

Parish & Town News

December 2025

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Driffield/ Rural/East Wolds & Coastal Wards



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Driffield Police Station Front Counter OPEN

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5pm
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Driffield Community Team

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| Meals for Misters | 10/12/2025 11.45-13.00 | Cass Hall, King Street, Driffield | 7656 |
| Driffield Market Patch Walk | 11/12/2025 08.30-10.00 | Market Place, Driffield | 7656 |
| Driffield Library Surgery | 11/12/2025 10.00-12.00 | Driffield Library, Cross Hill | 7656 |
| SOPS Meeting | 12/12/2025 10.00-11.00 | Driffield School | 2431 & 7656 |
| Op Galileo | 14/12/2025 | East Riding | 1001 & 7568 |
| Craft Morning | 15/12/2025 10.30-12.00 | Cass Hall, King Street, Driffield | 7656 |
| Driffield Market Stall Crime Prevention | 18/12/2025 08.30-14.00 | Market Place, Driffield | 1001, 2431, 7656 & 7568 |
| Driffield Scrambling Event | 02/01/2026 08.30-12.00 | Market Place, Driffield | 2431 & 7656 |
| Craft Morning | 05/01/2026 10.30-12.00 | Cass Hall, King Street, Driffield | 7656 |
| Games Morning | 06/01/2026 10.30-12.00 | Driffield Library, Cross Hill | 7656 |
| Easterfield Court Surgery | 07/01/2026 10.30-11.30 | Easterfield Court, Driffield | 7656 |
| Meals for Misters | 07/01/2026 11.45-13.00 | Cass Hall, King Street, Driffield | 7656 |
| Memory Café | 07/01/2026 13.00-15.00 | Driffield Methodist Church, Driffield | 7656 |
| Cuppa and a Chorus | 13/01/2026 10.00-12.00 | Driffield Library, Cross Hill | 7656 |
| DYA Meeting | 13/01/2026 14.00-15.00 | Scotchburn Garth, Driffield | 1001 & 7568 |
| ASB Meeting | 21/01/2026 19.00-20.00 | Burton Ages Sports Club | 1001 & 7568 |
| Love Driffield Foodbank | 22/01/2026 10.00-12.00 | Market Place, Driffield | 7656 |
| Cuppa and a Chorus | 27/01/2026 10.00-12.00 | Driffield Library, Cross Hill | 7656 |

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Operation Topaz is a seasonal initiative focused on preventing and tackling antisocial behaviour, particularly around Halloween and Bonfire Night. It forms part of a broader strategy to enhance public safety during high-risk periods and transitions into Operation Yuletide as the festive season approaches, we will be increasing patrols in the town centre and other locations linked to ASB.

Our ongoing work with local schools continues to address the issue of ASB and the impact it has on communities. [#optopaz](#) [#communitypolicing](#) [#driffield](#)



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RURAL TASK FORCE

- **Sgt 2310 Kevin Jones**, Team Lead: Heritage, Wildlife & Rural Crime Sergeant
- **PC 212 Richard Fussey**, Goole, Howdenshire, and Beverley.
- **PC 433 Josh Fawcett**, Bridlington, Driffield and Hornsea.
- **PC 206 Sam Blakenbrough**, Holderness
- **PC 2429 Nick Beech**, Market Weighton, Pocklington and Vale of York

Hare coursing – what to do if you've been affected



We have recently seen an increase in Hare Coursing across the East Riding and North Lincolnshire involving persons with dogs trespassing on land in search or pursuit of hares.

Illegal hare coursing is a UK Wildlife Crime Priority and a Priority for the Rural Task Force.

The criminality involved is serious, organised and sophisticated in their planning often involving cross border offending. Not only does it involve barbaric acts against protected wildlife species, but it causes harassment, alarm, distress and annoyance to the rural communities.

Poachers do not care about trespassing across farmland, intimidation to farmers and landowners, and the damage they cause. However, they do care about the zero tolerance response that Humberside Police have towards their illegal activities.

This week with the assistance of Wildlife Crime Officers from Patrol and Neighbourhood Teams, we have seized two vehicles, recovered hare coursing equipment and reported two males who reside out of force for hare coursing related offences.

