

# Rural Policing Update – Thirsk & Malton

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# Current issues within Thirsk & Malton

- Burglary & Theft
- Poaching
- Raptor Persecution
- Sheep worrying



# RURAL CRIME MAPPING

## OCTOBER 2022-MARCH 2023



Map Options

Legend Tools

Key to features

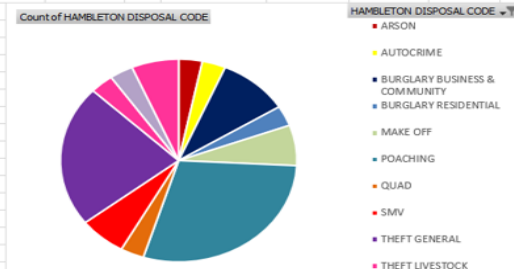
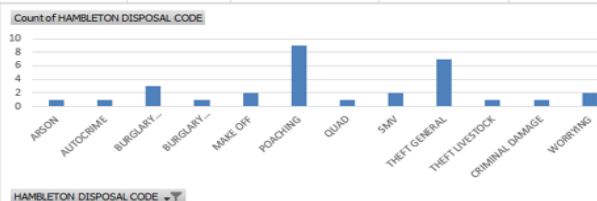
- ☒ 3535 RTF North Yorkshire Rural Loc...
- ☒ All features [322 of 459 in view]
- ☒ Quad Bike [13 of 19 in view]
- ☒ Livestock [14 of 17 in view]
- ☒ Heritage [2 of 2 in view]
- ☒ Auto Crime [18 of 28 in view]
- ☒ Burglary [52 of 92 in view]
- ☒ Theft [53 of 79 in view]
- ☒ Day time Poaching [34 of 46 in v...
- ☒ Night time poaching [60 of 73 in ...]
- ☒ Theft GPS [3 of 4 in view]
- ☒ Theft Cooking Oil [3 of 5 in view]
- ☒ Burglary Attempt [24 of 35 in vie...
- ☒ Stolen Vehicle [33 of 43 in view]
- ☒ Op Byways [8 of 11 in view]
- ☒ Rapture [5 of 5 in view]



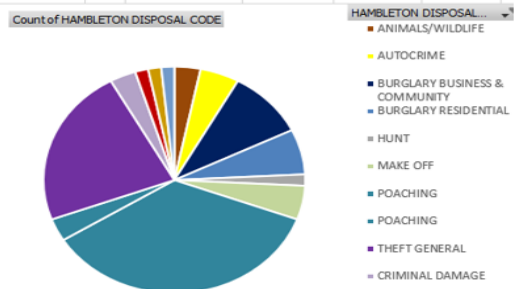
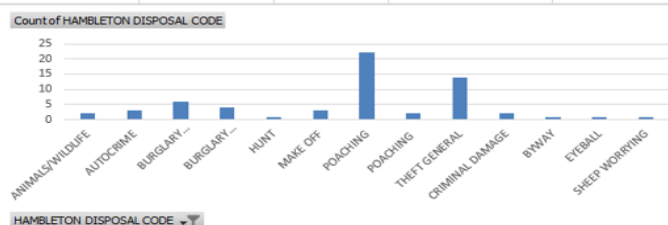
# The Stats – Hambleton

## August – November 2022

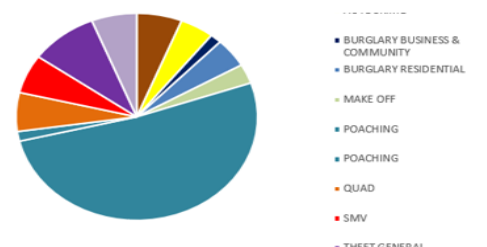
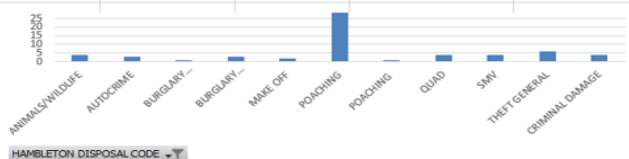
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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ARSON                         | 1                                |
| AUTOCRIME                     | 1                                |
| BURGLARY BUSINESS & COMMUNITY | 3                                |
| BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL          | 1                                |
| MAKE OFF                      | 2                                |
| POACHING                      | 9                                |
| QUAD                          | 1                                |
| SMV                           | 2                                |
| THEFT GENERAL                 | 7                                |
| THEFT LIVESTOCK               | 1                                |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE               | 1                                |
| WORRYING                      | 2                                |
| <b>Grand Total</b>            | <b>31</b>                        |



