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Bridlington update – April 2024 Issue

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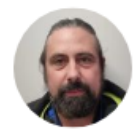
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For current information and guidance on Covid-19 please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. This is a 'one stop shop' for Covid-19 which is constantly being updated with the latest guidance from the government and health officials.

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 continue to receive information and target 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.

ASB – Town wide – Ongoing core priority

We continue to engage with the community and monitor areas subject to ASB. A recent spike in youths engaging in ASB in the Town Centre and at Leisure World, Promenade has been noted. We will conduct high visibility patrols and liaise with housing and social care. We are supporting local businesses with regular patrols and work with other agencies and children's homes to support



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youths and promote positive relationships. Liaison with schools continues. Local officers 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.

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 and General Information

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.

01/03/2024 - Quay Academy Mini Police completing the Crime Scene and being presented with their certificates. Thank you to all involved.

12/03/2024 - Bridlington Officers from the neighbourhood policing team are at Headlands School this morning delivering an important message - Make the right choices. Thank you PCSO Brown for sharing your experience.

13/03/2024 - A man has died after detectives launched an investigation into how a 67-year-old man sustained injuries on the corner of Princess Street in Bridlington on Saturday 10 February.

Detective Chief Inspector Alli Sweeting said: "Since we received the report, detectives have been conducting numerous enquiries to establish how the man sustained his injuries.

"The man was admitted to hospital on Saturday 24 February as a result of injuries, and after a period of time in hospital, he later died on Monday 11 March. His family have been informed and are being supported by specially trained officers at this time.

"We can confirm that the man's injuries were sustained as a result of a medical episode, and his death is not being treated as suspicious.

"A file will now be prepared for the coroner."

16/03/2024 – Rural Task Force patrols across the East Riding Of Yorkshire last night. Several farms visited, ATVs, Trailers and Suspicious vehicles stopped and checked by specialist officers 🚗 Please report suspicious activity to the Police and keep high value items secure.

16/03/2024 - On Sunday 10th March we received a number of reports of Attempted Burglaries and Prowlers in the Main Street area of Watton during the early hours of the morning.

In one case, entry was successfully gained into a property after a window was forced open. Keys to a Citroen were taken along with the vehicle itself from the driveway. The vehicle however was found abandoned nearby.





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Investigation so far has led to the identification and arrest of a 47 year old male for their suspected involvement. This male has since been released on bail whilst we complete further enquiries.

We ask people to remain vigilant and continue to report any suspicious activity to us

16/03/2024 - Following the discovery of a body at Danes Dyke in Flamborough yesterday (Friday 15 March), it is with deep sadness we confirm this to be missing teenager Callum from Bridlington.

Callum was reported to us as missing on Friday 15 March.

Our thoughts remain with Callum's family and friends at this extremely difficult time.

Our initial enquiries have been carried out and his death is not being treated as suspicious.

