

Bridlington update – July 2025 Issue

Meet Your Team



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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 continues to lead to numerous drug arrests. Clear, Hold, Build will further impact in this area.

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

June 2025 update – 4 section 8 PACE warrants have been executed. We continue to review intelligence. NPT have recently been undertaking proactive patrolling as a whole team to flood hotspot areas. Positive stop searches for drugs have been made.

ASB including nuisance motorbikes – Town wide – Ongoing core priority

We continue to engage with the community and monitor areas subject to ASB. Currently 3 hotspot areas have been identified as Alderson Court, Remembrance Court and Britannia Road as well as town-wide issues with off-road motorbikes. Leaflet drops with ERYC ASB officers have been conducted. New fencing has been erected around the fields on Gypsey Road to prevent bikes using the fields and causing damage.

There have been several seizures of motorbikes recently, including electric Sur-Ron style bikes. This enforcement action has been promoted on social media and My Community Alert.



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 the areas affected.

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. The shop watch radio scheme continues to be used.

HumberTalking

Humber Talking is still being undertaken in the Bridlington area.

We will be speaking with householders on their doorstep however 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

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.

Your local officers are generally out and about dealing with various community related issues.

Surgeries continue in the coming weeks and months with the local Community team pitching up in various locations around the Bridlington area, giving general crime prevention and advice on policing matters.

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

If you want to contact the community team directly on a non-emergency matter, please email us at

Communities-BridlingtonTeamALLSTAFF@humberside.pnn.police.uk

If you need to speak to us more urgently and for matters that do not 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.

Stay informed through our social media channels, find us on X (Formerly Twitter) @Humberbeat_ERYN, Facebook and Instagram @humberbeat.

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 Tuesday - 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: 05/08/2025, 16/09/2025 and 09/12/2025.

Bempton & Buckton Village Surgery -

PCSO 7767 Gunning will be holding a surgery at BEMPTON & BUCKTON VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, BEMPTON on MONDAY 14th JULY between 10:00am and 12 noon. Please drop in to discuss any concerns in your area.

As with anything we arrange in advance there is a potential for us to be called away unexpectedly to deal with an urgent matter.

What is Humber talk?

Launched in 2018, Humber Talking is aiming to understand the needs of our local communities across Hull, East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire.

It enables residents to meet local officers face-to-face and to share any concerns. Our aim is to hear the views of every single household across our force area.

What are the issues that affect your community that you want the police, our partners and community members to resolve? For example, road safety, criminal damage, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour.

What causes you the greatest concern in your street? For example, beggars, fly-tipping, speeding, gangs?



Have you been in contact with any of the authorities such as police, fire, local authority or health and, if so, how was the response?

How confident are you that the police would be there if you needed them?

What is "My Community Alert"?

My Community Alert is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, 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.

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

3. Local News and General Information

01/06/2025 - Today the Rural Task Force have patrolled the Yorkshire coast to deter Rural Crime & Anti Social Behaviour



during the school half term holidays. A call from a local river keeper resulted in 2 x males detained for illegal fishing & promptly dealt with.



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07/06/2025 – Vehicle seized Bridlington - After reports of this vehicle causing an obstruction in Bridlington, following checks it turned out not to hold valid tax. Vehicle seized by the Rural Task Force.



16/06/2025 - Bridlington man sentenced to 16 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexual offences against a child - A Bridlington man who sexually abused a young girl has been sentenced to 16-years in prison after pleading guilty to sexual offences in Hull on Wednesday (11 June).

Graham Hart, 78, of Bransdale Road in Bridlington appeared at Hull Crown Court on Tuesday (10 June) and pleaded guilty to 17 offences.

Appearing at Hull Crown Court on Wednesday (11 June), he was sentenced to 16-years in jail and will be on the sex offenders register for life.

https://www.humberside.police.uk/news/humberside/news/news/25/jun/bridlington-mansentenced-to-16-years-in-prison-after-pleading-guilty-to-sexual-offences-in-hull/

23/06/2025 - Crime Alert – Burglary - Humberside Police are investigating a report of an attempt burglary on Travis street in Bridlington

The incident occurred between 23/06/2025 and 27/06/2025. The offender(s) approached the rear of a property and caused damage to window frame. No entry was gained.

