

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE  
RURAL CRIME REPORT  
SCARBOROUGH/WHITBY  
DISTRICT

MAY-OCTOBER 2024

Crime figures pertinent to the Scarborough district for the last six months have been added below.

During the months of May to October the Scarborough district saw an increase in the number of quad bikes stolen through the months July, August and September which resulted in Operation ALIBI being re launched using cross border partnership working with Cleveland police as well as utilising our roads policing/operational support units and rural task force to assist local policing in increasing patrols and stop checking vehicles. This has seen a drop in the number of reported quad bike thefts (2 July / 2 August / 1 September) to zero in October but also a steep reduction in reported rural thefts from 10/12 per month May to August to 6 in October. There has been a steady report of stolen motor vehicles throughout the reporting period but tailing off in September only to see an increase in October, stolen motor vehicle records (SMV) record the number of cars, vans, pickups, motorbikes, mopeds, road registered agricultural vehicles, wagons and motorhomes.

Heating oil and agricultural oil/diesel theft incidents have thankfully declined over the reporting period, oil prices have generally been lower than this time last year. However, we are fully aware this may change over the coming months with the long dark nights as temperatures dip and demand increases.

In July we saw a spike in Autocrime offences with 12 being reported in the month for Scarborough, these were thefts from vehicles. Following successful investigations and proactive patrols these incidents subsided with only 2 being reported in October.

As expected, poaching incidents for the Scarborough area have been low compared to other districts in North Yorkshire (see figures below). Poaching figures across the county have continued to see a decline compared to the last year which is positive however this may change due to a dry autumn and early winter meaning farmland is more accessible for vehicles.

The farming sector this year has seen subsidy payments reduced again the RPA with again half being paid during late spring and the other half being paid in the autumn. The weather this year following the extremely wet spring has been a lot kinder to the farming sector which has reduced the stress that was seen this time last year.

Avian bird flu thankfully has been in decline over the summer and the number of recorded cases has been low resulting in no current restrictions being placed on both farmers and the general public regarding housing of birds. Although on typing this report there have been a couple of new cases nationwide and farmers are being asked to be vigilant where biosecurity is concerned.

The rural task force are continuing to record all domestic abuse incidents in rural locations, working closely with partner agencies such as the FCN and RABI to signpost vulnerable households in the hope of offering assistance.

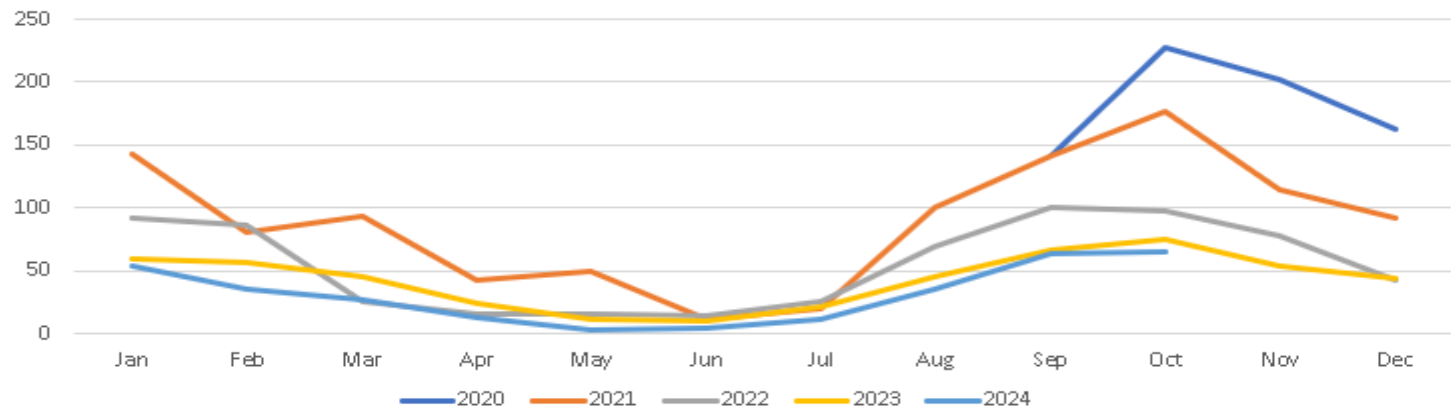
As reported previously our rural watches are now becoming fully active in their own right following the slowing down of their workload from harvest and autumn drilling. We are currently in the process of starting up a new Scarborough rural watch group with the support of the NFU in helping us get the right rural members from the community involved. The continued value to the police in intelligence gathering and support for ongoing incidents from our rural watches is invaluable, but what we would like to see is an increase in numbers of our rural communities joining these groups and using “WhatsApp” to assist in them being able to communicate information more easily between themselves and the police. “WhatsApp” which has been used successfully by NYP is now being looked at Nationally by the police chiefs council as a recognised tool by which the police can assist their rural communities. For more information about how members of the rural community can join a rural “WhatsApp” group please contact Mark Atkinson – rural Crime Coordinator RTF [mark.atkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:mark.atkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk)

SCARBOROUGH 2024	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT
ANIMALS/WILDLIFE	10	10	13	12	6	3
ARSON	1	0	0	2	1	0
AUTOCRIME	2	3	12	3	6	2
BURGLARY BUSINESS & COMMUN	2	3	4	5	5	2
BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL	1	0	3	4	6	9
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	4	5	3	2	5	6
QUAD	0	0	2	2	1	0
MAKE OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0
BYWAY	2	1	2	1	1	1
SMV	5	1	4	3	2	6
THEFT GENERAL	10	10	10	12	9	6
VIOLENCE	0	5	6	9	2	7
EYEBALL	0	0	0	0	0	1
HERITAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVESTOCK THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVESTOCK WORRYING	3	0	0	0	0	0
NIGHT POACHING	0	0	2	1	0	0
DAY POACHING	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROTEST/DEMONSTRATION	0	0	0	0	0	4
HUNT RELATED INCIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	40	38	61	56	44	45

# NYP POACHING DATA

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS	
2020										142	227	202	162	
2021	143	81	93	43	50	12	20	100	141	176	114	92	1065	
2022	92	86	25	16	15	14	26	70	100	97	78	42	661	
2023	60	57	46	24	12	10	21	45	67	75	54	44	515	
2024	54	35	27	13	3	5	11	35	63	65				

Monthly Poaching Figures



SCARBOROUGH POACHING

		SEASON S TOTALS	% YR RISE/	FALL FROM 20/21
<b>JAN</b>				
DAY	2	2020/21	1155	
NIGHT	0	2021/22	891	-23%
<b>FEB</b>		2022/23	622	-27%
DAY	1	2023/24	443	-28%
NIGHT	0	2024/25		-61%
<b>MARCH</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	2			
<b>APRIL</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	0			
<b>MAY</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	0			
<b>JUNE</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	0			
<b>JULY</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	2			
<b>AUGUST</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	1			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	0			
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
DAY	0			
NIGHT	0			