



# SAFER HAMBLETON HUB NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## Safer Hambleton Hub

The Safer Hambleton Hub is based in Hambleton District Council and accesses countywide community safety services, facilitates projects to reduce crime and disorder and co-ordinates multi-agency problem solving processes as well as managing CCTV and working towards the Prevent Duty.

## Welcome

to the September 2022 edition of the Safer Hambleton Newsletter. In this edition we'll be focusing on a round-up of news, projects, and services from across Hambleton over the past few months. Normal service delivery priorities continue while staff also work to contribute to the plans for the new unitary authority, North Yorkshire Council, that comes into existence from April 2023.

### The Safer Hambleton Hub partners include:

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

## Safeguarding Week - 20 to 24th June 2022

Safeguarding week 2022 was celebrated across North Yorkshire with events and information made available to our communities. Here in Hambleton we demonstrated the importance of partnership working when we came together to staff a market stall in Northallerton to inform local people about safeguarding. We had conversations and provided details to local people on how to report a safeguarding concern and how safeguarding, particularly of vulnerable residents, should be a concern for everyone.



## Bike Safety Event 2022

The latest in a series of events to support vulnerable road users was held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 in the Applegarth Car Park in Northallerton. North Yorkshire Police Road Safety Team, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and Bike Technicians from Stage 1 Cycles were on hand to support local cyclists. This came in the form of explaining the latest developments in the Highway Code, demonstrations of safety equipment and free bike road-worthy checks and minor repairs undertaken on the spot for those with pre-booked appointments. Free Hi Viz tabards and safety information were also provided. The day was a great success and many young people who were still on school holidays were clearly enthralled at having their pictures taken on the police motorcycles and were excited to see the new local fire engine "Squirt" along with the local fire crew on the day!



## New Parenting Contracts

have been added to the list of interventions at Safer Hambleton Hub and are proving their worth. In one such case this new contract has been used in conjunction with an Anti-Social Behaviour Contract to support a family in Northallerton. The family, particularly one young person, were regularly involved in harmful behaviour in the community. Mum had also been involved and disclosed that she struggled to manage parenting commitments. With partners and Police, the contracts were drafted up to give some structure to the family and there have been some notable improvements although there is still a way to go. Better behaviour is supported through positive feedback and incentives such as attendance on courses or going to the gym. It's a work in progress but is proving to be worth the effort.

## New video doorbell deployed

Safer Hambleton Hub has installed a video doorbell device at the property of a local resident in Stokesley with the aim of recording incidents of frequent door knocking and food throwing on doors and windows. Within days youths were caught being abusive towards the occupant without provocation and were identified from the footage by local officers. This enabled neighbourhood policing officers to speak to those involved with parents present. The young people involved have not targeted the property since.



## Hambleton CCTV Team; Commendation for Team Member

On 10 August one of the Council's vigilant CCTV Operators, Julie Stead, helped prevent what could have been a catastrophic fire at Tesco's in Northallerton. Julie had been undertaking a review in relation to another incident along with two colleagues from North Yorkshire Police, when they spotted smoke coming from a cage full of cardboard boxes to the rear of Tesco's. Within 5 minutes a blaze was raging and had set the wall and neighbouring property alight but due to her quick response to alerting Tesco's of the danger and a call to the Fire Service, officers were quickly at the scene and put the fire out before it spread any further. In addition, Julie was also able to identify the perpetrators following a review of the footage who have since been arrested for arson with intent to endanger life. In recognition of this excellent work Julie is due to receive a special award by Hambleton District Council at its full Council meeting on 11 October and has also been recommended for a Special Commendation by North Yorkshire Police.





# Update from North Yorkshire Police

Article by our guest editor, David Hunter Chief Inspector, Operational Commander, Hambleton and Richmondshire, County Command

Hate Crime Awareness Week is a national week (8 October - 16 October 2022) of action where local authorities, key partners and communities affected by hate crime work together to raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it.

In North Yorkshire the theme for 2022 is misogyny, a type of hate crime where someone is targeted because they are female.

Since May 2017, North Yorkshire Police has recognised incidents carried out by men and boys targeted at women and girls, simply because of their gender, as misogyny hate crime.

Examples of this may include unwanted or uninvited sexual advances; physical or verbal assault; unwanted or uninvited physical or verbal contact or engagement; sexually graphic and explicit obscene language; use of mobile devices to send unwanted or uninvited messages or take photographs without consent or permission.

