

Fraudulent Charity Collectors Charity collectors fraudulently claiming to be working on behalf of The Children's Trust have been observed in the Albany Avenue area of Harrogate. The collectors failed to show any identification when asked. All legitimate charity workers should have identification and are instructed to show it when asked. Should you come across these people please report any activities on 03454 04 05 06 and ask for your message to be passed to Andy Fox, Divisional Officer, North Yorkshire Trading Standards

Julia Mulligan to hold surgery in Skipton Residents from Skipton area have the chance to raise concerns or compliments about crime and policing when the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan, comes to the town on Wednesday 3 December.

The appointment based surgeries will take place between 15:00 – 17:00 at , Skipton Town Council Offices, 49 High Street, Skipton, BD23 1DT, giving residents the opportunity to raise personal or private issues, good or bad, on a one to one basis. Surgeries are by appointment only.

Independent Custody Visitors Do you have what it takes to check prisoner welfare, custody conditions and police behaviour? Julia Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, has responsibility for a team of 'Independent Custody Visitors who are a team of volunteers who make unannounced visits to police stations in North Yorkshire. They speak with people detained in custody, check their welfare and the conditions in which they are being held and submit reports on their visits.

Independent custody visiting is a vital element of the work of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in ensuring that the police service is open and accountable to the people it serves. The scheme works to Home Office guidelines.

Julia Mulligan said, "Independent Custody Visitors are an important part of holding policing to account locally. If you are interested in helping your community and want to volunteer, please consider this unique role."

The Commissioner is currently recruiting volunteers specifically for the York and Scarborough areas, but interest from all areas will be considered. For information and an application pack, or to have an informal discussion, please contact the Scheme Administrator Chris Tapster on 01423 569562 or email chris.tapster@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

[Find out more about being an Independent Custody Visitor http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/volunteers/independent-custody-visitor-scheme/](http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-action/volunteers/independent-custody-visitor-scheme/)

Cold calling roofers Report received over the weekend of "roofers" cold calling in the Starbeck area of Harrogate, targeting elderly consumers offering felting, fascias and guttering. This resulted in Trading Standards Officers directly intervening, saving the consumer over £1000. Please ensure you always obtain paperwork for any work undertaken on your property, and any work quoted in excess of £42 MUST carry a 14 day cooling off period (your right to cancel). If you have any information please contact North Yorkshire Trading Standards on 03454 04 05 06 and ask the information be passed to Katrina Nelson-Berry

Theft from Church Within last week WW1 exhibits stolen from Burnsall Church. Report any susp vehicles/people immediately NYP on 101

Police Launch National Counter Terrorism Awareness Campaign North Yorkshire Police is supporting a national police campaign, designed to make it harder for terrorists to attack the UK. The National Counter Terrorism Awareness Week, will run from November 24 - November 30. During the week, police and [partner agencies](#) will work together to deliver activity and events across the country, to increase vigilance amongst the general public, businesses and the transport community.

Activity will focus on five key areas, where simple measures and an increased understanding could help to prevent an act of terrorism. Each day will feature a different theme: crowded places, transport hubs, preventing violent extremism, terrorist financing and the tools terrorists need to operate.

In North Yorkshire, each theme will be supported by different engagement activity, ranging from security briefings for sports [venues](#), retailers, leisure parks and transport operators, to the delivery of public advice in community venues, universities and shopping centres. Targeted [police](#) operations will also take place at key sites across the force area in an effort to disrupt terrorist activity, or criminal efforts which may help to fund or support terrorist objectives.

Assistant Chief [Constable](#) Paul Kennedy said: "In August the threat to the UK from International Terrorism was increased to severe. While there is currently no specific intelligence of an attack on the UK, it is vital we ensure we are in the best possible position to prevent and detect any potential terrorist threats. Members of the public and the [business community](#) have a particularly important role to play when it comes to recognising suspicious activity and reporting it to police. Those who work in, or visit, crowded places are often best placed to recognise the early signs that something is wrong. We want them to know what to do if they suspect something is out of the ordinary and how they can help to protect themselves and others. By working together we can make it harder for terrorists to operate in the UK. Through [increased awareness](#) and vigilance we can reduce their opportunities and disrupt their activities to better protect our communities, our businesses and industry."

If you suspect it, report it. Anyone with concerns about suspicious activity or behaviour is asked to contact the Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321. In the case of an immediate threat, always dial 999.