animal Cruelty training day. Massive thank you to our partners RSPCA (England & Wales) Naturewatch Foundation & Crown Prosecution Service for delivering the training, working alongside us to tackle Wildlife and Rural crime.

21/11/23 - We have a report of fraud in which an elderly resident from Bridlington received a phone call from a man claiming to be a police officer conducting a fraud investigation.

The bogus caller told the vulnerable victim that they needed to provide their bank details so they could look to safeguard them from any fraudulent transactions.

Enquiries are ongoing and we can confirm that the details given by the individual claiming to be a police officer are bogus.

Economic Crime Unit Sergeant Dan Brittain said "This is a scam. We want to raise awareness that this scam is happening in our area to avoid anyone else becoming a victim.

"The police would never call asking for money or bank details. Please do not give out any personal details or banking information during the call. The bank or the police will never tell you to disclose such information. The police will never contact you out of the blue and ask you to participate in an investigation that requires you to withdraw money from your bank, or to purchase or hand over high-value goods, such as jewellery or gold and or cash. If in doubt, call your bank back on a number you trust, or call us on 101 – but do it on another phone or leave it at least five minutes before you make the call. This is important because criminals can keep the phone line open for several minutes after you put down the phone, which means you could end up inadvertently talking to the criminal or their accomplice again."

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud which can be done online.

22/11/23 - This SAAB has caught the attention of team 3's PC 0756. After stopping the driver, he discovered the driver to have no licence and no insurance. The car has been seized and the driver will be dealt with for the driving offences.



22/11/23 - Bridlington Sergeant Stanyon and PC Shipley from Bridlington Patrol Team 3 have attended Bridlington Nursery School today to talk to the children and staff about the work we do and about staying safe in our community as part of road safety week.



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24/11/23 - ARREST- It's been another productive night for Bridlington Patrol Team 3. A vehicle was sighted last night that was believed to be involved in drug supply. Following it being stopped both the vehicle and occupants were searched and a quantity of class A and class B drugs were located. A male and female were both arrested for drug supply offences and remain in our custody at this time.

25/11/23 - ARRESTS - Following a report of a stolen motor vehicle last night Bridlington Patrol Team 3 attended the area and managed to locate a second stolen vehicle along with a male suspected of being responsible for its theft. The team have then conducted further enquiries and managed to identify a second suspect also believed to be involved in the thefts. Both males are now in custody and enjoying the pleasure of our hospitality whilst they await interview later today.

4. General information and Appeals

06/11/2023 - Three men have been arrested after we were called to reports of suspected hare coursing in Goole yesterday (Sunday 5 November).

At around 8am, it is reported that three men were seen on private farmland by a resident, with three dogs. It is believed that one of the men then set a dog onto a hare.

Following an on-foot chase, with use of the drone and supported by Farm Watch volunteers, officers arrested three men on suspicion of trespass on a railway nearby.

Those arrested are:

A 46-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of hunting a wild mammal with dogs and of being equipped in searching for hares with dog and trespassing with intent to search for hares with dogs.

A 26-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of hunting a wild mammal with dogs.

A 24-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of being equipped in searching for hares with dog and trespassing with intent to search for hares with dogs.

They have since been released on bail with conditions not to enter Humberside whilst our enquiries continue.

As a result of the incident, a vehicle, mobile phones, thermal scope and video recorder have been seized as suspected used in the commission of offences.

Sergeant Kev Jones from our Rural Task Force said, "For most, harvest is now complete and the last of the crops have now been brought in meaning stubble fields leave little protection for brown hares.

"This is now the time of year where we see visiting criminals come to our area to hunt hares with dogs, a barbaric 'sport' known as hare coursing.



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"We want you to report any suspicious activity to us, particularly in the early hours of the morning if you suspect hare coursing is in progress. By letting us know as it is happening we can catch offenders in the act.

For more information on how to sign up for your local Farm Watch, or to request a rural crime prevention visit to discuss any issues or concerns with regards rural, wildlife or heritage crime please email RTF@humberside.pnn.police.uk or visit Humberside Police Website www.humberside.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rc/rural-crime/

10/11/2023 - Three unconnected warrants executed at properties by OpShield officers in Scunthorpe yesterday (Thursday 9 November) have resulted in £110,100 worth of cocaine being seized, along with a large quantity of cash.

