

# Memo



To: Morton On Swale Parish Council

From: PCSO 3668 Bilby

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Subject: Report for Morton On Swale Parish Council Meeting**

Over the last two months the following crimes and ASB have been reported –

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	-	0 reports
Autocrime	-	0 reports
Burglary dwelling	-	0 reports
Commercial burglary/other	-	0 reports
Criminal damage	-	0 reports
Theft (all including from shop)	-	0 reports
Violence against the person	-	0 reports
Other crimes inc Drugs	-	1 report
<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	-	<b>1 reports</b>

## OTHER NEWS

### **“Arrogant” paedophile who groomed girl, aged 12, is jailed**

A North Yorkshire man who groomed a 12-year-old girl before having a sexual relationship with her has been jailed for more than five years.



Mark Johnson, of Northallerton, was also given an indefinite court order to prevent him posing a threat to other children.

The 39-year-old appeared at Teesside Crown Court and pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual assault of a child on Friday.

Johnson (*pictured*) began to groom the victim when she was 12. When she turned 13, he began a sexual relationship with her.

The police became aware of the offences in September 2018 when Johnson's estranged wife found messages on his phone which suggested that he was having a sexual relationship with the girl.

His wife confronted Johnson about the messages and told him she was contacting the police. Johnson immediately wiped the handset and visited a local phone store where he exchanged his device in an attempt to cover his tracks.

He was arrested and during his interview under caution he presented a prepared statement in which he denied engaging in sexual activity with the victim or exchanging messages with her. He claimed that the victim was obsessed with him.

Johnson was charged and remanded in custody.

North Yorkshire Police's Digital Forensic Unit and Force Intelligence analyst examined the telephone and found overwhelming evidence in the form of messages which confirmed that Johnson was having a sexual relationship with the victim.

Johnson entered an early guilty plea when the case reached court.

He was sentenced to five years and three months imprisonment and received an indefinite sexual harm-prevention court order.

### **"We'll take action to improve Neighbourhood Policing," pledges North Yorkshire Police chief**

Today, North Yorkshire's Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner published the findings of a survey into neighbourhood policing.

The survey looked at public perceptions of the service, including fear of crime, perceptions of the level of crime and anti-social behaviour, and people's views about the level of police presence. The results showed that public perceptions are mixed.

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Ciaron Irvine responded by saying: "We are a public service, so feedback from the people we serve is immensely valuable, and we take it to heart. As a Chief Officer Team, we're grateful to the 1,421 residents, Councillors and business owners who took the time to participate in the Commissioner's survey, out of the 820,000 residents we serve.

"Just to give some context, the latest crime figures from the Office of National Statistics show that North Yorkshire continues to be the safest place to live in England, and Her Majesty's Inspectorate rates the Force as good at keeping people safe and reducing crime. According to the national public perception report, which was published earlier this month, we are amongst the top ranked Forces in the country for public satisfaction, for dealing with local issues and for treating people fairly. Nevertheless, this additional local survey clearly shows that some people do not feel we are doing a good job for them – and it is really important that we listen to those views, and take them on board.

"According to this local survey, 40 per cent of people who responded felt that crime and anti-social behaviour was getting worse in their area. This matches the national picture exactly, where perception of the problem has increased from 25% in 2015 to 40% in 2018.

"Another key finding is that less than a third of people who responded to the survey were satisfied with the level of police visibility. Again, this reflects the national statistic of 24 per cent public satisfaction with police visibility.

## **Op Vis: Speeding in communities tackled during second week of action**

Drivers who speed in North Yorkshire communities are being targeted in a special operation.

There is a high-visibility presence of mobile safety cameras and roads policing officers in residential areas throughout the county this week.

Volunteers from Community Speed Watch groups across North Yorkshire are also out in force to support the initiative.

It's part of Operation Vis – a two-week campaign to cut excessive speed on routes that see the most serious collisions and in communities.

Jamie Smith, Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator at North Yorkshire Police, said: "People often tell us they are fed up of drivers speeding through their communities.

"Targeted campaigns such as Op Vis – which use Community Speed Watch groups, safety cameras and other tactics – are an excellent way to make motorists change their behaviour. They also reassure residents that we share their concerns and want to work with them to reduce speeds.

"In the past, our mobile safety camera operators have recorded excessive speeds outside schools, parks, playgrounds and other community areas, including 74mph in a 30mph outside a school in Kettlewell near Skipton.

"The chance of a child surviving a collision at that speed are virtually nil. That's why we use safety cameras, Community Speed Watch groups and other activities that make our communities safer for everyone."

Community Speed Watch groups taking part in the initiative include:

- Weaverthorpe (Ryedale)
- Eggborough (Selby)
- Briggswath (Scarborough)
- Cononley (Craven)
- Embsay (Craven)
- Huby (York)
- Ferrensby (Harrogate)
- Osgodby (Scarborough)
- Bishopthorpe Road (York)
- Askham Bryan (York)
- Hovingham (Ryedale)
- Seamer (Hambleton)
- Carleton (Craven)
- East Ayton (Scarborough)
- Gilling West (Richmond)
- Kelfield (Selby)
- Scagglethorpe (Ryedale)
- Fulford (York)

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**Kindest regards,**

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