The NFU have recently published advice for landowners and farmers on how to prevent hare coursing on your land and what to do if you have issues with hare coursing.

This article can be accessed via this link or published below

[Hare coursing – what you can do – NFUonline](#)

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Christmas Menu



Humberside Police - East Riding of Yorkshire North

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#RuralTaskForce It has been a busy shift for the #RTF. Not only have high visibility patrols been conducted around #HeritageCrime hotspots, but we have responded to a #tracker activation on a stolen vehicle resulting in one male arrested for theft of motor vehicle & the vehicle being recovered. #RuralCrime #TrackerUK @NCATT_UKPolice #InYourCommunity



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Crime Prevention

Humberside Police are warning people to be careful after reports of fraudsters selling fake listings and written off cars on Facebook Marketplace.

Fraudsters often post listings for cars that look too good to be true, such as a nearly new model at a suspiciously low price. Always compare prices for similar cars to spot deals that might be too good to be true

Don't let anyone pressure you into paying upfront – you should only hand over money once you've seen the car in person and you're happy with it

Make sure you carry out all the usual checks before buying a car. A HPI is especially important when buying privately, as it will show if the car has been stolen, written off, scrapped, or has any outstanding finance

A low price can be a red flag for fraud, like fake listings, damaged cars being misrepresented, or tricks to get you to send money before you've even seen the car.

Tips to stay safe:

- Beware of Suspicious Deals: If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Do Your Due Diligence: Research the seller and the vehicle to confirm their legitimacy.
- Report Suspicious Activity: If you encounter a suspicious listing or seller, report it to Facebook to help them identify and remove scam accounts.
- Stolen Car Images: Scammers use photos of cars they don't own to create fake listings and entice buyers.
- See the Car First: Always inspect the car in person and take it for a test drive before handing over any money.
- Meet Safely: Arrange to meet the seller in a safe, public place, and consider bringing a friend.
- Check the price. Most of the scam adverts are "selling" cars at around 1/4 of their actual value.
- Do not be pressured to use unusual payment methods such as gift cards

Reporting and Support

If you have been a victim and lost money, call 101 and report it to Humberside Police.

Visit fraudwatch.org.uk for more information about fraud and where to get support.

You can also sign up to receive future alerts at alerts.fraudwatch.org.uk.

Useful Leaflets

- [Guide to Fraud Prevention Resources](#)

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Buying a bike for Christmas, have you thought about a lock for it?

As we have passed the middle of November, I hope it isn't too early to mention Christmas, or what is being bought for Christmas, I also don't want to point out that it is only 5 weeks away!!!!

At this time of the year, people have either bought, or are buying bikes to give as Christmas presents, and with the average price to buy a bike now around £350+ and an e-bike around £1900+ it is not a cheap present to buy.

Whilst a lot of thought is given towards the cost of the bike itself, one thing that isn't often considered is the purchase of a suitable lock for the bike.

Across England and Wales there are over 77,000 bikes stolen annually, that is around one bike every seven minutes, and this is only the bikes that are reported stolen.

Bike thieves are normally opportunists, who will visit areas and identify bikes they want to steal using a variety of methods, such as cutting or grinding off locks. They will often attack the bikes that are left unlocked, or have the weakest locks, as they are the easiest to cut off, and take the shortest amount of time. A lock with a high level of security can also act as a deterrent and can prevent an attack.

So, what should you look for when looking at buying a bike lock.

The general rule of 'you get what you pay for' does fit. The £2 wire locks will provide a much lower level of security than a lock that costs £25.

The rule of thumb is that you should consider spending around 10% of the cost of the bike on a lock, although I would advise you buy the best lock that you can afford, which may be more or less than that.

I have attached information that will advise which standard of lock would be best for the type of bike that has been bought.

Here are some tips on how to reduce the risk of a bike being stolen.

- Use the best quality locks you can buy; I recommend Sold Secure Gold Standard locks or above.
- Only leave your bike if you really need to, but if you do, try and leave it in a public area that is covered by CCTV.
- If you are able, lock your bike using 2 quality locks to a bike stand, this will allow you to also lock the wheels and prevent them from being stolen, as most bikes now come with quick release wheels.
- Register your bike with [Bike Register](#) and get it security marked, local Neighbourhood Policing Teams across Humberside, regularly hold marking events, where you can get your bike marked for free.
- Remember to also lock your bike up at home as well, ideally to a solid wall or ground anchor.