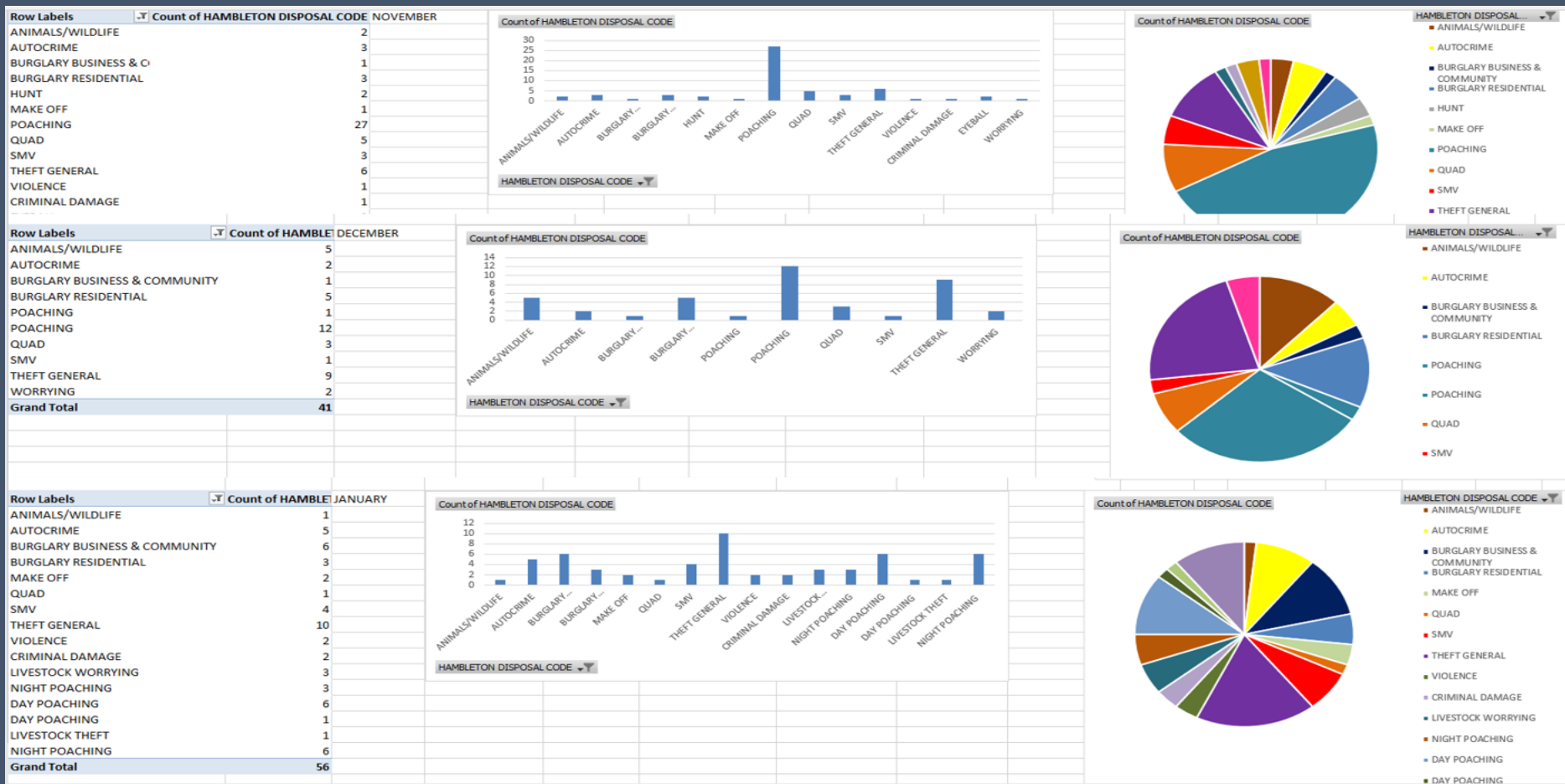
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| ANIMALS/WILDLIFE              | 2                                |
| AUTOCRIME                     | 3                                |
| BURGLARY BUSINESS & COMMUNITY | 6                                |
| BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL          | 4                                |
| HUNT                          | 1                                |
| MAKE OFF                      | 3                                |
| POACHING                      | 22                               |
| POACHING                      | 2                                |
| THEFT GENERAL                 | 14                               |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE               | 2                                |
| BYWAY                         | 1                                |
| EYEBALL                       | 1                                |
| SHEEP WORRYING                | 1                                |
| <b>Grand Total</b>            | <b>62</b>                        |