10/11/2023 – APPEAL - Beeford and Skipsea - A man who sustained life threatening injuries has now died following a collision on Beeford Road between Beeford and Skipsea on Monday 30 October. We were called shortly before 4pm to attend a road traffic collision between a burgundy Toyota Yaris and a Kia Sorento. Emergency services attended and a 90-year-old man, who was a passenger in the Yaris, was taken to hospital to receive medical treatment where he later died from his injuries.

We are continuing to appeal for anyone who may have been travelling along Beeford Road around the time of the incident, have dashcam footage or who witnessed the collision, to contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting log 339 of 30 October.

Op Sceptre week is Monday 13th November to Sunday 19th November. Humberside Police are supporting the national campaign to tackle knife crime – Operation Sceptre. During this week, 13-19 November 2023, there will be an opportunity to surrender any knives, bladed weapons, and offensive weapons into police stations across the region. Following legislation, brought in on the 14 July 2021, it is illegal to own certain items including knuckle dusters, zombie knives and throwing stars – even within a private dwelling.



27/11/2023 – Operation Shield - 675 arrests and 226 charges later, as we come to the end of phase two, officers from OpShield have been gearing up for a third phase of intensification as teams continue to tackle crime across the Humberside region.

Over the past two months, our #OpShield teams have been out in force, from hitting addresses and forcing doors open, to proactively seeking repeat offenders and targeting those that cause the most harm to our communities.



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As we moved into phase three of the operation last Monday (20 November), all our teams are continuing to keep up the pressure, showing those who are involved in crime that the Humberside Region is not somewhere they can get away with it.

Officers are not stopping; they're ramping up their work to identify and apprehend suspects involved in a whole host of crimes. This includes burglary, robbery and antisocial behaviour and protecting vulnerable people by targeting sexual offenders and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Teams will also be conducting more warrants to disrupt and dismantle organised crime groups linked to drug related offences, county lines and violent crime.

5. Scams and Crime Prevention

12 Festive Frauds to look out for

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/news/humberside/news/news/2023/nov/twelve-festive-frauds-to-look-out-for/>

- 1) **Cost of Living Scams** - Today we're urging you to be on your guard against those operating cost of living scams like falsely offering grants or scam energy discount texts.
- 2) **Investment Fraud** - Investment fraud is where criminals will present professional and credible looking online adverts, send emails, and create websites to advertise fake investment opportunities.
- 3) **Charity Fraud** - Are you donating to charity this Christmas? Don't let your money end up in a criminal's pocket.
- 4) **Pet Fraud** - Paws for thought this Christmas before buying a pet online.
- 5) **Remote Access Scams** - Millions of pounds has been lost to scams that involved criminals remotely connecting to a victim's computer.
- 6) **Phishing** - Fake messages can be difficult to spot, and criminals put in a lot of effort to make their communication look legitimate so it's important to take your time and not act too quickly.
- 7) **Romance Fraud** - Criminals are experts at impersonating people. They spend hours researching you for their scams, especially when committing romance fraud.
- 8) **Online Shopping Fraud** - Fraudsters can take advantage of you hunting for bargains and could steal thousands of pounds on average from each victim.
- 9) **Courier fraud** - Courier fraud is when victims receive a phone call from a criminal who is pretending to be a police officer or bank official.
- 10) **Ticket Fraud** - Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known and reputable ticket site.



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- 11) **Cloned Companies Fraud** - Cloned company scams affect both new and experienced investors. Fraudsters are impersonating the websites of real firms offering investments in stocks, cryptocurrency, and ISA's.
- 12) **Holiday Fraud** - Don't be tempted by too good to be true deals on flights and accommodation. If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is!

Cyber security and law enforcement partners join together to issue warning ahead of Christmas sales.

BARGAIN HUNTERS are being urged to bolster their cyber security in the approach to the festive season after new figures revealed victims of online shopping scams lost on average £1,000 per person in the same period last year.

Scams ranged from one shopper losing more than £150 trying to purchase a mobile phone on social media to another being duped out of more than £7,000 during an attempted online campervan purchase. Meanwhile, another victim lost almost £500 when trying to buy shoes on a social media platform, and a fourth lost £145 trying to make a similar purchase.



The new figures from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) come as the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) - which is a part of GCHQ – launched a nationwide drive to promote its Cyber Aware campaign to help shoppers protect themselves online.

