

Dales Police Report September 2020

On 6th September an 80-year-old male hiker was reported missing in the Gunnerside area. Although he was well equipped, his disappearance caused great concern, and police and Swaledale Mountain Rescue were mobilised in a search. They were to be joined by other rescue groups including one from the RAF. The police helicopter was mobilised and local gamekeepers and farmers joined the search. Two days later the hiker was located near Keld, having fallen and become disorientated on the moors. He was checked over and found to be ok to go home. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who dropped everything to join the search. Thanks also to the Tan Hill pub for their generous provision of food, drink and facilities

The North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum has given this update on Covid-19 -

A determined, united effort is needed across North Yorkshire with everyone pulling together to steer the county away from the escalating number of Covid-19 cases, if we are to avoid the sort of lock downs we are seeing elsewhere. Residents are being warned that the evidence is clear, following weekends the county is seeing big and worrying rises in positive tests. Only by sticking consistently to the simple, straightforward measures of social distancing, good hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings will we avoid further increases in the number of positive tests. The warning comes as the Government announces its 'rule of six' which limits outdoor meetings in England to a maximum of six people, observing social distancing guidance. For the sake of our parents, grandparents, the many vulnerable people trying to resume some level of freedom in this new norm, for the sake of our economy and businesses, please stick to the guidance and follow the simple precautions that we know work the best. Most recent cases in the county appear to be among younger people, those under 30. If you have a young person living at home with you, talk to them about the risks, not just to themselves but to others.

The HANDS, FACE, SPACE guidance includes –

- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds
- Keep a safe 2 metre distance, meet outside where possible, avoid crowded places, do not meet up with anyone outside your home if you have Covid-19 symptoms
- You must wear a face covering on public transport, in shops and indoor public spaces

If you have Covid-19 symptoms, book a test immediately and self-isolate at home : visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/testandtrace or call 119

On a more positive note we have heard of some great raptor sightings this month across the Northern Dales, including a sea eagle, a golden eagle, hen harriers and red kites. Welcome home!

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