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Bridlington update – October 2024 Issue

Meet Your Team



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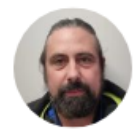
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For current information and guidance on Covid-19 please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. This is a 'one stop shop' for Covid-19 which is constantly being updated with the latest guidance from the government and health officials.

If after viewing the current information and guidance you still have concerns in relation to an Individual, business or group of people not following the rules relating to Covid breaches please report via 101.

Can we also ask that if you become aware of persons living in your communities that you deem are vulnerable or isolated who are not receiving any support from Government agencies or volunteer organisations you please let us know via our email address:

Communities-BridlingtonTeamALLSTAFF@humberside.pnn.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/>

Shop Theft – We will continue to address high demand locations. Work is ongoing with retail premises in the area of Promenade, St Johns Street and Hilderthorpe Road. We will, by default, carry out high visibility foot patrols in these areas and will deal with any offences positively in conjunction with our Patrol colleagues.

ASB – Town wide – Ongoing core priority

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

We have identified a recent spike in youths engaging in ASB, using off road motorbikes and quad bikes on the CYP grounds and the Gypsy Road estate in general. Operation Yellowfin will engage in this area.



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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.

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.

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.



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3. Local News and General Information

02/09/2024 - Whilst out on patrol last night, eagle-eyed officers sighted this vehicle being driven on our roads. Through Police enquiries, it showed that the driver of the vehicle was yet to pass his driving test and held a provisional licence only. The driver was spoken to and reported for multiple offences and the vehicle was taken off the road and seized under s165 RTA.



04/09/2024 - On Wednesday 4th September, this powerful Quad bike was seen to be driven at speed and in a dangerous manner around the town where it failed to stop for Police. A short time later, PS ALMOND and his



team located the Quad. Enquiries revealed it had been stolen earlier that day. Further evidence was recovered, and the bike was seized.

We are aware of ongoing issues with illegal motorbikes in Bridlington. These are dangerous and a nuisance. Please help us to help you by reporting where such bikes are being stored. You can call us via 101 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

05/09/2024 - Yesterday following patrol officers receiving reports from local business owners of a male and female paying for items with counterfeit bank notes a man and women were arrested on suspicion of fraud and possession of counterfeit currency by officers from Bridlington Team 3 . They have since been interviewed by colleagues from Bridlington CID and have been released on bail to allow enquiries to continue.



This marks the fourth arrest in the last two weeks for offences of this nature with a further man and women being arrested for a similar offence last week. Offences of this nature are commonly referred to as, 'ringing the changes' in which people buy low value items from businesses using counterfeit currency in order to receive a quantity of change in genuine currency in return.

We are encouraging local businesses to be vigilant when taking cash and to check bank notes are genuine prior to accepting them. Information on how to check bank notes is available from the Bank of England via the following link: <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/.../how-to-check-your...>

06/09/2024 - Officers from Bridlington NPT Teams 1 & 2 today utilised plain clothed disruption tactics which resulted in the arrest of 2 adult males and 1 adult female for a variety of offences, including recall to prison and possession of controlled substances.



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07/09/2024 – The Rural Task Force conducted Night Poaching patrols around our hot spot areas. We work alongside Humberside Fire & Rescue Service drone to assist with thermal searches & evidence gathering.



13/09/2024 - Last Saturday night following reports of males seen to be using drugs within the town centre two males were stop searched and class A and class B drugs were located on both males. As a result, both males were issued community resolutions and dispersed from the nighttime economy area to prevent further issues occurring.

Whilst often people comment on these types of issues as being minor offences, drug use within the nighttime economy is a significant contributing factor to violent offences. As such we will continue to target those using drugs within the nighttime economy to prevent violent offences occurring. This weekend officers from Bridlington Patrol will be back out on foot within the town centre so please do come and say hi and let us know if you are having any issues so that we can address these.

