

Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the North Yorkshire Protect and Prepare newsletter.

This quarterly publication is designed to keep you informed about counter-terrorism efforts, safety initiatives, and collaborative work happening across North Yorkshire. Each edition will highlight key updates, campaigns, training opportunities and local initiatives aimed at keeping our communities safe.

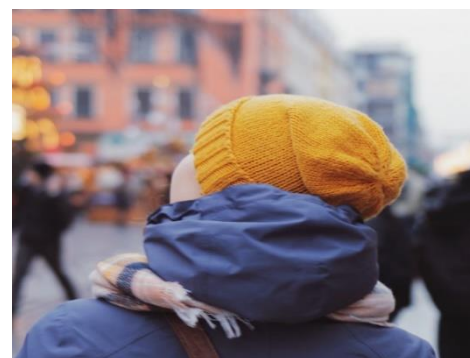
Summertime is our busiest period in North Yorkshire, with large increases in visitors and many major events taking place, such as music events at the Scarborough Open Air Theatre, Armed Forces Day Scarborough, RHS Flower show (Harrogate), the Great Yorkshire Show and many agricultural shows.

These events not only bring vibrancy to our communities but also attract significant footfall:

In 2024, North Yorkshire welcomed an impressive 32.2 million visitors.

Key events drew substantial crowds:

- **Scarborough Open Air Theatre** hosted **116,000 attendees** across 18 concerts.
- **Armed Forces Day** attracted around **20,000 visitors**.
- **The Great Yorkshire Show** saw **140,000 attendees** over four days, consistently selling out its daily 35,000 ticket allocation.
- **Harrogate's Spring and Autumn Flower Shows** welcomed **70,000 visitors** combined.
- **Thornton-Le-Dale Agricultural Show** typically draws **10,000 attendees**, with around **12 similar-sized events** across Ryedale and the North York Moors.



These figures highlight the region's strong appeal and the vital role these events play in driving local tourism and economic activity.

This is the time when vigilance and safety planning are most important as we work together to ensure that we can keep our visitors, residents and local businesses safe.

National Threat level

The current National Threat level is SUBSTANTIAL meaning an attack is likely.

Threat Levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack. They are also a tool for security practitioners working across different sectors and the police to use in determining what protective security response may be required.

Please click the terrorism threat level indicated [Threat Levels | MI5 - The Security Service](#) to learn more.

National Updates

Manchester Synagogue Attack (2nd October 2025)

Police continue to support Jewish communities following the horrific attack outside the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue on October 2, which resulted in the tragic deaths of Adrian Daulby and Melvin Cravitz, and serious injury to three further victims.

The attack has been declared a terrorist incident and is being investigated by Counter Terrorism Policing North West, with the support of Greater Manchester Police and specialist resources from the Counter Terrorism Policing Network. Head of Counter Terrorism Policing, Laurence Taylor, has appealed for vigilance in the wake of this incident, which shows that an attack can take place anywhere and without warning.

North Yorkshire Local Response Picture: Local policing teams remain committed to maintaining a strong and visible presence across North Yorkshire and will continue to engage with our communities to provide reassurance, support, and timely responses to any concerns.

Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme

The Home Office's Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme is now open for applications. Through this scheme, eligible sites can apply for fully funded physical security measures such as:

- CCTV
- Secure fencing/gates
- Stronger doors and locks
- Window protection
- Intruder alarms
- Entry systems (keypad, fob, intercom)
- External lighting
- Secure mailboxes

The application portal is now open. If you are interested in applying, please visit:

<https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/placesofworshipscheme/>

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill (also known as Martyn's Law) has now gained Royal Assent (on 3rd April 2025) and is now known as the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. More details on the Royal Assent and what this means can be found on [Martyn's Law overview and what you need to know | ProtectUK](#)

The Home Office has released several resources intended to help those responsible for premises and events understand the conditions of the Act and what it will involve should they fall into scope. Click onto the following link;

- [Watch: new Martyn's Law explainer video | ProtectUK](#)
 - [Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Act 2025: Martyn's Law myth buster](#)
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ACT for Local Authorities

On 30th September 2025, ACT for Local Authorities was released on [ACT for Local Authorities | ProtectUK](#). ACT for Local Authorities is an initiative led by Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) to support local government partners to embed counter terrorism considerations into their day-to-day work. The package includes several tools for 5 priority areas of Local Authority business in terms of counter terrorism requirements.

