



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
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Public Accountability Meeting



Prevention and Protection in Rural Communities – 22.09.22

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Introduction



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On behalf of the Chief Fire Officer, I will provide assurance that,

- NYFRS understands the prevention needs/risks in our rural communities.
- NYFRS effectively prioritises and targets prevention and protection activities in our rural communities.
- There are community resilience, prevention activities and initiatives in place to mitigate the unique risks present in rural areas e.g. farm safety/road/fire/water.
- There are future plans to better balance prevention and protection work in rural areas.
- The Public Safety Service is making a positive difference to the rural communities of Craven.



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Community Risk Profile (CRP)

Within our CRP we have focussed on three priority areas that present the greatest threat/harm to life from a fire and rescue perspective in North Yorkshire.

- Accidental dwelling fire risk and fatality/injury risk
- Road risk and fatality/serious injury risk
- Water risk; flooding, rescues and other water related risk.

Through the CRP and the recent Risk and Resource Model proposals. We have also identified that there is a need to increase our prevention and protection capabilities within our rural areas.

Accidental dwelling fire risk



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- Introduced the Safe & Well Policy and Accompanying Booklet
- Aligned to the national framework based around the person centred approach.
- Trained all Wholetime Operational Crew around Safe & Well
- This gave our Wholetime Crew the ability to undertake Safe & Well within their Station Areas.
- Delivered training courses around Safe & Well for all members of staff.
- Introduced NFCC Safelincs which allowed us to set a targeted approach to Safe & Well.

Accidental dwelling fire risk



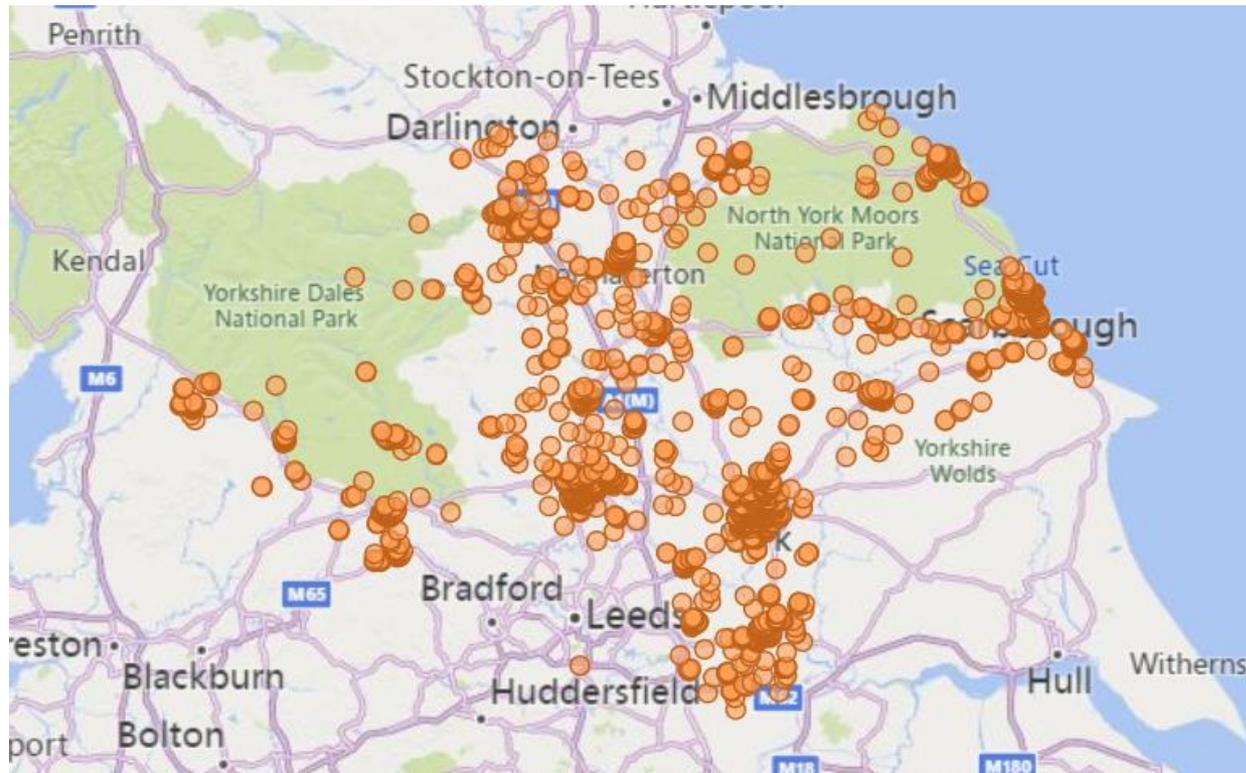
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- With Wholetime undertaking majority of Safe & Well. This gives Community Safety Officers time to concentrate on the Rural areas, focussing on areas furthest away from an operational response.
- On Call, we undertook a survey to measure capacity to undertake Safe & Well Activities.
- Since April 2022; 20 On Call Stations have undertaken Safe & Well activities. This has included 51 visits.
- Operational Staffing Reserve training is taking place.
- IT solutions & data, funding and resources
- Introduction of the Post Incident Engagement policy



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Map of Safe & Well Activity since April 2022



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Partnerships



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- Partnership Seminar
- 28th September 2022
- Over 185 people attending virtually
- 30 Different agencies of which many offer support in the rural areas and communities.