17/09/2024 - A perverted predator who attempted to groom who they thought to be a teenage boy online to then meet and sexually abuse has been sentenced to three years in prison, placed on the sex offenders register indefinitely, handed a sexual harm prevention order and had his laptop destroyed.

Stephen Verrill, 45-years-old, of Quay Road, Bridlington pleaded guilty to attempting to meet a boy under 16 following grooming, attempting to incite a boy under 16 to engage in a sexual act and attempting to engage in sexual communication with a child



He appeared at Hull Crown Court on Friday 13 September and was sentenced the same day following his guilty plea.

In May this year, Verrill had been talking online, sending sexually explicit messages and pictures to who he believed to be a 14-year-old teenage boy, but was in fact a decoy account.

After a week, Verrill arranged to meet the teenager at a train station to then go on to engage in sexual activity. When Verrill arrived at the train station on Sunday 12 May this year, he was arrested by officers.

Detective Constable Bethany Barker leading the investigation said: "It is clear that Verrill is a perverted predator who targeted who he thought to be a vulnerable member of our community for his own sadistic and sexual gratification.



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“When questioned Verrill denied his intentions stating if a child had emerged from the train, he would have bought them a return ticket home and did not have a sexual interest in children. “Thankfully no child was harmed as Verrill was talking to a decoy social media account, and I am reassured now knowing that he is off our streets unable to target any children. “We take reports of sexual offences extremely seriously and we will continue to do everything we can to bring offenders before the courts. “I would encourage anyone that is a victim of a sexual offence to please talk to us. “When you are ready, we will be here. We will listen to you, and take you seriously.” If you have any information about crime, please call our non-emergency number 101. Always call 999 in an emergency. You can also report information anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

20/09/2024 - We are very much aware of an increase in the issues with problem motorcycles and quad bikes being ridden around Bridlington in a dangerous manner. They are a risk to other road users, cause damage to land and crops, and they inflict misery on the community around them. For obvious reasons catching them is not always an easy task, however any machines found being ridden illegally will be seized and disposed of whilst the offenders will be dealt with.



On Wednesday 18th September we ran our first of many Operations aimed at tackling the individuals responsible. Officers from our Specialist Ops Unit who were riding powerful off-road motorcycles, Op Yellowfin officers and Neighbourhood officers, attended the relevant hotspot locations. We were also joined by Humberside Fire and Rescue Service who employed their very latest and impressive drone technology to help us catch the culprits. As a result

of the excellent teamwork, on this occasion another illegal Quad bike was removed from the streets. Such resources will continue to attend Bridlington unannounced in the future, but we still need your help.....

Please report any information regarding these machines and riders to us via 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Thank you.

20/09/2024 – A busy shift last night for the Rural Task Force team in partnership with Humberside Fire & Rescue Service drone. A 4x4, linked to night poaching, in the Swinefleet area was located & stopped. Disruptive action taken on the occupants. Then a report of caravan theft in the Bridlington area. RTF assisted colleagues in locating the stolen caravan and offending vehicle resulting in 1 x male adult in custody for theft.





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25/09/2024 - Following reports of a potential drink driver, PS ALMOND from the Neighbourhood Policing team intercepted the vehicle in question. The driver was subsequently breathalysed, blew zero and gave a sigh of relief.... only to discover the vehicle was being seized as there was no valid insurance in place! Vehicle recovered and driver reported.



25/09/2024 – Advertised at the time on social media - Neighbourhood Policing Officers will be at Bridlington Leisure Centre tomorrow (Sept 26th), from 4pm - 5:30pm, to offer free cycle marking. Bring your bikes along and have a chat with our friendly officers.



28/09/2024 - Patrols have been busy as we enter the final weekend in September. This morning officers sighted a vehicle being driven by a Provisional licence holder only. Following checks at the roadside, the Driver did not hold a full UK driving licence and was subsequently reported for multiple offences including driving without insurance and the vehicle was seized.

