



Hambleton Command : Town and Parish Council Report

Town or Parish :	Morton on Swale Parish Council
Report Completed By :	PCSO 6786 Kim Laws
Data Reporting Period :	28 th March to 29 th April 2021

Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 0</i>
Criminal Damage	0	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	0	
Other crimes including Drugs	2	
TOTAL THIS PERIOD	2	

North Yorkshire Police Updates

Drink driving arrests rise by 75% as beer gardens reopen

Thirty-five suspected drink drivers have been arrested by North Yorkshire Police within a fortnight of beer gardens reopening.



It represents a 75% increase compared to this time

last year.

Officers say they are concerned that so many people have ignored their advice and now face a court appearance.

Roads Policing Sergeant Andrew Morton said: "We've already encountered too many people who have ignored our warnings. Our message is simple – if you drink or drug drive, we will catch you."

"We have only just been allowed to start going to beer gardens again – don't ruin this for yourself by losing your licence, getting a criminal record and driving ban, paying a heavy fine or going to prison."

The arrest figures are comparable with pre-lockdown levels in 2019, when pubs were fully open.

More than 20 of the 35 arrested since 12 April are due to appear in court shortly.

A further 17 drivers have been arrested on suspicion of drug driving offences – a slight reduction from the 20 arrested during the same period in 2020 and 19 arrested during the same period of 2019.

North Yorkshire Police launched its "Be a hero, Stay at zero" campaign as beer gardens reopened earlier this month, in a bid to prevent drink driving.

Sgt Morton added: "We will be continuing to urge people to think about how they will get home and to use public transport or a designated driver".

Sgt Morton urged anyone with information about drink or drug driving to phone North Yorkshire Police on 101, or if it's happening now, call 999. Alternatively, you can report drink or drug drivers anonymously via Crimestoppers.

