

RYHILL SAFE SCHEME – SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 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 17 police officer hours were worked during the month of December 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 **2 priority crimes** in Ryhill this month. These were:

- A burglary where entry was gained through a rear patio door
- A burglary where entry was gained and cash stolen from inside the house. Two suspects have been identified are currently circulated as wanted.
- There was also a criminal damage incident where a windscreen was damaged by an unknown person.

Patrols included the following:

- The traffic officer conducted a patrol in the village and issued the following: 2 x TOR for speeding; 4 x TOR for not wearing seatbelts; 1 x TOR where glass in vehicle was not as prescribed
- Several separate patrols were made in marked police vehicles in all the usual hotspots, including the cemetery. No issues arose and there was no suspicious or criminal activity during these patrols
- An officer made foot patrols in the village. He reported that The Libb was busy because it was the last weekend before Christmas. He monitored those leaving for signs of drink driving. Two vehicles were pulled over and one driver breathalysed due to manner of their driving. The driver blew zero and explained he was distracted by his drunken passengers; another blew 24 which is 11 below the drink drive limit. There was a concern for safety call (male running into the road because he was having a mental health crisis). The officer spent time in the search but the man was located and returned to his home address and response officers found him the relevant support
- Several officers made a total of six separate 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 paying attention to the road between Ryhill and Crofton because of the ongoing problems with the Arriva bus services affecting schoolchildren attending Crofton Academy from Ryhill and Havercroft. Virtually no children were walking home. The off-road route is now very muddy, making it a difficult walk. Members of the public reported sightings of off-road motorbikes passing but both officers reported no incidents whilst on patrol, though there was evidence of fresh tracks. Some horse riders reported motorcycles being ridden on the field behind Rycroft Surgery/near Madeley Mews. One officer reported an incident where he tried to stop a vehicle displaying trade plates. The vehicle made off towards Wakefield but investigation is ongoing into the registration details of the plates. Following intelligence, an officer waited in an inconspicuous place on the fly lines, hoping to apprehend off-road motorbike suspects. There was no activity that day, however, and therefore he spent the rest of the time the village. 2 nominals were sighted outside The Premier shop but they moved off when they saw the officer.