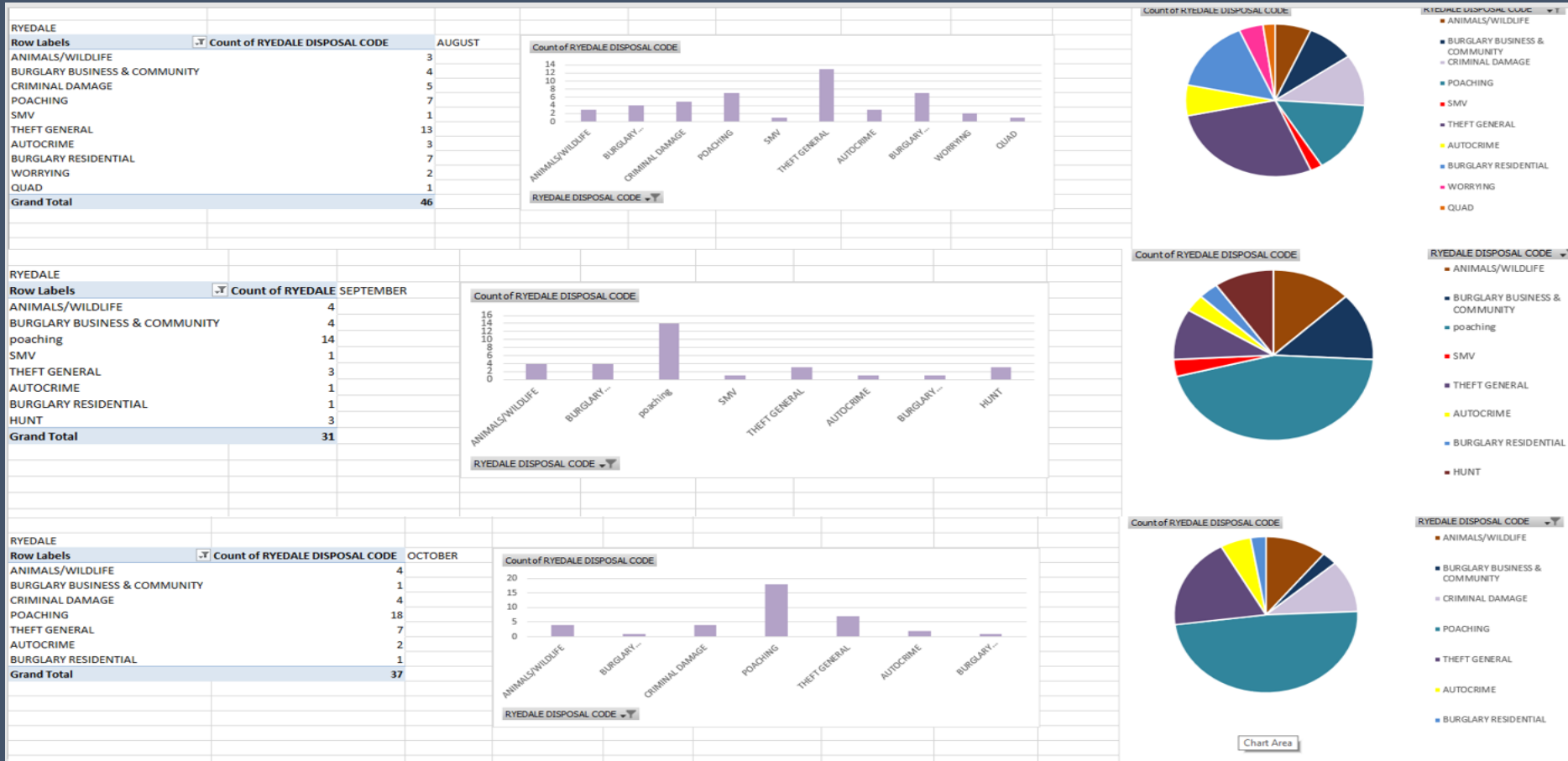
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| BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL          | 3         |
| MAKE OFF                      | 2         |
| POACHING                      | 34        |
| POACHING                      | 1         |
| QUAD                          | 4         |
| SMV                           | 4         |
| THEFT GENERAL                 | 6         |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE               | 4         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>            | <b>66</b> |



