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TOUR DE FRANCE SPECIAL ISSUE

**PLEASE READ AND FORWARD TO LOCAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEMBERS!!**



This is an important message from the Chairman of Harrogate & District Neighbourhood Watch, Keith Roberts, and Sergeant Bob Chambers of North Yorkshire Police about the approaching Grand Départ.

It is very difficult to predict the impact of the Tour de France on crime in our locality but with the significant increase in numbers of visitors and enthusiasts there is evidence that there will be many criminals amongst them. Our enviable record of the lowest level of criminality could be decimated over a couple of days unless we can support our police by reporting suspicious activity and where appropriate warning members of the public of the vulnerability of leaving possessions exposed. Bag and purse dippers exploit insecurity, so be aware that gangs operate in the area and usually one member of the 'team' will create a disturbance whilst another helps him/herself to valuables and then they quickly move on to another location. Similarly, the amateur thief can gain access to your property if doors or windows are left unlocked or open – keep them locked even if you are at home. Keep, sheds, garages and outbuildings secure as your unwitting hospitality could be the ideal location for overnight 'accommodation' as well as taking cycles, tools and other valuable items.

For our rural members there could be an additional risk of vehicles parking on your land and after the event quad bikes and other items found to be missing. If it is feasible do consider digging a trench across points of entry or creating other obstructions.

The event is meant to be an enjoyable occasion, so please do enjoy yourselves but always remain conscious of your surroundings at all times.



KEEP SAFE AND SECURE DURING YORKSHIRE GRAND DÉPART



With thousands of visitors set to flock to our area for the Tour de France Yorkshire Grand Départ on 5-6 July 2014, North Yorkshire Police is urging people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity on **101**

While there will be a significant police and security presence on hand to deter and detect criminals during the event, everybody is urged to play their part to keep opportunistic criminals at bay.

You can help by following these simple but important crime prevention measures:

- Keep your belongings safe and secure at all times and away from prying eyes.
- Always lock doors and close windows and sunroofs on vehicles. Do not leave valuables inside and on view.
- Always secure campervans, caravans, tents and bicycles.

During this extremely busy period for the police, it may take slightly longer to get through to the Force Control Room. North Yorkshire Police will manage all calls for service in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Depending on the situation, this will range from dealing with it over the telephone, making an appointment to see an officer or deploying officers to assist there and then.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. To report information, please call North Yorkshire Police on **101** select option 1, and speak to the Force Control Room.



If an emergency response is required always dial 999.
For more policing and crime prevention information regarding the Tour de France "Yorkshire Grand Départ", please go to:
www.northyorkshire.police.uk/tdf



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