



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals

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Driffield & Rural Ward and East Wolds & Coastal Ward Update - May 2022 Issue

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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.

Can I 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



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1. What's Happening In Your Area?

Retail

Officers have been conducting foot patrols in the Driffield Town Centre to deter shoplifting and any ASB around retail premises.

If any retail premises within the Driffield and Rural or East Wolds and Costal areas wish to join the Shop Watch scheme **you do not have to be in the town centre**, please contact driffield@humberside.police.pnn.uk for further details.

Drugs Use and Dealing

We continue to review and develop intelligence around drugs misuse and supply within Driffield and surrounding areas. We have actively targeted vehicles that have produced positive results. We continue to work with licenced premises carrying out visits and incorporating the use of pub watch and banning notices to target individuals.

Rural Crime

We continue to review reports of ASB, poaching and inquisitive crime during the night in order to target our high visibility patrols. Alongside The Rural Task Force we continue to conduct visits to rural businesses to promote crime prevention. Operations have taken place, along with targeted patrols which has resulted in persons being detained/reported for Heritage crime.

Humbertalking

Humber Talking is still being undertaken in the Driffield 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 –

Driffield Community Team do not have any surgeries booked for May at the time of writing but please check out social media pages for announcements.

We encourage everyone to follow Government Advice on Coronavirus at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



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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 – Driffield - WE ARE OPEN

Our normal opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5pm (Closed 1-2pm).

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.

We are pleased to report that the Bridlington cluster have recorded a 32% positive outcome rate being the highest in Humberside in April. Humberside police have the highest arrest rate in the country for April and our contact centre has been rated the best in the country.

25/04/2022 – Two 16-year-old boys were arrested on suspicion of burglary. The arrests took place after we were called to a burglary in progress on a new housing development at Underwood Bank in Driffield. A member of the public reported seeing someone acting suspiciously at the site and officers were quickly on the scene. The two boys were arrested and remain in custody as we continue with our enquiries. We want to thank the caller for their quick actions. Anyone who sees anyone acting suspiciously should call us on our non-emergency number 101 or on 999 if they see a crime in progress.

07/04/2022 – The Driffield Community Policing Team had a pop up surgery at the Driffield Town Council Offices between 1000x1400Hrs. We were available for a chat or to speak to us about any policing issues or crime prevention advice

Driffield Community Officers have attended several schools in the area to carry out presentations regarding Road Safety and Personal Safety when children are out and about now the lighter nights are here.

Since the covid 19 pandemic lockdowns and home working has ended driving standards do appear to have dropped. As we come into the better weather with an increase in traffic drivers and riders alike are reminded of their responsibilities on the road for safer and more efficient roads.

Officers will be offering words of advice re driving standards when necessary have been taking enforcement action.



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Enforcement

A reminder that it is against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement. An e-scooter is classed as a motor vehicle and you will require, by law, a valid licence, tax, and insurance to use on. At the current time you cannot meet this requirement. If you are riding one you could get points and a fine, the scooter will be seized and destroyed.

4. General news and Appeals / Scams and Crime Prevention

Advice on crime prevention - If you require a local officer to attend and give crime prevention advice, please contact us direct at driffield@humberside.police.pnn.uk to arrange a visit.

29/04/2022 - Rural Task Force - During the early hours of Friday 29/04/22 a quad bike was stolen from a residential property in Stamford Bridge. If you witnessed any suspicious activity or the movement of the below quad bike during the early hours please contact police on 101 quoting 16/50204/22



27/04/2022 - Sometime between 11:35pm on Wednesday 27th April 2022 suspects on two moped bikes approach a commercial business on Sproatley Road FLINTON and ram the garage door, the alarm is activated and the offenders make off. Police are conducting enquiries with investigation 16/49795/22

25/04/2022 – Rural Task Force - We have received a report of a dog walker trespassing across a private field with their dog chasing after sheep. It is an offence for any dog to worry livestock. Please keep your dog on a lead around livestock & ensure you are walking along a public right of way.



20/04/2022 - Ensure you or your child know how and where to report worrying content you've found on the internet or through social media or online gaming that are used by radicalisers to target young people.



You can report images or videos that promote terrorism or encourage violence or websites containing disturbing images at: <https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism#ActEarly>

or for information and advice please look at <https://actearly.uk/advice/staying-safe-online/>



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14/04/2022 - Farm GPS Tracker thefts

In the past few weeks, several farmers in the East Riding of Yorkshire have reported thefts of their tractor GPS systems. These systems are an expensive item for any business and to have them stolen has a serious impact on the farmer's lives and livelihoods.

In recent thefts, at Goodmanham near Market Weighton on 25 March and at Wressle near Howden on 1 April, over £35,000 worth of GPS receivers and screens was stolen from farm vehicles.



Rural Task Force officer PC Josh Fawcett said, "These recent thefts have had a devastating impact on the farmers. It's hard enough producing the country's food without having people come along and steal their property.

