



## Hertford Police Report For March 2022 meetings

### Hertford crime figures 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Group	Crime Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Diff 2022 from 2021
Victim Based	Arson & Criminal Damage	37	13	28	+15
	Burglary	7	3	5	+2
	Sexual Offences	17	7	13	+6
	Theft	44	12	24	+12
	Fraud	30	28	25	-3
	Robbery	0	0	0	0
	Vehicle Offences	18	9	5	-4
	Violence against the person	139	71	84	+13
	<b>Total victim based crimes</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>+41</b>
Crimes Against Society	Drug Offences	6	12	4	-8
	Misc Crimes Against Society	5	6	2	-4
	Possession Of Weapons	5	0	0	0
	Public Order Offences	8	11	17	+6
	<b>Total crimes against society</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>+35</b>

## February 2022

There were 79 incidents reported in your area during February.

**03/02/2022 08:58** – A single vehicle RTC occurred at Sands Lane roundabout with A165. It appeared as though the vehicle had skidded on some engine oil left on the road. Officers contacted the Highways Agency to clean the road.

**07/02/2022 09:16** – A resident had a call from “Kevin at Amazon”. Kevin stated that someone had been spending money on the victims account in the USA. The victim checked the account and nothing was missing. The numbers which Kevin the scammer used were 07885729739 & 07890586656. This was a fraudulent call in what was a likely attempt to obtain bank details.

**07/02/2022 16:13** – We have received several calls relating to ASB from youths at **Hunmanby Community Centre**. Local Officers are aware of these and have increased patrols. This has also been placed on our local Police briefing for other units from the wider Safer Neighbourhood Team to patrol the area when free.

**16/02/2022 14:27** – A report of a fraudulent call is received from a worried resident. Calls were made from 07002544503 / 071759021 (2 digits short) claiming to be from Amazon who said they were going to take £79.99 from her account. The victim contacted their bank who confirmed it was a scam, no money was taken or sent.

**17/02/2022 10:45** – A resident received a fraudulent call on their landline whereby the scammer stated they were the fraud department from the bank. They told the victim that their account had been credited with £300 and that £150 of this would need to be transferred abroad. Thankfully, the resident recognised this immediately as a scam and put the phone down. This is the correct course of action, please tell any elderly relatives or vulnerable people to not be afraid to simply put the phone down if they are at all uncertain the call is genuine.

**22/02/2022 18:13** – A resident of Hunmanby was riding their push bike on Castle Hill when they had to apply their brakes sharply to avoid a car which was allegedly speeding. The resident fell from their bike, suffering minor injuries in the process. There is no description of the car other than it was ‘dark’ in colour.

We received 8 reports of concern for safety of individuals in your ward area during February. These incidents invariably relate to people in distress. We work closely with the Street Triage Mental Health Team at Cross Lane who carry Police radios with them, we also have support from Mental Health professionals who work in our control room. This is sadly becoming an increasing trend but we always ensure the people receive the best help available at the time and refer them to other agencies. If necessary, they are referred into the weekly meeting we have with other agencies from around the Borough where we can discuss courses of action to provide best support.

The average time taken to answer 101 calls in February 2022 was 322 seconds.

During February we dealt with 632 incidents across the area as a whole, a breakdown of these follows (not inclusive of all incidents): -

- 4 injury/death RTCs.
- 22 damage only RTCs.
- 31 road related offences, drink/drug driving, no insurance/license/dangerous driving/speeding etc...
- 48 reports of suspicious circumstances.
- 5 missing persons.
- 2 firearms incidents.
- 6 hoax calls.
- 5 Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme – *commonly referred to as ‘Clare’s Law’ The Scheme was introduced to set out procedures that could be used by the police in relation to disclosure of information about previous violent and abusive offending by a potentially violent individual to their partner where this may help protect them from further violent and abusive offending.*
- 40 domestic incidents/violence.
- 63 concern for safety incidents.
- 7 civil disputes.

- 4 animal incidents
- 12 highway disruptions
- 64 violence crimes.
- 11 sexual offences.
- 21 thefts.
- 0 stolen motor vehicles.
- 9 fraud or forgery.
- 1 drug offence.
- 16 criminal damages.
- 4 dwelling or commercial burglaries.
- 3 auto crimes.
- 58 anti-social behaviour reports.

### **Other News**

Please note that in addition to the traditional 999 or 101 we can be contacted on our email address is [snafiley@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:snafiley@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk). Please do not report incidents to this email, but if you would like to speak to a member of our team for advice then please use it.

If an incident of Anti-Social Behaviour occurs which you would like Police to deal with then please report this as soon as possible after the event to allow Officers the best chance to deal with the culprits. Please do not wait until next time you happen to bump into an Officer or Parish Councillor. It allows us to make connections with other incidents and deal with individuals for patterns of behaviour rather than incidents in isolation. It does not matter if no suspects have been seen or cannot be identified; we may have this reported on another nearby incident and be able to link them.