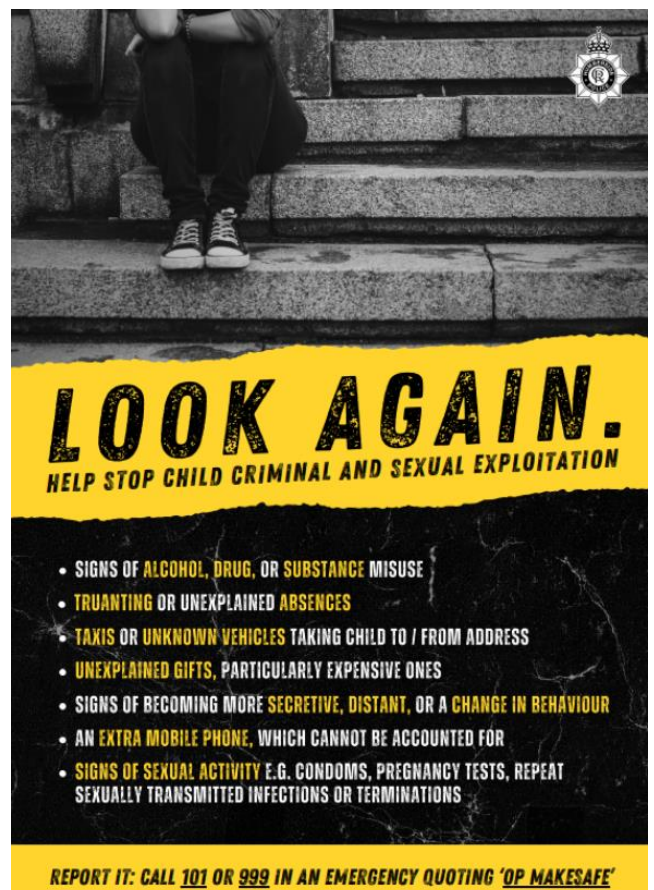
18/03/2024 – Forcewide – Look Again

On Monday 18 March, we launched our 'Look Again' child sexual and criminal exploitation campaign to align with Child Exploitation Awareness Day and the national initiative Operation Makesafe.

The campaign is focused around getting members of the public and local businesses to 'Look again' at some situations which, at first glance, may appear to be completely normal.

Do you notice something about someone's relationship that might be unhealthy or inappropriate? Does someone appear to be acting more distant and showing signs of being controlled? Do you see the same group of teenagers regularly going missing or skipping school? There are many questions we can ask, and this campaign will help you spot the signs of exploitation in many different circumstances.

We've aligned the campaign with the national Operation Makesafe to focus on making sure that people working in specific business sectors are aware of the early warning signs of child exploitation, and then know how and what to report to the police.





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Local and national evidence shows that child exploitation can take place in hotels, pubs, takeaways, places licensed to sell alcohol, and exploiters or those involved are also more likely to use taxi firms to travel to and from these different places.

General warning signs

Signs of a child or young person being in an exploitative relationship can vary.

Some examples are:

- going missing from home or care
- physical injuries
- misuse of drugs or alcohol
- involvement in offending
- repeat sexually transmitted infections, pregnancies or terminations
- absenteeism from school
- deterioration in physical appearance
- evidence of online sexual bullying
- evidence of vulnerability on social networking sites
- emotional distance from family members
- receiving gifts from unknown sources
- recruiting others into exploitative situations
- poor mental health
- self-harming
- thinking about or attempting suicide

For full information please visit

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/police-forces/humberside-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/look-again/>

25/03/2024 – Cycle Marking - Advertised on media channels at the time - Thursday 28th March 4pm till 6pm, officers will be at North Library marking cycles. This is a free event funded by East Yorkshire Council. Come along bring the family Cycle's



25/03/2024 - This morning the team have attended the East Riding Rural Partnership Meeting celebrating 25 years of partnership work addressing rural issues. It was a great networking event with partners. Thank you East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the invite & Keynote Speaker Lindsey Chapman





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Wildlife Crime Offences - Prosecution updates.

February 2024 - Four men have admitted going equipped to steal and causing criminal damage in relation to an incident in East Yorkshire in 2022. Scott Turton, 43, Andrew Richardson, 43, Marc Scantlebury, 40, and Robert Armstrong, 42, all of Houghton Le Spring, appeared for sentencing at Hull Magistrates Court last week, after pleading guilty at an earlier court hearing.

The men were found by farmers on private farmland near Hayton in East Yorkshire using metal detectors without permission, on Friday 18 March 2022. Officers attended and worked with the farmers, using specialist equipment, to locate the men. All four were subsequently arrested in nearby fields.

Following a complex investigation, with the assistance of Heritage England and Northumbria Police, the four males were charged with criminal damage and going equipped to steal.

Richardson was ordered to pay fines and costs totalling over £200 as well as £125 compensation.

Armstrong was sentenced to 21 weeks and ordered to pay £125 compensation.

Turton was given a 16 week suspended sentence, fined £350 and ordered to pay £125 compensation.

Scantlebury was given a 21 week suspended sentence, fined £350 and ordered to pay costs of £129 and £125 compensation.

All four were given deprivation orders for their metal detecting equipment.

March 2024 - Two men have been convicted of fishing without permission and without valid rod licenses along the trout stream in Driffield following their appearance at Beverley Magistrates Court on Monday 11 March.

