



**Police Report**  
**Richmond Rural**  
**02/03/2024**

**Crime Figures – 01/02/2024 – 29/02/2024**

Barton – 1 Crime	1 x Vehicle offence
Brompton-on-Swale and Scorton – 19 Crimes	8 x Violence against the person 2 x Theft 3 x Sexual offence 2 x Public order offences 3 x Misc Crimes 1 x Criminal damage
Cowtons – 2 Crimes	1 x Sexual offence 1 x Criminal damage
Croft – 0 Crimes	
Gilling West – 3 Crimes	1 x Fraud 1 x Misc Crimes 1 x Violence against the person
Melsonby – 1 Crimes	1 x Misc Crimes
Middleton Tyas – 1 Crime	1 x Violence against the person
Newsham with Eppleby – 0 Crimes	

**Total Crimes for February 2024 in the Richmond rural area – 27**

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## Appeal following burglary near Richmond

We're appealing for witnesses and information about a burglary that occurred near Richmond.

It happened at a property on Brokes Lane in Brokes at some point between mid-January and Saturday 17 February 2024.

The offenders have attempted to break into a property but were unsuccessful. However, they were able to force entry to a workshop and steal a number of tools including spanners, wrenches, a large vice and a chainsaw.

We are now requesting the public's assistance to help establish the full circumstances surrounding the incident.

In particular, officers are appealing for any suspicious activity that may have been seen in the area during the time frame.

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Distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain entry to your home.

Common methods used by distraction burglars pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leakseeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell

claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly

working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home

There are a number of things you can do to prevent distraction burglary. Always remember "if in doubt, keep them out":

Use your door viewer to see who's there

If you open the door put the chain on first

Always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home

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## Vehicle Security Advice

### 1. Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So, get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

### 2. Close windows and the sunroof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

### 3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

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## Your Local Team

### Sergeant

375 - Lauren Wilkinson – [lauren.wilkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:lauren.wilkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk)

### Police Officer

1768 - Chris Coleman - [christopher.coleman@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:christopher.coleman@northyorkshire.police.uk)

589 – Alex Wilkinson – [alex.wilkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:alex.wilkinson@northyorkshire.police.uk)

### Police Community Support Officers

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3811 – Vincent Long – [vincent.long@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:vincent.long@northyorkshire.police.uk)

5888 – Gayle Smith – [gayle.smith@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:gayle.smith@northyorkshire.police.uk)

## Useful Contact Numbers

Highways : 0300 123 5000

NHS : 111

Local Dog Warden : 01748 829100 / [dog.warden@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:dog.warden@richmondshire.gov.uk)

Action Fraud : 0300 123 2040



To contact Local officers please call 101 and select Option Two and state either officer's full name or collar number. Please do not report incidents via this method – please dial 101 and select Option One to speak to an operator.

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