

Tackling cross-border quadbike and farm machinery thefts in the Whitby and Ryedale areas

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A cross-border police operation is continuing in the Whitby and Ryedale areas linked to quadbike and farm machinery thefts.

Suspected criminals from over the Cleveland Police border have targeted dozens of farms in North Yorkshire in recent months.

As well as working closely with Cleveland Police, specialist resources are being deployed to the area in the effort to detect and deter the travelling offenders.

This includes officers from the Rural Task Force, Roads Policing Groups, Operational Support Unit, Firearms Support Unit, the Dog Unit and the National Police Air Service.

They are working with the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to help reassure worried members of the farming community, providing crime prevention support, and advice on how best to report such incidents to the police.

Detective Inspector Ryan Chapman, from the Scarborough Investigation Hub, said:

“Cross-border criminals are still targeting quadbikes and machinery from farms in the Whitby and Ryedale areas.

“Together with our colleagues at Cleveland Police, we are continuing to place specialist resources in and around the border to deter and disrupt criminal activity, as well as catching suspects in the act.

“There will be no let-up in our approach and suspects can expect to be arrested by North Yorkshire Police, or by Cleveland Police when they are pursued back over the border.”



As reported on the North Yorkshire Police [website](#) on Wednesday (12 July 2023, incident number 12230129012), the proactive operation led to the arrest of two suspects from the Cleveland Police area on suspicion of burglary at a farm in Farndale. Power tools and scrap metal were taken in the in the incident. One of the suspects, a 25-year-old man from Eston, has been charged with burglary and he is appearing at York Magistrates' Court today (14 July 2023) at 9.15am, court room 1.

The other man who was arrested, a 19-year-old from Stokesley, has been released on conditional bailed while enquiries are ongoing.

Another recent incident (12230119218) involved the arrests of two men aged 59 and 25 and a 23-year-old woman from East Cleveland.

This was in connection with the theft of a quadbike from a farm on the outskirts of Whitby just after 1am on Wednesday 28 June 2023. They were caught after their vehicle was 'stung' by the police near Scaling Dam. They have been released on conditional bail.

Reporting 'live' crimes – always dial 999 for an emergency response and don't take matters into If an incident has just happened or is ongoing, please always dial 999 for an emergency response.

DI Chapman said: "Dialling 999 gives us the best chance of catching suspects before they leave the area. "For safety, always leave it to the police to deal with suspects. Please do not take matters into your own hands."

As well as dialling 999 for an emergency response, non-emergency reports can be made via the North Yorkshire Police website or by calling 101, option 4.

Remember to press hash/# and say "North Yorkshire Police" if the call mistakenly goes to Cleveland due to living near the border.

If you would prefer to remain anonymous, information can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or make an online report.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging

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Appeal for witnesses following Northallerton assault

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North Yorkshire Police is appealing for witnesses and information about a serious assault in the Northallerton area.

The incident took place between 4.00am and 4.47am on Sunday 2 July where man was walking home from his workplace when he was subjected to a serious assault by four men.

It is believed that the assault took place somewhere between Northallerton Leisure Centre and The Crown Inn on the junction of Northallerton Road and Lead Lane.

The man was left with serious, life-threatening injuries.

The victim is white, in his early forties, 5ft 6” tall with a proportionate build and grey hair.

In particular, we are appealing for any sightings of the man or anyone else who was in the area at the time. We also ask that if anybody has any dashcam footage or CCTV footage from the area at, or around the time of the incident to come forward.

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation should email CIDNorthallerton@northyorkshire.police.uk.

You can also call North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 2 and ask for Northallerton CID, alternatively, you can call 101, select option 4 and speak to our Force Control Room.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can pass information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Please quote reference: 12230123386 when passing information.

Investigation into fatal light aircraft crash

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North Yorkshire Police can confirm that at around 7.45pm on Thursday (6 July 2023), we received a report that a light aircraft had come down in a field near to Bagby Airfield in the Thirsk area.

Police, Fire and Ambulance all attended the scene.

One person, a man aged in his 20s, sadly died in the crash. His family are being supported by specially trained officers.

There was not believed to be anyone else on board the aircraft.

A full investigation is underway led by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch.

People are asked to avoid the area and we thank local residents for their patience and co-operation while the emergency services continue to work at the scene.

Further updates will be placed on the North Yorkshire Police website in due course.