Alfie Ramsey, aged 19 of Bodmin Road in Leeds, and Jack Rice, aged 19 of Helston Walk in Leeds, were found guilty of unlawfully attempting to take fish from water where a private right of fishery exists contrary to the Theft Act 1968, and taking fish without a license with a rod and line contrary to Section 27 of the Salmon and Freshwaters Fisheries Act 1975.

Both men were ordered to pay fines, costs, and surcharges totally £776 each and their equipment forfeited by the court, which is to be donated to a Local Youth Fishing Programme.

Rural Task Force Sergeant Kevin Jones said: "We take reports of this nature seriously, and through Op Traverse, a multi-agency operation tackling illegal fishing, fish theft and the associated Anti-Social Behaviour along rivers, lakes, and waterways, we can hold those who commit such crimes to account.



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4. Appeals

08/03/2024 - Officers were in attendance on the B1248 following reports of a road traffic collision on Friday 8 March.

It is believed that shortly after 10am, a blue Ford Fiesta and grey Citroen C4 were in collision at the crossroads for Kilnwick.

A 74-year-old woman was taken to hospital for treatment to life-threatening injuries, and despite efforts of medical professionals, she later died in hospital on Sunday 17 March.

Her family are being supported by specially trained officers and our thoughts remain with them at this time.

Officers continue to appeal for anyone who witnessed the incident or has dashcam footage from of the incident, or the vehicles prior to colliding, to please contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting log 118 of 8 March.



5. Scams and Crime Prevention



PHONE SCAMS INTRODUCTION

Nearly a third of all fraud is committed over the telephone.

National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

Criminals are experts at impersonating people or organisations (like banks, the tax office or even the police).

They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

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Fraudster's tactics

Criminals can disguise their phone number to make it look like anyone they want.



They can call you with what looks like a genuine phone number, either using a computer or human voice.



They will keep your landline open by not hanging up and even play a dialling tone over the phone.



They can send text messages requesting you call them, click on a link, or enter a One Time Password (OTP) **These scam messages can appear alongside your genuine messages.**



And send website links which can steal your data and money when you click on them.

Don't trust the Caller ID display on your phone, a phone number is not proof of ID.

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PHONE SCAMS

YOU ARE CALLED BY... A COMPUTER OR PHONE COMPANY

THE CLAIM

You have a problem with your computer.

Criminals may call and claim that there are problems with your account, computer or Internet. They claim to be your computer manufacturer, telephone, internet or streaming service provider, or an online shopping platform and suggest they can help you.

THE SCAM

They instruct you to download a program which gives the criminal remote access to your computer.

They can then access your passwords, photos, data and even your bank account if you log in to it.



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Protect yourself

- ⚠ If you receive a call like this **hang up**. 'Take Five' and **verify** via a trusted method, not via numbers given in the call.
- ⚠ **Never** allow **anyone** to remotely access your computer.
- ⚠ **Do not download software** on the request of a phone caller.
- ⚠ A genuine service provider will **never** call you out of the blue regarding issues with your computer.
- ⚠ If you are having problems with your internet connection, **contact your internet provider** on a number or email address that you **know to be genuine**.

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PHONE SCAMS

YOU ARE CALLED BY... YOUR BANK OR THE TAX OFFICE

THE CLAIM

There is an issue with your account.

Criminals may call and claim to be from your bank and allege there is a problem with your account.

Or they claim to be from the tax office and declare a warrant is out for your arrest.

THE SCAM

They instruct you to pay money into a "secure account" they control to "keep it safe". Or, they get you to type in personal details, including One Time Passwords (OTPs) and gain access to your account. Or they tell you to pay a fine to avoid arrest.

All of these are scams!

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PHONE SCAMS

YOU ARE CALLED BY... THE POLICE

THE CLAIM

We need your help with an investigation!

Criminals impersonate the police, and often state there are corrupt staff at your bank, or criminals have cloned your bank cards and request your assistance with the investigation.



THE SCAM

They instruct you to provide your bank cards and PINs, or withdraw money, purchase high value goods (like watches) or vouchers and hand these over to a courier or "undercover officer" as evidence.

The "Undercover officer" is a criminal or the courier delivers your cash, cards and purchased items to the criminals.

