



## 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 <sup>th</sup> March to 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Crime and ASB Data

Qualifier	No of Incidents	
Anti-Social Behaviour	1	
Auto crime	0	
Burglary :	<i>Commercial : 0</i>	<i>Residential : 1</i>
Criminal Damage	0	
Theft (including from shops)	0	
Violence Against the Person	1	
Other crimes including Drugs	2	
<b>TOTAL THIS PERIOD</b>	<b>5</b>	

### 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.

## **Coronavirus restrictions easing: Plea to “tread very cautiously” until more is known about so-called Indian variant**

Superintendent Mike Walker is leading North Yorkshire Police’s response to the pandemic and he also chairs the multi-agency North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum. These are his comments about the past week’s (10-16 May 2021) Covid-19-related issues...

“As you will be aware, the latest Step 3 easing of the restriction under the Government’s Roadmap Out of Lockdown comes at a time when there is growing concern in other parts of the country regarding the so-called ‘Indian variant’ of Covid-19.



**Superintendent Mike Walker**

The situation is being monitored extremely closely, and our residents and businesses can be assured that the North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum will take any necessary action should it pose a risk to our area.

Even though limited indoor gatherings and indoor hospitality are now allowed under Step 3 of the roadmap, in line with the “Rule of Six” or two households restrictions, we strongly urge people to be very careful until more is known about this variant.

Please avoid any unnecessary social contact with those who are not part of your household or support bubble, and please keep following the ‘hands, face, space and fresh air’ advice from the health experts.

*We have come a heck of a long way since the terrible peaks of this pandemic, which forced the country into three lockdowns.*

*We need to tread very cautiously as we move forward and be prepared for whatever may occur over the coming weeks.*

All being well, we will stay on course for all the restrictions being lifted on 21 June.