The Cyber Aware campaign advises simple steps for shoppers to reduce their risk of suffering similar losses during this year's Black Friday (25 November) and pre-Christmas period.

Anyone who think they have been a victim of fraud should contact their bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. More information is available by searching #FraudFreeXmas.

The figures, which come from reports made to Action Fraud and analysed by NFIB, showed that shoppers across England, Wales and Northern Ireland were scammed out of £15.3m between November 2021 and January 2022, and that the age group most likely to fall victim was 19 to 25-year-olds.

They also showed that average losses rose year on year. Between 1st November 2020 and 31st January 2021, the average loss per person was £549 including reports with no financial loss, while for the same period last year that figure increased to £775.



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The findings from reports made to Action Fraud and analysed by the NFIB revealed that:

- Almost half of the scams reported to Action Fraud mentioned one social media platform, showing that this is by far the most likely medium for shopping and auction fraud to take place. One victim lost £480 when trying to purchase shoes via a seemingly reputable social media account.
- Of the 19,744 reports, 20% were related to the purchase of electronics and 13% to mobile phones.
- Fraud related to the purchase of selling vehicles was the third most common (8%), with one victim losing over £7,000 to criminals while trying to purchase a campervan online.

Action Fraud and the NCSC are urging online shoppers to protect their accounts, check before they buy, and use secure payment methods in order to stay ahead of the threat from criminals this shopping season:

- Protect your accounts: set up 2-step verification and use three random words passwords to prevent cyber criminals from gaining access to your shopping, bank or email accounts.
- Choose carefully where you shop: Research online retailers, particularly if you haven't bought from them before, to check they're legitimate. Read feedback from people or organisations that you trust, such as consumer websites.
- Pay securely: Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases and are obliged to refund you in certain circumstances. Using a credit card (rather than a debit card) also means that if your payment details are stolen, your main bank account won't be directly affected. Also consider using a payment platform, such as PayPal, Google or Apple Pay. And whenever you pay, look for the closed padlock in the web address bar – it means your connection is secure.

10 Crime Prevention Tips for the Festive Season - <https://www.immobilise.com/articles/crime-prevention-at-christmas>





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Whilst most see the festive period as a time for goodwill to all men, unfortunately – as anyone who has watched 'Home Alone' will know – thieves don't take annual leave.

Tip 1 - Light up your entrances

Twinkling fairy lights don't need to be just for decoration! Any form of outdoor lighting – from a motion sensor security light to dressed-up evergreens – can help protect your home by lighting up the exterior and removing the cover of darkness that thieves love. It makes approaching your home too conspicuous for a burglar.

However, many enthusiastic festive house dressers' common mistake is feeding extension cables through partially open windows; criminals know to look for this vulnerability. When it comes to outdoor lighting, if you don't have an external plug outlet, opt for solar or battery-operated lights instead.

Tip 2 - Be strategic with your recycling.

Bin collections over the Christmas and New Year period are normally at different times. If you can't take packaging to a recycling centre, make sure you only put your rubbish out just before the collection and do your best to fold boxes inside-out so that they don't advertise any new contents of your home to thieves.

Tip 3 - Don't advertise your plans.

For thieves, social media can be used to scout potential targets. If you usually publish your whereabouts during the holiday season – including any plans to be away from home – do think twice before posting this year, as you could be giving a potential burglar knowledge of when your house is going to be empty. Uploaded photos of pricey Christmas gifts can also be a problem. It's always worth double-checking your privacy settings on social channels and, where possible, keeping your profile private.

Tip 4 - Check doors and windows for weak spots

The Office for National Statistics reported in 2020 that windows were used to gain access in 30% of burglaries, so installing a few deadbolts and new window hinges could increase the security of your home. 1 in 7 burglars also walked straight through an unlocked door; where possible, it's worth keeping your doors locked even when you're at home.

Tip 5 - Keep your curtains and blinds closed at night.

If you're going out for the evening, you could use a plug timer on your lights to give the illusion of someone being at home or go one step further and invest in a Fake TV device.

You should also always ensure valuable items are out of sight.



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Tip 6 - Deterring would-be criminals is one of the most effective forms of crime prevention.

