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**Please remember that our Newsletters in 2024 will be coming out quarterly
March – June – October - December**



Welcome to the Christmas edition of the SAGAM Newsletter



The UK and the rest of the world, have had many ups and downs this year starting with the release of Prince Harry's book 'Spare' which caused plenty of uproar in the Royal Family. Ozzy Osbourne announced he was retiring after having a diagnosis of Parkinsons Disease. Then because of the Russian war with Ukraine, a warrant was issued against Vladimir Putin for the crime of forcefully deporting children from Russian occupied parts of the Ukraine into Russia.

NASA announced the astronauts for the first fly-by trip in Artemis II to the moon in 50 years, which is due to take place in early 2024.

In May 2023, the FDA gave permission for Elon Musk to trial his Neuralink brain implants on humans! WOW!! Then sadly, OceanGates Titan submersible imploded during an expedition to the Titanic. In July, Elton John ended his touring career with a final concert in Stockholm,

Sweden and many people flocked to cinemas to see the new Barbie film. Donald Trump became the very first US President to have his mug shot taken prior to appearing in court on several charges relating to both his presidency and his businesses. And sadly, Sinead O'Conner, Lisa-Maria Presley and Lance Reddick all passed away in 2023.

If it interests you, 2023 in Roman numerals is MMXXIII and if you're into binary numbers, (what are those?) 2023 is 11111100111 (does anybody get that because I certainly don't!)

Now were coming to the end of the year, lets hope that 2024 will be a bit more positive for all of us and we can enjoy more spending and more holidays now that the inflation rate is coming down.

So, all that is left for me to say here, is that I hope you have a lovely time at Christmas, and in the New Year, you keep safe and well.

Chairman's Chatter

Hi folks, well here we are and another year down the road.

We've had a busy year, as always. The actual test figures are not available to me at this time, but I think we've had quite a reasonably good year. Our Ch. Observer Paul Cassell will publish the exact test results for the year.

We've had some brilliant speakers. One of the most memorable ones for me was the Humberside Police dog section but we also had a brilliant night from the Safer Roads Humber team, plus a fantastic quiz night in which the motorcycle team won.

As always, we're constantly looking for new ideas for guest speakers, so if you have any ideas, please pass them on to me, and I will act on them.

Unfortunately, the place of residence for our MDU has come to an end. However, after an appeal in the newsletter for a new home for it, we had three people offering to help us relocate it. As yet no decision has been made as to exactly where it will be parked up, but I'm happy that with thanks to our members, a new home will be found for it..... Now here's a thing, someone asked me what do you call your MDU? Have you actually got a name for it? Well, the answer is no! So, the guy suggested why don't we ask you, our members to come up with a name for it. I'm not sure if the MDU is a he or a she, but that again could be for you to decide. Not only am I asking you to name it, but also to say why you think that your name and gender should be picked. Of course, the committee will have the final decision.

Well, all that remains is for me to wish each and every one of you a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

I would also like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year, and sincerely hope that it continues throughout the next year. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Terry Heath
Chairman S A G A M

Chief Observer Report

Observer Team News. - December 2023.

Hello SAGAM members, welcome to the news update from your Observer Team. We hope that you are all looking forward to Christmas and the festivities that come with it.

As usual the team are helping their associates along the road that is advanced driving,

Before we go further, we are delighted to welcome Jan Burditt to the team as Trainee National Observer and wish her well, as the first to begin from scratch directly to National status. Jan has been a group member of around 10 years, most recently as Group Secretary and Newsletter Editor. She is a very experienced driver and sees being a National Observer for the group as her next step. Welcome again Jan. Enjoy the ride!

Our Team numbers, nine observers and at the 6th of November 2023, are working with seven associates one of whom gained ADC success. Congratulations and well done to associate and Observer. Their name can be seen below.

Sadly, two associates separate to those referred to already, have decided to withdraw due to unforeseen reasons.

