

RYHILL SAFE SCHEME – SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 2025 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 40 police officer hours were worked during the month of February 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 month. This was:

- A theft of a motor vehicle where the car was stolen from the roadside using unknown means. The crime is still under investigation.

Patrols included the following:

- The traffic officer conducted patrols in the village and issued the following: 1 x TOR – mobile phone; 1 x TOR -Dangerous condition (driving with RTC damage and exposed sharp edges); 2 x TOR – no seatbelt; 1 x TOR glass not as prescribed; 1 x TOR – unsafe load (quad bike on trailer not strapped). Intel submitted regarding drugs supply from local address
- Patrols on seven separate days were made in marked police vehicles and on foot in all the usual hotspots, including the cemetery. Attention was paid to speeding vehicles and numerous stops/checks. One vehicle showed as having no insurance and this is being investigated for potential further action. Another issue related to a motorcross bike which sped off when rider saw the officer. Intel was passed to the off-road motorbike team. On another occasion an officer had to deal with several motorists parked illegally near the school. The officer will continue to monitor this situation on further patrols because there were clearly others drivers that would have parked illegally had he not been there. Another officer was on the lookout for 2 males and a female around 16 years old seen on CCTV causing damage to cars but unfortunately, they were not seen during the patrol. They also stopped several mopeds but they were all in order. Officers have engaged with members of the public but no issues were reported
- Several officers made a total of thirteen 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. It was clear that there had been quite a lot of activity but on one occasion there was no one around. Officers are spending a lot of time trying to spot and stop off-road motorbikes on the tracks, and on the roads around the village following complaints by residents. Officers have also visited addresses following information received about an off-road rider. There were no bikes present at the address and the occupant was very anti-police. Information has been passed on to WDH for further action. The suspect's girlfriend also contacted the officer

complaining about him attending the address but the officer assured her that he will be continuing to do this until the issue ceases. Another officer stopped a family loading a child's quad bike onto a trailer. They claimed they had permission to use farmer's land but this could not be confirmed and investigation will continue and a S59 warning has been issued. A further S59 warning was issued to family visiting relatives on Common Ing Lane about use of a quad bike on the fly lines. On another occasion an officer interrupted a driver who clearly had the intention of fly tipping on a back road out of Ryhill. He denied it but an intelligence report has been submitted about the car. During another patrol a vehicle being driven erratically was stopped. The driver was using the phone. The driver was dealt with for this offence. Horse riders reporting off-road bikes on the fly lines were given the officer's contact details to pass on information and footage. Other parishioners have reported anti-social behaviour of dog walkers using the Park and Stray and so officers will be attending to this area in future.