A short time after, a vehicle was spotted driving erratically on our towns road by eagle-eyes officers. The driver was stopped and spoken to, and it was identified he was driving his vehicle on a Provisional licence only. The Driver was reported for multiple offences including driving without insurance and the vehicle recovered.

Two more uninsured vehicles taken off the roads as we continue to try and make our roads and communities safer for us all.

4. Appeals

22/09/2024 - *RURAL BURGLARY- BURTON FLEMING, East Yorkshire* We have been made aware of a high value rural burglary, where a large amount of equestrian equipment has been stolen along with a Quad.

The burglary occurred between 5:30pm on Thursday 19th September and 6am on Friday 20th September.

If you saw this trailer being towed or believe you have and have dash cam footage, please report this to Humberside Police using the reference 24000135417.

Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. You don't need to leave your name and you may even receive a reward.



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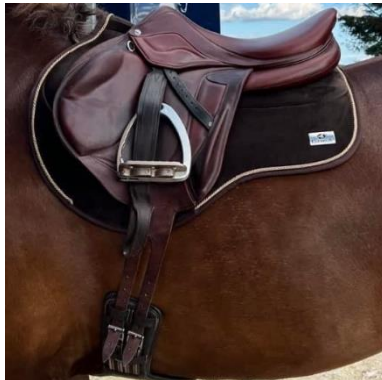
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The items stolen are below-

- Brand new Cheval Liberte Touring XL trailer
(SERIAL NO - VKP2C700VRP 003816)
- Devoucoux Chiberta Lab (Havana)
(SERIAL NO - S37026647)
- Can-Am Outlander 450 Quad in red.
(SERIAL NO - 3JBLGAR52P J000042)
- XF Grackle Bridle
- Black De Niro boots (Size 7/41)
- Brown De Niro boots (Size 7/41)
- Samshield Swarovski hat (M - 56cm)
- A Range of pads (Equitex, Le Mieux)
- Approximately 40 mainly all Rambo/Amigo
Sizes (6"3 - 7"3)
- Various bridles, bits, reins, stirrups and show jackets.
- Navy Holland Cooper show jacket.

Please share this post.

Log: 75 20th September 2024 refers / Crime Reference: 24000135417





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30/09/2024 - Officers are appealing for help to locate the next of kin for 70-year-old Steve Buck who was found deceased whilst on holiday in Bridlington on Monday 16 September.

His death is not being treated as suspicious however attempts to trace his next of kin have so far been unsuccessful.

Steve was from Leeds and resided on St Ann's Square in the Kirkstall area of Leeds. If you are Steve's next of kin, or know who is, please call the coroner's office on 01482 613 349.

5. Scams and Crime Prevention

Parking Penalty Charge Scam

We have been made aware by several local residents of a parking penalty charge scam text message which is currently being sent out.

The scam test message states that the recipient has received a PCN issued by a local council and provides no further details. It says that 28 days is allowed for payment of the fine, but warns it will increase by 50% if it isn't paid within this time.

It then states that if the person does not pay they will be prosecuted.

A web link embedded within the text takes recipients to a fake website, no details are provided about the location of the alleged contravention when a vehicle's registration number is entered. The payment page is live, however, and ready to take people's money.

People should always be vigilant when receiving unexpected messages, and not be tempted to respond straight away - regardless of how official the message seems to be or how threatening it is.

Trading standards officials advise people to forward the message on to 7726, OFCOM's scam call and text message reporting facility, and then delete it.

09/09/2024 – Rural Task Force - today the team has forensically marked £100k of agricultural equipment with SelectaDNA Datatag ID Limited and fitted Tracker equipment. We also conducted Rural Crime patrols in hot spot areas for nuisance off road bikes.





