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Bridlington update – January 2025 Issue

Meet Your Team



1119 Ian Foster
Inspector



2052 Chris Almond
Sergeant



1577 Simon Kelly
Police Constable



1855 Sam Hoggard
Police Constable



0019 Stacey Hartley
Police Constable



0657 Tricia Hook
Police Constable



0304 Jordon Petch
Police Constable



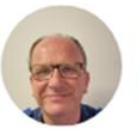
0996 Sebastian Petch
Police Constable



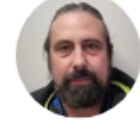
0163 Maria Adlington
Police Constable



1830 Matthew Ferris
Police Constable



7884 Gerald Quinn
PCSO



7791 Mike Singh
PCSO






7846 Leonard Sandison
PCSO



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Make The Right Call    @humberbeat

999  There is a danger to life A crime is in progress or has just happened A dangerous incident on the roads Suspicious incident that needs immediate attention Immediate action is required to save lives, stop injury or catch criminals	101  To report a crime NOT ongoing Give us information about crime or concerns in your local area General enquiries To discuss anti-social behaviour or other non-urgent matters	ONLINE  humberbeat.humberbeat.police.uk Report a crime Record an incident Request an update Advice and information
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To report crime 100% anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

Receive real time alerts about what's happening in your area  MyCommunityAlert.co.uk

To contact your local policing team on a non-urgent matter you can email us at

Communities-BridlingtonTeamALLSTAFF@humberbeat.humberbeat.police.uk

1. What's Happening In Your Area?

Disruption of Drug activity – Ongoing core priority

Drug taking and dealing in the streets around the town centre of Bridlington continue to be our focus. We continue to receive information and target areas of concern. Addresses with increased activity will be monitored adding to the intelligence picture. We continue to review this intelligence, obtain warrants, and target areas and individuals of concern using our stop and search powers. We continue to work with residents, Pro-active Patrols and BTP.

Operation Shield has led to numerous drug arrests. Clear, Hold, Build will further impact in this area.

You can report anonymously via 'CrimeStoppers' at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

ASB – Town wide – Ongoing core priority

We continue to engage with the community and monitor areas subject to ASB.

We will conduct high visibility patrols and liaise with housing and social care. We are supporting local businesses with regular patrols and work with other agencies and children's homes to support youths and promote positive relationships. Liaison with schools continues. Local officers are working with housing and social services in relation to visiting youths and parents to minimise ASB.



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Some youths have already been identified and we are utilising the fairway system to deal with this. We have signed youths up to Anti-Social Behaviour contracts and parents are aware of the issues they are causing. Any offences will be dealt with positively and we will look towards Youth Justice Service intervention where appropriate.

HumberTalking

Humber Talking is still being undertaken in the Bridlington 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 –

You will see us out and about as we continue to do our job and keep our communities safe. As always there are several ways you can get in touch with us if you need us. Please check our social media channels for updates of surgeries and events we will be attending.

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.

Please visit <https://www.humberside.police.uk/area/your-area> and enter your location to see what meetings and events are forthcoming in your area.

Police Station Front Counters – Bridlington - WE ARE OPEN

Our normal opening hours are 8am-8pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday. We are closed between 1pm to 2pm each day.

“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





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affect you or your family. Sign up for free on [mycommunityalert.co.uk](https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk) to start receiving real time updates now.

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3. Local News and General Information

05/12/2024 - Circulated at the time on My Community Alert - Humberside Police are investigating a report of an **Attempt Burglary on Beaconsfield**. The incident occurred on Thursday 5th December around 1915 hours. The offender(s) approached a locked door and tried the door handle. They then made off down the drive. If you saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area around this time or have any information about the offenders, please contact the police on the non-emergency number 101 quoting occurrence ref: 24000174944.

07/12/2024 - Circulated at the time on My Community Alert - Suspicious Circumstances – Ryehill - On Saturday 7th December 2024 a white male knocked on a door, mid 20's, slim build dressed in black touting for work. Carrying a ladder. Resident didn't request any work to be undertaken. The following day it was noticed that a ladder was propped up against the same property. No access to property gained. For information and awareness.

