

North Yorkshire Council
Skipton & Ripon Area Committee

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Community Safety and CCTV Service Annual Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an annual update on the work of the Community Safety & CCTV service in the Skipton & Ripon areas. This will include a focus on Community Safety Hubs, CCTV and the wider strategic Community Safety Partnership thematic work areas.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides an overview of Community Safety, CCTV & wider thematic delivery and the priorities for the year ahead.

3.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB UPDATE

- 3.1 Community Safety Hubs remain an integral delivery model with a consistent approach now agreed for North Yorkshire alongside North Yorkshire Police. This includes dedicated police resources working alongside NYC Community Safety Officers at co-located sites.
- 3.2 Roles and responsibilities have been clearly defined with the Community Safety Hubs (CSH's) providing a coordinated partnership problem solving approach to tackle local issues and concerns by making best use of the legislative and voluntary provisions. There is a focus on early intervention through the development of Young Person Multi Agency Problem Solving Meetings.
- 3.3 The CSH's report to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) through the Joint Delivery Group (JDG). The function of the JDG is drive the delivery of community safety locally and have a vision for the future in an area of work that continues to evolve
- 3.4 The Community Safety & CCTV Service has developed and adopted an Antisocial Behaviour Framework that aligns with the tools and legislative powers. Training has been delivered to provided enhance skills to the Teams.
- 3.5 Outlined below is a summary of some of the key activities delivered during 2025-26:
- **Skipton Bus Station:** Ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour (ASB) resulted in some displacement to Neville House, Gargrave. This was subsequently resolved through the implementation of enforcement action. ASB cameras have also been deployed at Skipton Bus Station to act as a visible deterrent and provide ongoing monitoring.
 - **Targeted Support for Individuals:** Continued work has been undertaken with individuals involved in offending behaviour, providing support and guidance to help manage behaviours and reduce reoffending.

- **Youth Intervention Initiatives:** The Children and Young People Multi-Agency Problem Solving meetings and mirroring framework has been launched to address ASB among young people coming to notice and committing low level anti-social behaviour.
- **Environmental Improvements:** Enhancements have been completed in the Spa Quarter, Ripon, including the installation of additional lighting in Spa Gardens to improve safety for residents and visitors.
- **Youth Provision:** Ongoing youth provision for those aged 11+ continues at Spa Park in partnership with Ripon YMCA.
- **Temple Gardens Improvements:** Works have been completed to deter drug use and ASB, creating a safer and more welcoming environment for public use.
- **Business Crime Partnership:** A Business Crime Partnership has been established in Ripon in collaboration with Ripon BID. This includes 27 member businesses across the retail and nighttime economy sectors, all linked by radio to the Harrogate CCTV Control Room.

Key Campaigns and Engagement Activity

- Engagement with **566 young people** across one week at Crucial Crew event, delivering ASB education sessions to 25 primary schools.
- Participation in **16 Days of Action** focusing on domestic violence awareness, working in partnership with other agencies to highlight the impact of domestic abuse within communities.
- Collaborative education sessions with young people on the risks associated with **illegal vaping**, delivered alongside North Yorkshire Youth.
- **Christmas Campaign:** Partnership work with local businesses to provide crime prevention advice and target-hardening resources.
- Delivery of **Days of Action** in response to increased reports of retail crime and demand for service.

3.6 Local Priorities for 2026–2027

The following priorities have been identified for 2026–2027:

- **Skipton Bus Station:** Continued monitoring following a reduction in ASB.
- **Displacement of ASB:** Ongoing work addressing displaced ASB at Cawder Ghyll, Skipton. Community Safety Hub (CSH) and Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are working within the ASB Framework, including the use of early intervention and enforcement measures.
- **Partnership Enforcement Activity:** Joint work with Trading Standards and Licensing to address ASB linked to surrounding businesses and licensed premises.
- **Community Safety Working Group:** Ongoing attendance and support to Skipton Town Council and ensure a coordinated approach between agencies to tackling issues.
- **Safeguarding and Vulnerability:** Continued close working with Pinder House to safeguard vulnerable adults and address ASB and exploitation through multi-agency collaboration.
- **Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs):** Exploring the use of CBOs to address prolific offenders and reduce pressure on services, particularly in relation to shoplifting.

