



Crime Bulletin Richmond Rural Area.

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Hot topic

Fraud – We have received a number of fraud reports. Fraud is one of North Yorkshire polices’ priorities. Some of the latest scams have been as follows –

- People phoning you claiming they are police officers who tell you that you are a victim of fraud. They then ask you to send money to them. The police would NEVER ask people for money and any legitimate police officer will have no objection to being asked for their collar number and the station they’re attached to. You can then terminate the call and ring their force area on 101 to confirm who they are and if they’re on duty. But I reiterate, the police will NEVER ask anyone to get and send money to them!!
- Calls from Amazon stating you have credit on your account and that they wish to send you the money back. They will try to get you to do it on your computer, it won’t work and they will then ask to take control of your computer and then proceed to clear out your bank account.
- People ringing you purporting to be from the NHS asking you to pay money in order to get your COVID vaccination.

These people are very convincing and experts at what they do. They will usually sound very legitimate but please don’t engage with them. Report any suspicious activity to the police.

Incidents

We are still experiencing reports of poachers in the area. Following the use of our Borderwatch WhatsApp I was able to stop a male suspected of poaching. He has been interviewed and reported for various offences including breaching Covid. As always keep the reports coming and record as many details as possible. But a big thank you for all the reports that have been made.

We are continuing to patrol with the “Border Watch” volunteers, and demonstrating excellent collaborative working. We have had some fantastic results and thank the support of locals/volunteers.

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0	
Auto crime	1	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	1	
Theft (including from shops)	5	
Violence Against the Person	5	
Other crimes including Drugs	3	
fraud	8	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	23	

Rural Team Updates

The rural Richmond team welcomes PCSO Felicity Wilkinson who will be working in the rural Richmond area along with Connor and myself. Helenor is currently on an attachment and will then move up to Leyburn. Please do not hesitate to make contact with any of us at any time. If we can't answer we will always try come back to you.



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