These five areas are:

- Planning and Development
- Transport and Highways
- Emergency Planning
- Community Safety
- Licensing

Beyond the above, ACT for Local Authorities also specifically focuses on the Protect and Prepare elements of the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy (known as CONTEST) to support this work at a local level via the Protect and Prepare Groups ACT for Local Authorities provides a suite of self-service tools to support the above.

What does this mean for North Yorkshire? The three Local Protect and Prepare Groups are going to work through these tools in the coming months and look at moving forward with relevant work streams.

Action for all: Have a look at the ACT for Local Authorities information on [ACT for Local Authorities | ProtectUK](#) and consider any implications it may have on your role in countering terrorism.

Counter Terrorism Winter Campaign

The winter campaign toolkit is now live on [Counter Terrorism Policing's Winter Campaign Communications Toolkit | ProtectUK](#)

ProtectUK provides free resources to support engagement with partners and businesses to keep their staff and visitors safe this winter. With a winter season full of events, such as Christmas shopping, festive markets, pantomimes and concerts, we all have a role to play in keeping each other safe.

Action for all: You can help by sharing our campaign messages with your customers, visitors and staff that encourages them to stay alert for anything that doesn't feel right and report any concerns.

Local Updates

The information below outlines North Yorkshire's approach to public safety and preparedness.

North Yorkshire Council Strategic Protect and Prepare Group

The North Yorkshire Council Strategic Protect and Prepare Group provides strategic oversight and coordination of Protect and Prepare activities across the county. It ensures alignment with national guidance and supports local delivery through policy, training, and partnership engagement. This is chaired by North Yorkshire Council's Assistant Chief Executive for Local Engagement.

Local Protect and Prepare Groups for North Yorkshire

Local multi-agency groups have been set up to focus and deliver on 'Protect and Prepare' as part of the CONTEST Strategy. These groups are chaired by senior managers from the Community Safety & CCTV Team and are supported by a Senior Development Officer for North Yorkshire Council.

A local group covers the following areas:

- **West - Ripon, Richmond, Skipton, including the outer areas of Northallerton**
- **Central - Harrogate, Selby, Knaresborough, Ainsty**
- **East – Scarborough, Whitby, Malton, Thirsk and Easingwold.**

The aim of the local 'Protect and Prepare Groups' is to work together with partners, communities and businesses to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, and to identify risk and vulnerability in relation to a potential terrorist attack in North Yorkshire. These are currently chaired by North Yorkshire Council's Community Safety & CCTV Managers and Partnership Manager.

For more information contact SaferNorthYorkshire@northyorks.gov.uk

Project Servator - Our Approach

Project Servator uses a mixture of resources to support events and is designed to disrupt criminal activity and provide reassurance to the public. Our officers work closely with businesses, security teams and event organisers to help keep our county safe.

Of course, keeping North Yorkshire secure is a team effort. Throughout the summer, we encouraged everyone attending events to:

- Stay alert and report anything suspicious
- Approach our officers if they needed assistance
- Follow event safety guidance and venue security instructions



Together, We Kept North Yorkshire Safe

From Scarborough's star-studded concerts to the glamour of the York races, this summer was one of the busiest yet. Thanks to the dedication of our Project Servator officers — and the continued support of the public — we helped ensure that thousands of visitors and residents enjoyed these incredible events safely. Although the summer season has drawn to a close, our work continues year-round.

Training and Awareness

Martyns Law Event 26th September at Harrogate Convention Centre



In response to the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, formally known as Martyn's Law, gaining Royal Assent on the 3rd April, North Yorkshire Council and Counter Terrorism Policing North East proudly hosted their first-ever Martyn's Law engagement event at Harrogate Convention Centre on the 26th September. Welcoming over 170 attendees across business sectors, community organisations, Parish and Town Councils, and event teams, the day marked a significant milestone in raising awareness of the forthcoming Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.

