

RYHILL SAFE SCHEME – SUMMARY OF MARCH 2024 REPORT

The Safe Scheme Coordinator continues to work closely with Parish Council on priority areas and issues raised as concerns by parishioners.

A total of 16 police officer and 6 police constable support officer hours were worked during the month of March at various times during the day and early hours of the morning.

There were no priority crimes in Ryhill and officers reported that the village had been generally quiet again this month.

Patrols included:

- Several sessions of high visibility patrols in a marked police vehicle with speed checks and checks of numerous vehicles on PNC. Although the village was generally quiet on all occasions one of the regular nuisance vehicles was stopped and dealt with for a broken brake light. Officers have been making it clear to drivers of nuisance vehicles that they are being stopped and checked because of reports of their anti-social behaviour
- On one occasion officers spotted a suspicious vehicle parked in a layby. When checked it was locked and secured so the assumption was made that it had broken down. Further checks were made throughout the shift but it remained in situ
- High visibility foot patrols were made in all the usual areas noted for anti-social behaviour and including the allotment sites, Ryhill Park and Stray. Officers called at Morrisons and Premier shops but there were no issues to report this month and no youths were congregating. This had been an area of attention as officers pass through because of reports in previous months
- Patrols were made on the off-road bike. A dogwalker reported a large red and white motorcycle a short distance away. When the rider became aware of police presence they made off at speed. The rider was wearing dark clothing and a face covering. Although the officer pursued the rider at a safe distance, he sped off into traffic towards Havercroft from Common Ing Lane. The motorcycle was heard again which resulted in the officer patrolling the local footpaths and bridleways and he saw the rider again this time heading back into Crofton. Officers will be on the look out for this motorcycle and rider during future shifts
- On one late night/early morning shift in the marked police vehicle officers stopped a group of 17-year-old girls coming into the village from Royston. They were returning to one of the girls' addresses but they were very rowdy. They were instructed to be quiet and return home without causing further disturbance.