



SAFER HAMBLETON HUB NEWSLETTER

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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 June 2021 edition of the Safer Hambleton Newsletter. In this edition we'll be looking at the ways the Hub works with its partners to address anti-social behaviour with a detailed overview of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. We're also covering a roundup of news on projects and services from across Hambleton District.

North Yorkshire and York's Community Safety Hubs are multi-agency teams that coordinate partnership activity to address issues that have an impact on the safety of our communities. They have a focus on those most in need of help in order to intervene at the earliest opportunity and promote community resourcefulness.

Cycling safely in Hambleton

Safer Hambleton Hub working with partners North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and North Yorkshire Police held another of the popular "Dr Bike" Health Check Events in the Applegarth Car Park, Northallerton on Saturday 22nd May. The "Dr Bike" Health Checks are sponsored by Cycling UK.

The technical assistance provided by Stage 1 Cycles took the form of a 30 minute check to ensure bikes were safe to ride with minor repairs if necessary. The health check included checks on brakes, gears, chain tyre, nuts, bolts and helmet. Police were also able to offer property marking.

The event was well attended and in addition to bike checks and property marking there were safety demonstrations and quizzes to both entertain and promote the safety message to young and old alike.

The event will be followed-up with cycling safety advice planned to be rolled out in partnership with local schools. This will be focussed on addressing safety but also anti-social behaviour of some young cyclists who ride on the pavements, a particularly hazardous activity when the dark nights draw in and the bicycle is being ridden without lights!



Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)

ABCs are used as an early, formal intervention and are a voluntary contract with a person of any age where concerns over their behaviour are escalating and are causing distress, alarm or concern in the local community. The ABC is written around the behaviour being reported and is there to support the individual through conditions to be adhered to as well as offer positive activities that will help the person to progress in their lives safely. The discussion will outline where, if left unaddressed, the anti-social behaviour is heading and it is explained that the contract is aimed at supporting them to achieve any positive ambitions such as changing their outlook on life for the better as well as guidance and support with matters such as career aspirations. The contract will be entirely designed around the person. There will be regular reviews to monitor progress that is reported back to the Task and Finish meetings attended by all those involved with support. ABCs are usually monitored for six months but this is dependent on behaviour throughout that monitoring; ABCs can also remain in place longer at the request of the recipient if it is providing a safety net for that person. In the past year Safer Hambleton Hub has written, managed and monitored 13 ABCs for individuals across the Hambleton district.

ABC Case Study

Background

North Yorkshire Police (NYP) had been involved in over 40 incidents involving X within a 16 month period. These incidents primarily centred on issues relating to her poor mental health. X frequently self-harmed to all areas of her body but mainly her arms and legs. She also consumed large quantities of tablets in an apparent attempt to commit suicide.

Her behaviour was clearly worrying due to the nature of the self-harming and the fact she could end her life through misadventure of cutting or an overdose.

Concerns were noted that whilst she may not intentionally mean to hurt herself/take her life; if the behaviours continued then misadventure could occur as the incidents were escalating in frequency and content.

Interventions

X was referred into the Hub and task and finish meetings were arranged. Partner agencies attended including but not exclusively NYP Local Policing Teams, Mental Health Team professionals and Education Authority with all individually working in their own specialist field with X. X was updated regularly and was fully aware of the task and finish meetings.

Following discussion with partner agencies it was felt appropriate that an ABC should be considered to support X. In this case and taking into account the mental health of X it was agreed to try and use the ABC as a supportive measure to encourage her to modify her behaviours. Conditions agreed with X included not putting herself into a high risk situation and causing alarm for her safety, not trying to elicit an emergency response when it wasn't genuinely needed and contacting the appropriate services to help her at the right time.

A number of supporting measures were also agreed that included agreement to engage with treatment services.

After the ABC was issued there was a significant drop in calls for service, X attended her ABC meetings and engaged with mental health services and the only calls were her being concerned for another person and one where she had genuinely and unintentionally injured herself. This ABC was constantly reviewed and it was felt appropriate to expire the ABC at the wishes of X and the calls for service have ceased. The last NICHE record for X is a DBS request as she is wishing to study as a Student Nurse.



Street Angels to patrol again, can you help?

Northallerton Street Angels is a community initiative led by the New Life Baptist Church in Northallerton. Street Angels work alongside colleagues from North Yorkshire Police and Hambleton District Council's CCTV Team to support vulnerable people who are out and about on Friday and Saturday nights. Understandably they haven't been operating during lockdown but plans are formulating to begin patrolling again later in the year. If you're interested in volunteering for this extremely worthwhile cause, they'd love to hear from you.