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*88365

Circulated at the time on MyCommunityAlert

23/06/2025 - On the beat in Humberside – Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action

Like communities across the force area, our Neighbourhood Policing Teams come from all walks of life. Each and every day they come together with a shared passion - to make a real difference to areas they have often grown up, attended school or lived in, so our communities remain a place we all feel proud to call home.

A familiar and friendly face in the community our Neighbourhoods Policing Teams are the bedrock of policing, the problem solvers and here to keep you and your community safe.

Neighbourhood Policing Assistant Chief Constable Mike Walker said: "This week is the start of Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action and whilst year-round my teams across for force never miss a beat, it really is a fantastic opportunity to highlight not only their dedication but the importance of having officers and PCSOs out and visible in our communities.

"The governments additional funding into neighbourhood policing means we are now able to begin recruiting 38 new Neighbourhood police officers which will further strengthen our crime and ASB prevention efforts and play a crucial role in the service we are able to provide.

"Our Neighbourhood Policing Teams take on such a diverse role helping members of the community in a variety of circumstances, solving and designing out crime, providing crime prevention advice,



working with local schools, businesses and partners on a whole host of educational schemes as well as dealing with anti-social behaviour.

"The addition of the 38 new officers to teams across our force will contribute to keeping our communities safe whilst driving down and tackling those who think they can commit crime and cause harm.

"As part of the week of action I would encourage members of the public to speak with our officers out and about in your area working alongside partners and local businesses conducting HumberTalking surveys, offering reassurance, answering any questions or concerns you may have about what's happening in your area."

To find out more about your Neighbourhood Policing Team you can visit our website by clicking here

Want to contact your neighbourhood policing team? You can do so via their team email address.

27/06/2025 - Neighbourhood Officers are at Bridlington school careers fair today.



4. Appeals

16/06/2025 - Eighty-one-year-old cyclist named following fatal collision - An 81-year-old man who has since died following a collision on the A165, Scarborough Road in Bridlington earlier this month has been named by his family as Ivan Armitage.

At around 12pm on Monday, 2 June, we received reports that a black Chevrolet Captiva and cyclist were involved in a road traffic collision at the junction of the A165 with Grindale Lane.

Emergency services attended and Ivan was taken to hospital where he remained until Saturday, 14 June where he has since died as a result of his injuries.

Ivan's family are being supported by specially trained officers, and have asked for their privacy at this extremely difficult time.

Officers continue to appeal to anyone who may have been in the area at the time and witnessed the collision, or has any CCTV or dashcam footage, to please contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting log 204 of 2 June.

17/06/2025 - Did you witness this robbery in Bridlington? Officers are appealing for information as part of an investigation into a reported assault and robbery near Ebor Gardens, South Cliff in Bridlington at approximately 5.30pm on Sunday, 1 June.



Investigations are underway after it was reported a man was approached by a group and allegedly assaulted before it is believed he was subsequently robbed. The group reportedly then fled the scene.

Following enquiries so far, a man and woman have been arrested in connection with the incident and have since been released on conditional bail pending further investigation.

We would appeal to anyone with any information or CCTV footage that may assist with ongoing enquiries to please contact us on our non-emergency number quoting log 452 of 3 June. Alternatively, if you wish to remain anonymous, you can report via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

18/06/2025 - Officers are appealing for information following a single vehicle road traffic collision earlier this week, on Monday 16, June.

It was reported at around 12.10pm, a man had come off his e-bike, on the A165 near the junction with A1038 in Bridlington.

Emergency services attended and the cyclist was taken to hospital for treatment for his injuries which are fortunately not considered to be life threatening.

Officers are appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time and may have witnessed the collision, or anyone who has dashcam footage, to please contact us on our non-emergency number 101 quoting reference 25*82524.

5. Scams / Crime Prevention / Public Safety

Impersonation Fraud

Humberside Police would like to make everybody aware of Impersonation Fraud (aka Courier Fraud), please see below for details.

The Police of bank will never send someone to your house to collect money, bank cards or ask you to withdraw money from a bank, ATM or supermarket exchange. If they do, it will actually be a criminal trying to scam you.

Criminals will often tell you not to speak to anyone else about the investigation and promise you will get your money back.

