



# SAFER HAMBLETON HUB NEWSLETTER



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## Safer Hambleton Hub

The Safer Hambleton Community Safety Hub is based in North Yorkshire Council and accesses countywide safety services, facilities, projects to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, and co-ordinates multi-agency problem solving processes as well as managing CCTV and working towards the Prevent Duty.

**Welcome** to the June 2023 edition of the Safer Hambleton Community Safety Hub Newsletter. As you will no doubt be aware the unitary authority North Yorkshire Council was launched on 1st April 2023, which brought together the services previously provided by eight councils in the County (District's Boroughs and County).

The new Council continues to support communities at a locality level and therefore the Safer Hambleton Community Safety Hub continues to operate as it had done previously.

Partners should not have experienced any change in our service as we continue to work with you all to support our local community.

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## Exciting News for Hambleton Community Action

June 2023 saw the launch of a new community space at 159/160 High Street, Northallerton. The venue will be a place in the local community where people of all ages can come together to enjoy a hot drink and spend some quality time in other people's company.

There will be a communal sitting area which will provide access to IT facilities and the internet for free. A jigsaw and book swap are to be launched, with friendly staff and volunteers available to provide information about local community services and volunteering opportunities.

Additionally, there'll be the opportunity for local groups to be able to reserve some space for meetings and activities – for further information contact Hambleton Community Action at [Admin@hambletoncommunityaction.org](mailto:Admin@hambletoncommunityaction.org); **01609 780458** or visit [www.hambletoncommunityaction.org](http://www.hambletoncommunityaction.org)



## Community Safety Hubs

Local help and support for community safety initiatives across North Yorkshire.

Our Community Safety Hub (Safer Hambleton) covers the market towns and surrounding villages of Northallerton, Bedale, Thirsk, Easingwold and Stokesley and consists of two council officers and an officer from North Yorkshire Police. Where needed there is capacity to bring in the fire service, social landlords, probation services, youth services, voluntary services and other local agencies to tackle issues as they arise.

When crime and anti-social behaviour issues are highlighted or trends identified, multi-agency problem solving interventions can be quickly put in place to help our neighbourhoods stay safe. We have access to countywide community safety services and can facilitate projects to reduce crime and disorder as well as working towards the Prevent Duty.

Our Community Safety Hub is a multi-agency team that coordinates partnership activity to address issues that have an impact on the safety of our community. We have a focus on those most in need of help in order to intervene at the earliest opportunity and promote community resourcefulness.

The work has seen crime and anti-social behaviour levels drop significantly over recent years for residents and visitors.

The focus is mainly on early intervention and prevention. Our primary aim is the safeguarding of vulnerable people.

Through the Hub, multi-agency problem solving is the key to tackling troubling behaviour in our towns and villages and all organisations work together to solve issues and incidents as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership takes the strategic lead for statutory responsibilities. It brings together the responsible authorities, supported by other relevant organisations, to fulfil their statutory responsibilities to work together in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.



*Left to right: PC Julie Woodcock, North Yorkshire Police seconded Officer, Tracey Horseman North Yorkshire Council Safer Hambleton Project and Support Officer and Helenor Gwatkin North Yorkshire Council Safer Hambleton Co-ordinator & CCTV Manager*



Find out more about the campaign here [www.heforshe.org/en](http://www.heforshe.org/en)

This year's **Alcohol Awareness Week** takes place from 3-9 July 2023 on the theme of 'Alcohol and cost'. Alcohol Awareness Week is managed and hosted by Alcohol Change UK. Sign up to our newsletter to find out more about what we have planned at [alcoholchange.org.uk](http://alcoholchange.org.uk)

## Gamer Entertainer!

It's fair to say Stokesley Youth Club has had a slow start back after COVID. Despite our team of expert youth workers trawling the streets on detached duty (walking round all the places we think the young people might be so we can at least see how they're doing!) it was proving hard to get back into that 'Tuesday night is Youth Club night' routine.

We did see young people, they were great, they wanted stuff to do, they wanted to talk and cook and kick a football round and of course play games and chill with friends.

What better way to kick start a new beginning than to bring in... Gamer Entertainer!

Safer Hambleton Community Safety Hub secured us three hours of pure gaming entertainment, all provided free to the young people during the Easter holidays. Housed in a top spec, converted gaming truck were top of the range gaming consoles and TVs alongside super luxurious seating and lighting. And the best bit was that it was all driven to us at the Youth Club!

The young people loved it, we had 16 turn up and fully engage in everything on offer. We at North Yorkshire Youth provided hotdogs and drinks and got planning while we had the young people's attention. In breaks between games, they filled our planning sheet with idea and activities (and food suggestions!). We've now got a fabulous weekly club, lots of young people and a list as long as your arm of things we want to do. Top of that list... yep, another visit from Gamer Entertainer!

