



Operation Hawk

North Yorkshire Police has launched a major operation to combat rural and cross-border crime.

Operation Hawk will relentlessly pursue and disrupt travelling criminals who intend to prey on our rural communities.

Maximising the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology and sharing information with colleagues from neighbouring policing areas, teams of officers will be ready and waiting to pounce on those suspected of targeting farms, rural businesses, outbuildings and vehicles.

Action will also be co-ordinated alongside volunteers from the various Rural watch schemes, as well as support from key countryside partners such as the National Parks and the National Farmers Union to help spread crime prevention advice.

Residents can also play their part by reporting any suspicious activity to North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 1, and speak to the Force Control Room. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, details can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If an emergency response is required, always dial 999.

For the latest information about Operation Hawk, please go to the North Yorkshire Police website: www.northyorkshire.police.uk

A police video has also been posted on YouTube to explain the aims of the operation: <http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/11750>