10/12/2024 - Whilst out searching for a vehicle of interest, the aging VW Golf GTI below, was witnessed being driven in a manner that caught the attention of PS ALMOND. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver admitted to having no insurance. He stated, "There's not many of these Golfs left on the road anymore!" There's one less now, as the **vehicle was subsequently seized under S165 of the Road Traffic Act.**



If you are caught driving without valid insurance it can cost you a £300 fine and 6 penalty points on your licence. If you wish to retrieve your vehicle you will need to pay for recovery and storage costs in addition to obtaining the relevant insurance.

Uninsured drivers are more likely to be involved in serious or fatal collisions and are more likely to be involved in other crime. Please do not become a statistic. Stay legal.

As always, if you have any information relating to criminality in our area, please let us know via 101 or anonymously via CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111

10/12/2024 - Your Local Community Policing Team will be holding a Police Surgery on 10/12/2024 at 11.00 hours]. We will be at morrisons store Bessingby industrial estate 11.00x12.00 This is a great opportunity for you to meet the Officers and PCSO's of your local community policing team and discuss any policing issues you may have. **Advertised at the time on our social media channels and MyCommunityAlert.**



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10/12/2024 – Bridlington – Six New Police Community Support Officers

<https://www.humberside.police.uk/news/humberside/news/news/2024/december/19-new-police-community-support-officers-join-neighbourhood-policing-teams/>

13/12/2024 - Rural Task Force a stolen plant machine was recovered by officers within 48 hours of it being stolen and returned to its owner.

13/12/2024 - On the Tuesday 26 November 2024, two men appeared at South Tyneside Magistrates for sentencing after pleading guilty to theft and criminal damage on Woldgate, Rudston in East Riding of Yorkshire last year.

Michael Ford, 47-years-old, of Westernmoor, Washington, Tyne and Wear, and Thomas Garside, 33-years-old, of Elderwood Gardens, Middlesborough, were ordered to pay costs, compensation and complete unpaid work.



On the Sunday 22 October 2023, officers from the Rural Task Force were on patrol on Woldgate, when they located an unattended vehicle at 10.30pm. Checks on the vehicle showed that it had travelled from the Washington Area and following a search of the nearby fields with a Thermal Scope, Ford and Garside were located coming from private farmland, carrying large bags that appeared to contain a significant amount of metal detecting equipment.

Despite stating they were out for a run, whilst carrying the equipment, officers detained them and conducted searches of both males and the vehicle.

Further evidence including freshly unearthed coins and a ring were located and the finds and equipment were seized and the males reported for theft and criminal damage offences.

Checks of the fields unearthed around 30 freshly dug holes in a field containing recently cropped rape seed oil.

17/12/2024 - Your Local Community Policing Team will be holding a Police Surgery on TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024 at 15:00. We will be at FLAMBOROUGH LIBRARY, SOUTH SEA ROAD, FLAMBOROUGH for 1 hour and 30 minutes. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the Officers and PCSO's of your local community policing team and discuss any policing issues you may have.
Advertised at the time on MyCommunityAlert.



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19/12/2024 - A Full Closure order has been granted for an address in Bridlington after repeated reports of Anti-Social Behaviour and disorder at the address.

Joint working between the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and Yorkshire Housing has resulted in the order being granted for 3 months, meaning no persons are allowed inside the address in a bid to stop behaviour which is having a detrimental effect to those living near the property.

We take ASB seriously and will use all available powers to help protect our communities.

21/12/2024 - Last night, East Riding Patrol officers were vigilant in the bustling town centre, ensuring festive fun was safe for all!

Their attention was caught by a poorly driven vehicle, leading to a traffic stop.

The driver showed signs of impairment but failed to cooperate with requested samples. As a result, they now face ****5 traffic offences**** and will start the new year in court—potentially facing driving disqualification.

Planning to enjoy the festivities? Remember: ****Leave your keys at home if you plan on drinking!****
Let's keep our roads safe this holiday season!

31/12/2024 – FREE Cycle Marking - Have a cycle or getting one for Christmas? Then bring them along to North Library on **Thursday the 9th of January 2025 between 4pm and 5.30 pm.**

Humbleside Police will be marking cycles with Bike register, this is a free service, it allows the police to ID owners and the owner to mark it as stolen giving the police powers to seize the cycle.

This service normally cost; however East riding of Yorkshire council has funded this project.

As the owner you can change details or pass it to another owner.





