

RYHILL SAFE SCHEME – SUMMARY OF APRIL 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 20 police officer hours were worked during the month of April at various times during the day and early hours of the morning. We now have a road traffic officer working with the scheme for the next 12 months because of specialist skills in relation to roads policing.

There was 1 priority crime in Ryhill. This was a burglary where a garage had been broken into.

Patrols included:

- Patrols were made in a marked traffic car, targeting nuisance vehicles. A total of 7 tickets were issued for a variety of offences, the majority for speeding through the village of Ryhill
- 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, and the cemetery due to recent reports of antisocial behaviour and cars congregating. Late night/early hours an officer found a female laid in the road. On approaching it transpired she had been pulled over by her dog. The officer assisted but she had only minor injuries and carried on home when her dog returned to her. Additional patrols were made all around the village because there had been 4 burglaries and 2 vehicle thefts locally and the officer wanted to make sure people were aware of their presence. Late evening patrols were made around the shops but there were no youths congregating at that time. An officer attended an emergency call on George Street with regard to suspicious behaviour near vehicles. Two young people were located, including a girl who lived on the street, they were checked out and had no previous offences
- Patrols were made in a marked police car on another occasion with the same aim
- Quite a number of patrols were made on the off-road bikes in the usual areas for antisocial behaviour. A dogwalker reported nuisance bikes coming from a specific location. The officer attended the problem house and was met by youths who were very anti police. Intell has been submitted by the officer about this location. On another occasion the officer targeted The Libb which was getting busy and moved a motorist parked on double yellow lines. The officer encountered a man and his son intending to ride their off-road motorbikes near the fly lines. They were warned that they would be prosecuted and they returned home. On every occasion whilst in the village the officer made sure the usual suspects knew he was in the area and therefore it was generally quiet with regard to off-road bikes. A KTM orange bike was encountered also from the Winterset side but the rider failed to stop and he remains unidentified. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the rider.