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Police, Fire Service and Commissioner's Office team up at the Great Yorkshire Show

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Visitors to this year's Great Yorkshire Show are invited to see North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Commissioner's office on stand 330 near the Gold Gate.

The show is one of the biggest agricultural events in the country and provides an opportunity for the force's dedicated Rural Task Force to engage with members of the rural communities.

Visitors will have the chance to see the police tractor, which is kindly loaned by Ripon Farm Services. The tractor will be used to highlight the support that the police can provide to farmers with issues such as livestock worrying or the theft of GPS systems from tractors.

A roads policing vehicle will also be on the stand and there will be police uniform for photograph opportunities.

If you've ever thought about a career in policing or volunteering with the police, North Yorkshire Police's dedicated recruitment team will be on the stand to provide information on job and development opportunities.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service will also be on the stand along with representatives from the Commissioner's office.

Inspector Mark Earnshaw from North Yorkshire Police's Rural Task Force commented:

"PCSOs and Police officers from the rural task force will be on the stand to answer any questions about rural crime or policing in general.

"I would urge anyone who has considered joining the police as a volunteer, staff member, Special Constable, or Police Officer to come and see us. This year we have colleagues from our recruitment team with us to discuss current and future opportunities within the police."



Anti-social behaviour in the spotlight during national awareness week

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North Yorkshire Police is urging communities to take a stand against anti-social behaviour this week.

Running from 3 to 9 July, ASB Awareness Week 2023 highlights how police are working with other organisations to tackle ASB – and raises awareness of the actions that can be taken by those experiencing it.

Chief Inspector Andy Godfrey, of North Yorkshire Police’s Partnership Hub, said: “Everyone in North Yorkshire and York has the right to live their lives free from intimidation and harassment in their own home and their own neighbourhood.

“Police colleagues come to work every day because we care about the communities we serve. And we know that anti-social behaviour has the power to wreck people’s lives. We are committed to stopping it.

“This national awareness week gives us an opportunity to show how we can all work together to tackle ASB. Even when the issues around ASB are complex, and may require other agencies to lead, we will always seek to work in partnership to address the underlying causes.

“Most importantly of all, this week we want to focus on victims – ASB is not a ‘low-level offence’, and can have a great impact on someone’s quality of life. People need to know what their rights are, and we will be highlighting those throughout the week too.”

Throughout the week, North Yorkshire Police colleagues will be patrolling local communities, visiting schools and community groups and encouraging victims to report what’s happened.

Cllr Michael Pavlovic, Executive Member for Safer Communities and Communities at City of York Council, said: “Anti-social behaviour is a significant issue for many residents in York. It’s fantastic that our officers and North Yorkshire Police are helping raise awareness of how people can report it, that it will be taken seriously and that appropriate action will be taken and support given. Please don't suffer in silence, but work with us to end it.”

Deputy Chief Constable Andy Prophet, NPCC Lead for Anti-Social Behaviour, added: “Throughout the week, police forces across the country will be actively engaging with their communities and local partnerships in raising awareness on various aspects to do with ASB.”

ASB Awareness Week is organised by Resolve, a national ASB and community safety organisation.

Resolve Chief Executive Rebecca Bryant said: “It is important that the challenge of ASB continues to be given the priority it needs so that people everywhere feel safe in their homes and communities. We are delighted that North Yorkshire Police is supporting this hugely important campaign. It is vital to develop partnership approaches across communities to deal with the growing challenges around ASB.”

Launch of 'Punched Out Cold' awareness campaign across North Yorkshire and the City of York

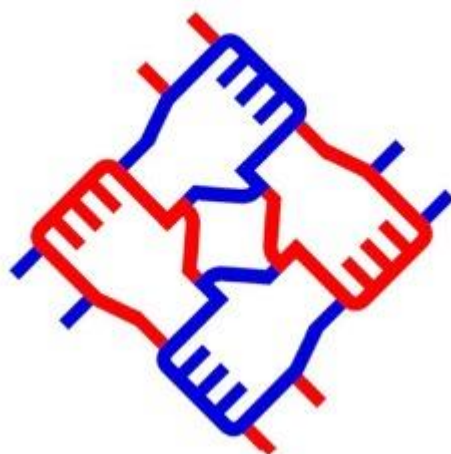
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North Yorkshire Police has teamed up with the One Punch UK charity to help prevent tragic deaths and life-changing injuries.



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The campaign will initially target men aged 18 to 35 at pubs, bars, gyms and sporting clubs over the summer holidays, and again during the festive period.

