

# Bridlington update – February 2025 Issue

# Meet Your Team



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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.

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

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/

#### ASB including nuisance motorbikes – 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.

Operation Yellowfin will be carrying out patrols in areas effected.



**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. We continue to liaise with shop managers offering assistance and crime prevention advice.

#### 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 – Forthcoming Surgeries

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

Police Surgery - Tea and Toast - Every Friday 10am to 11am - HINGE CENTRE, QUAY ROAD, BRIDLINGTON

Police Surgery - Tea morning - Monday and Wednesday 11am to 12pm - CHRIST CHURCH, QUAY ROAD

Police Surgery – Coffee Afternoon - Every Tues - NORTH LIBRARY - 2pm to 4pm

#### Flamborough Village Surgery dates -

They will take place on Tuesdays at FLAMBOROUGH LIBRARY, SOUTH SEA ROAD, FLAMBOROUGH between 15:00 and 16:30.



They are on the following dates: 18/02/2025, 01/04/2025, 13/05/2025, 24/06/2025, 05/08/2025, 16/09/2025 and 09/12/2025.

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

https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk/

#### 3. Local News and General Information

**31/12/2024 -** A man has been arrested following reports of an indecent exposure in Bridlington on Friday 27 December.

Officers received reports of a man who was believed to have followed a woman from West Street to an address on Clarence Avenue, at around 12.35am and made attempts to enter her property. Entry was not gained, however he then indecently exposed himself in the street.

As a part of lines of enquiry, a 24-year-old man was arrested yesterday (Monday 30 December) on suspicion of exposure and stalking involving serious alarm / distress following additional reports that a man followed a group of teenagers which they reported the to the officers on the evening of Thursday (26 December).

He remains in our custody whilst officers conduct lines of enquiry.

Detective Inspector Tracy St. Paul from our Criminal Investigation Department said: "I want to offer my assurance that whilst incidents of this nature remain incredibly rare in our area, we hope news of this arrest will assure the community that we are treating this as a priority.



"We are currently exploring all lines of enquiry available to establish the full circumstances and officers continue to carry out enquiries in the local area. If you see one of our officers and have any concerns, I encourage you to speak to them."

If you think you may have been in the area around this time or have any information that may assist with our enquiries, please contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting log 13 of 27 November.

Alternatively, you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**07/01/2025** - Your Local Community Policing Team Held a Police Surgery on 07/01/2025 between 1400 hours to 1600hrs at the Morrisons store Bessingby Way. It was good to meet so many of you to discuss your issues or concerns.

**07/01/2025 – Burglary on Annes Road, Bridlington** - The incident occurred between overnight on 7th January 2025. The offender(s) approached a gained entry to communal door, used force to enter door of flat. 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: 24\*2692. Circulated on MyCommunityAlert at the time of reporting.

**24/01/2025** - Yesterday afternoon, officers became aware of a male driving a vehicle in Bridlington whilst disqualified from driving. Whilst held at a red traffic light, officers boxed the vehicle in however the driver made off at speed, recklessly colliding with one of the police vehicles. A short pursuit subsequently occurred however thanks to the quick and effective team work of Neighbourhood and Patrol colleagues, and the towns eagled eyed CCTV operator, the vehicle and its driver were soon located and a male was arrested in situ for multiple offences. The vehicle was seized.



Ashley MITCHELL, 36 years old, was later charged with Disqualified driving, Dangerous driving and driving without insurance. He was remanded in custody to appear in court today.

Thankfully there was only minor damage caused to the Police vehicle and luckily there were no injuries however the outcome could have been very different due to MITCHELLS behaviour.

As always we will not tolerate such behaviour and we are determined to bring those responsible for any criminality to justice. If you have any information to help the Police, please call 101 or CRIMESTOPPERS anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**26/01/2025** – **Burglary on Albion Terrace, Bridlington -** The incident occurred between 08:30 and 15:30 on 26/01/2025. The offender has taken several items.



