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I know that there is no greater priority than protecting your home, your family and your community and that's why we are investing in your area with this project to cut crime.

We have secured nearly £720,000 from the Home Office to invest in the security of your areas in Craven and Harrogate to make sure that you are safer and feel safer.

From Clapham cum Newby, to Cononley, Lawkland and Lothersdale, where you live is a beautiful, rural area. But it is also well connected, and we all know that brings opportunities for criminals that can make this community a target. That is why I chose to put forward your community to benefit from this investment.

North Yorkshire Police's local Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working hard to support and protect residents and the Rural Taskforce has been working closely with the farming community to help protect their valuable property. However, the road network of this area, criss-crossed by a network of small roads linking to main roads – means that the area remains vulnerable, and criminals are often long clear before the police have even been notified.

We need to stop that. This money will. But we need your help

The funding is available for the following:

- **To upgrade the security of homes, farms and smallholdings which fall below 'Secure by Design' standards by looking at what can be improved and then paying for this to be put into place** – please see the enclosed scheme information leaflet to find out if you are eligible.
- **To provide detailed security and crime prevention advice** - which you can find in this pack, to help you protect yourselves.

North Yorkshire Police will also purchase additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras and upgrade Rural Watch Signage in specific locations to detect and deter potential burglars.

Get involved, take advantage of this opportunity to protect your home by arranging your free home security survey now.

All we need you to do is take five minutes to read the further information about the scheme, check your locks for the 'Secure by Design' kitemark, and think about whether you are eligible. Most of you will be.

If you think you are, or aren't sure, please contact us. My team will then arrange for our approved provider to visit you, undertake the survey and upgrade your home security.

- Go to www.ProtectYourHome.org.uk and complete the simple online form.
- Text **Survey** to **07808 654 870** and we will give you a call back.
- Email help@ProtectYourHome.org.uk with your name, address and contact details.
- Call **01423 569 562** and we'll take your details and answer any questions

You can also start to improve the security of your home and property by:

- Placing the property marking stickers enclosed in a prominent place where anyone visiting your home will see them.
- Property marking your valuable items with the marker pen enclosed.
- Reading the crime prevention information provided in this pack and take action where you think necessary.
- Keeping a lookout for [#ProtectYourHome](https://www.ProtectYourHome.org.uk) on social media, and for more crime prevention advice at www.ProtectYourHome.org.uk

Please register as soon as possible to help us prioritise your requirements. We only have until the end of September 2023 to complete this work, so act now to help us prevent crime, put off criminals and protect your home.

With best wishes,



Commissioner Zoë
North Yorkshire Police, Fire and crime Commissioner