Then in September, coinciding with 'One Punch Awareness Week' between 18 and 22 September, there will also focus on secondary school children.

In the past year, there have been four such incidents in our area.

While still rare, North Yorkshire Police is determined to quickly reverse this worrying trend by adopting an early intervention and prevention approach.

To achieve this, we have teamed up with One Punch UK to increase awareness among younger adults and secondary school children.

One Punch UK - “Stop, think and walk away”



Maxine Thompson-Curl (pictured above), Chief Executive Officer of One Punch UK, is urging revellers and secondary school children alike to “stop, think and walk away” to avoid the consequences of a one punch tragedy.

She and her husband Anthony launched One Punch UK to raise awareness about the issue after her son, Kristian, died aged 19 after being punched in the head during a night out in Consett, County Durham, in September 2010.

Now in its 10th year, North Yorkshire Police is proud to be supporting the ‘Punched Out Cold’ campaign. The couple, from South Shields, continue to work with families affected by incidents involving one punch, as well as educating thousands of school children on the potentially devastating impact their split-second violent actions could have.



Kristian Thompson

Maxine said: “The ‘Punched Out Cold’ campaign is so important to educate people what a single punch can do and the devastation it can cause.

“The fists at the end of your arms are readily available, and you have to think about what you’re doing as that one decision could ruin a lot of lives – it’s that ripple effect.”

Maxine is also urging licensed premises and bar staff to be more alert to those who may drink to excess – a contributing factor to many one punch assaults.

She said: “The lad who killed Kristian had been out on the drink all day, so we know these incidents usually happen under the influence of alcohol.

“It’s about getting people to know their limits but also have those selling the alcohol to take some responsibility also.

“My main message, and this goes for youngster at school as well, is: **Stop, think and walk away.**

“Please think about me and the hundreds of other parents we now work with who have lost their children.

“Or those who have to provide round the clock care to their children due to severe brain damage caused by one-punch violence.

“People's lives are never the same again. Lives are also tragically cut short.”

Detective Chief Inspector Jonathan Sygrove, from North Yorkshire Police’s Major Investigation Team, said:

“As police officers, we see first-hand the devastation caused by one punch incidents resulting in serious injuries and death.

“However, the sheer and continuous impact it has on parents, family members and friends, is something that Maxine and One Punch UK can explain in truly heart-breaking detail.

“We are proud that North Yorkshire Police is supporting the ‘Punched Out Cold’ campaign in pubs, bars, gyms and sports clubs across our area. Not only during the summer, but during the festive period too.

“The campaign highlights just how dangerous one punch can be. That in a split second someone can become a killer, and someone can be killed or suffer life-changing injuries.

“We want people to enjoy themselves on nights out across North Yorkshire and the City of York, but you must also be responsible for your own actions.

“Consuming too much alcohol and taking illegal drugs can drastically alter your behaviour.

“If you are faced with a potentially violent confrontation, we wholeheartedly echo Maxine’s and the One Punch UK advice to stop, think and walk away.

“By not acting in anger and lashing out, it could well be the best decision you have ever made - for everyone concerned.

“Please remember, just one punch can destroy so many lives. Including your own.”

North Yorkshire Police's Licensing team and local authority partners will be working closely with pubs and bars about this issue, ensuring that staff members, security teams and customers are aware of the key messages of the campaign.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams will also be distributing 'Punched Out Cold' posters and talking to members of gyms and sporting clubs across the force area.

For more information visit [One Punch UK | United Kingdom | Charity](#)

Seek professional support for drink and drug-related issues, either for yourself or someone who you are concerned about

- Drink Drug Hub website www.drinkdrughub.co.uk
- North Yorkshire Rise – young people's specialist drug and alcohol service- freephone 08000 14 14 80 (option 2) – www.humankindcharity.org.uk/service/nyrise/
- North Yorkshire Horizons - adult specialist drug and alcohol service - freephone 08000 14 14 80 – www.nyhorizons.org.uk/
- City of York Drug and Alcohol Service - 01904 464 680 – www.changing-lives.org.uk/services/drug-alcohol/york-drug-alcohol-support-services/
- NHS – <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/addiction-support/drug-addiction-getting-help/>
- FRANK helpline and information - <https://www.talktofrank.com/>

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send someone else to the morgue.

#StopThinkWalkAway



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www.braininjurygroup.co.uk



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