If you have any CCTV footage (including video doorbell), saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area around this time or have any information about the offenders please contact the police on the nonemergency number 101 quoting occurrence ref: 25\*11380. Circulated on MyCommunityAlert at the time of reporting.

**29/01/2025** – The Bridlington Neighbourhood Team has recently attended a Parish Council Meeting in Bempton and Buckton Villages.

This was a very well attended event where everybody there wanted to raise the concern of speeding through their villages with some clearly travelling at grossly excessive speeds. The speed through both the villages is 30mph at a maximum.

The Neighbourhood Team have been and will be in the villages conducting speed checks in areas identified by the Parish as hot spots for speeding. These will consist of overt speed checks with a big sign telling drivers their speed and also covert tactics where offenders identified as speeding will be prosecuted.



**29/01/2025** – **Burglary on First Avenue, Bridlington** - The incident occurred between 05:55am on 28/01.25 and 06:10am on 21/01/25. A male has approached a property on two separate occasions and on the third time has tried the front door handle. The home owner confronts the male who claims to have come to the wrong address and then leaves the area in a vehicle.

If you have any CCTV footage (including video doorbell), saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area around this time or have any information about the offenders please contact the police on the nonemergency number 101 quoting occurrence ref: 25000011605. Circulated on MyCommunityAlert at the time of reporting.

### We are Recruiting Special Constables

Its takes drive and commitment to be a Special Constable, but a more rewarding role you couldn't wish for.

Our Special Constables serve in communities across all areas of the force, they wear the same uniform and have the same powers as their paid regular colleagues but do the role as a volunteer in their own time.

Find out how you can join the Special



Constabulary: <u>HP - Special Constable (Volunteer Police Officer) Sep 2025 - Humberside & South</u> <u>Yorkshire Police (tal.net)</u>





**Operation Snap** is a <u>secure online platform</u> that allows you to submit video evidence of driving offences that you or other members of the public have witnessed. Its purpose is to improve road safety and to prosecute those that place others at risk. The service has been produced with the support of the Department for Transport.

The online service allows us to effectively deal with the footage recorded by members of the public in a safe and secure way, whilst making the investigation process simple and straightforward. We have a determined and robust approach to policing the roads and we'll take every opportunity to make them safer for everyone.

This portal can only be used for driving offences, it is not for submitting footage of Road Traffic Collisions or public order offences and is not for reporting crime.

It's easy for people to engage in Operation Snap and processes have been designed to run smoothly. Operation Snap is not asking you to go out and detect offences for us, but we will deal with any you find.

Operation Snap has one desired outcome: making our roads safer.

For other crime reporting methods, please see our main report it page.

In an emergency always dial 999 where there is a threat to life or a crime in progress, for nonemergencies dial 101.



### 5. Appeals

**January 2025 -** This is 55-year-old Richard, he is currently missing and we are appealing for help to find him.

Richard is from Beverley and was last seen in the area of Molescroft at approximately 9am this morning, Monday 30 December.

He is described as being approximately 6ft tall with dark brown hair, a bushy beard and may possibly be wearing grey tracksuit bottoms with a grey Superdry t-shirt with a brown coat.

Leading the search Inspector Simon Adams said: "Over the course of the last 5-days we have been conducting extensive lines of enquiry to locate Richard since he left his home



address on the Molescroft and we are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare.

"We have been trawling hundreds of hours of CCTV and doorbell footage, conducting house to house enquiries and area searches of rural locations to try and understand which direction Richard may have travelled in since leaving his home.

As a part of those enquiries, we are now able to release the below CCTV footage of Richard at 9.08am at the Molescroft Pavillion that morning (Monday 30 December).

"Richard is then thought to have walked on Hull Bridge Road, Tickton before heading east towards the Crown and Anchor pub. He has then headed north along the banks of the river Hull in the direction of High Eske nature reserve at 9:37am. This is the last confirmed sighting of him.