"Farm machinery is a massive investment for a farmer, and it needs to be protected from opportunist thieves."

There are many ways to help keep equipment safe and we are sharing them again here to remind people to take additional security measures:

MARK IT, REMOVE IT, LOCK IT

Tractor GPS Screens

- Remove screens when not in use – ensure they are left in a safe and secure location.
- Mark screens using Forensic Marking and use the provided stickers to advertise forensic marking is in use
- Record serial numbers
- Tractor GPS Receivers
- If not in use, disconnect, remove and secure in a safe location
- Remove from roof if not in use and tractor is being used on road – this will prevent advertising the fact you have a receiver.
- Ensure the software is up to date, and marked with security warning stickers
- Consider securing the tractor in a locked alarmed shed
- Record serial numbers

PC Fawcett continues, "Please also make sure your device is properly insured as it may need to be a separate item on your insurance, especially once removed from machinery.



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“We would also advise people to consider installing CCTV, intruder alarms, security lighting and boundary security (entrance gates/fencing) around your property to provide formal surveillance and target harden the most vulnerable areas.

“We cannot physically be everywhere at the same time and our communities are our eyes and ears in the countryside. They know when something they see isn't right. We want them to call us about any suspicious activity they see. Please report this to police immediately on 999 if there is a crime in progress or 101 for non-emergency incidents.”

For more information about how to protect your farm, properties and equipment please head over to our website where you will find lots of useful information <https://www.humberside.police.uk/wildlife-and-rural-crime>.

We also have a rural crime prevention booklet which can be obtained through the website as a PDF or as a booklet via our Rural Task Force SPOCRuralandWildlifeCrime@humberside.pnn.police.uk

13/04/2022 - HORSE WATCH WAWNE: Horse tail cut

Sometime overnight persons have entered a livery yard near to the village of Wawne and used a pair of scissors to cut some of the tail hair belonging to one of the horses in the field.

It is believed that the same person(s) had made an untidy search of the yard by messing up the hay bales, nothing is reported stolen at this time.

PCSO Darren Bainton from Holderness Community Police Team said “We received a report from concerned horse owners from Wawne.

“The livery yard owner reported that they had gone to check on horses and ponies, which are kept in a field off Meaux Road, Wawne, and was shocked to discover that one of the horse's tail had been cut. A pair of the yard's scissors were found nearby”

“This is an a rare case in the area and we ask that anyone with information contact the Police on 101, quoting 224 13/04/2022.”

Please continue to report suspicious activity



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06/04/2022 - PCSOs are often referred to as the eyes and ears of the police, they provide a vital policing presence within your local community.

Have you got what it takes to join Humberside Police?

Apply now at: <http://ow.ly/1MP150IBTxC>



Current Scams / Frauds –

1) Scam calls about the Government's £150 council tax rebate (AgeUK)

We have become aware of a scam phone calls and an email circulating, concerning the £150 Council Tax rebate recently announced by the Chancellor. People are being asked to give their bank details to receive the rebate. Local councils say they would never cold call or email and ask for your bank details to make the payment. Do not give out your details.

2) Ticket Fraud (ActionFraud)

Ticket fraudsters duped victims out of almost £4 million in the last year, as music and entertainment lovers bought tickets for festivals and events online as coronavirus restrictions eased. Spot the signs of ticket fraud and protect yourself:

Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known and reputable ticket site. Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer, especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering your money if you become a victim of fraud. Be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Is the vendor a member of STAR? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. STAR also offers an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints. For more information: star.org.uk/buy_safe

BIG SCAMS TAKE FIVE

Take Five to Stop Fraud is a national campaign from Financial Fraud Action UK and the UK Government, backed by the banking industry. It's about taking that moment to pause and think before you respond to any text, email or phone call asking you to share any personal or financial details.

If you suspect someone is after your money, take five and confidently challenge them with this simple phrase:
'My money? My info? I don't think so!'

Follow these tips to help protect yourself from financial fraud:

Requests to move money:
A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.

Clicking on links/files:
Don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Personal information:
Always question uninvited approaches, as it may be a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

Find out more at takefive-stopfraud.org.uk



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3) Fake Ukraine fundraisers (AgeUK/Action Fraud)

Action Fraud has received 196 reports of bogus requests to fundraise for victims of the crisis, reports the BBC.

Scammers use a variety of methods to con donors, including selling charity T-shirts, it says. Some are even pretending to be Wladimir Klitschko, whose brother Vitali is mayor of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv.

Action Fraud has shared advice about how to detect the scams:

Never click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails or respond to unsolicited messages asking for personal or financial details - even if they are in the name of a charity

To donate online, type in the address of the charity website rather than clicking on a link

Be cautious when donating to an online fundraising page - fake ones are often badly written or contain spelling mistakes

4) Scammers targeting Self Assessment customers, HMRC warns (Gov.uk)

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is warning Self Assessment customers to be on their guard following the Self Assessment deadline after more than 570,000 scams were reported to HMRC in the last year.