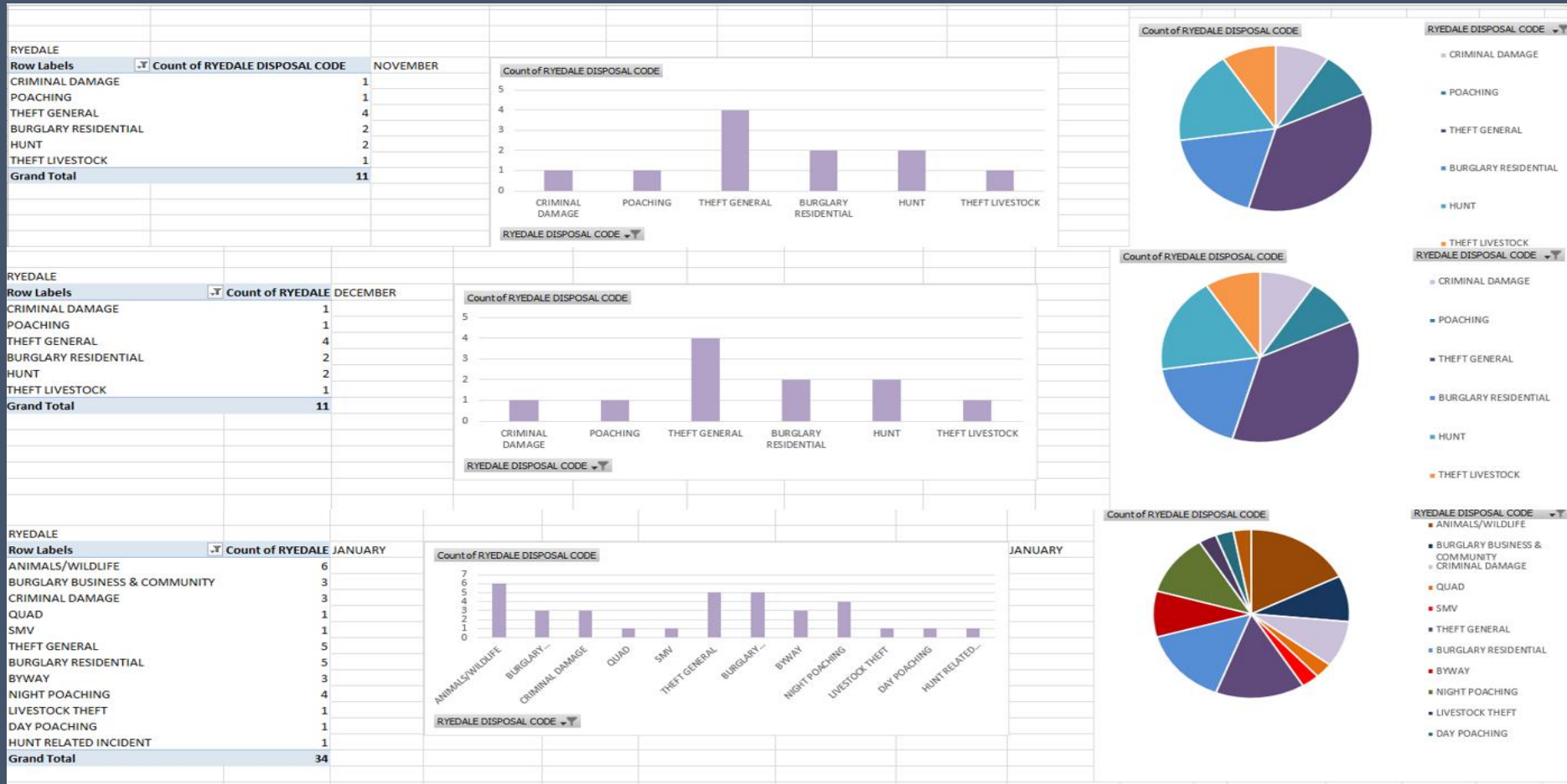
# The stats Hambleton November 2022-January 2023



# The Stats – Ryedale August –November 2022



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# Op Checkpoint

- Ran by forces across North of England
- Tackling cross-border criminality
- RTF/NPT/RPG/MRW
- ANPR
- Intelligence led
- Proactive patrols