"He is described as being 6ft tall with dark brown hair, a bushy beard and is believed to be wearing a tan coat, dark denim trousers with a dark hat.

If you have seen Richard, or know where he may be, please contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting log 95 of Monday 30 December.



03/01/2025 – Can you help us locate wanted 36-year-old Jordan Shields from Bridlington?

We are appealing for help to locate him as he is wanted in connection with a serious assault on Middle Street in Driffield on Monday 16 December.

Extensive enquiries are ongoing, and we are doing everything we can to find him, including reviewing CCTV, conducting house-to-house



enquiries and arrest attempts which have so far been unsuccessful.

It is also believed Jordan may have links to Howden, Bridlington and Driffield. If you have seen Jordan, or know where he may be, please do not approach him but instead contact us on our non-emergency number quoting crime reference 24\*178283.

# 03/01/2025 - We are renewing our appeal for information about Jonathan Saville, who is wanted for theft of motor vehicle and criminal damage offences.

Saville, 35, has links to Dewsbury, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Bradford and Leeds, although information suggests he may have recently travelled to the Humberside area.

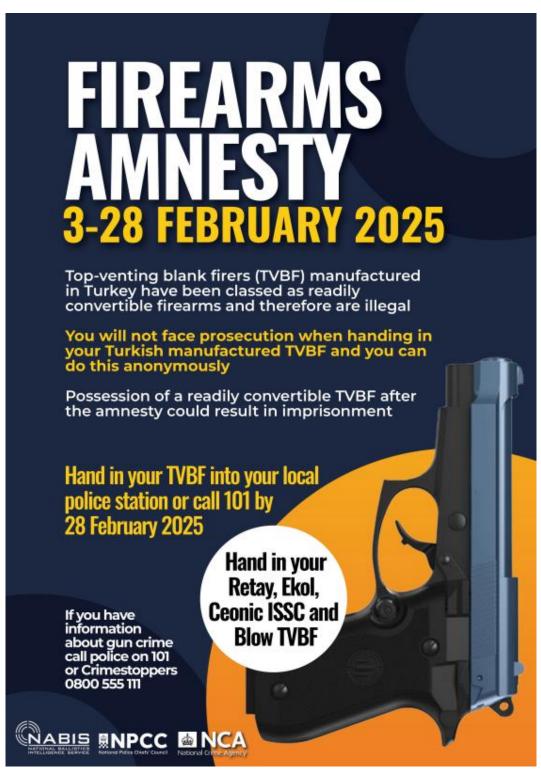
Can you help us to locate him? It is believe wanted man Jonathan Saville could be in the **Withernsea** area.

Appeal here: UPDATE: Appeal for Information on Whereabouts of Wanted Man Jonathan Saville | West Yorkshire Police





## 6. Scams and Crime Prevention





## Cycle Thefts

Here at Bridlington NPT, we are wanting to raise awareness regarding cycle thefts in preparation for next month. Historically, February is the 2nd highest month in the year where cycle thefts take place. Due to our utilization of our Bike Marking Registration, numbers of cycle thefts have reduced since 2022 and we strive to further reduce these numbers, so keep your eyes peeled for any Bike Marking events!

Please see the attached leaflets for further crime prevention advice regarding cycle thefts.

Thank you, Bridlington NPT.

### Gift Card Fraud Alert

We have been informed by Humberside Police that fraudsters are contacting people through Facebook via a profile, either as a cloned "known friend" or an "Agent". An 'Agent' (scammer) will message and explain you have won a large sum of money.

# Tips to ensure that you don't become a victim...

#### 1. Get a decent lock.

Use only SOLD SECURE rated, quality locks, for peace of mind. Consider using two different types, as thieves rarely carry the tools to break two different lock types

# 2. Get it property marked and electronically tagged.

Ask your supplier about electronic tags. The Police can scan cycles to establish who owns them. Keep this cycle ID document in a safe place

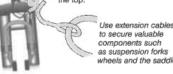
#### 3. Lock your bike every time you leave it

It only takes seconds to steal.

