

RYHILL SAFE SCHEME – SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 2026 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 February at various times during the day and early hours of the morning.

There were no priority crimes in Ryhill this month. There was one criminal damage incident where a car was damaged and the suspect was identified at the scene.

Patrols included:

- Traffic officer made a 4-hour tour of duty and achieved the following: 2 x TOR -glass not as prescribed; 2 x TOR – no seatbelt; 2 x TOR – non conforming VRM plates; 1 x TOR – using mobile phone: 1 x TOR - defective lights (vehicle and trailer; 1 x TOR – under inflated tyre (flat but continued to drive).
- An officer made a road-based patrol around the village in the early hours of the morning giving visible police presence in the light of intelligence about increased thefts and burglaries around Wakefield rural areas. Havercroft specifically has had an increase in thefts and attempted thefts of vans and tools, and so has Notton. The officer's activities were to detect and prevent acquisitive crime in and around Ryhill. Another officer conducted patrols in a marked police van targeting specific areas of nuisance seen through the daytime, especially drug dealing. The weather was very inclement and there was no one around on that occasion.
- A total of 6 separate tours of duty were conducted by the off-road motorcycle team. The officers continue to patrol the usual areas, reacting to intelligence from parishioners that they meet. They continue to pay attention to the fly lines and green spaces for off-road and quad bikes, along with being on the lookout for youths on e-scooters (reported by dog walkers). Following intelligence an officer was on the lookout for a Surron and when 2 cropped up he followed them. They split up but he tracked one back to Crofton. This was followed up during his regular patrols and the persons concerned made aware that their activities are being monitored. On another occasion the officer stopped and prosecuted a moped rider for riding without due care and attention. On the same tour of duty, the officer prosecuted a rider of an electric motorbike for document offences. Another officer stopped and checked the documents of on-road motorbike riders. They were all in order. The same officer issued a 1 x s59 warning to a 13-year-old male who had ridden from Royston to Havercroft to visit family on an electric scooter. He was made aware of the illegal use of the scooter and the consequences of being caught in future.