I hope this information helps you choose the right lock for the bike you are buying.

Further crime prevention advice can be found on the Secured by Design website [here](#)

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Black Friday Bargains? Think Battery Safety First

With Black Friday deals and festive shopping in full swing, many of us are unboxing shiny new gadgets and electronics. But have you thought about the batteries inside them?

Lithium-ion batteries power everything from phones and laptops to e-bikes, toys and vapes. While safe when used correctly, they can cause serious fires if damaged, charged incorrectly or disposed of carelessly. Fires linked to these batteries are rising across the UK. They start suddenly, burn at extreme temperatures and release toxic fumes.

Stay safe this season:

- **Buy smart:** Avoid cheap, unbranded batteries or chargers from online marketplaces. Stick to trusted retailers.
- **Charge safely:** Never charge near exits or on beds and sofas.
- **Don't leave charging unattended:** Especially overnight.
- **Check for damage:** Stop using batteries that are swollen, leaking or overheating.
- **Recycle responsibly:** Never throw batteries in household bins. Use your local recycling centre.

Extra Black Friday warning: Tempting discounts can lead to risky purchases. Counterfeit batteries often lack essential safety features. If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.

As you enjoy your new tech this season, remember: **battery safety saves lives.**

For more tips, visit: <https://humbersidefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-in-the-home-advice/batteries>

Are you buying a smart device for Christmas?

Below are 5 tips that will assist in making your 'SMART' Christmas present more difficult to hack into, and thus, keep your device and information safer.

- Make sure you use strong passwords and certainly don't keep default passwords on your devices. The best passwords involve the use of 3 unrelated words. See the attached sheet for examples.
- Look at changing the default administrator credentials on your Wi-Fi router and change the issued password. The use of a WPA2 encryption will also disguise the network from immediate view.
- Ensure that you keep the operating systems on your devices up to date, a lot of these updates also contain security patches. So, when you get a notification that there is an update available, make sure you install it.
- Keep any software/apps that are on your SMART devices up to date, as updates could also contain security patches.
- Consider using a firewall/anti-virus system that will monitor and block any attempts to access your devices.

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Knife crime stats update

The new figures show a 10% reduction in offences under this government across the seven police forces most impacted by knife crime, with areas like West Midlands seeing a 30% drop, following targeted policing efforts.

Interventions include the use of hotspot policing, acting on better intelligence on offenders, increased patrols using knife arches, drones and plain clothes officers. [Read the full story online.](#)



At Humberside Police, we're committed to making our roads safer for everyone. That's why we run Operation Snap – and we need your help. If you witness driving offences and capture them on dashcam, mobile phone (by a passenger), or CCTV, please [send the footage](#) to us.

NOTE: If you do not receive an update within 14 days, please remember to check that our response hasn't been filtered into your spam/junk folder.

The response will be sent from the Operation Snap email address which is: opsnap@humberside.pnn.police.uk.

In an emergency always dial 999 where there is a threat to life or a crime in progress, for non-emergencies dial 101.

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Abolition of Police and Crime Commissioner Role

Today, the Government has announced a significant reform to policing governance: the role of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) will be abolished from 2028. This decision marks the end of a system introduced in 2012 to enhance accountability and give communities a direct voice in policing.

Under the new arrangements, oversight of policing will transfer to directly elected mayors, their deputies, or newly established Police and Crime Boards, reflecting a model closer to the former police authorities. This change is part of a broader strategy to streamline governance, reduce duplication, and ensure resources are focused on frontline policing.

Jonathan Evison, Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside said "While today's announcement signals the end of the PCC role, our commitment to public safety remains unchanged. Until 2028, we will continue to deliver on our Police and Crime Plan, hold the Chief Constable to account, and ensure that the voices of our communities are heard. We will work closely with government and local leaders to guarantee a smooth transition that strengthens policing and keeps people safe.

"Importantly, I want to reassure victims of crime that service provision and support will remain at the highest standards throughout this transition."

What happens next?

- The transition will begin immediately, with full implementation by 2028 when current PCC terms end.
- Areas with existing combined authority mayors already operate under this model and will likely serve as templates for the change.
- The Home Office will publish detailed guidance on managing the transfer of responsibilities to ensure continuity and maintain public confidence in policing.