- **Night-Time Economy (NTE) Spiking Campaign:** Partnership working to reduce the risk of spiking incidents.
- **Community Engagement:** Establishment of Police, Partners and Community (PaPG) engagement sessions and CSH surgeries, with a focus on reaching rural communities.
- **Prevent:** continue to raise awareness and gather intelligence to support as a priority.
- **WRAP 4 Deliveries:** Multi-agency engagement sessions aimed at raising awareness and providing support to staff across partner organisations.
- **ASB Framework Implementation:** Embedding the new ASB Framework within the Community Safety Hub to ensure a consistent and robust approach to early intervention and prevention.
- **Community Multi-Agency Problem Solving (MAPS) meeting Development:** Development and launch of Community MAPS to identify ASB hotspot locations, particularly within the Yorkshire Dales where there are higher levels of reports from visitors.
- **Water Safety Partnership Work:** Continued collaboration with fire services on water safety initiatives and potential alignment with the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) water safety pilot in Richmond.
- **Ongoing Individual Support:** Continued work with individuals to provide guidance and manage offending behaviours.
- **Children and Young People MAPS Expansion:** Further development and expansion of the Children and Young People MAPS initiative and ensure model is embedded in our hub activity.

3.7 Appendix A provides a summary of performance information relating to Community Safety during 2025-26.

4.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

4.1 To ensure alignment with other Community Partnerships across the country a decision was agreed to adopt a new logo that visually reflects both Community and Safety along with renaming the partnership to Safer North Yorkshire. Members of the partnership agreed that this is a positive move forward. The 2025-26 annual report has been agreed by members.

Safer North Yorkshire Partnership have implemented an annual face-to-face partnership development day for all members to attend in September following the overall agreement that the previous year's meeting was successful in bringing members together to take a proactive approach and commitment around delivering the strategic priorities

The Harrogate and Hambleton Community Safety Hubs undertake work that supports the strategic priorities of the North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership. This work is driven by the Partnership Team within Community Safety and supported by staff members of the locally based Community Safety Hubs.

Here is a link to the [North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028](#).

4.2 Domestic Abuse Local Aim

“We will focus on prevention by proactively increasing understanding of healthy relationships across all age groups, while raising awareness of domestic abuse to ensure early identification and the promotion of specialist services. Our aim is to provide support early and ultimately eradicate abuse.”

Stalking Awareness Week: 21.04.25 to 25.04.25

Safeguarding Week: 16.06.25 to 20.06.25

16 Days of Action: 25.11.25 to 10.12.25

Male Victims of Domestic Abuse: 13.04.26 to 17.04.26

To support these key campaigns and to ensure a strong local presence, community engagement events were delivered across the county. These events enhanced visibility of domestic abuse issues and strengthened community awareness.

The events provided valuable opportunities to involve partner agencies, ensuring that residents could access immediate, informed advice, while clearly demonstrating the strength and consistency of local partnership working. Partner organisations included: North Yorkshire Police, Independent Domestic Abuse Service, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, St. Giles Trust, and NYC colleagues from a range of services.

Locations were selected to maximise reach and engagement, reflecting the focus of each campaign. Engagement was achieved across a diverse range of settings including colleges, hospitals, local markets, libraries, community centres, leisure centres, supermarkets, and community cafes. This approach ensured contact with a broad cross-section of the community, including harder-to-reach groups. Events were supported by a range of resources aimed at prompting meaningful conversations, raise awareness of key issues, and equip individuals with practical information to take away.

To extend the impact beyond face-to-face engagement, a coordinated communications approach was implemented. This included social media posts, radio coverage, a press release and both internal and external newsletters. Collectively, these channels significantly amplified campaign reach and reinforced key messaging across the county.

4.3 Preventing and reducing serious violence

The Serious Violence Duty was introduced through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The Duty emphasises a whole-system, multi-agency approach and requires partners to share information, jointly assess local need, and coordinate interventions

A partnership approach to understanding and reducing serious violence and identifying the nature of violence within our local communities is supported by the North Yorkshire & York Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) of Serious Violence (2025/2026) has recently been published.

