

RYHILL SAFE SCHEME – SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 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 hours were worked during the month of October 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 were **3 priority crimes** in Ryhill this month. These were:

- A burglary where entry had been forced into a local shop
- A burglary where the rear door to a house was forced open and items stolen from within
- Theft of a motor vehicle that had been broken into, hotwired and driven approximately 600 yards before being abandoned. The vehicle was recovered.

Patrols included the following:

- Several traffic patrols were made concentrating on nuisance vehicles in the village. The results in total were: 5 tickets for no seatbelt; 2 tickets for non-conforming VRM; 1 ticket for vehicle in dangerous condition (light cluster hanging off exposing sharp edges); 1 ticket for glass not as prescribed (tinted windows); 2 tickets for speeding; 1 ticket for using phone while driving; and 1 ticket for having no insurance (vehicle seized)
- Several officers made quite a number of patrols on off-road motorcycles targeting nuisance bikes because these are an ongoing and priority issue reported by members of the public. The greenspaces and fly lines, as well as the road network were targeted. Officers reported the streets were relatively quiet and taking the opportunity to speak with the local people. Although they said it had been quieter as far as ASB motorcycles and quads were concerned this was not backed up by the state of the bridleways! The officer had occasion to speak to one driver about road safety and also issued a ticket and a s.59 warning to a motorcyclist riding in an antisocial manner. On another occasion, an off-road motorcycle was spotted on the lines and the rider made off into Havercroft. Motorcycle and rider have yet to be identified. On several other occasions, officers we had asked to address the safety of children walking home from Crofton Academy reported monitoring of the routes into Ryhill. There were no issues with the children. One officer reported that he had made attempts to speak to school liaison people at Crofton School but there are none at the moment. The officer will try to arrange to speak to students. We provided him with the details of the deputy headteacher who has already linked with parish council on safety issues. On another occasion, whilst monitoring the routes between Crofton and Ryhill, the officer spotted 2 very well-known nominals from Havercroft. They have been causing issues in Ryhill and Crofton. They were making their way back towards Ryhill but doing nothing wrong. The officer made it clear that he was monitoring them
- Officers conducted general patrols, focussing on the usual hotspots in the village, various estates and the cemetery. There were no issues observed or reported. There were no groups hanging around the shops and intelligence/calls for service suggest that there has been very little criminal activity or ASB reported in the village recently. One dog walker reported that one weekend a group of off-road bikes were brought into the area by pickup truck and they rode around a specific piece of land. The land is private so permission may have been

granted however an intelligence report has been submitted to the off-road bike team to monitor the situation.