At this time of year, Self Assessment customers are at increased risk of falling victim to scams, even if they don't mention Self Assessment. They can be taken in by scam texts, emails or calls either offering a 'refund' or demanding unpaid tax, thinking that they are genuine HMRC communications referring to their Self Assessment return. In the 12 months to January 2022, nearly 220,000 scams reported to HMRC offered bogus tax rebates.

Criminals target unsuspecting Self Assessment customers to try and steal money or personal information. They use phone calls, texts and emails to try and dupe citizens, and often mimic government messages to make them appear authentic. In January 2022, phone scams rose to 3,995 compared to 425 reported in April 2020.

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 not contact members of the public by phone about paying outstanding debts.



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- 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

For up to date advice on scam HMRC phone calls, [visit gov.uk](http://visit.gov.uk).

Please take time to visit the websites detailed below:

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

[www.https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news](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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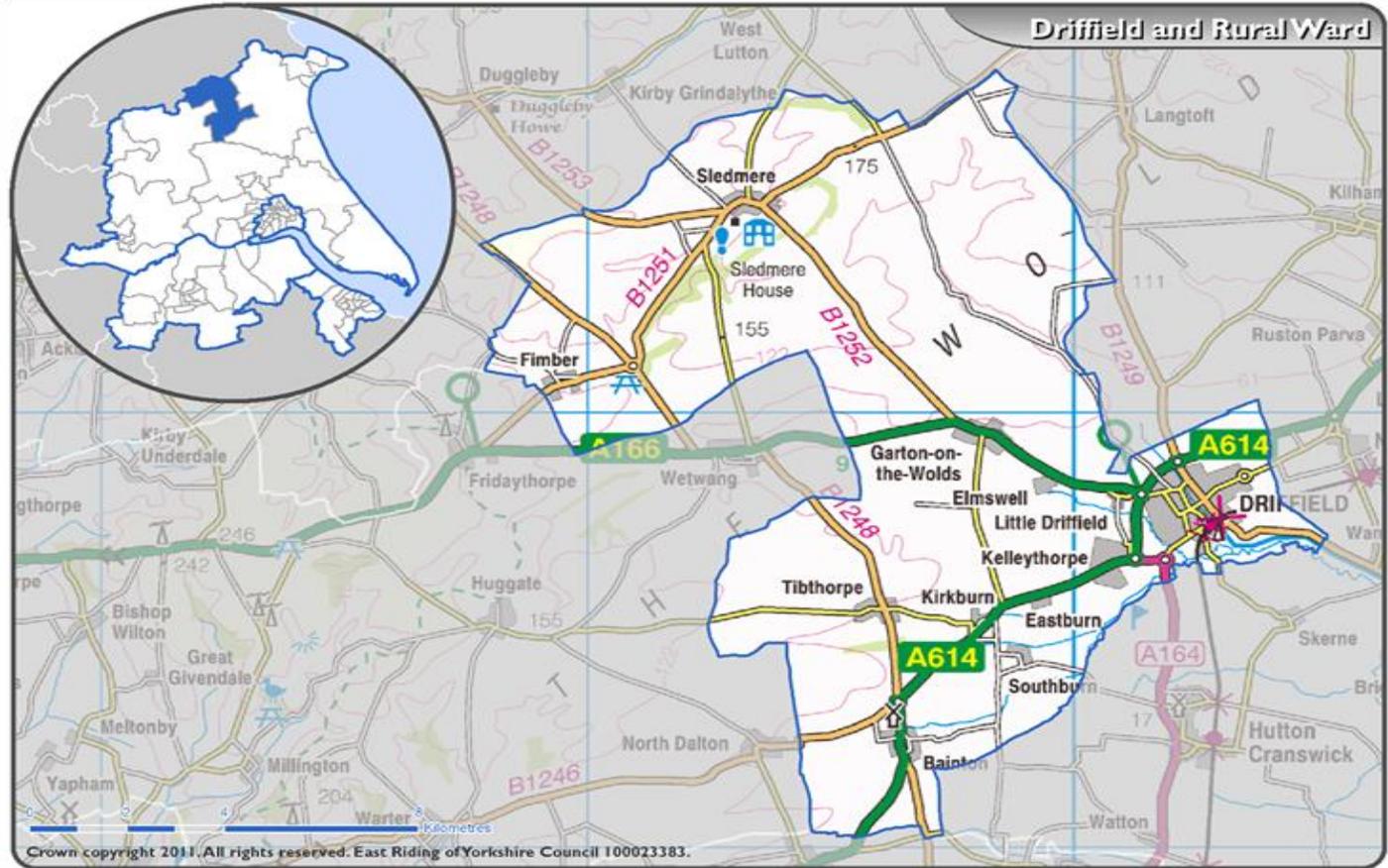




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AREA COVERED BY DRIFFIELD & RURALTEAM





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