# OPERATION GALILEO

- Targeting poaching/coursing
- Runs alongside Op Galileo
- Stepped 'fairways' approach to a Criminal Behaviour Order
- First poaching season in action

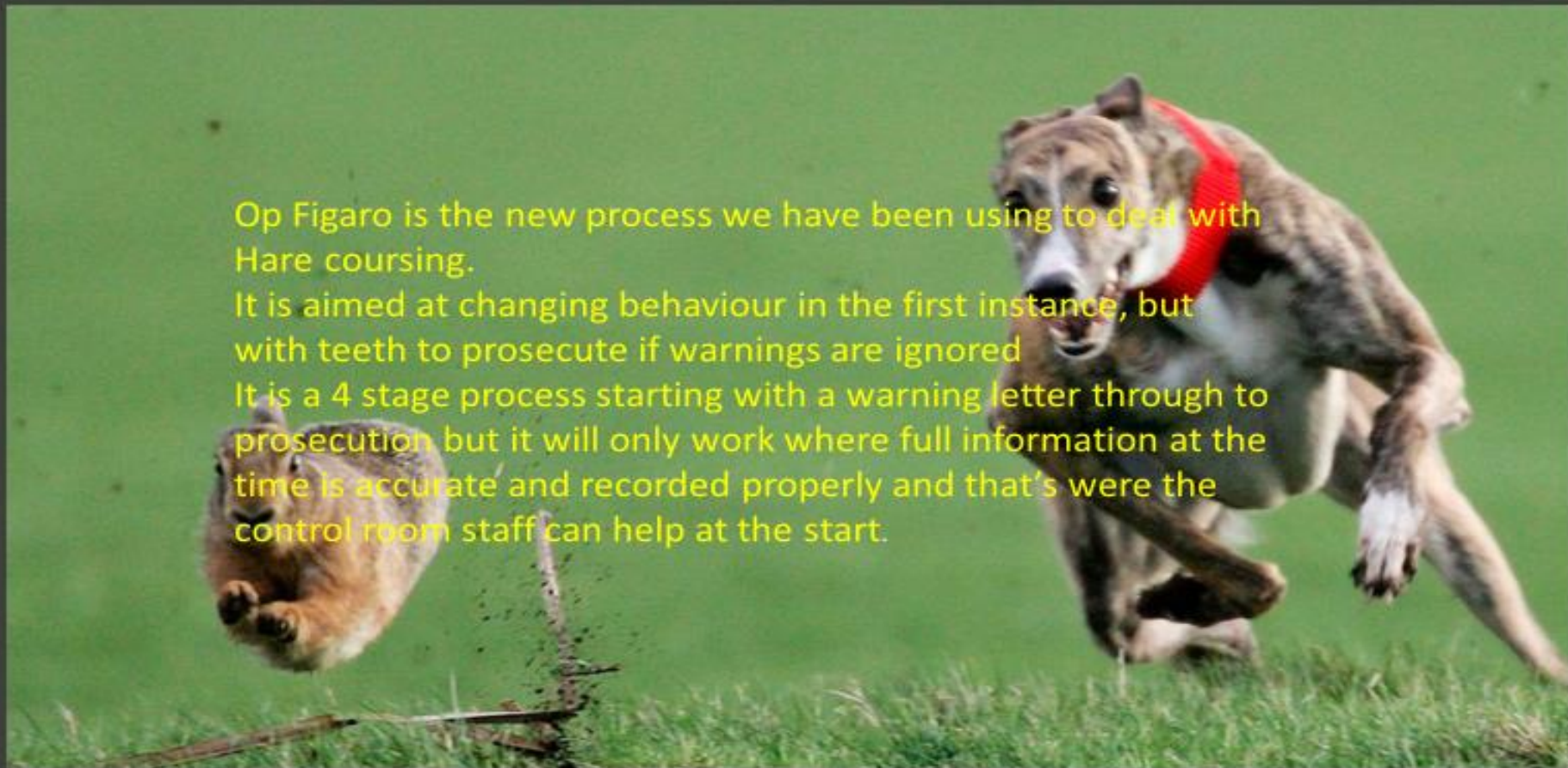


# OPERATION GALILEO

- North Yorkshire gets about **1500** reports of poaching and hare coursing per year
- It is second only to theft in rural areas in terms of numbers of incidents.
- The **impact on farmers** is much greater than everyone realises – stress, Domestic Violence, frustration, abuse, intimidation, threats, criminal damage, reprisals, and fear.
- The **impact on our wildlife** is pointless and selfish cruelty
- .....often for betting between themselves or live streamed online - based on how good the dogs are at chasing down hares.