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5. Appeals

05/12/2024 - Officers are appealing for help to identify the man in this image as part of an ongoing investigation into a reported sexual assault on a bus route from Hull to Bridlington on Tuesday 10 September.

At around 5.30pm, it is reported that a 17-year-old girl got on the number 121 bus from Hull Bus Station. Whilst travelling on the bus, at around 6.50pm, she is believed to have been approached by an unknown man who is alleged to have sexually assaulted her.

Detective Constable Jack Somers said: "Since we received the report, a number of lines of enquiry have been investigated, including reviewing CCTV footage, and we are now in a position to release CCTV images of a man we believe could assist with our enquiries.



"If this man is you, or you know who he is, you can contact us on 101, quoting crime reference number 24*130602."

6. Scams and Crime Prevention

Action Fraud is warning people to provide an extra layer of protection and enable the 2-Step Verification (2SV) option, as more than 33,600 people had their social media or email accounts hacked in the last year.

Data from Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, shows that more than 33,600 people reported that their online accounts had been hacked from August last year, with victims losing a total of £1.4 million.



Action Fraud is launching an awareness campaign on social media and email account hacking for Cyber Security Awareness Month this year, encouraging the public to protect their online accounts from fraudsters.



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Holiday Fraud – Action Fraud

Thinking of booking a holiday this year? Make sure you take steps to avoid falling victim to holiday fraud.

Thinking about booking a holiday this year? Follow our top tips to avoid falling victim to holiday fraud

- **Do your research:** Before committing and booking your dream holiday, make sure that you do a thorough online search to ensure the company is credible.
- **Pay safely:** Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases.
- **Look for the logos:** Check if a travel company is an ABTA, the Travel Association or an ABTOT, the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited, a member or an ATOL holder. Look for the ABTA logo on the company's website. If you have any doubts, you can verify their [membership of ABTA online on their website](#). Also, look for the ABTOT logo and financial protection; you can see if a holiday provider is an [ABTOT member by visiting their online directory](#). If you are booking a flight as part of a package holiday and want to find out more information about ATOL protection, visit the ATOL website [ATOL protecting holidaymakers since 1973 - ATOL](#).
- **Stay safe online:** Use 3 random words to create a strong password for your email that's different to all your other passwords. If 2-step verification is available, always enable it.
 - **Beware of suspicious messages:** Be cautious of unexpected emails or messages offering unrealistic holiday deals. If you receive a suspicious email, report it by forwarding it to: report@phishing.gov.uk
 - **Protect personal information:** Only fill in the mandatory details on a website when making a purchase. If possible, don't create an account for the online store when making your payment.
- **Book with confidence:** Be sceptical of unrealistic holiday deals. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Exercise caution and research before making a purchase.



For a full list of tips to avoid becoming a victim of fraud, please visit <https://www.atol.org/about-atol/how-to-check-for-protection/> or <https://www.abta.com/tips-and-advice/planning-and-booking-a-holiday/how-avoid-travel-related-fraud>



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If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040, or call Police Scotland on 101.

QR Codes - what's the real risk?

National Cyber Security Centre <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/blog-post/qr-codes-whats-real-risk>

How safe is it to scan that QR code in the pub? Or in that email?



QR codes have been around since the 90s, although in the UK they really came to prominence during COVID lockdowns where they were used for everything from ordering food to indicating vaccination status.

They're widely used today for things like quickly directing users to websites, logging into devices that lack keyboards (such as online video services on smart devices), or ordering or paying for goods and services.

Understandably, people sometimes worry about whether to trust these QR codes. Many are used in public spaces (like pubs and restaurants), and so you might be wondering: are criminals placing malicious QR codes to steal money, information, or trick people in some way?

Reports of QR-enabled fraud in the UK can be found online (including one from [BBC News where a woman was scammed at a railway station](#)), but this type of scam is relatively small compared to other types of cyber fraud. The majority of QR code-related fraud tends to happen in open spaces (like stations and car parks), and often involves an element of social engineering. In the above example, criminals posing as bank staff rang the victim to continue the deception.

However, QR codes are increasingly being used in phishing emails (a technique sometimes called 'quishing'). From the criminal's perspective, using QR codes in this way makes sense, for a number of reasons.