They may ask you to lie to your bank or bypass security measures - it is essential that you follow any warnings from your bank and never lie to them.

They may offer to send a courier to collect your money, or bank card and PIN, They will ask you to write down your PIN and place it in a seperate envelope to that of your card.

*Never hand over your card: Your bank or police will never ring you to tell you they are coming to your home to pick up money or your card. Never hand these over to anyone who comes to collect it.



***Take five to stop and think:** Criminals are experts at impersonating banks, trusted organisations or the police. They will try to rush and panic you into responding to their requests. Its ok to reject, refuse or ignore these requests.

*Always speak to your bank securely: If you're contacted out of the blue, you can always call your bank back on a number you know to be correct. Hang up and wait five minutes before you call your bank, as criminals may stay on the line. Alternatively, use a different line altogether to call your bank.

IF ITS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW, PLEASE DIAL 999. ALTERNATIVELY, CALL 101 OR REPORT ONLINE.

12/06/2025 - Week of action to tackle knife crime sees 85 weapons seized Op Sceptre - In May, we took part in Op Sceptre, as part of the National Police Chiefs Council's (NPCC) week of activity that sees police forces intensify their efforts in tackling knife crime and raising awareness of the devastating impact it can have.

Previously known as 'Operation Sceptre', running from 12 to 19 May, this national week of action focused on proactive policing efforts through early intervention, education and prevention, with our officers working with partner agencies across communities to protect those most at risk from knife crime.

Over the course of the week, officers conducted 61 community engagements, delivered 40 safety demonstrations at schools, 34 weapons sweeps, 9 weapons disruption visits and a number of patch walks were completed across the force.

A particular focus was also placed on engaging with local retailers, ensuring they are aware of the rules and regulations surrounding the sale of bladed articles, with officers carrying out 131 retail visits across the week, offering guidance and reinforcing the importance of identification checks.

As part of the national amnesty, surrender bins were also placed across ten police stations, giving individuals the opportunity to dispose of knives and weapons, which resulted in 85 knives being recovered.

Ninja swords banned by summer 2025

In a further move to break the cycle of young people carrying knives and to better protect the public from knife-related crime, from 1 August, ninja swords will be banned. This will make it illegal to possess, manufacture, import or sell these deadly weapons.

The majority of ninja swords have a blade between 14 inches and 24 inches with one straight cutting edge with a tanto style point. From 1 August, anyone caught in possession of a ninja sword in private could face 6 months in prison, and this will later increase to 2 years under new measures in the Crime and Policing Bill. There is already a penalty of up to 4 years in prison for carrying any weapon in public.

Ahead of the ban coming into place, the government, in partnership with law enforcement and members of the Coalition to Tackle Knife Crime, will run its most ambitious surrender scheme yet. The scheme will run across the country, targeting young people most vulnerable to knife crime.



The surrender scheme will run from 1 to 31 July to allow any member of the public to hand in these weapons safely.

Ninja swords banned by summer as manifesto commitment delivered - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Please hand these weapons at the below police stations. Other police stations are unable to accept them. This is a paid Amnesty which means that the owner may be able to claim for compensation when a such a weapon is surrendered. If claiming compensation please bring any paperwork/receipts you hold as evidence of ownership.

Beverley Bridlington Clough Road Osbourne Street Pocklington Goole Barton Scunthorpe Grimsby

Would you be able to spot the signs of coastal crime?

Coastal crime is any crime that impacts, or happens around, coasts and borders, including smaller ports, docks and marinas. From theft, to smuggling, to criminal damage.

The charity has been working with Border Force over the last few years to raise awareness of coastal crime, and powers the UK Border Watch reporting service, giving you a way to contact Crimestoppers with any information or suspicions about coastal crime 100% anonymously.

You can call free on 0800 011 3304 or speak up online 24/7, 365 days a year:

https://bit.ly/CoastalCrimeGovUK



REPORT IT. LET'S SORT IT.

To report anonymously, call the UK Border Watch powered by Crimestoppers on **0800 011 3304** or scan the QR code to report online. In an emergency, always call **999**.



Follow and comment on our journey #**ProjectKraken**





20/06/2025 - Officers from the Regional Underwater Search Unit are echoing the messages that Humberside Fire & Rescue Service (HRFS) shared yesterday regarding water safety.