# OPERATION GALILEO

Op Figaro is the new process we have been using to deal with Hare coursing. It is aimed at changing behaviour in the first instance, but with teeth to prosecute if warnings are ignored. It is a 4 stage process starting with a warning letter through to prosecution but it will only work where full information at the time is accurate and recorded properly and that's where the control room staff can help at the start.



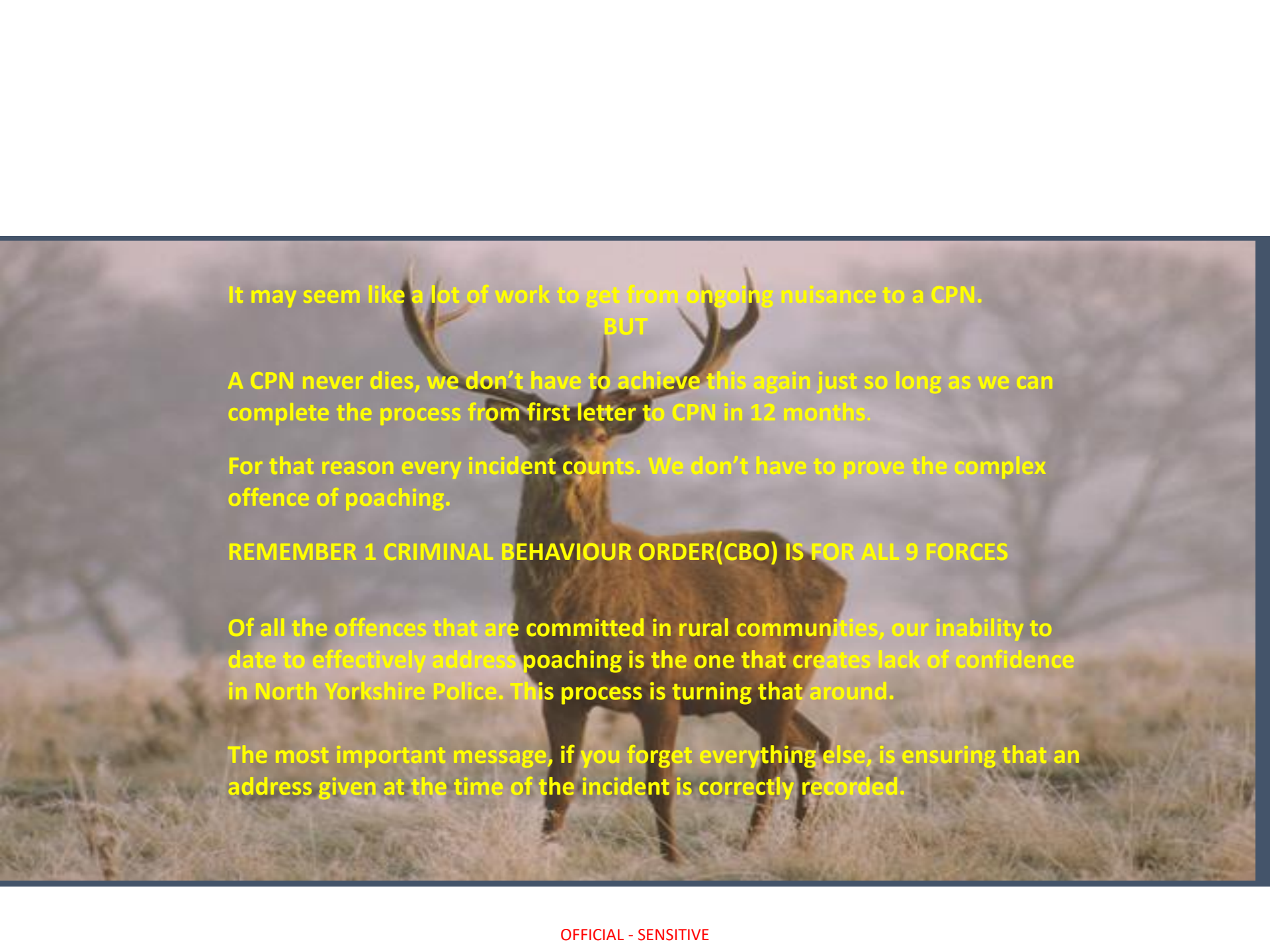


# OPERATION GALILEO

OP FIGARO IS  
NOW A  
**9**  
FORCE  
OPERATION





A stag with large antlers stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a hazy sky. The stag is facing forward, slightly to the left.

