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### Bridlington update – June 2024 Issue

### Meet Your Team



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For current information and guidance on Covid-19 please visit <u>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>. 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 Theft** – We will continue to address high demand locations. Work is ongoing with retail premises in the area of Promenade, St Johns Street and Hilderthorpe Road. We will, by default, carry out high visibility foot patrols in these areas and will deal with any offences positively in conjunction with our Patrol colleagues.

#### ASB – Town wide – Ongoing core priority

We continue to engage with the community and monitor areas subject to ASB.

We have identified a recent spike in youths engaging in ASB, using off road motorbikes and quad bikes on the CYP grounds and the Gypsey Road estate in general. Operation Yellowfin will engage in this area.



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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 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.



#### 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.

**02/05/24 & 25/05/24** – PC HOOK and other community officers were marking bikes at the leisure centre between 4-6pm! Let's get them marked with BikeRegister! PC Hook wants to mark as many as possible so please share far and wide. Advertised at the time via social media channels.

**02/05/24** - Last night the Rural Task Force were conducting high visibility patrols around our border with South Yorkshire Police deterring cross border Rural Crime.



We will continue to work with neighbouring forces to create soft borders & shared resources to



tackle this issue. On the 4<sup>th</sup> officers conducted another night of proactive stop checks. A number of trailers, vans and 4x4s stopped and checked coming into and out of the East Riding.

**05/0524** - Brighter Bridlington is booming. PS ALMOND and Insp BEADMAN have been out in the town today, this time on 2 wheels, much to the surprise of some people! Nice to engage with some of the many tourists and residents in the resort. Several people stopped and advised re street drinking in restricted areas, but pleased to say everyone was in good spirits and enjoying the sunshine. Who needs

California when you have Costa Del Brid !

**05/05/24** - A black Peugeot motor car was reported stolen, following a burglary at an address

overnight. PS ALMOND went looking and soon located the stolen vehicle which was concealed in a narrow side street in the town. It has since been reunited with its grateful owner. Enquiries are continuing in order to identify the suspect. Thankfully burglaries in this area are few and far between, however as always, if you have any information to assist us, please report it via 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



**10/05/24** - Neighbourhood officers Insp BEADMAN and Sgt ALMOND have been out and about in the town on cycles again, engaging with residents and the visitors who are here for 'RACE THE WAVES', the Food festival and Steam Punk weekend. Several persons were also stopped and



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searched following reports of a potential drug deal however no drugs were found on the persons identified. The usual crime hotspots were also patrolled however thankfully there was nothing of note to report.

\*UPDATE\* - PS ALMOND has since swapped 2 wheels for a car and then foot, where he

subsequently chased a shoplifter and arrested him after the suspect was caught still in possession of 17 trays of stolen meat. It transpired that the male was also wanted for 3 other offences !!

**17/05/24** - Mini Police from Bay Primary enjoying the tour of the Police Station and they had another extra treat of meeting the officers from Op Yellowfin



**22/05/24** - Launched on Wednesday 22 May, our new force-wide proactive initiative Operation Yokohama will target offenders who use motorbikes to commit crimes across our region. Officers



from our Roads Policing team have undertaken further training in advanced off-road tactics which will allow them to pursue offenders who use motorbikes to deliberately escape officers and avoid arrest. They will focus on criminal hotspot locations across our force area and will utilise equipment, like stingers, with the new specialist

motorbikes for the operation as part of our commitment to tackling

criminals using our roads as part of their offending.

**25/05/24** – The Rural Task Force will be patrolling the East Coast beaches this weekend and engaging with members of the public, if you see us come and say hello <u>#OpCoastline</u> <u>#inyourcommunity</u> <u>Humberside Police</u>



#### 4. Appeals



**13/05/24** - Officers are appealing for information after reports of a motorbike being stolen in Bridlington on Tuesday 23 April. It is believed that between 7.30pm and 8.30pm a black DSR SM 125 motorbike, with green and white markings (pictured below) was stolen from Harrington Road.

Anyone who has information, or has CCTV or dashcam footage that may assist with our enquiries can contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting log 451 of 23 April.

You can also report information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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**13/05/24** - Officers from our Rural Task Force are appealing for information after a GPS screen and tractor control until were reportedly stolen. It is reported that between 10pm on Friday 10 May and 6am on Saturday 11 May the unit is believed to have been taken from a New Holland Tractor from a farm close to Newport, East Yorkshire. If you have witnessed anybody acting suspiciously or vehicles in the vicinity of Newport during these hours please contact police on 101 quoting Log 152 of 11 May.

Similar offences are believed to have taken place close to the East Riding border in North Yorkshire and we are encouraging farmers to remain vigilant. In relation to the security of tractor GPS receiver and screens, please consider the below crime prevention advice around MARK IT, REMOVE IT and LOCK IT.

Read more of our advice here: https://ow.ly/RLeb50REiAU

#### 5. Scams and Crime Prevention

**13/05/24** – Reported at the time via Social Media channels - During this week, 13-19 May 2024, 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. Read more here: <u>https://ow.ly/SHae50REn5V</u>



**17/05/24** - **Busting the myths on e-scooters** - Have you been thinking about buying an e-scooter? If so, have you considered the law around using them?