Eventbrite

Road



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- Fire Bike pilot scheme currently run by volunteers. Aiming to reduce road traffic collisions and fatalities involving motorcycles. Powered Bikes are our most vulnerable road user in County.
- Engaging with bikers in known risk areas.
- Promote Biker Down programme.
- Engaging with residents and and listening to their concerns



Biker Down



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- Biker Down – Doubled yearly attendance, lot of our courses are based in rural areas.
- 15 Courses throughout 2022
- Over 170 people trained in preventing being involved in a motorcycle accident, scene safety and first aid.





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Speed Data Loggers

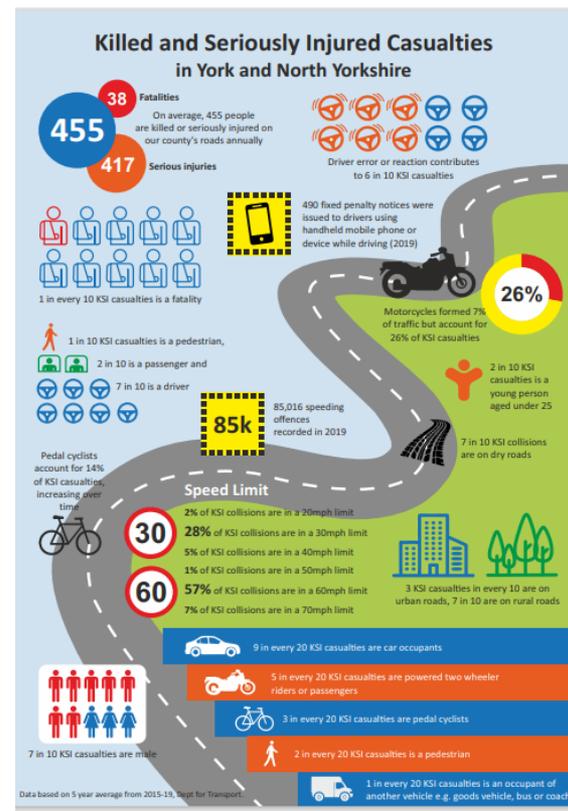
- Dealing with speed concerns in rural areas
- Lots of concerned residents requesting speed loggers to the Bureau.
- NYFRS deploy speed data logger for 7 days on behalf Bureau
- Measures both volume of traffic and speed
- 200 deployments so far in 2022

Road Safety Partnership

- NYFRS Vice Chair the Strategic York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership
- Chair the Tactical York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership
- Co Chair the District Working Groups.
- New initiative working together on post incident reviews for Fatal Traffic Collisions with North Yorkshire Police
- Working collaboratively to prevent driving incidents involving flood water.



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Water



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- Series of Water Prevention Activities
- Water Hazard Demonstrator (flume)
- Water Safety Presentation for KS3 National Drowning Prevention Strategy. Our materials are being used on national platform as best practice.



Farm Fire Safety



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- 26 Farm Fire Safety Visits
- Engagement stand for Agricultural Shows across the County
- Young Farmers Association Engagement Evenings
- Joint engagement activities At Auction Marts
- Working in conjunction with Rural Policing Team
- Our Farm Fire Safety advice featured in industry newsletters
- Joint in partnership with Farming Community Network (FCN)
- Built resilience through Crop Fire Advice



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Wildfire



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- Unprecedented dry summer
- Series of targeted campaigns. Utilising joint patrols in known risk areas.
- Social Media Campaigns
- Youth Education Activities



Business Fire Safety



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- Unwanted Fire Signal Reduction Training for On-Call Colleagues
- Enhanced Business Fire Safety Training for Community Support Officers
- Two new Crew Managers funded by our protection uplift grant who will support with the upskilling of our On-Call in relation to Business Fire Safety.
- Utilising Virtual Reality for training and assurance.
- Refining our Management Information System to enhance the end users experience and improve accuracy around data



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Public Safety Service

PSOs

- Clear Governance and direction.
- Driven, action focussed Multi Agency Tactical Group.
- Improvements to our recording mechanisms, which now enable us to better understand our impact.
- Enhanced Safeguarding training to support vulnerable members of our rural community.



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- Devon & Cornwall Peer Review has led to further improvements in operational activities.
- Participation in independent evaluation due by October.
- Effectively aligned with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- We've welcomed Craven Community Hub to the PSS Partnership Team.





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Evaluation

We now evaluate our areas of Prevention and Protection, our key areas of focus are;

- Our Performance.
- How we are perceived by the public.
- Do our activities lead to any behavioural change?
- How do our activities align with our Community Risk Profile?
- Barriers to any success.
- Qualitative case studies on successful engagements.
- Ensure we improve our accuracy for recording and reporting purposes.
- Use of logic pathways to show our inputs and activities, and how they influence the outcomes to a community.