Using window stickers to highlight the fact that your possessions are security marked and registered on Immobilise is a savvy move. It warns thieves that your goods are traceable and not worth the risk of stealing. If you have a security camera, a dog or are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch area, these are also good things to advertise to any unwelcome visitors!

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Tip 7 - Away over Christmas? Plan ahead!

Be sure to cancel any deliveries. Arrange for a trusted neighbour to park on the driveway to help create the impression someone is at home. As mentioned above, make use of light timers and devices like Fake TVs.

Tip 8 - Secure garages and sheds

Make sure that garden tools or ladders are not left lying around or accessible from an unlocked garden shed; they could be used to force entry into your home. Garages are often targets for burglars looking for tools, bikes and gardening equipment – if you have a garage, make sure it is locked and items such as bikes or tools are secured. Make sure that anything portable or valuable is recorded on Immobilise.

Tip 9 - Don't hide keys, and use alarms if you have them

Burglars know all of the best hiding places for spare keys, so don't put them under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead, give the spare key to family or a trusted neighbour. Many houses now have alarms; make sure yours is on and protecting your home when you are away or out for the evening, where possible.

Tip 10 - And lastly, don't forget to protect your gifts on Immobilise

Most electricals have a unique code, such as a serial number which can be used to register the item. Mobile phones have an IMEI number, which can be easily found by dialling *#06#. Mark your property and register them on Immobilise

If you feel that you have been scammed and would like to speak to someone face to face please come into your local police station for a confidential chat. It is highly likely that it will be a known scam and you will not be alone. If your local police station is closed or you are unable to get there promptly, please do not delay. Call Action Fraud or Humberside police on the numbers below for advice.

If you think you might have been a victim of fraud report it to Action Fraud by visiting actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040, alternatively call Humberside Police on 101. In an emergency or if a crime is in progress dial 999.



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If you have information regarding those responsible for fraud, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

HMRC's top tips for avoiding scams are:

- Recognise the signs - genuine organisations like banks and HMRC will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, password or bank details.
- Stay safe - don't give out private information, reply to text messages, download attachments or click on links in emails you weren't expecting.
- Take action - forward suspicious emails claiming to be from HMRC to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk and texts to 60599, or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report any suspicious calls or use their [online fraud reporting tool](#).
- HMRC Debt management teams do contact members of the public by phone about paying outstanding debts.
- If a customer (or agent) isn't confident that the call is from HMRC, we will ask them to call back. Depending on the circumstances and to give the customer confidence it is actually HMRC calling, information may be disclosed to the caller which only HMRC is party to
- Calls from the majority of HMRC offices will leave caller identification data, i.e. the number the caller has used to contact you from

Never click on a link and if in doubt make your own independent enquiries.

For up to date advice on scam HMRC phone calls, [visit gov.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news).

Please take time to visit the websites detailed below:

www.ageuk.org.uk/barnet/our-services/latest-scams

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news>

www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/

To report a crime in progress, always call 999. Call 101 for non-emergencies and to report any information, or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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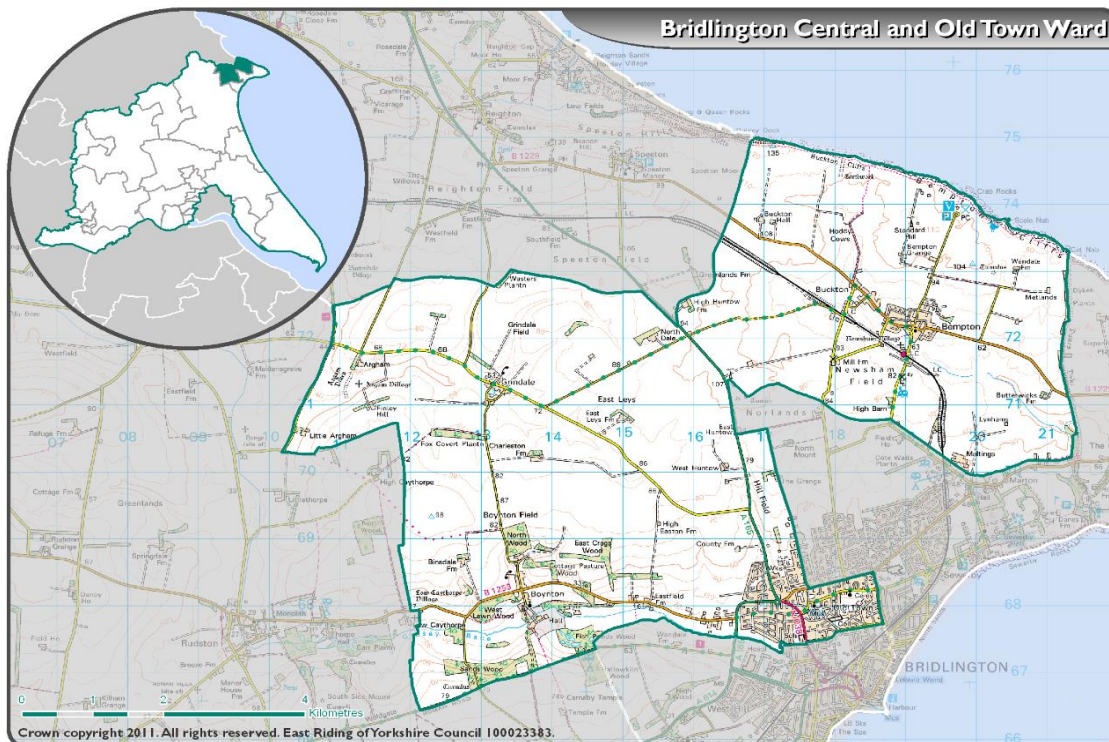
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For further crime prevention advice and general information please take a look at our website by visiting. <https://www.humberside.police.uk/information-advice>. You will also find the latest news & appeals and find out more about My Community Alert.

“My Community Alert” is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police and Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, giving you live information about incidents happening in your area. Choose how you receive messages, by either phone or email, how often you want to hear from us and about the issues that matter to you. When something happens that you’ve told us you want to hear about, your local officer will send you the details, whether that’s notice of a road closure due to a collision or a burglar who has been caught in a nearby garden. Subscribe to My Community Alert to be the first to know about issues that might affect you or your family. Sign up for free on mycommunityalert.co.uk to start receiving real time updates now.

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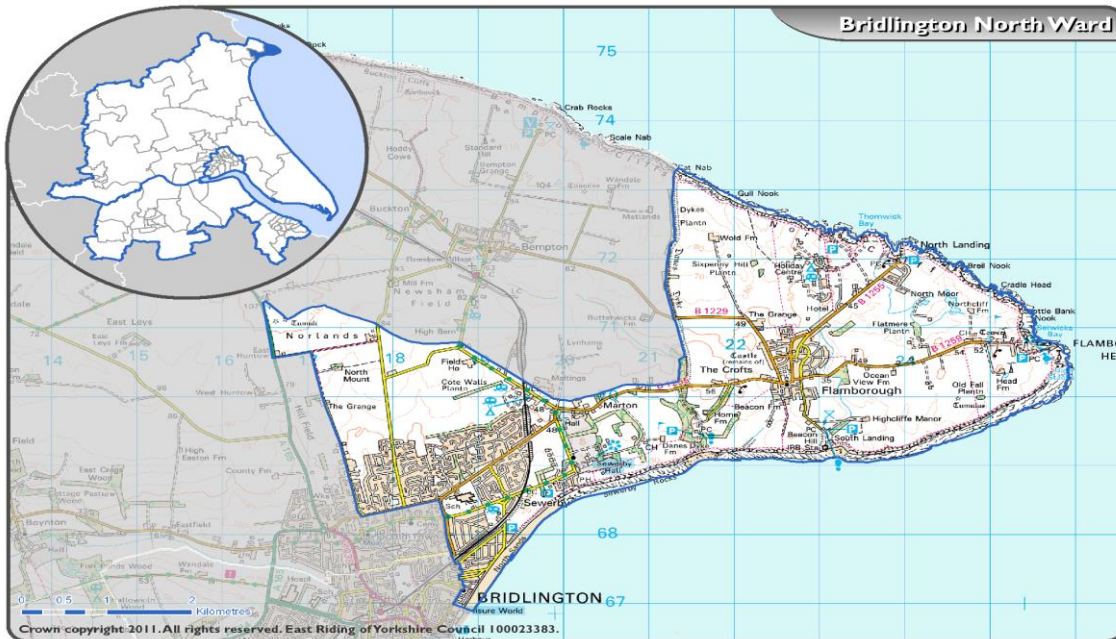




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