

Rural Crime – Public  
Accountability Meeting  
September 2021



This SCOAR presentation will provide reassurances around:

- NYP officers are aware of the major crimes and problems affecting rural communities
- NYP officers have a good understanding of the impact of COVID 19, and the associated lockdowns, on rural communities
- NYP officers are actively engaging and maintaining two-way communication with the diverse rural communities.
- NYP can allocate adequate resources, including the Rural Task Force, to effectively support victims and prevent crimes in rural locations

# Strengths

What works well



Understanding of rural  
crime demand in North  
Yorkshire

Good rural and farming  
community links through  
Neighbourhood Policing  
and Rural Taskforce

Strong Rural Watch

New working model and  
leadership for the Rural  
Taskforce



# National Picture

- New NPCC Lead For 'Wildlife Crime & Rural Affairs' DCC Debbie Ford (Northumbria Police)
- **North Yorkshire Police**
- Head of the National Wildlife Crime Unit – T/Chief Insp Kevin Kelly (secondment) & NPCC Silver for Wildlife Crime
- NPCC Silver for Rural Affairs – Supt Steve Thomas
- New NPCC Poaching (PDG) Chair – Insp Amy Hunter (North Yorkshire Police)
- *New NPCC Wildlife Crime & Rural Affairs Strategy to be developed in 2022.*

## WILDLIFE CRIME & RURAL AFFAIRS

### Wildlife Crime & Rural Affairs Priority Delivery Groups

Wildlife Crime	Rural Affairs
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 <p>CITES* Grant Miller grant.miller@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk</p>	 <p>Fuel Theft Insp. Vicky Hebborn HebbornV@northfolk.pnn.police.uk</p>
 <p>Freshwater Pearl Mussels Iain Sime scottishoffice@bds.org.uk</p>	 <p>Equine Crime Insp. Dave Smith dave.smith@kent.pnn.police.uk</p>
 <p>Raptor Persecution Supt. Chris Hankinson Chris.Hankinson@gmp.pnn.police.uk</p>	 <p>Fly Tipping C/Insp. Mark James mark.james2@southyorks.pnn.police.uk</p>

\*The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora





## 2021 Rural Crime Report

The 10 worst affected counties by cost in 2020, based on NFU Mutual claims statistics.

Rank	Region or country	Cost in 2019	Cost in 2020	% Change from 2019
1	Lincolnshire	£2,841,146	£2,479,792	-12.7%
2	Cambridgeshire	£2,028,387	£2,017,744	-0.5%
3	Essex	£2,738,873	£1,650,999	-39.7%
4	Suffolk	£1,445,946	£1,439,629	-0.4%
5	Lancashire	£1,798,116	£1,396,954	-22.3%
6	Kent	£1,825,576	£1,367,251	-25.1%
7	Shropshire	£1,412,222	£1,303,930	-7.7%
8	North Yorkshire	£2,204,567	£1,287,158	-41.6%
9	Hampshire	£1,368,958	£1,240,010	-9.4%
10	Leicestershire	£1,689,554	£1,186,104	-29.8%



# Challenges

even better if we could solve these things;



Tackling cross border criminality

Poaching / Hare Coursing

Intelligence sharing between forces

Protecting wildlife

# Covid 19 - Rural Impact

- Isolation
- Intimidation & frustration with influx of visitors during restrictions
- Ageing population
- Access to services
- Businesses closing and rebuilding



# Opportunities

that exist to overcome these challenges;



Wider Specialist Operations response to support rural issues

Focused Approach to Hare Coursing

Build on existing and developing relationships with bordering forces

Utilise the public living in and visiting North Yorkshire to tackle Wildlife Crime



# New approach to tackling hare coursing

Op Galileo / Op Figaro





# Aims

which opportunities we intend to pursue/how we want to develop;