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Protect yourself

- ⚠ If you receive a call like this **hang up**. 'Take Five' and **verify** via a trusted method (like calling 101), not via numbers given in the call.
- ⚠ The police will **never** ask you to participate in an undercover investigation.
- ⚠ The police will **never** ask you to transfer or withdraw money or buy items on their behalf or for evidence.
- ⚠ The police will **never** attend your home to collect your cash, bank cards or ask for your pin.
- ⚠ Speak to friends or family if you are unsure. A genuine officer won't mind you seeking advice or double checking.
- ⚠ **Never** share your PIN with **anyone**. Not even by tapping it into the keypad on your phone.

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Protect yourself

- ⚠ If you receive a call like this **hang up**. 'Take Five' and **verify** via a trusted method, not via numbers given in the call.
- ⚠ The bank scam normally follows a scam email, so they may know who you bank with or even how much money is in your account!
- ⚠ Your bank will **never** ask you to transfer or withdraw money. Or set up a "secure account" for you.
- ⚠ The tax office do **not** threaten arrest or request payment of fines over the phone.
- ⚠ Seek advice or a second opinion; speak to friends or family if you are unsure. A genuine caller won't mind you checking.
- ⚠ **Never** share your PIN, password or OTP with **anyone**, especially if they initiated contact. Not even by tapping in into your phone.

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REPORTING SCAMS

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to **Action Fraud**; either online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

Every report **assists** police investigations, **provides** intelligence, **informs** national alerts that protect all communities, **disrupts** criminals and **reduces** harm.

Contact police directly on **101** or **999** in an emergency.

Forward any scam text messages to **Ofcom** on **7726** (free of charge).

All major phone companies provide a **call blocker service**. This should help screen out most phone scams shown in this booklet. Contact your telephone service provider to find out more.

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ALSO AVAILABLE

To contact the Metropolitan Police Cyber Crime Unit email cyberprotect@met.police.uk or call **020 7230 8129**.

For more information visit <https://www.met.police.uk/fraud>

For our literature and videos visit <https://www.met.police.uk/littlemedia>



Don't assume others in your life know the information you've read here. **Tell2** friends and family and together we can protect many.

PHONE SCAMS

5 THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ON A SCAM PHONE CALL

1. The caller doesn't give you time to think, tries to stop you speaking to a family member or friend or is insistent and makes you feel uncomfortable.
2. The caller asks you to transfer money to a new account.
3. The caller asks for your 4-digit card PIN, passcodes, One Time Passwords (OTP's), or your online banking password. Even if they ask you to give it to them by tapping into the telephone keypad rather than saying the numbers out loud, this is a scam.
4. The caller asks you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
5. The caller says that you are a victim of fraud and offer to send a courier to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book.

For more information please visit <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk>

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5 scams you need to know about in 2024

From deepfakes of the prime minister to dodgy QR codes and false screens on your phone, scammers show no signs of slowing down

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/5-scams-you-need-to-know-about-in-2024-ahSpn1K1QAE9>

1. Spear phishing

You've almost certainly heard of phishing - where scammers trick you with a message or email purporting to be from a reputable bank, business or government body. But what's this about spear phishing?

The phrase describes a personally targeted phishing attempt, in which fraudsters use your own information - compromised at an earlier stage - to convince you they are a trusted organisation you normally transact with.

Personal data used in spear phishing can come from a huge number of sources, including large-scale [data breaches](#), open social media profiles or previous scams in which we've handed over our data without realising.

2. Tapjacking

This bizarrely named scam will trick you into clicking and performing actions on your phone or device without even realising it.

It works by showing you an overlay, which you think is clickable - but it's not. It's just a false screen designed to obscure the thing you're actually clicking on.



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For example, you may think you're playing a skill-based mobile game, but the gaming elements on screen are just a cover. Far from earning points in the game, your clicks are actually being applied to an invisible screen beneath, where you're unwittingly making in-app purchases or being signed up to a rolling monthly subscription.

- To minimise the risk of falling victim to this scam, only install apps from reputable app stores such as App Store or Google Play Store, and read user reviews before downloading.

