**Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhood Group**

**Newsletter**

**September 1st 2021**

**Crime**

Since my last newsletter of 29th May 2021 52 crimes have been reported in Nidderdale. These break down as follows, with numbers from the same period last year in brackets:

Burglary, residential: 1 (3)

Burglary, business: 0 (1)

Theft offences: 2 (6)

Criminal damage: 9 (6)

Drugs 2 (1)

Auto crime 0 (1)

Sexual offences 1 (2)

Violent offences 25 (19)

Fraud 7 (16)

Other offences 5 (5)

Total: 52 crimes. (60 crimes in equivalent period last year)

The only reported burglary was at a flat in Pateley Bridge which had its roots in animosity between two neighbours, damage was caused but nothing was stolen.

There were only two thefts reported, the stolen property being a cat’s drinking saucer and a scarecrow. Both items were later recovered.

The number of fraud offences reported is much less than the same period last year. The majority were reported by individuals wanting to log scams which they had not been taken in by, typically phishing attempts to obtain personal data with fake text messages or emails purporting to be from the Inland Revenue, TV licencing, Royal Mail and suchlike. Incidents like this are referred by the police to ‘Action Fraud’ which is a national police agency for investigating fraud. Although the local police do not get involved in investigating these incidents we do have a policy of contacting victims to offer advice and reassurance, especially where it appears they may be vulnerable due to age or isolation. A more unusual fraud involved emails purporting to be from someone known to the victim who was asked to buy i-tunes vouchers then send the codes to the scammer.

Violent crime includes a wide variety of crime types and, as usual, is the largest category in the list. One widely reported incident was a brawl which took place at Pateley Bridge High Street on 14th August. One man was arrested at the time and enquiries are on-going.

A cannabis grow was discovered at a remote location upper Nidderdale during May and was dismantled by officers.

The five crimes in the ‘Other’ category were all disorderly conduct; abusive language and threatening behaviour.

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

We have recorded 35 incidents of anti-social behaviour throughout the dale, these are in addition to the ‘disorderly conduct’ mentioned in the previous section. The behaviour complained of includes individuals failing to self-isolate after a positive covid test, nuisance motorbikes, nuisance parking, vandalism not amounting to actual damage, and unpleasantness between neighbours not amounting to a crime.

**Road Traffic Collisions**

There have been four collisions resulting in injury since 29th May. Two of these occurred when vehicles mounted the pavement, while negotiating congested road space, and struck a pedestrian. These were at Summerbridge near the Dobson Bank junction and at Pateley Bridge High Street. The third happened when a vehicle left B6265 at the end of the straight between Burnt Yates and Tinkler Lane. No-one suffered life threatening injuries. There was also an accident when a cyclist descending Greenhow Hill fell off, it did not involve a motor vehicle.

Twelve damage only collisions were reported.

**Other News**

The new police office at Pateley Bridge is working well and members of the public are calling to report incidents, ask for advice, and assist with investigations. The old police station is up for sale through Bruton Knowles estate agents. Offers sought in the region of £275,000. Last chanve to view, by appointment with the agent, is 10th Sept. See sign outside the police station for more information!

North Yorkshire Police has revised its presence on social media and now has a number accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. One reason for the revision was to enable the force to efficiently monitor the increasing amount of contact it has with the public via social media. Nidderdale area is included in the accounts for the Harrogate Borough area. More details on the North Yorkshire Police website. Your local officer, PC Hickson, has started posting on Twitter from time to time.

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