Delivered by subject matter experts from Counter Terrorism Policing and Figen Murray OBE, the event offered invaluable insights into the legislation, practical guidance, and free training opportunities. It also fostered vital networking and collaboration, reinforcing our shared commitment to public safety and preparedness across North Yorkshire.



Suite of ACT training packages

Various training is available for businesses and community groups to increase their levels of awareness and preparedness to protect themselves and others from the risks of terrorism.

The main **FREE** of charge packages are:

- Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/group/84>

- See, Check and Notify (SCaN) Training For more details visit Counter Terrorism Police - Advice for Businesses Awareness Campaign: <https://www.npsa.gov.uk/see-check-and-notify-scan>
- Training to help staff identify and respond to suspicious behaviour and hostile reconnaissance. ♦ [Free Training Resources Overview](#)

ACT Operational event held on 17th October at the Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton saw a number of local organisations come together to raise their awareness on Counter Terrorism issues.

Feedback from attendees stated,

“The training was great and really informative. It opened my eyes, and I now have a better understanding of terrorist threats”.

“The event encouraged open discussion and networking. I found all three sessions very interesting, particularly the training on Bleed Kits”.

Recent SCaN training delivered in Pickering



Case Study - Scarborough Open Air Theatre – Tabletop Exercise 2025

The 2025 tabletop exercise for Scarborough Open Air Theatre, held at Scarborough Spa, brought together over 50 multi-agency partners to test emergency response plans and strengthen coordination ahead of the upcoming Protect Duty legislation. Using realistic scenarios - from severe weather and raised threat levels to medical emergencies and backstage fires - the exercise highlighted the venue’s unique challenges and reaffirmed its commitment to public safety. Key successes included a full venue evacuation in under 10 minutes and strong multi-agency collaboration.

The next exercise is scheduled for 25 March 2026.

Adult Learning North Yorkshire: Martyns Law training offer

From April 2027, Martyn’s Law will become a legal requirement for all venues and events expecting 200 or more attendees. This change is important, and we want to make sure you feel prepared and confident.

Adult Learning North Yorkshire is here to help!

We’re offering a **FREE**, friendly two-hour session that covers:

- Identifying groups and organisations affected by the legislation
- The tiered approach adopted by the Act
- The actions that are needed to comply with the legislation

As an Ofsted-rated Good provider, we'll give you the essentials and then signpost you to the right next steps, so you're fully ready when April 2027 arrives.

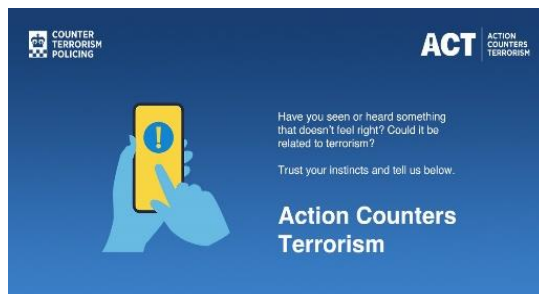
Don't wait until the last minute. Let us support you and get ahead together!

Click [here](#) to book a place on an upcoming session or, if you have a team who'd like to take part, we can come to your premises to deliver the training, or create a bespoke course tailored to your needs; online or face-to-face. For more information, contact Karen.Milburn@northyorks.gov.uk

Reporting Concerns

If you see anything within your communities which causes concern which you believe may indicate the planning or presence of terrorist activity, please report it.

- If you do not believe a threat is imminent, please report what you have seen (anonymously if necessary) to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321
- If you feel that an attack is imminent or there is an immediate threat to life, please contact your local police on 999 Violent Crime: If your concern is around violent crime and there is an immediate threat to life, property or possessions, please contact 999. For all other concerns please call 101.



Contacts

- For any queries or issues please email: SaferNorthYorkshire@northyorks.gov.uk
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