In recent years, e-scooters have become much more common on our roads, as they become increasingly accessible to buy but did you know that you can only use an e-scooter if you have a full or provisional UK driving license, and the vehicle must be insured?

Sergeant Di Kemp from our Roads Policing Unit said: "Due to their nimble design, e-scooters are only intended to be used on private land, with the landowner's permission, rather than on public roads.

"As a motor-powered mode of transport, electric scooters have rechargeable batteries which means they can operate at speeds of between 9mph and 15mph.



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"We want people to be able to make an informed decision before buying them, which is why we are trying to raise awareness about the laws surrounding e-scooters so we can make sure everyone on our roads stay safe.

"Many people who purchase and drive an e-scooter in a public place may not realise they are committing various offences.

"A lot of rules which apply to cars also apply to e-scooters, such as making sure you have insurance and having the appropriate license. You can also face the same outcome if these rules are broken, such as a fine and penalty points added to your licence.

"As well, anyone who may be using an e-scooter whilst under the influence of drink or drugs can be convicted of offences which may result in time in prison and the e-scooter will be seized.

"This is why it is so important for us to communicate this information to the public, as it is not as easily available as information regarding other commonly used modes of transport.

"I would ask anyone thinking about buying an e-scooter to please consider this before to ensure they are used correctly, and our roads remain safe."

There are too many investment scams to list - They are almost always very convincing, with professional looking communications, correspondence and websites, and even seminars. Some feature quotes from 'satisfied clients'. Some scams offer you high returns at low risk, others offer normal returns. Whatever the case, it is almost certain that you will not get your hard-earned money back.

Here are some top tips: https://ow.ly/mu5x50Rvrlz

**Romance Fraud** - Romance fraudsters use language to manipulate, persuade and exploit.

They distort their victims' perception of reality in a similar way to grooming, domestic abuse and coercive control. The victim of a romance fraud can be making decisions that feel rational and reasonable, but this is what makes it difficult for them to recognise when it is happening, however obvious it may seem to those on the outside.

Fraudsters work hard to make sure that when they ask for money, and require urgency or secrecy from the victim, it doesn't set off alarm bells. Unsafe requests such as these are disguised and can be hidden in stories that seem expected and reasonable,





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such as in a fraudster's cleverly designed 'reluctant' admission of health worries, their vulnerability, or their desire to protect the relationship.

We have produced a practical guide, with forensic linguist and criminologist, Dr Elisabeth Carter (University of Roehampton), to highlight the common tactics used in romance fraud.

You can also read the Fraud protection toolkit which we have produced as a guide on how to minimise the risk of fraud.

romance-fraud-ebook.pdf (humberside.police.uk)

Fraud protection toolkit (digital) (humberside.police.uk)

**May 2024 – WhatsApp Scam -** WhatsApp group chat members are being warned they could be targeted by criminals, as Action Fraud reveals it has received 636 reports from victims of the messaging app this year.



The fraud often begins when a member of the group receives a WhatsApp audio call from the fraudster, pretending or claiming to be another member of the group. This is done to gain the individual's trust, and often the scammer will use a false profile picture and/or display name, so at first glance it would appear to be a genuine member of the group.

The fraudster will tell the victim they are sending them a one-time passcode which will allow them to join an upcoming video call for group members. The criminal then asks the victim to share this passcode with them so they can be "registered" for the video call.

In reality, the criminal is asking for a registration code to register the victim's WhatsApp account to a new device so they can take over their account.

Once the fraudster has access to the victim's WhatsApp account, they will enable two-step verification which makes it impossible for the victim to regain access their account. Other members of the group, or friends and family in the victim's contacts, will then be messaged asking them to transfer money urgently as they are in desperate need of help.

#### What can you do to avoid being a victim?

• Set up two-step verification (2SV) to give an extra layer of protection to your account.

Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.

- **CALL.** If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person outside of WhatsApp to confirm their identity.
- **Report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp.** Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.



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#### https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/whatsapp-group-chats

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 <u>phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk</u> and texts to 60599, or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report any suspicious calls or use their <u>online fraud reporting tool</u>.
- 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.

#### Please take time to visit the websites detailed below:

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



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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.

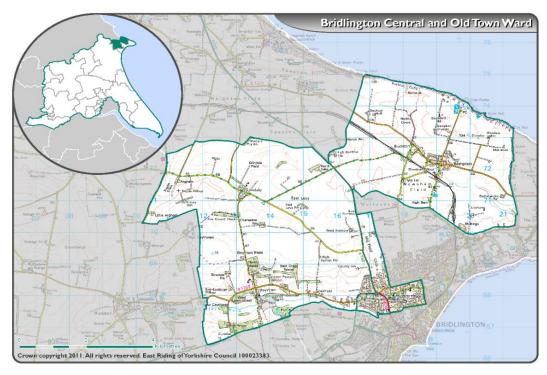
"My Community Alert" is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police and Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, giving you live information about incidents happening in your area. Choose how you receive messages, by either phone or email, how often you want to hear from us and about the issues that 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 mycommunityaltert.co.uk to start receiving real time updates now.

Also follow us on www.twitter.com/@Humberbeat\_ERYN



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### AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON CENTRAL AND OLD TOWN WARD



### AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON NORTH WARD





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