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Residential Burglaries – Vehicles stolen – Humberside Police Area

We would like to highlight a recent increase in residential burglaries where keys have been stolen and used to remove vehicles from driveways. These types of Burglaries are known as 'Hanoi' Burglaries

Hanoi Burglaries are a type of crime where burglars break into a house to steal car keys and then drive away with the vehicle. They are also known as 2 in 1 Burglaries. There are plenty of simple steps motorists can take to prevent becoming a victim of Hanoi style Burglary.

- Parking your car in a garage if possible -Keeping keys out of view and easy reach -locking doors and windows.
 - Use of a Faraday bag for keyless entry vehicles – helps to block the key signal.
 - Using a wheel clamp.
 - Using a steering lock.
 - Upgrading door locks on homes to ABS high security locks featuring active snap protection to secure against lock snapping, which is a common method of entry for burglars.
 - Installing new glass double glazed panels accredited to BS EN 14449 laminated glass to at least the main points of entry, such as patio doors or any external door with significant glass installed.
 - Making sure that valuable property is hidden from view and that lights are left on at various times, to give the impression that someone is home.
 - Installing CCTV systems where possible and joining Neighbourhood watch schemes.
 - Making sure gates are closed and locked if available.
 - Consider a driveway bollard.
 - Be alert during the day – it is possible that the Burglars are driving around the area during daylight hours to scope the area.
- REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES/PERSONS ON 101.** By following these tips, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim. Don't let them get away with your hard-earned possessions.





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Operation Spotlight -

Throughout September and October, officers from our Roads Policing Unit will be joining forces across the country as part of the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) campaign to target young drivers and riders.

Working together with road safety partners, the aim of the campaign is to focus on the key contributors in collisions which involve young drivers between 17 and 24 years old:

- Speeding
- Drink and drug driving
- Mobile phone usage
- Not wearing a seatbelt

Historically, September and October typically see an increase in fatal and serious collisions, with more commuter traffic on the road as people go back to work, college, and university, as well as children returning to school after the summer break.

At this time of year, the weather is also starting to take a turn and there will be higher amounts and more frequent rainfall. October specifically sees a peak due to the half term period where more people will be travelling on unfamiliar roads for days out and holidays or short breaks.

Nationally, there were 4,922 people killed or seriously injured on roads in September and October between 2018 and 2022, as a result of the 'fatal four' contributing factors.

Inspector Neil Hutchins from our Roads Policing Unit said: "We would like to urge people to think thoroughly about their actions before stepping into a vehicle.

"Each year, we see a number of fatalities and serious injuries as a result of collisions which have one of these factors as the cause of the incident and that is why it is important for us to take part in such campaigns to raise awareness and target drivers who are risking the lives of others.

"My officers will be out in force patrolling the roads, whilst educating road users in an effort to make our roads safer.

"Operation Spotlight will be an opportunity to raise awareness of the 'Fatal Four' and enforce the law against those willing to putting themselves and others at risk."

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.



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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.
- 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://visit.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/