3. Quishing

QR codes seemed to really take off during the pandemic, when restaurants had us enthusiastically scanning them so we could order from our phones and minimise interactions with waiting staff.

But as with anything, they've been exploited by cybercriminals to deceive victims into using copycat sites. This con is known as 'quishing', or QR phishing.

The criminals have cottoned on to the fact that we tend to assume such codes are genuine and scan them without a second thought.

For example, in recent years phoney QR codes stuck on parking meters by scammers have misdirected drivers to spoofed payment apps, where they end up unwittingly enrolling in costly monthly subscriptions.

- Always go direct to a website by looking up a company on a reputable search engine or app store and picking the highest relevant organic result. Watch out for search ad scams that can appear at the top of results pages on search engines, as a recent investigation found scammers imitating legitimate parking firms on Google, Yahoo and Bing.

4. AI & deepfake

It's an election year, not only in the UK but in more than 40 countries around the world. As more than half the world's population goes to the polls, the incentives for bad actors to misuse artificial intelligence (AI) have never been higher.

In January, the Guardian reported on the discovery of more than 100 'deepfake' videos on Facebook impersonating Rishi Sunak. The phoney clips reportedly led to webpages mocked up to look like a BBC news article which promoted an investment scam.

Facebook and Instagram's parent company Meta has now said it will detect and label all AI images so ordinary users know that what they're seeing isn't real.

5. Ads on online platforms

Last year saw the era of self-regulation end for the largest social media sites and search engines. Thanks to the [Online Safety Act](#), big online platforms are now responsible for illegal content hosted on their sites, including scam adverts.



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Yet those laws are not yet in force, and our latest investigation in the March 2024 edition of Which? magazine found blatant examples of scam ads, showing little has changed so far.

One such example was an ad imitating electronics retailer Currys and offering an improbable 90% off to Black Friday shoppers.

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.

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.gov.uk).



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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.

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.

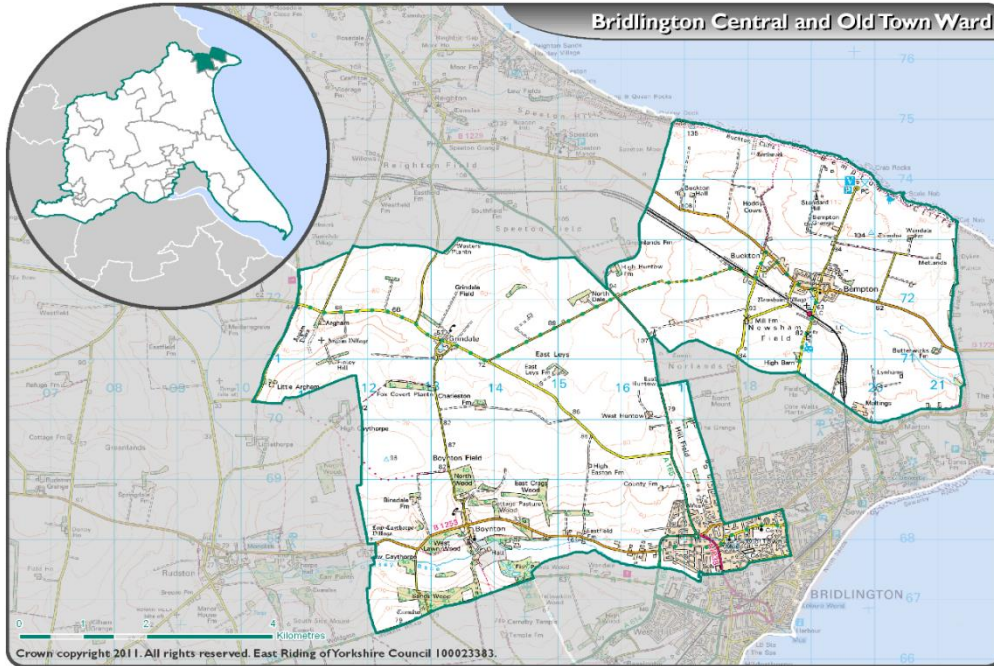
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AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON CENTRAL AND OLD TOWN WARD



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