## January Local News for Northallerton & Villages.

Please see below dates, times, and locations for Community Drop in events where residents can come and speak to the local Neighbourhood policing team to discuss: Any concerns in the area – drugs, anti-social behaviour, fraud advice, speeding/parking etc etc.

Sign up for Community Messaging and Hambleton Facebook that allows you to keep up to date with what is happening in the area.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Sainsburys, Northallerton from 1100hrs to 1300hrs. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Leisure Centre, Northallerton from 1000hrs to 1200hrs. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Marks & Spencer's, Northallerton from 1600hrs to 1800hrs. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at B & M, Northallerton from 1200hrs to 1400hrs. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Tesco, Northallerton from 1200hrs to 1400hrs. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Sainsburys, Northallerton from 1600hrs to 1800hrs. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at Marks & Spencer's, Northallerton from 1000hrs to 1200hrs. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Tesco, Northallerton from 1700hrs to 1900hrs. Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at B & M, Northallerton from 1300hrs to 1300hrs.

## Don't make it easy for criminals – keep your belongings safe. Keep yourself and your belongings safe with these simple tips:

- : Keep your personal items close to your body and keep your bag zipped, with no valuables on display.
- : Spread your valuables by storing different items in different pockets.
- : Never leave personal items unattended, or on seats in public places such as the theatre, pubs, or buses.
- : Need to spend a penny? Don't leave your handbag near the edge of the cubicle thieves could snatch it from the outside.
- : Be mindful of your surroundings when using your mobile phone and if you are keeping it in a pocket, make sure it's not visible.
- : Consider installing a tracker app to your phone, these can help you be reunited with it if it gets lost or stolen.
- : Stay alert and remember headphones can distract you from being aware of someone approaching.
- : Be mindful of distractions thieves working in pairs may try to divert your attention to steal belongings.

## Be aware of telephone fraud – Make sure you are vigilant against this growing type of crime:

Telephone fraud is on the rise and there are some simple security measures you need to take to remain vigilant against this type of crime:

- : Always make sure the person who has called you is genuine.
- : Never give personal or financial details over the telephone without checking the caller is genuine and you have gone through security checks.
- : Just because someone has called you does not mean you have to speak to them you can call back in your own time.
- : Don't call back unknown telephone numbers.

- : Hang up on suspicious callers and wait 30 minutes for the line to clear.
- : Keep a list of all your important telephone numbers that you know are genuine.

If you suspect the caller is not genuine, hang up immediately and report it to police on 101.

If you fancy a career change or looking for employment, please follow the link to North Yorkshire's current vacancies:

<u>www.northyorkshire.police.uk</u> - select jobs and volunteering.

Hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and New Year and look forward to 2024.