Contact them through their website at www.northallertonstreetangels.co.uk or email: angela@northallertonstreetangels.co.uk



Hambleton CCTV Team Highlights from 2020/21

The global pandemic of Covid-19 has clearly had an impact on people going about their normal daily business and as such, the CCTV service has seen a marked decrease in the number of incidents it has dealt with over 2020/21. Given the significant social differences between 2019/20 and 2021/21 it would be unfair to compare each element; however, the difference in total number of incidents has been included to show the significant impact that Covid-19 had in 2020/21.

- CCTV staff were involved in 1301 incidents/observations over the year
- The number of incidents dealt with by the service reduced by 36% compared 2019/20
- 61% of incidents were recorded within the Northallerton area
- CCTV staff recorded 56 arrests by North Yorkshire Police
- CCTV staff recorded 54 incidents of Covid-19 breaches
- 169 of the recorded incidents were identified by the operators themselves, through their general monitoring
- Retailers reported 73 incidents via the ShopWatch scheme (operating in Northallerton and Thirsk)
- 219 reviews were carried out for North Yorkshire Police providing 128 discs and 5 still images to support investigations
- CCTV staff spent 230 hours reviewing footage
- Besides Observation requests for people or vehicles, Concerns for Safety accounted for the highest number of incident type across the Hambleton area [145], followed by Anti-Social Behaviour [124] and Suspicious Persons [95]
- CCTV staff were requested to keep observations for either vehicles or individuals 541 times during their live monitoring periods.



Further details are available from the annual report available at

www.hambleton.gov.uk/downloads/file/16/cctv-annual-report-2020-21

Spotlight on Broadacres Housing Association

Broadacres is a regular partner of Safer Hambleton Hub, joining us for Task and Finish Meetings where they may be able to offer additional support to a tenant facing difficulties or take necessary action concerning a resident found to be in contravention of their tenancy agreement. Broadacres is a successful, innovative, not for profit housing association based in Northallerton.



Currently they own and manage more than 6,400 homes and have stock in Hambleton, Darlington, Richmondshire, Harrogate, Redcar and Cleveland, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby, the East Riding of Yorkshire, York and Leeds.

Services offered to tenants include support from a number of specialist teams, as follows:

- Mental Health Team;
- Domestic Abuse Team;
- Debt and Welfare Team.
- Learning Disability Team;
- Young Persons Team; and

Broadacres are part of the North Yorkshire Home Choice Scheme where available Broadacres properties are advertised weekly. Those eligible can register on the scheme and express an interest (bid) on up to 3 properties they would like to be considered for.

Full details of how to apply to join the North Yorkshire Home Choice register, and details of all the housing options, are available at: www.northyorkshirehomechoice.org.uk

Staying safe from scams



National Insurance scam

Local police have had a number of reports recently about scam calls focused on national insurance numbers. They've shown as from both landline and mobile phone numbers and the callers claim to be either from the police or National Crime Agency. They are usually recorded messages telling the receiver there has been a problem with their national insurance number, either it has been stolen or compromised and there is a fee to pay in order to receive a new number.

Some victims have reported the callers claiming they will be arrested if they don't follow the instructions and others have been told to press a number on their keypad.

If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately and report it to the police via 101.

Safer Hambleton leads the way with solution to overnight parking complaints

The work of Hambleton District Council through the Hub to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) at Leeming Bar Industrial Estate and surrounding area has received praise and recognition at a recent meeting of North Yorkshire County Council's Richmondshire Constituency Committee. Officers reported to the Committee that the scheme introduced two years ago had been proved to be largely successful and outlined the scheme as a basis for future such schemes across the county.

The Order at Leeming Industrial Estate which features several of the country's leading food manufacturers, was implemented after complaints were received about the behaviour of drivers who were parking up overnight. The Order placed a restriction that means any driver remaining in a vehicle within the controlled hours may be subject to a fine. When introduced there was controversy with numerous hauliers claiming there was a lack of overnight parking in the county for lorry drivers. However, monitoring of the area since the introduction of the PSPO has shown that there has been a significant reduction of use of the area by lorry drivers using the area to sleep overnight, and whilst issues remain they are not on the same scale as they were initially reported. The scheme is to be reviewed next year following further public consultation this Autumn which may result in an extension, variation or discharge of the Order.

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.

**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.

Safeguarding week 21 to 25 June -
round up of the campaign to raise awareness of support and advice available and how the CCTV service helps to safeguard the wider community.

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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.