

Heating Oil Thefts:

Within Craven recently we have had a few incidents, where thieves have been stealing heating oil. Of particular risk to oil thefts are isolated properties and farms in rural areas.

There are steps that can be taken to prevent these thefts. Make sure that your oil tank is not visible from the road, and if it is, then fences, trellis, trees or hedging can be used to make the oil tank less visible to passing traffic/people. Use a security light placed near the oil tank that will come on if there is any movement near the tank. Placing a highly visible CCTV camera on your house may act as a deterrent to opportunist thieves. Fit a good strong lock; Alarms can be fitted to the oil tank, this monitors the oil level and sends a radio signal to a receiver inside the house. It can also detect when the oil level drops dramatically such as would happen if there were a leak or theft and alerts the receiver unit.

If you see any vehicles acting suspiciously, or anyone acting suspiciously please contact North Yorkshire Police straight away on 999 (If it is an emergency and the crime is in progress) or on the 101 number.

Suspicious White Ford Transit Van

Several incidents have been reported regarding a suspicious White Ford Transit Van in the Grassington and Cracoe areas. Both incidents involved 4 Irish males, who were aggressive in nature. They were asking people about local camp-sites and any local gardening work they could do. They were reported as acting suspiciously. One male was described as having a bad limp on his left leg and a pudding basin haircut, wearing a green fleece. The vehicle was reported to have had an Irish number plate of either 00053740, 08D53740 or 08053740. All three numbers come back as no trace, when checked.

If you see these men or this vehicle acting suspiciously, please contact North Yorkshire Police straight away on 999 (If it is an emergency and the crime is in progress) or on the 101 number.

Possible NHS Scam

Please be aware of possible NHS scam. A North Yorkshire Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator received a telephone call from female with an Indian accent and number withheld claiming to be speaking on behalf of the NHS and requesting to clarify recipient's private details. The co-ordinator did not divulge any details and has since been in contact with the local surgery and the local PCT, neither of whom are aware of such an NHS request and are passing the report further up the chain. Please advise neighbours, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, not to pass personal details over the phone. Thank you.