We can all work together to take a stand against misogyny and drive this damaging behaviour out of our communities.

Throughout the week we'll be taking part in roadshows, workshops and events with our partners across North Yorkshire to help our communities recognise hate crime and to have the confidence to report it to the police.

Here in Hambleton, there's a coffee morning at Northallerton Town Hall on Wednesday 12 October so do come and say hello. You can meet local officers and find out more about how you can get involved in the week.

It's with pleasure but a heavy heart that I say goodbye and introduce Chief Inspector Alex Langley who will be taking over from me as the Hambleton and Richmondshire Operational Commander. I am moving over to a new substantive CI role heading up the forces training team. Thank you to all that have supported me over the last 12 months, it has been a privilege to work with you and I wish you well in your endeavours to safeguard and protect the public.

Best wishes, David



**DIFFERENT?  
NO DIFFERENCE!**

**HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK**

**Northallerton Town Hall (downstairs) 10am-1pm**

**TALK TO US...**  
...if you have been or are worried about being a victim of crime because of your age, gender, race, religion, lifestyle or disability

**Wednesday 12 October 2022**

For more information email Sue Lear on [admin@northallertonmencap.org.uk](mailto:admin@northallertonmencap.org.uk)

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**North Yorkshire County Council**

**North Yorkshire Youth**

**Could you befriend a looked after child in North Yorkshire?**

We would love to hear from people of all ages and backgrounds who want to make a positive difference to a young person's life.

An Independent Visitor (IV) is an adult volunteer who develops a friendship with a young person in care.

They will offer support and help a young person to develop new interests, skills and hobbies.

We are looking for volunteers who can offer one visit per month for a minimum period of two years.

**What young people say about Independent Visitors:**

"He made me forget about being in care and brought me up on my down days."

"Having an independent visitor has been the only stable thing in my life recently."

"She always comes when she says she will. She never lets me down."

**For further information please contact:**  
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**independent visitors**

## Spotlight on Age UK North Yorkshire & Darlington

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Currently located in Darlington, Age UK nonetheless provide services across North Yorkshire and work with us at Hambleton District Council and the Northallerton Over Fifties Forum. Our partnership provides a regular coffee morning for local over fifties on the first Thursday of every month at Northallerton Town Hall, first floor (lift available) from 10:30 to 12:30 and all are welcome. A regular changing programme is offered on topics of interest such as presentations on local history, support from other local partnership agencies including Citizens Advice with Warm and Well and refreshments are provided. We are excited to work with North Yorkshire County Council for our up and coming coffee morning on 6<sup>th</sup> October when we will be celebrating International Day of the Older Person with Rural Arts lined up to come and offer an arts-based participation session - something definitely a little different that might lead some to think about taking up a new hobby.

In addition to these events, other classes and activities including befriending, Age UK offer a wide range of services including information and advice on subjects from General Benefit Checks, Attendance Allowance, switching from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Plans, Pension claims, support concerning Welfare Rights, Consumer Rights, Housing and Care.



## ALERT: Energy rebate scam emails

Action Fraud is warning the public about a sharp rise in reports relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem, the independent energy regulator for Great Britain.

The emails claim that the recipient is due a rebate payment as part of a government scheme and provides links for the recipient to follow in order to apply for the rebate. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.



**Between Monday 22nd August 2022 and Monday 5th September 2022, a total of 1,567 phishing emails related to this scam have been reported via the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS).** All the emails display the email subject header "Claim your bill rebate now". Offenders are using the Ofgem brand logo and colours to make the emails look as authentic as possible. However, the emails ask recipients to "apply for an energy bill rebate before September 2020", which is what prompted many recipients to realise the emails weren't genuine.

You can view examples of the fake emails in our social media posts on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **Instagram**.

### How you can protect yourself and others

- If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. Don't use the numbers or address in the message - use the details from their official website. Remember, your bank (or any other official source) **will never ask you to supply personal information via email**.
- If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Send us emails that feel suspicious, even if you're not certain they're a scam - we can check.

For advice on how to stay secure online, please visit: [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

Coming  
next time...

**Further insight into the role of the Safer Hambleton Hub** with details of the ways we can tackle anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder and details of partnership working across the district.

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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.