"I want to reassure the public that business will continue as usual during this transition. All core services—including emergency response, crime investigation, victim support, and community safety initiatives—will remain fully operational. Our teams are committed to maintaining high standards of service delivery, and there will be no disruption to policing or public safety."

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National Road Safety Week 2025 - Safe Vehicles Save Lives

Have you ever seen a police car or fire engine pass by only to discover the road ahead is closed? Or heard a rumour about a run of crime in your street and wished you had known about it sooner?

My Community Alert is a free messaging system operated by Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, and Humberside Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, giving you live information about incidents happening in your area.

Choose how you receive messages, by either phone or email, how often you want to hear from us and about the issues that matter to you.

When something happens that you've told us you want to hear about, your local officer will send you the details, whether that's notice of a road closure due to a collision or a burglar who has been caught in a nearby garden.

Subscribe to My Community Alert to be the first to know about issues that might affect you or your family.

[Please click here to complete the survey](#)

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Find Us On Line

Below are links to the main sites in each of the local authorities that cover the Humberside Area. A great way to keep up to date with what is going on is on Social Media – especially Twitter – we will share as much as we can but keep your eye out for other partners who are trying to promote the great work they do to help engage families and young people. We also have a Facebook Page [@HPYouthEngagementTeam](#) so please follow us on there and remind your communities to get in touch with what's going on in their area!

Please take time to visit the websites detailed below:

www.ageuk.org.uk/barnet/our-services/latest-scams

[www.https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news)

www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/

To report a crime in progress, always call 999. Call 101 for non-emergencies and to report any information, or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For further crime prevention advice and general information please visit <https://www.police.uk>

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[Humberside Police - East Riding of Yorkshire North | Facebook](#)

We would like to hear what you think about our social media channels .

Whether it's things you like, or things you think we could improve, let us know by completing our social media survey.

The survey takes no more than 10 minutes and is completely anonymous: <https://www.police.uk/social-media-survey-2023/>

Police Station Front Counters – Driffield - WE ARE OPEN

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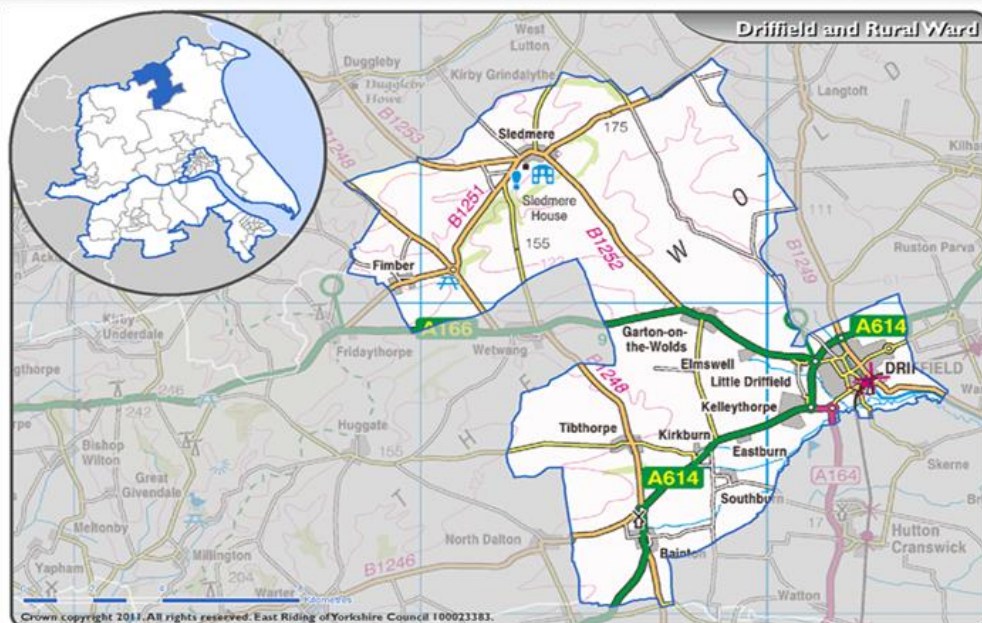
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