

## Crime Bulletin Richmond Rural Area

### Hot topic

As the nights draw in we can often see a slight rise in reports of burglary. This is due to the fact that people are less likely to be detected in the dark. The chances of being the victim of such crimes are still very low in Richmondshire and we hope by considering the following points we can help make your homes and businesses less appealing to criminals.

- Do you have external motion censored lighting?
- Do you have adequate locks on your sheds and out buildings?
- Do you let your trusted neighbours know when you are away from your home address for long periods of time so they can keep an eye on your home?
- Do you have CCTV covering your drives and gardens?
- Do you leave valuables in clear view of your windows?
- Do you leave your car keys in view of your windows or close to your front door?
- Do you advertise on social media when you are away from home?
- Do you remember to lock your doors and windows when you go out?

With these points in mind, I ask you all to look at what security measures you currently have around your homes and gardens. I hope you take the opportunity to check your security measures in preparation for the winter months. If you feel particularly vulnerable or need any help or advice please do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

### Incidents of note

I'm pleased to say that crime over the last few months has been relatively low around Middleton Tyas. However we are experiencing an increase in criminal damage after several areas around East Hall/ School Bank were damaged with spray paint on the 06/10/2020.

### Rural Team Update

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020, PCSO 5073 Helen Sutherland left our team as a Richmondshire rural PCSO after 3 years, as she begins her training to become a Police Constable with North Yorkshire Police. I have recently joined the team as Helen's replacement and I am excited to start in my new role as PCSO for Middleton Tyas and look forward to meeting you all out and about in your communities.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood watch is a fantastic way to reduce crime in your area and make the communities you live in safer. I recently spoke with the Middleton Tyas Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and we discussed various topics in relation to the area. If anyone is interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch or would like to receive updates regarding matters in your local community please do so using the email address below.

[neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@middletontyas.org.uk)



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Please continue to report suspicious incidents through 101 or to myself, Mark and Helenor.

Kind regards

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