Stokesley Youth Club is held every Tuesday (school term-time only) 6:30-8:30pm at Stokesley Youth Centre and is open to 11-19 year olds, entry 50p

For further information in relation to North Yorkshire Youth and an A-Z of Clubs in Hambleton Open to Young People visit: [www.nyy.org.uk](http://www.nyy.org.uk) or email Panda Gledhill, Youth Work Manager at [panda@nyy.org.uk](mailto:panda@nyy.org.uk)



## Introducing North Yorkshire Community Messaging

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community.



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## Motorcycle Safety

The York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership is a partnership of local authorities, emergency services and other North Yorkshire agencies working together to educate, inform and train. We aim to lower the number of road casualties across the county of North Yorkshire.

We work together on a number of road safety campaigns; one of which is reducing the number of collisions involving motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists are disproportionately represented in our road casualty statistics; motorcyclists account for around 26% of killed or seriously injured casualties but only form around 7% of the traffic on our roads.

Analysis of Police collision reports shows that of the bikers who crashed the majority of riders (90%) are men, over half are aged 40 to 69 years of age and nearly half of all collisions occurred on A roads. Locally the A170 road between Thirsk and Scarborough has the greatest number of collisions. Nearly half of the riders lived in North Yorkshire, but the beautiful landscapes also attract a lot of riders from outside of the county.

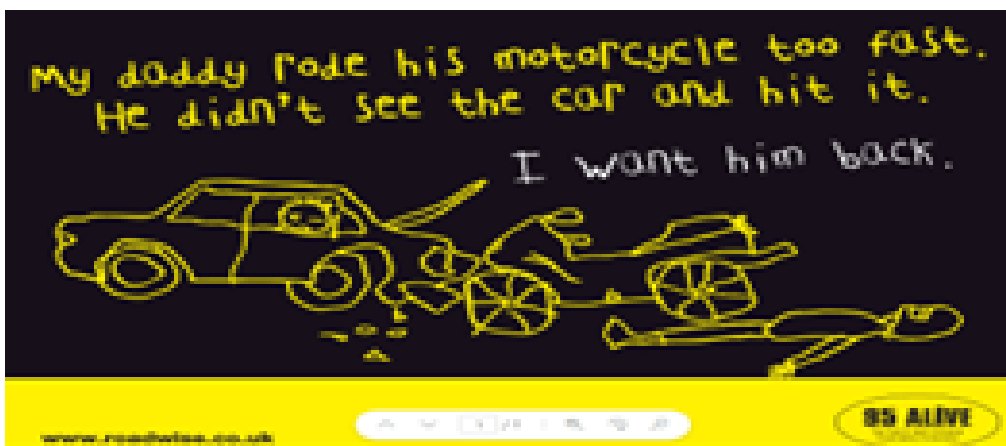
The main reason for motorbike crashes on North Yorkshires roads is loss of control either while negotiating bends, while braking or while overtaking. Group riding also poses more of a risk than solo riding. Fatigue is another factor; long ride-outs are physically tiring, and this affects concentration and judgement.

The York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership run a number of engagement events specifically for motorcyclists such as BikeSafe, Biker Down and Fire Bike.

BikeSafe is a national Police run motorcycle initiative, aimed at working with motorcycle riders in a relaxed environment. BikeSafe workshops aim to cover rider attitude, collision causation, cornering, positioning, overtaking, observation, braking, hazard perception and use of gears.

Biker Down is a free three-hour training course run by Fire Service bikers for bikers. Those first few moments after a collision can be critical and Biker Down answers some of the questions bikers might have if they were to be the first on the scene – something which is particularly relevant for bikers who like to ride in a group and are statistically more likely to be involved in an accident. The session contains information about crash scene management, some casualty care including basic CPR and a module on the science of being seen. All upcoming Biker Down courses are advertised on Eventbrite.

Fire Bike is an exciting new project to promote motorcycle safety in North Yorkshire. Fire Service volunteers ride popular routes and attend motorcycle meeting points to engage with bikers and educate about road safety. They can promote safety messages about visibility, fatigue and safe riding behaviours while being part of the biker community. Details of future Fire Bike events can be found at [www.northyorksfire.gov.uk](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk)



## Inclusive Sports

A number of opportunities are available for people so that they are able to engage in physical activity regardless of their background, ability or needs:

### Prime Time

Prime Time is an inclusive sports initiative for people of any age or ability offering low intensity social sport opportunities.

Activities include Boccia, a game similar to bowls, and New Age Curling, which is like Curling you see played on ice but using stones with ball-bearings so it can be played on a smooth indoor surface. All activities are played from a seated position. Sessions are led by a qualified instructor.

