



# Home Office - Safer Streets Winter of Action

Promoting community safety through seasonal programs

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# 2025 Safer Streets Summer Initiative – Post Initiative Summary



- Nationwide engagement: 640+ town centers involved

- 105,000+ visible patrol hours delivered

- Over 10,000 arrests and enforcement actions

- Multi-agency partnerships and tech innovations improved efficiency

- Positive community feedback and branding amplified impact



# Winter of Action - Overview & Timeline

- Runs from 1 Dec 2025 to 31 Jan 2026
- Builds on Safer Streets Summer Initiative successes
- Aim: Maintain public safety during critical winter months
- Coordinated, intelligence-led, multi-agency response
- Early planning and stakeholder engagement essential

Policing are a Key Stakeholder in the WoA  
but responsibility sits with the Mayor's  
Office to coordinate it and provide the returns





# Operational Focus Areas & Partnerships

- Retail Crime: Target prolific offenders, tagging, retailer partnerships
- ASB: High-visibility patrols, enforcement, ASB powers
- NTE & VAWG: Spiking prevention, safe exit routes, venue standards
- Street Crime: Hotspot patrols, mobile CCTV, facial recognition
- Youth Diversion: VRUs, mentoring, sports, trauma-informed engagement
- Environmental Improvements: Lighting, graffiti removal, cleanliness
- Partnerships: Councils, health services, retailers, transport, community orgs

# Key Policing Operations



- **Operation Deployment** – force wide ASB hotspot patrols as part of Home Office funding
- Foot patrols by officers in full high-visibility uniform in identified ASB Hotspots at key times
- Runs from April to April, with 19 hotspots across the force

County	City & Selby	Coast
Low Harrogate	Guildhall	Castle Ward
High Harrogate	Micklegate	North Bay
Starbeck	Clifton	Ramshill
Ripon Minster	Heworth	Falsgrave
Northallerton Central	Selby South	Eastfield
Northallerton North	Selby North	Whitby, West Cliffe
Colburn		

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- **Operation Snowstorm** - Scarborough- a coordinated, multi-strand policing initiative focused on Scarborough Town Centre throughout December. It serves as an umbrella operation that integrates several targeted efforts to address seasonal and persistent issues in the area including VAWG, ASB and NTE.
- The operation is designed to be flexible, allowing officers and teams to engage on any day they plan to be in North Yorkshire so can be run on any day with enough notice.

Early results include 437 patrols (348hrs; 202hrs on foot), 355 miles patrolled, and 93 arrests in the first 23 days (20 for theft), plus dispersal orders and a Criminal Behaviour Order against a prolific ASB nominal.

Participants: NYP NPT/LP teams, NYC Community Safety Officers, Joint patrols around licensed premises; coordinated comms activity.



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**City of York – Operation Pendulum / Operation Tornado** – Targeting Street Crime, Retail Crime and ASB – E-Scooter offenders – intelligence lead. Warrants will be executed – high visible patrols on cycles and on foot.

Unknown offenders due to mainly wearing face coverings and failing to stop for Officers. It is believed that there are multiple groups responsible riding different styles of e-bikes.

Multi departmental Operation – Multi Agency Operation (Street Rangers – Shop Watch – CCTV.

**Operation Cracker** – Hambleton Market Towns, targeting shop / retail theft. Visible policing and community engagement across the command.

# VisiBeat



- VisiBeat is a GPS tracking application which allows geofences to be created for specific areas/locations.
- Officer patrols can then be captured through the application on their mobile phone, with alerts sent to them when they enter the geofence, and surveys sent at the point they leave.
- Data collected automatically includes time spent within the location, as well as the route taken, whether walking, driving or stationary in addition to the survey information.
- Developed for Operation Deployment (ASB Hotspot) and paid by the Home Office funding – this has much wider use for Neighbourhood Teams.

# Early Results – Showing What This Means in Practice



Hundreds of extra patrols delivered in town centres in December

Arrests made for shop theft, violence and serious anti-social behaviour

Criminal Behaviour Orders and dispersal powers used on repeat offenders

Strong feedback from businesses and communities



# Reporting Expectations & Next Steps



SUBMIT SINGLE END-OF-PERIOD RETURN BY END OF FEB 2026 TO THE HOME OFFICE.



INCLUDE KEY ACTIVITIES, OUTCOMES, INSIGHTS ON WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DIDN'T



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