Sarah Wilkinson, Head of Prevention for HFRS, said: "Our water safety campaign is all about equipping people with the knowledge they need to enjoy the water safely. Tragically, in recent years, young lives have been lost at local waterways, despite the heroic efforts of our firefighters and emergency service teams. As the warmer weather draws us to the water, it's crucial to understand the risks, particularly cold-water shock, which can have deadly consequences."



With the period of warm weather set to continue and get hotter over the weekend, the Regional Underwater Search Unit expect to receive an increase in calls for service, relating to people who have got into difficulty whilst swimming in open water locations, sadly resulting in tragic consequences. In preparation of this, the unit are increasing their presence in beauty hotspots, that frequently attract members of the public to swim, during periods of warm weather.

"Swimming in open areas of water comes with a substantial amount of risk' PC Liam Whittington from the Underwater search team explains. 'Open water areas are not controlled environments, the water conditions can vary, open water can be fast moving and have invisible underwater currents. Some water ways are heavily polluted and can be harmful even simply coming into contact with the skin can cause damage, with more serious damage caused from ingesting this dirty water. "Other hazards such as entrapments can be caused by logs, weed, or even submerged cars and scaffolding poles that can't be seen from the water surface, these hazards can quickly trap or injure a swimmer and put them in danger extremely fast.

"A big factor in most of the incidents we attend relates to cold water shock'. This is a sudden shock to the body caused by immersion into cold water. It is very common during warm periods when people see the appeal of wanting to cool off in water and jump or dive into the water without first checking the conditions. Sometimes that water can be significantly colder than expected and the sudden rapid change in body temperatures causes the body to very quickly become fatigued to even the strongest of swimmers.

"Our message during the summer, as always is to be aware of these risks when visiting areas of open water and follow the HFRS guidance whenever possible."



Horses on the roads

Now that the warmer weather has arrived we can expect to see more equestrians using the roads.

Here are some key points to remember if you come across a horse on the road:

Please slow down to a maximum of 10MPH

Please be patient- don't rev your engine or sound your horn

Pass at a safe distance give at least 2 meters of space between your car and the horse if the road allows

Only pass the horse when it is safe to do so

Please do not accelerate quickly after passing the horse, drive away slowly.

"Passing wide and slow" can help to avoid startling horses and can prevent accidents occurringensuring the safety of the horse, rider, and driver.

Riders-

Although it is not stated in the Highway Code, the importance of hi viz clothing being worn by horse and rider cannot be stressed enough! This improves how visible you are to oncoming traffic significantly, meaning there is more chance of traffic spotting you sooner and passing safely

Protect your heart and finances: spot the signs of Romance Fraud

Data from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) reveals a disturbing 9% increase in romance fraud reports in the past year, with 9,449 reports made in the 2024/25 financial year. On average, victims lost £11,222 each—proof of the emotionally devastating and financially ruinous impact of these crimes



In Humberside alone, there were 120 reports of romance fraud in the 2024/25 financial year, resulting in total losses exceeding £1.5 million.

Romance and befriending fraud is a type of scam where Fraudsters build emotional relationships with victims online by pretending to be romantic partners or close friends. Over time, the fraudster gains the victims trust and eventually begins to ask for money, under false pretences like a personal emergency, travel costs or investment opportunities.





Yorkshire & Humber Regional Fraud Protect Team said: "Romance Fraud is a deeply personal and devastating crime that goes far beyond financial loss, it exploits trust, emotion and human vulnerability.

"Victims of Romance Fraud are often left feeling ashamed, isolated and emotionally betrayed which can make it even harder to come forward.

"We want to make one thing clear, there is no shame in reporting this type of scam: these scammers are highly manipulative, calculated and professional."

The challenge for many families and friends of romance fraud victims is being able to disrupt the false reality created by the fraudster, to enable the victim to see the situation for what it really is -a fraud.

Stay vigilant and protect yourself from romance fraud. If something feels off, trust your instincts and seek help.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud report it to Action Fraud by visiting their web portal. Alternatively, you can call our non-emergency number 101 to report any information regarding ongoing fraud.

You can find further information and guidance regarding on Romance and Befriending fraud on our website <u>here</u>.

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





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