



Hertford Police Report For September 2022 meetings

Hertford crime figures 1st April 2022 to 31st August 2022

Group	Crime Type	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Diff 2023 from 2022
Victim Based	Arson & Criminal Damage	9	14	7	-7
	Burglary	2	2	5	+3
	Sexual Offences	5	7	3	-4
	Theft	5	13	10	+3
	Fraud	11	13	3	-10
	Robbery	0	0	0	0
	Vehicle Offences	4	3	1	-2
	Violence against the person	36	47	74	+27
	Total victim based crimes	72	99	103	+4
	Crimes Against Society	Drug Offences	10	6	2
Misc Crimes Against Society		5	2	1	-1
Possession Of Weapons		0	0	1	+1
Public Order Offences		5	7	13	+6
Total crimes against society		20	15	17	+2
Total		92	114	120	+6

August 2022

There were 127 incidents reported in your area during August.

03/08/2022 18:52 – A resident reports responding to an advert they noticed on Facebook that used Martin Lewis on the advertisement, they were initially asked to provide their contact details. They were contacted moments later by the suspect who informed the resident it was a cryptocurrency investment. They were talked into investing £207 and asked to download the **anydesk** app on to their mobile phone to let the suspect have access to their phone. The app was downloaded but thankfully the resident refused to allow access which annoyed the suspect and curtailed their attempted fraud. The suspect claimed to be registered with the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) and gave the resident a registration number which was linked to an estate agents in Notting Hill. Please always carry out your own enquiries when thinking of investing money, basic checks like checking the FCA number can often reveal the information you are being given to be false. **If in doubt, never be afraid to put the phone down or cease communications with them.**

03/08/2022 21:31 – A fraud was reported whereby a resident received a text message from someone purporting to be a family member. The scammer managed to convince the victim that they needed some money for an urgent invoice. An amount over £1,000 was transferred but it was later confirmed to be a scam. If family member/friend contacts you out of the blue requesting money, please don't rely on text messages/WhatsApp as a sole means of communicating with a family member if transferring money to them. Always speak to them to confirm it is them you are transferring the money to.

14/08/2022 23:34 – Officers on patrol attended a disturbance involving three people in the street on Northgate, Hunmanby. Two of the people were spoken to at an address but refused to help Officers.

16/08/2022 01:23 – A van was stopped by Officers on patrol on A165 at Reighton Bypass. Several traffic offences were witnessed by Officers, along with passengers being discovered in the rear of the van. The passengers were taken to a safe place, the driver was interviewed and reported for traffic offences.

18/08/2022 22:20 – A vehicle was stopped on New Road in Hunmanby. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle had only a provisional license. The car was recovered and the driver reported for this offence.

During August we dealt with 998 incidents across the area as a whole, a breakdown of these follows (not inclusive of all incidents): -

- 8 injury/death RTCs.
- 21 damage only RTCs.
- 61 road related offences, drink/drug driving, no insurance/license/dangerous driving/speeding etc...
- 73 reports of suspicious circumstances.
- 15 missing persons.
- 3 firearms/weapons incidents.
- 6 hoax calls.
- 66 domestic incidents/violence.
- 104 concern for safety incidents.
- 9 civil disputes.
- 7 animal incidents
- 24 highway disruptions
- 111 violence crimes.
- 8 sexual offences.
- 28 thefts.
- 2 stolen motor vehicles.
- 11 fraud or forgery.
- 1 drug offence.
- 29 criminal damages.
- 9 dwelling or commercial burglaries.
- 8 auto crimes.
- 86 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. 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. Incidents can also be reported direct on www.northyorkshire.police.uk

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. This website has been updated and has new sections with more detailed 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>

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>

September Update – Police Service Volunteers have offered to attend any Parish Council related events (coffee mornings etc...) as part of an initiative to understand any concerns of residents. PSVs will also be on hand encouraging people to sign up to **North Yorkshire Community Messenger** which also entails a short survey on issues most affecting them.



Community Safety Advice

September 2022

Well, where has this year gone? It seems to be zooming by doesn't it!! Sadly, information has been received from a DV and Hertford WhatsApp member on several thefts in the Yedingham, Sherburn and Snainton areas. As PCSO Lockey has stated within the group recently, it's not always easy to secure GPS systems in tractors but advice can be given on security if you wish; just call 101 to arrange. It has been suggested that a black VW Golf may be linked to the thefts; I would ask that if you see ANY vehicle scoping properties that you make a note of the VRN, vehicle details and call it in on 101 or 999 (if appropriate) so that we can help the Police deter and stamp out this type of crime in our area.

I have also sourced out some advice from the NFU ([How to protect yourself from GPS theft from farm machinery – NFUonline](#)) if you wish to use it. The NFU suggest the following –

- Activate PIN security on GPS kit with your own unique number if available.
- If your system is not PIN enabled, mark your postcode to deter thieves and trace your property back to you
- Keep tractors and combines with GPS fitted stored out of sight when possible.
- Remove GPS kit when possible from tractors and other machinery and store it securely away when not in use.
- Record serial numbers and photograph your kit
- Check serial numbers of second-hand kit when/if offered for sale.

I know it's not always possible to take these precautions due to workload, etc but by just taking some small measures it could save you £1000s of pounds in the long run.

SCAMS AWARENESS

I'm sorry but the "old chestnut" is still with us, and they are getting wily with their ways in getting through your Internet provider's safety nets so be aware that if you haven't enrolled in a scheme to win a prize – IT'S A SCAM.

NEVER follow links in text messages or make changes to your bank accounts until you have spoken with your bank. You can call most now 24/7 and a person will answer the phone – especially if you are reporting that you have been a victim of fraud.

If you are contacted, as I was only recently, to say that your courier (in my case it was Evri) needed more money so that they could deliver my package. I knew straight away that it was a scam because of the font the scammers used to bypass the Internet security; it looked quite fancy but it made me aware that it was a scam because of the difference in font – and the fact that I wasn't expecting a package from Evri - - unless you are POSTING a package by using such a firm or similar rather than Royal Mail then that should be the only time you would expect to pay monies.

I've changed my mobile and I have a bill to pay that's the wording some scammers are using; You get a message supposedly from a family member (they may have got the name if you use social media and mentioned them in passing!!) stating that they have changed their mobile and it won't be activated for 24hrs and there's a bill that urgently needs paying – **It's a SCAM** if you get such a text/email call your family member's known number (not any number that may have been used to contact you in the first place) and you'll probably find that they haven't changed their account at all so it's definitely a scam.

Scammers play on your family ties, our "ooo, it's free" thought processes, they spend time looking at your social media accounts gleaning information from your page (s) so just make sure you only give the bare minimum – oh and don't announce on social media that you are going away on holiday it's like ringing a dinner bell for a shark!! Think smart, be smart and stay safe.

Until next time – Beware and Be Aware!

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Community SpeedWatch

If you wish to make a complaint about speeding, please email – 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

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 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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