Sessions take place in the following areas:

#### Council delivered sessions take place in

Tuesday Northallerton Forum - 12:30pm-1:30pm - **£4.00**

Thursday Thirk Leisure Centre - 10am-11am - **£4.00**

Friday Stillington Village Hall - 1:00pm-3:00pm - **£3.00**

#### Community delivered sessions take place in

Tuesday Topcliffe Village Hall - 1:30pm-3:30pm - **£3.00**

Tuesday Great Ayton Methodist Church - 10am-12pm - **£3.00**

Thursday Tholthorpe Village Hall - 2:00pm-3:30pm - **£3.00**

Friday Hushwaite Village Hall - 10am-12pm - **£3.00**

For further information, please contact: [communities.ham@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:communities.ham@northyorks.gov.uk)

and the switch board number **Tel: 0300 131 2 131**



### Strong and Steady

Strong and Steady sessions aim to improve the strength, balance and walking capabilities of participants and those who feel unsteady on their feet when walking. Sessions are suitable for people with mobility issues, aged 65 years or above who are able to walk short distances but may struggle with stability and/or have low levels of strength and balance. Sessions are led by a qualified Otago instructor. Strong and Steady classes currently take place at Northallerton Leisure Centre - Thursdays - 1pm-1:45pm and 2pm-2:45pm

Sessions also take place at Stokesley Leisure Centre - Tuesday - 10:30am-11:15am

For further information please contact: Northallerton Leisure Centre: **01609 777070**

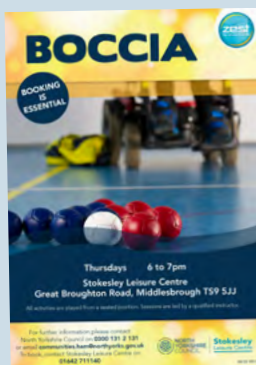
Stokesley leisure centre: **01642 711140**

### Disability Football Session

Disability Football takes place at Northallerton Leisure Centre - Saturdays 2:45pm-3:45pm.

We offer a variety of football activities delivered in a safe, encouraging and friendly environment. Sessions are welcoming and fully inclusive.

For further information please contact Northallerton Leisure Centre: **01609 777070**



### Boccia

We offer weekly Boccia sessions on Thursdays 6pm-7pm at Stokesley Leisure Centre and Saturdays 4pm-5pm at Northallerton Leisure Centre. Boccia is a paralympic sport, which is very similar to bowls. Our sessions offer participants a variety of different activities to help develop throwing skills, techniques, and tactical play, we also have ramps available for players who are unable to throw. All Boccia sessions are played from a seated position.

For further information please contact:

Northallerton Leisure Centre: **01609 777070**

Stokesley Leisure Centre: **01642 711140**

### Multi Sports

Multi sports takes place at Northallerton Leisure Centre on Tuesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm Sessions are suitable for all ages and abilities. Parents, supporters, guardians, and carers are all welcome to attend to offer support to participants.

All sessions are fully inclusive.

For further information please contact Northallerton Leisure Centre: **01609 777070**



## FEAST supports more families across North Yorkshire this summer

More families and young people across North Yorkshire are expected to benefit from the hugely popular Holiday Activities and Food programme, known as FEAST, this summer, as the programme moves its booking system online.

North Yorkshire Council has been allocated a total of £1,378,320 by the Department for Education for this year's provision of Easter, summer and Christmas activities.

To deliver the programme, the Council has awarded a coordination contract to North Yorkshire Together, which lasts until March 2025. This summer, for the first time, families who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals will receive vouchers directly via their schools to book their free places for the over 100 FEAST activities online.

Max May, Strategic Director at North Yorkshire Together comments: "Our aim is for as many families as possible to access FEAST this summer and to enjoy the fantastic benefits it has to offer. By notifying parents and guardians about their vouchers directly through HolidayActivities, and enabling them to book and manage their places on that system, we hope to reach even more eligible families this summer, and beyond."

North Yorkshire County Council's executive member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, said in a press release this January that she was delighted with the success of the programme.

"The FEAST programme offers a vitally important service to families, especially at a time when people are experiencing difficulties caused by the increasing cost of living. It is also important that young people have something productive and fun to do during school holidays," she said.

"Feedback over the past couple of years by those who attend has been very good and most go on to attend multiple sessions; learning new skills, making new friends and growing in confidence around what they are able to achieve." FEAST is open to all children and young people in North Yorkshire. Those who receive benefits-related Free School Meals can attend for free and also receive a hot meal or packed lunch. Across the area, FEAST has over 100 activities for families to choose from, whatever activities children are into.

## Spread the word about FEAST

North Yorkshire Together would like to encourage any organisations across the county who are working with children and young people to share information about FEAST, so that as many eligible families as possible can benefit from the programme.