1. Most people are now suspicious of dubious-looking links in emails, and are (correctly) cautious of clicking on [shortened links](#). Criminals are therefore using QR codes to disguise the links to malicious websites that phishing emails contain.
2. Not all security tools designed to detect phishing emails will scan images, so a QR code directing the user to a malicious website might slip through.
3. Users are more likely to use their personal phone to scan the QR code. Personal devices may not have the same security protections as a computer that's provided by your employer.



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To summarise:

- The QR codes used in pubs or restaurants are probably safe for you to scan.
- Scanning QR codes in open spaces (like stations and car parks) might be riskier. As with many cyber attacks, you should be suspicious if you're asked to provide what feels like too much information, whether that's on a website or in any follow-up communications (such as a phone call).
- If you receive an email with a QR code in it, and you're asked to scan it, you should exercise caution as the NCSC is seeing an increase in these types of 'quishing' attacks.

Finally, we recommend that you use the QR-scanner that comes with your phone, rather than using an app downloaded from an app store. For more detailed information, you can refer to the ['How to use QR codes safely' guidance from the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security](#).

If you feel that you have been scammed and would like to speak to someone face to face please come into your local police station for a confidential chat. It is highly likely that it will be a known scam and you will not be alone. If your local police station is closed or you are unable to get there promptly, please do not delay. Call Action Fraud or Humberside police on the numbers below for advice.

If you think you might have been a victim of fraud report it to Action Fraud by visiting actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040, alternatively call Humberside Police on 101. In an emergency or if a crime is in progress dial 999.

If you have information regarding those responsible for fraud, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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 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 enquiries.

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

Please take time to visit the websites detailed below:

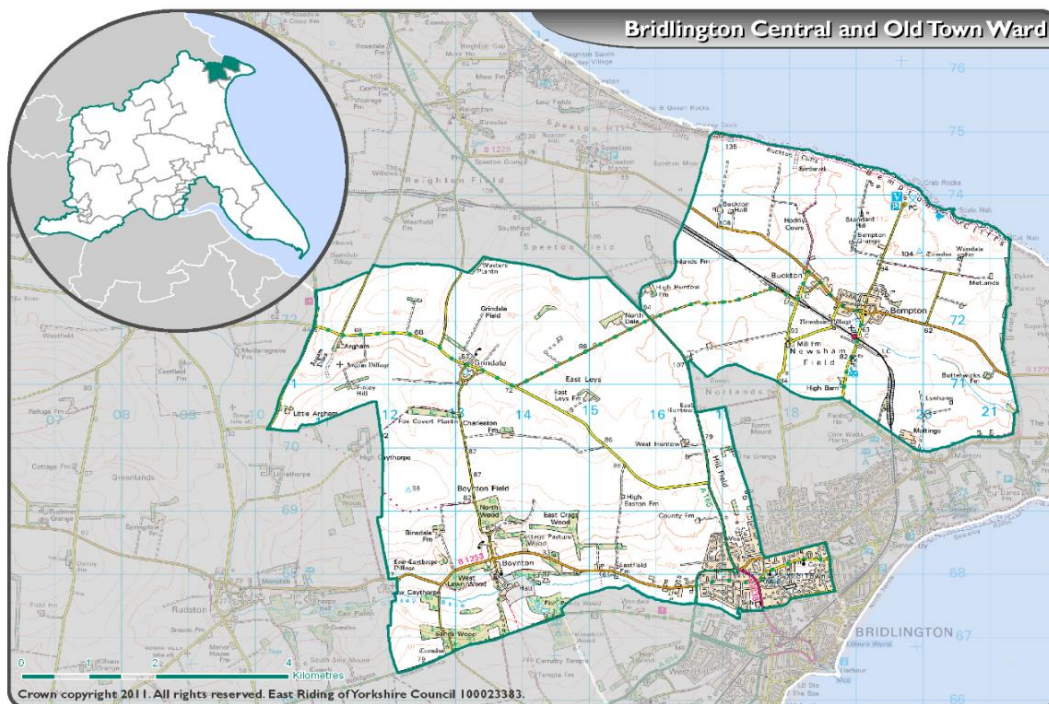
www.ageuk.org.uk/barnet/our-services/latest-scams

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news>

www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/

AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON CENTRAL AND OLD TOWN WARD





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AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON NORTH WARD



AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON SOUTH WARD