#### 4. Lock it to something solid

Secure it to a solid, unbreakable object - a cycle rack, railing or signpost. Beware of cast iron and plastic drain pipes that can be shattered and signposts where the sign can be

removed and the bike lifted over the top.



# wheels and the saddle

5. Lock all of the bike If you lock it only by the front wheel, it is possible that's all you will find when you return. Make sure you secure the frame and both wheels. Consider using extra extension cables to do this.



#### 6. Quick release — quickly gone

Only use quick release fittings when racing and never when leaving your cycle unattended

#### 7. Lock it somewhere visible and busy

A well used cycle rack with more people in and around it provides greater surveillance.

#### 8. Take extra care in urban areas.

Avoid leaving your bike out overnight (even if well secured). As there are many valuable parts which could be gone by morning.

High performance bikes are particularly at risk. This method secures the suspension fork and quick release wheels.



#### 9. Keep your bike indoors

Don't leave expensive cycles inside cheap and often weak timber sheds. Where ever you store your cycle, secure it to a ground anchor fixed to the fabric of the building. Contact your local policing team and ask for advice on cycle security





The victim will be asked to send over a smaller amount of money usually via APPLE GIFT CARDS to the 'Agent' and once received the promise of the Cash Prize Money.

The Cash Prize will never arrive and the fraudsters will continue to request more money or gift cards to help release the large Cash Prize Money. Scammers can clone social media accounts portraying to be friends / family members /corporate agents. Contact you on WhatsApp using a



"Spoofing " technique, which shows the telephone number calling you to be within the UK or a local number.

Take your time to consider what is being asked by you and if you have any concerns always hang up, ensure the other person has cleared, or use a different phone to call 101 or 999.

If you have been a victim and lost money, call 101 and report it.

## Crypto Currency Investment Fraud

Humberside Police are warning people about Crypto Currency Investment fraud.

Crypto Investment – If it is not your key it is not your money!

Crypto assets tend to be volatile, speculative and their use comes with Risks. Within the UK they are not regulated as strictly as banks or stock market and losses are not covered by the FSCS Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Which means you may struggle to obtain reimbursement if your assets are lost, even to Fraud.

There are thousands of coins currently in existence, and scammers are creating Fake Crypto websites and adverts which explain about Crypto investment opportunities and



promote guarantee returns. You may even be contacted by a third-party agent who will give support and advice throughout the investment.

Unfortunately, once the scammers believe you have made all the investments you can into the crypto wallets the fraudsters delete all channels of communications and shut down the FAKE websites and the result is the loss of all your invested money. Please Stop, Think FRAUD – Please do your research before you Invest.

If you have been a victim and lost money, call 101 and report it.

Visit <u>fraudwatch.org.uk</u> for more information about fraud and where to get support.



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 <u>phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk</u> and texts to 60599, or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report any suspicious calls or use their <u>online fraud reporting tool</u>.
- 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.

#### Please take time to visit the websites detailed below:

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

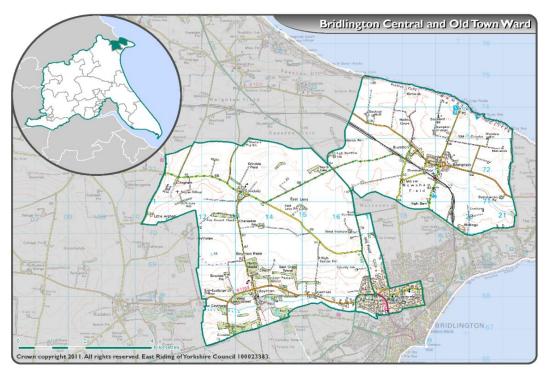
https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news



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



## AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON NORTH WARD





## AREA COVERED BY BRIDLINGTON SOUTH WARD