For more information about FEAST, visit <https://bit.ly/FEASTCommunitySafetyHub> and to request promotional materials, such as posters, business cards or presentation slides, please contact [hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk](mailto:hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk)



# Fire Station Open Day

## Northallerton Fire station

Saturday 8th July 2023  
10.00 am till 2.00 pm



## Fun for all the family

- Water flume demonstrator
- Driving Simulator
- Virtual Reality Experience
- Equipment demonstrations
- New and old fire engines\*
- Water target practice
- Check out our Incident Command Unit\*
- View the town from our Aerial Ladder Platform\*
- Come and see our colleagues from Mountain Rescue and North Yorkshire Police\*
- BBQ – Burgers and hotdogs
- Fire Bike
- Road safety, water safety, home fire safety and more

\*Subject to operational commitments on the day

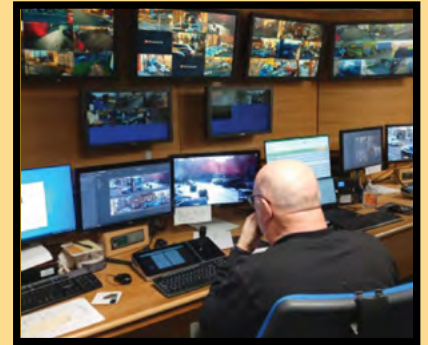


All donations and money raised on the day will go towards the FireFighters Charity. They are here for every member of the extensive fire service community. They exist to help them all to live healthier and happier throughout their lives and they do that by providing a broad range of health and wellbeing services, online and in person.

## Hambleton CCTV Team; Round-up of Success Stories

News from the CCTV Team is that work continues on the upgrade of the CCTV system for Thirsk and in anticipation of the welcome return of the ShopWatch Scheme to the Town. ShopWatch is a crime prevention scheme that provides assistance and security to local businesses. It creates a network of town centre businesses who are linked to each other and North Yorkshire Council's Hambleton CCTV Control Room, by a two-way radio network. Its purpose is to deter and ultimately assist with the prevention of crime such as shop lifting and anti-social behaviour.

The Team continues to be busy and working in partnership with Northallerton Shopwatch and local police to apprehend suspects implicated in crime including retail crime, here are some of the highlights:



### During April:

- A member of Northallerton Shopwatch reported that 3 males were suspected of stealing items from a store. CCTV monitored and tracked the males to a vehicle, which they continued to monitor and track as it left. The details were passed to North Yorkshire Police, who stopped the vehicle and all 3 males were arrested, goods (including other stolen property from other stores) recovered and the vehicle was confiscated for being used in crime.
- A member of Northallerton Shopwatch initially reported that a possible theft was in progress. CCTV monitored the vehicle in question and passed direction of travel to North Yorkshire Police, who stopped the vehicle – although no stolen property was found the vehicle was seized due to a motoring offence.
- Report received of an intoxicated male threatening to harm members of his family. CCTV monitored the male who was subsequently arrested.

### And in May:

- CCTV assisted to locate a male who was wanted for arrest.
- Report received of an assault in Thirsk Market Place. CCTV assisted to locate 2 individuals who were arrested.

## SHEDUCATION – beat the garden thief

**Secure the access to your garden area by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls and fences**

**Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed? It is recommended that you mark your property with your postcode or other recognisable features and note the make and any serial numbers. Photograph valuable plants, ornaments, and garden furniture.**

**External security lights which are activated by movement are a strong deterrent to a thief.**

**Doors and windows of sheds and outbuildings need securing. Use good quality security fittings such as padlocks and bolts.**

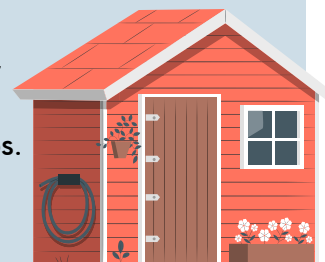
**Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges and security fastenings.**

**Chain cycles, mowers, ladders, and tools to strong anchorage points on shed framing or floor.**

**Alarms for sheds and outbuildings are inexpensive and can be purchased from DIY shops.**

**Together we'll crack crime. Join a Neighbourhood Watch or Countrywatch Scheme.**

**Examine your insurance policies. Check that your household policy covers you for theft from your garden and outbuildings.**



### The Safer Hambleton Hub partners include:

- North Yorkshire Police
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- Health Services including mental health, drug and alcohol services
- Broadacres Housing Association
- North Yorkshire Council services including social care and education
- Youth Justice and Youth Services.

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Please note that we are unable to take reports of anti-social behaviour from the public, if you have been a victim of anti-social behaviour please contact North Yorkshire Police on 101.