Across North Yorkshire the completion of the siting of over 20 knife bins in 17 locations with an interactive map enabling residents to locate exact location of their local bin. The bins are emptied by North Yorkshire Police on a regular basis who safely dispose of the items. In addition, 45 bleed kits have been installed proactively supporting the duty.

The Community Safety Hubs support the duty with a proactive and operational approach which includes the Clear, Hold, Building initiative in Barrowcliff Ward of Scarborough, Project Community – a multi-agency approach giving a visible presence in our communities and Children's Multi-agency Problem Solving meetings to support young people on the periphery of anti-social behaviour.

Training and Community Engagement – a significant undertaking of mandatory training for all Community Safety Hub teams around the tools and powers within their remit to ensure a consistent approach to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB).

4.4 **Standing Together to Tackle Hate Crime, Radicalisation and Extremism**

North Yorkshire governance for Prevent and Protect & Prepare

North Yorkshire Council's Community Safety and CCTV Service lead on the 'Protect and Prepare' and 'Prevent' strands of the CONTEST Strategy. To support compliance with the Prevent Duty 2015 and the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill (Martyn's Law), both internal NYC strategic groups and local multi-agency groups have been established and are now well embedded.

The local multiagency groups cover the following areas:

- West (Ripon, Richmond, Skipton, Northallerton including its outer areas of Northallerton)
- Central (Harrogate, Selby, Knaresborough, Ainsty)
- East (Scarborough, Whitby, Thirsk, Malton, Easingwold)

Each of these local group's report on their local activity directly into the York & North Yorkshire Prevent Partnership Board, the NYC Strategic Protect & Prepare Group both chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive (Local Engagement Directorate), Safer North Yorkshire (North Yorkshire Community Safety Partnership) and the York & North Yorkshire CONTEST Board.

North Yorkshire Channel Panel is a multi-agency group that assesses individuals who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and develops tailored support plans to reduce their risk, safeguard them, and steer them away from extremist influences. North Yorkshire Channel is chaired by North Yorkshire Council Head of Community Safety and CCTV and meets monthly and continues to be a busy space.

Local activity/engagement

- Locality bases workshops to support the annual review of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) engaging 100 practitioners across the county.
- Annual Multi Agency Prevent Champions Event 13th May 2026 engaging 80 safeguarding practitioners from a variety of organisations.
- North Yorkshire Council's 'Martyns Law' Engagement Conference was hosted on 26th September 2025 in which Figen Murray was the main speaker. The event attracted over 170 participants from across the local retail and hospitality businesses, event organisers and community and voluntary sector.
- Local SCaN/ACT and Martyns Law awareness sessions delivered in partnership with Counter Terrorism Security Advisors across localities to local retail businesses and community and voluntary groups.
- Additional counter terrorism support offered to major annual events taking place across North Yorkshire.
- Quarterly North Yorkshire 'Protect and Prepare' newsletter for partners to help inform partners of both national and local information.

Hate Crime and Community Cohesion

The York and North Yorkshire Inclusive Communities Joint Coordinating Group continues to work in partnership to address hate crime while strengthening more inclusive, cohesive and resilient communities across the region.

Hate Crime Awareness Week (11 October 2025)

Activity during Hate Crime Awareness Week included a range of local engagement initiatives across the county, working alongside businesses, MENCAP and a local theatre group to raise awareness and promote inclusion.

As part of the week, Safer North Yorkshire hosted a Hate Crime Conference attended by around 100 professionals from a wide range of organisations. The event featured national and local speakers, alongside powerful contributions from individuals with lived experience. The conference also marked the launch of the York and North Yorkshire Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Plan on a Page (2025–2028) [Y&NY Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Plan on a Page 2025-2028.pdf](#), which sets out a shared vision:

'To work together to create a future where hate has no place, where communities are empowered, their voices are heard, and everyone feels valued and accepted—supporting York and North Yorkshire to be the safest and most welcoming place for all.'

Hate Crime Awareness and Champions accredited training has been delivered jointly by North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council to a variety of organisations including NYC Health and Adult Service, NYC Housing Management Teams, NHS Teams and Community and Voluntary Sector.