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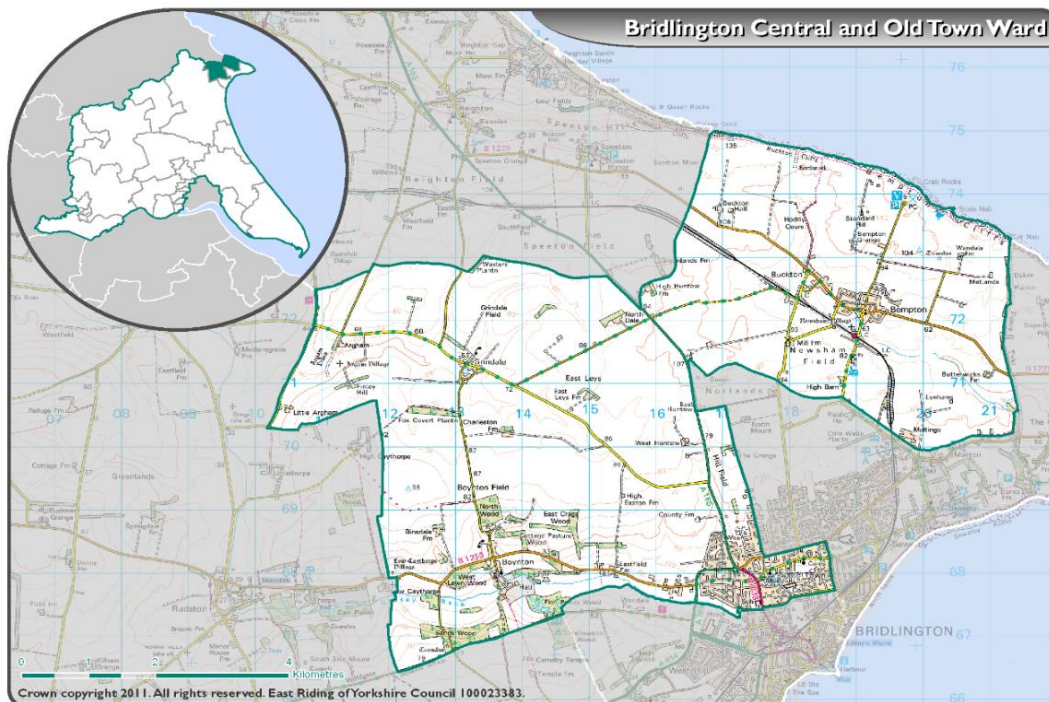
To report a crime in progress, always call 999. Call 101 for non-emergencies and to report any information, or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For further crime prevention advice and general information please take a look at our website by visiting. <https://www.humberside.police.uk/information-advice>. You will also find the latest news & appeals and find out more about My Community Alert.

“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 affect you or your family. Sign up for free on mycommunityalert.co.uk to start receiving real time updates now.

Also follow us on www.twitter.com/@Humberbeat **ERYN**

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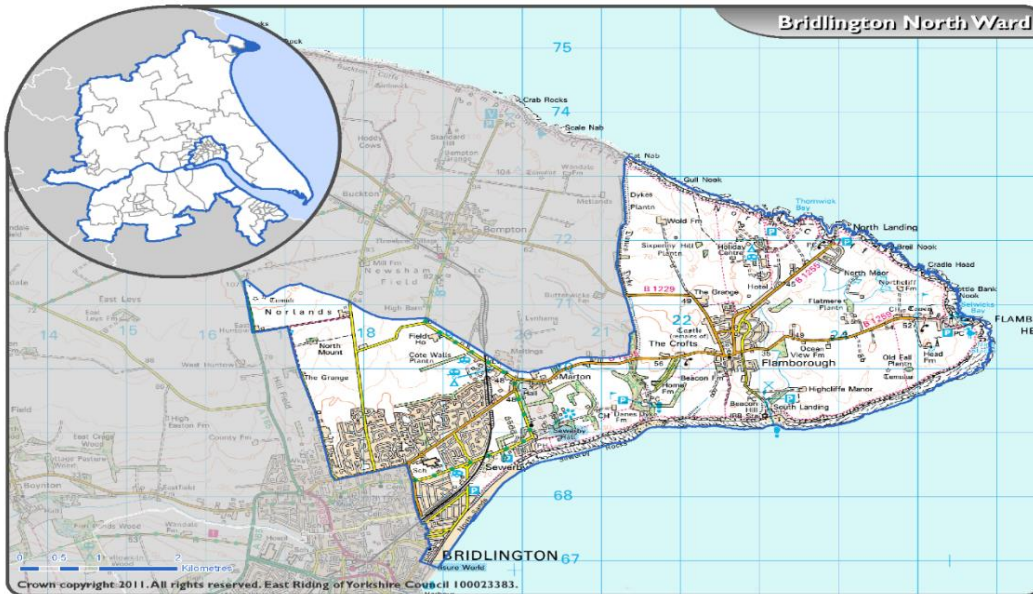




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