Launch new  
Rural Taskforce  
Operating Model

Launch new  
approach to  
tackling poaching

Developing better  
intelligence

Build new  
partnership  
approach

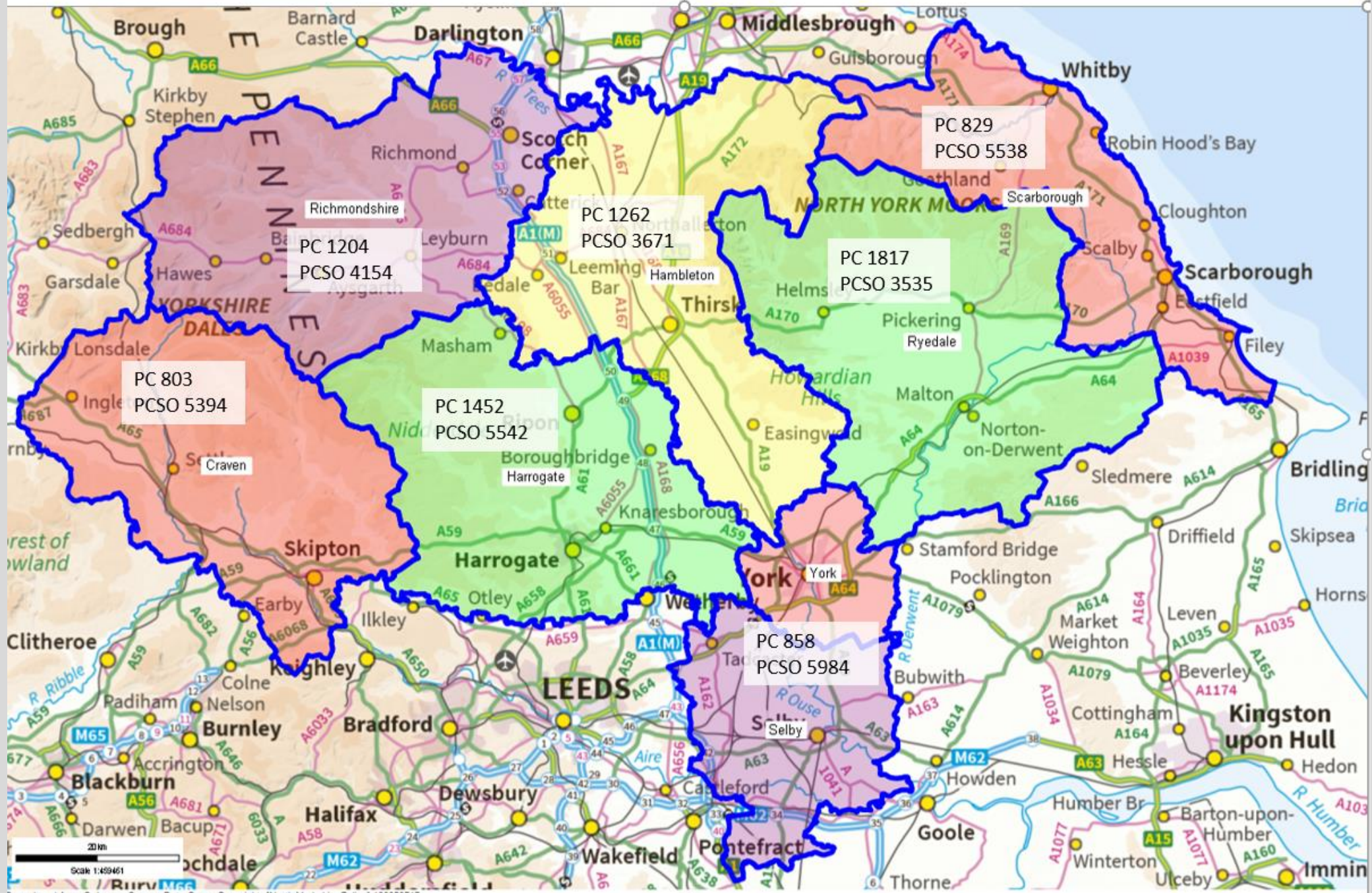


# Rural Taskforce New Operating Model

## Key Focus & Changes

- Targeting High Harm Rural and Wildlife Crime Offenders – top targets
- Early Intervention & Prevention
- Enhanced Partnership working
  
- Introduction of 7 days a week Tactical Advice Model
- Proactive Rural & Wildlife Crime Operations
- Rural Watches & Volunteers
- Closer integration with daily Command Business Local DMM's
- Investment in kit from Safer Streets

# Rural Task Force





# Proposal of new 'North Yorkshire Rural Crime Network'

## Aim:

- Protecting rural communities with a focus on prevention, intelligence, enforcement and reassurance

## Objectives:

- Develop resilient rural communities through effective partnerships utilising holistic, innovative approaches
- To listen, be visible and understand local concerns relating to rural crime.
- Harness the contribution, expertise and knowledge of individuals, communities and relevant partner organisations in public, private and third sector to reduce vulnerabilities.
- Promote and improve rural community cohesion where people feel safer regardless of location.

## Membership:

- Police, National Parks, RSPB, RSPCA, LA, NFU, NGO, Countryside Alliance etc.





# Results

what we expect to achieve in the next 12 months (and beyond)

Rural Taskforce  
Operating Model

Robust and embed  
approach to tackling  
poaching in North  
Yorkshire

Improved  
intelligence picture  
and sharing

Stronger and  
cohesive partnership  
approach to rural  
affairs

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Thank you...any further questions.