5.0 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CCTV

- 5.1 A strategic review of public space CCTV arrangements has been initiated. The review is being led by Alastair Taylor (NYNet) and reports to a strategic steering group chaired by Rachel Joyce, Assistant Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council. The steering group includes representation from across the Council, including procurement and information governance, as well as partners from the York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and North Yorkshire Police. The review will undertake a comprehensive assessment of current arrangements, evaluating the effectiveness, efficiency, and compliance of existing systems. It will make recommendations to ensure that CCTV provision continues to support community safety, crime prevention, and public confidence, while fully respecting privacy and legal obligations. The steering group is meeting on a monthly basis. The review is currently in the evidence-gathering phase, with engagement and consultation taking place across key stakeholders, including a questionnaire to Parish Councils. It is anticipated that initial findings and recommendations will be presented to the steering group in early summer, with further reporting and decision-making to follow.
- 5.2 The Harrogate CCTV Control Room provides a 24 / 365 surveillance service. This includes cameras in Ripon and has two temporary deployable CCTV cameras in Skipton. Town centre.
- 5.3 The cameras are registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for the prevention and detection of crime. The cameras are not used for any enforcement purposes, traffic management, monitoring of roadworks or weather relates issues. The CCTV Service liaises with other departments, and reports concerns or risks that may be identified through routine surveillance.
- 5.4 The majority of evidence is produced for North Yorkshire Police via a Service Level Agreement. This is provided electronically to their cloud-based system NICE. The allows quick time provision of data and saves time for officers as there is no requirement to attend the CCTV Control Room. Airwaves radio allows CCTV to speak direct to the force control room and officers.
- 5.5 Further capital investment is planned to continue the upgrade of analogue to digital cameras in Ripon during 2026-27.

5.6 The Harrogate CCTV Control Room is responsible for the coordination of the Harrogate District Businesses Against Crime Partnership (HDBAC). This includes the regular production of intelligence packs and partner briefing concerning shoplifting, travelling criminals and organised crime impacting on Ripon. This includes working alongside Ripon Business Improvement Districts and shoplifting leads within North Yorkshire Police.

5.7 Appendix A provides a summary of CCTV performance during 2025-26.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) Annual updates are presented to the Area Committee alongside colleagues from North Yorkshire Police.
- ii) Feedback is provided on the Strategic Review of Public Open Space CCTV across North Yorkshire.

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Community Safety & CCTV Performance Summary 2025-26 Skipton & Ripon

KNIFE BINS	Date Installed	Total No of deposits	No of deposits 2025-26
St. Marygate Car Park, Ripon	February 2025	132	132
Ashfield Car Park, 8 Kirkgate, Settle	Dec 2025	242	242
High Street Car Park, Jerrycroft, Skipton	Sept 2025	564	564

BLEED KIT LOCATIONS
UK Bleed Control Kit Map Register & Find Nearby Emergency Kits
High Street Car Park public conveniences, Skipton
Bus Station public conveniences, Skipton
Craven Leisure Centre, Gargrave Road, Skipton
Crosshills Police Station, Colne Road, Glusburn
Ripon Fire Station, Stonebridgegate, Ripon
The Crown Inn, Roecliffe, Boroughbridge

ASB Management, Tools & Powers	
Orcuma Cases – coordinated by the CSH	34
Orcuma Enquiries – referred into the CSH	100
Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO's) (granted 2025/26)	2
Closure Order (LA or Police led) (granted 2025/26)	Partial = 0 Full = 1
Community Protection Warnings (CPW) Issued	1
Community Protection Notices (CPN) Issued	0
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) Issued	8
Antisocial Behaviour Case Reviews (formally Community Trigger)	1

Public Open Space CCTV Cameras	Total number of cameras	Incidents Total	Top Types of Incidents (Ripon only) 2025 - 2026
Ripon	10	2021/22 - 270 2022/23 - 430 2023/24 - 430 2024/25 - 356 2025/26 - 282 2026 - 54	Traffic observations 82 Concern for welfare & missing persons 39 Suspect person / observations known offenders 21 ASB 26 Shoplifting 32 Assault violence 23
Skipton	2 (deployable)	Routine surveillance only	

CCTV Reviews for NYP	CCTV Evidence Produced NYP
6	2 hours 30mins

Business Crime Membership	Ripon
Retail	22
Night- Time Economy	3
Total Members	25

Note: Ripon BID Fund the Radios for the town