

## **Richmondshire Area Committee**

**11 January 2017**

### **North Yorkshire Police Update**

#### **Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):**

As reported at previous Area Committee meetings Crime has fallen within the Richmondshire area in comparison to previous years which in turn has seen a decreasing trend over a six year period.

The first nine months of this financial year have seen crime levels remaining comparable with the same period last year.

There are no significant areas for concern at this time. We have recently seen a small increase in burglary of out buildings in some of the villages off the A66. We have also seen 2 reports of bogus builders, where elderly persons have been charged excessive amounts of money for poor roofing repairs. We appeal for communities, and neighbours to remain vigilant and to look out for vulnerable people in our neighbourhoods, and to report suspicions to the Police. We are working closely with Trading Standards, to investigate these recent concerns.

ASB has fallen significantly year on year with figures continuing to decrease for the first nine months of 2016/17.

#### **Operation Checkpoint – 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Operation Checkpoint is the largest rural policing operation of its kind in the country, and regularly sees officers from Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, North Yorkshire and Northumbria join forces to target cross-border criminals.

The operation saw over 100 vehicles stopped for checks across the Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, North Yorkshire and Northumbria areas resulting in a number of vehicle seizures, fixed penalty notices and arrests. In total Cleveland Police had 4 arrests for the operation due to the directed patrols and intelligence received. In Richmondshire we had 2 arrests for theft from a motor vehicle, as a direct result of this operation. These enquiries are continuing.

The operation relies heavily on the Police Support Volunteers that make up the successful Border Watch schemes. This sees members of our rural community regularly out on patrol and actively reporting to the Police suspicious people and vehicles. They are the eyes and ears. We continue to be very grateful for this support.

Our Rural Task Force team continues to support our local Beat Managers and PCSOs. We have seen a number of prosecutions for trespass on land, poaching and other rural crime offences. This type of crime and anti-social behaviour continues to be a real concern to our rural communities, and we are doing all we can to support them.

### **Northallerton Custody Pilot closure**

The Northallerton Custody Closure Pilot has now been running for two months. As previously stated this is a 6 month pilot so that the best informed decision can be made on custody provision for the future. A full review will be undertaken in the New Year, which will be reported back to this committee. In the meantime please be reassured that the pilot is reviewed at a local level on a daily basis and at a strategic level on a monthly basis. The Force Lead for this pilot is ACC Amanda Oliver.

Over the busy Christmas and New Year period, we are also seeking the support from a private provider to assist with transportation of prisoners from their place of arrest in Richmondshire to the Harrogate custody suite. This allows arresting officers to remain in the District at the busy times.

### **Catterick Garrison**

In the run up to Christmas we have ensured an increased presence in and around the Garrison area. This has included the new town centre where we see a density of people gathering. The aim is to provide additional reassurance to the wider community and serving soldiers, and their families. Together with Richmondshire District Council licensing department, the Garrison Sgt Major, and a passive drugs dog, we also conducted a number of licensed premises visits in the run up to the festive period. This was to clearly outline the standards we expect at this busy time, and was aimed at reducing drunken behaviour and associated crime.

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Richmondshire Neighbourhood Policing

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