It may seem like a lot of work to get from ongoing nuisance to a CPN.

**BUT**

A CPN never dies, we don't have to achieve this again just so long as we can complete the process from first letter to CPN in 12 months.

For that reason every incident counts. We don't have to prove the complex offence of poaching.

**REMEMBER 1 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER(CBO) IS FOR ALL 9 FORCES**

Of all the offences that are committed in rural communities, our inability to date to effectively address poaching is the one that creates lack of confidence in North Yorkshire Police. This process is turning that around.

The most important message, if you forget everything else, is ensuring that an address given at the time of the incident is correctly recorded.

# Rural Watch- WhatsApp

- Transitioning to a modern way of delivering local policing
- Ryedale groups: Helmsley, Pickering and Wolds.
- All 3 are working together and installing their own ANPR cameras to help protect Ryedale
- Hambleton groups: Stokesley, Bedale, Girsby , East and West Harsley, Thirsk and TEB
- Bedale are also looking to install their own ANPR cameras.



# Raptor Persecution – Op Owl

- Raising awareness – “be our eyes & ears”
- Unfortunately still worst area in England
- Multi-Agency
- Proactivity to disrupt offenders
- Wildlife crime trained officers



# Raptor Persecution – Op Owl



**FEN TRAP LEGAL**



**BUT PLACE THEM  
ON A POLE IN THE  
AIR  
ILLEGAL**

**POLE TRAP  
RECOGNISE IT  
REPORT IT**



# AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

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REMEMBER TO REPORT THE DEAD BIRD TO DEFRA ON 03459335577 AS THEY WILL DISPATCH A TRAINED OFFICER WITH FULL PPE TO RECOVER THE BIRD AND TESTED I

AVIAN INFLUENZA HAS ALSO BEEN DETECTED IN MINK , FOXES AND CATS. TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS AND LETS NOT MAKE THIS THE NEW COVID

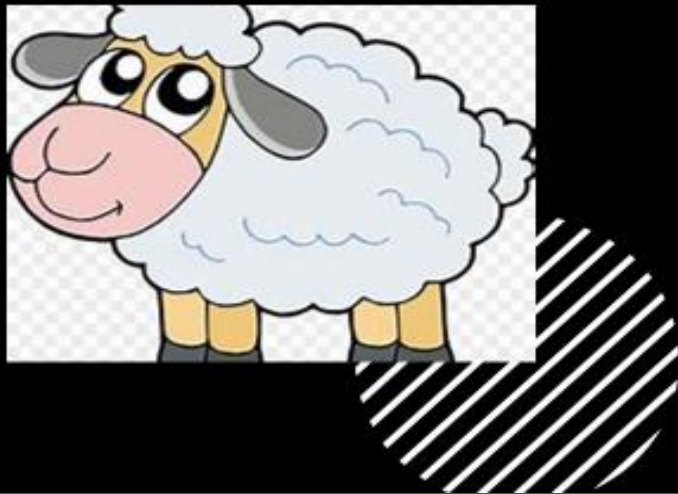


# SHEEP WORRYING STILL A PROBLEM IN NORTH YORKSHIRE



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...and we have our share of the shocking National Sheep Worrying problem

- Dogs loose in fields is a major problem across the whole UK – either being off the lead when being walked or escaping from gardens.
- Up to 15,000 sheep were killed last year nationally
- Cost of livestock worrying across the UK may be as high as £1.4 million
- If you see anyone with a dog near a field of sheep, please ask them to keep the dog on the lead

# WARNING!



## KEEP YOUR DOG ON ITS LEAD

Farmers are within their  
rights to shoot dogs  
worrying their livestock.

**Farm  
Watcher UK**  
STOP BREEDAL CRIMES

  
[facebook.com/farmwatcher](https://facebook.com/farmwatcher)



**WARNING YOU  
ARE AT RISK  
OF LOSING YOUR  
DOG IF THE  
POLICE FIND IT IN  
A FIELD WITH  
SHEEP**





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