If you wish to look at crime statistics, along with stop-searches, news & events and other information for your area, then please visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). This website has been updated and has new sections with more details statistics relating to your area. There is a multitude of information on this website. You can also search for general Police advice on this website - <https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/default.mth>

### **Other ways to report incidents**

- Still always phone 999 in emergency.
- Our new website – you can report incidents direct on our website or on 101 - <https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/>

### **North Yorkshire Community Messenger**

This is a free email alert service from North Yorkshire Police. Our local teams use the system to let you know what's happening in your area.

- You can sign up to receive alerts about events, crime appeals, safety advice and much more.
- The alerts can be tailored to where you live and work.
- You can unsubscribe at any time.

When you sign up, you'll be able to select the type of alerts you'd like to receive, including:

- various watch schemes for business owners
- a monthly fraud round-up newsletter.

Sign up here - <https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/#signup-section>



# Community Safety Advice March 2022

And here we are in March already and wasn't February warm this year; my garden has flowers in bloom that simply shouldn't be yet so not sure how they will fair if we have late frosts and/or snow!

I thought that this time, the subject for my article would be poaching; it's not an "easy subject" and I don't intend to "make light" of such a serious topic as it impacts farmers in so many ways. It creates damage to farm gates, poachers' vehicle (s) can churn up their crops causing £1000s and £10,000s worth of damage while they gain access to a field and might even include intimidation of the farmer and/or his family/farm workers as they are often armed with shotguns and/or crossbows; poachers often have lurches with them (a dog that looks like a whippet but larger) if they are going after hare/rabbits.

Sadly, the farmers in our surrounding areas, especially Helmsley have been heavily plagued with poachers over the last couple of months and it is never easy to track poachers' movements because they can use false plates and come from outside the area but know it well. So as you can see, it's not just a matter of "oh they're taking a hare or two"- it's so much more, so much more.

So, what can we as individuals to help combat poaching? We all know our own areas better than anyone so when we are out and about, walking, driving or horse riding keep and eye out for any vehicles with lurchers in (the dogs poachers seem to favour) and/or vehicles whereby the occupants are behaving in a suspicious manner and report either via 999 (if taking place) or 101; You can also download the Project Poacher app (see right); however you choose to report, please report it.

The rural area is huge, and the Police need to be able to concentrate their resources so report any and all instance of poaching as soon as possible, giving vehicle details (registration number, make and model and direction of travel if appropriate) number of occupants, whether they have firearms (if you can see) but whatever you do, do NOT approach poachers as you could be putting yourself in harms' way.

What can farmers do to protect their fields? Ensure field boundaries are all secure and if you can, place large heavy obstacles in front of gateways; dig trenches around your fields to deter field entry and install wildlife cameras in order to record evidence – these would need to be night-time cameras in order to pick up evidence from pitch black and read the numberplates. They are not that expensive to buy and if it leads to a conviction, it's one more poacher off the circuit for a while!

To download the app, click the relevant button below.

Information about poaching on [beatc.org.uk](http://beatc.org.uk)

Download for (iPhone) or (iPad)

Download for (Android)™

Download for (Windows Phone)

If you see a suspicious vehicle in or near farm premises, take note of full details, persons and vehicles, and report to 101 or 999 as they may be scanning properties for farm machinery to steal. Farm equipment thefts, especially quad bikes, can be the "make or break" for a farmer so please do the following –

- Do = take note of suspicious vehicles/persons and call it in immediately to either 999 or 101
- Do = keep yourself at a safe distance from poachers, do NOT approach them in case they are armed
- Do = Help Officers to help you by remaining vigilant and calling any instances in to 999/101 (if you are unsure which number, look at the Police report for information)

And the very best thing you could do is either sign up for the Community Messaging Service (run by North Yorkshire Police) and/or sign up for the Derwent & Hertford Rural WhatsApp Group to keep apprised of crime trends and help yourself and well as others.

Until next time – Beware, Be Aware and Stay Safe!

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### **Community SpeedWatch**

If you wish to make a complaint about speeding, please email – [communityspeedwatch@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:communityspeedwatch@northyorkshire.police.uk) and they will get in touch to discuss what options are available. This can range from enforcement from speed vans to members of the Community being trained in the use of a speed gun!

### **Community Messaging is “Live”**

If you wish to receive community news via messaging, please visit the North Yorkshire Police website – Community Messaging and sign up or speak with a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team

### **Crimestoppers**

If you have any information you would like to pass on in confidence, please contact Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**



### **Property Marking**

Consider marking your expensive property – such as laptops, iPads, game consoles and TVs. Your local Neighbourhood Team will be happy to assist with this.

Also, register your new property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

## **Local News**

Here is where you will see local news posted – could be a forthcoming fete, Show or roadshow. Contact [Matthew.Hazelwood@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:Matthew.Hazelwood@northyorkshire.police.uk) to “advertise” your event here !!

For any complaints regarding 101 or other issues, please go to the North Yorkshire Police Website, click – Contact us at the top of the page, then ‘complain to us box’

Or go straight to it by this link - <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/contact/complain-to-us/>



# Contact NYP



## Your Local Team

### **Beat Manager**

PC1964 Davis

### PCSOs

PCSO 5565 Johnson

PCSO 5241 Mainprize

PCSO 5509 Almond

## Useful Contact Numbers

Highways 01609 780 780

NHS 111

Local Dog Warden 01723 232323

Action Fraud 0300 123 2040



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