We are pleased to report, however 4 x successful test results January to November 2023 plus 1 x test due in December. Congratulations to Associates and Observers as appropriate and Good Luck for the associate with their test due.

We are looking forward to our Team meeting in February 2024 when Mr Tim Stanley, our local Examiner has kindly agreed to attend as our Guest Speaker and to invite questions from the team. This should be an enlightening meeting for the team and hopefully enhance our skills as Observers.

Meanwhile and as usual, if you have any driving related questions or would like to join the Team, please get in touch. Contact numbers are on the following page.

All that is left now, is to wish all SAGAM group members a very Happy Christmas and New Year from your Observer Team.

Paul Cassell,

Chief Observer.
SAGAM.



welcome



to our new member

David Moir



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SOCIAL MEETINGS

The following are dates for our 2024 Social Meetings: Redbourne Club, Scunthorpe
February 28th, April 24th (AGM), June 26th,
August 28th, October 23rd.

NEXT ISSUE

March 2024

If you have any articles, photographs or anything you feel may be of interest for the **March** edition, please feel free to email me at
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no later than
15th March please.

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Our MDU is out on the following dates in 2024:

March 23rd; May 18th; Jul 13th; October 26th

All at Sainsburys in Scunthorpe

from 9.30 – 16.30

Committee Meeting Dates for 2024 are:

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings are to be held via Zoom until further notice/otherwise advised.
10th January, 14th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 14th August, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December

**Observer Team Meeting – 6th February 2024 (tbc) 7.30pm at The New Inn, Great Limber
Guest Speaker – Tim Stanley (Area Examiner)**

We will warmly welcome nominations for anyone who would like to join our committee

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Laughter is always the Best Medicine.....

What do you call a fake noodle?.....An impasta



Why can't a bicycle stand on its own?..... It is two tired



What is the opposite of a croissant?..... A happy uncle



What is an astronaut's favourite key on a keyboard?.....The space bar.



Barry Heath Quiz



On 25th October, we had a great turn out for the yearly Barry Heath Quiz. Barry was a founder member of the Scunthorpe Advanced Drivers Group and the brother of our chairman, Terry Heath. To keep Barry's memory alive, it was decided to have the yearly quiz and invite nearby groups of advanced motorists and bikers to join in so hence, this year we competed against the Lincoln Biker Group and the Lincoln Advanced Drivers too. SAGAM have had the brainiest team several times (of course!) but this year, the Lincoln Biker Group came out tops. There is a trophy for the winning team to keep for the year and Terry can be seen here, presenting it to Dave Hall.

The questions for the yearly quiz, are always set by the last winning group so as we won last time our Group President, Mick Harris set the questions with the help of his wife Sue and they were soooo good! Everyone who came was able to take part but our actual team, consisted of 4 of our members who were sat at the front of the room with the other two groups. Most of the audience joined in but obviously their answers were just for fun. A lot of the questions were quite cryptic and I'm sorry to say that our group didn't do too well but that didn't matter, because it was our teams' answers that mattered.

When the quiz was over and the answers were being checked, we were treated to a buffet which was lovely and I'm sure everyone who was there, really enjoyed it. Thanks to the Redbourne Club for providing it. The whole night was a great success with lots of people chatting with each other before and after the quiz and I'm sure that like me, they thoroughly enjoyed it. So, roll on next year for our 2024 Social Nights, the dates of which can be found on the contacts page. I know we will have some great speakers throughout the year so come and join us if you can, for a great night out with like-minded people.

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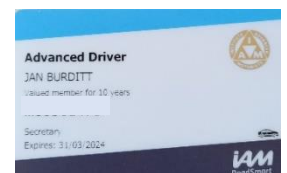


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Prevent theft from a vehicle.

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

1. Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. Please get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

2. Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

4. Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

5. Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

For further information and advice, visit [Sold Secure](#).

6. Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

7. Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Leaving Sat Nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

8. Tool theft from vans

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name/company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit [Secured by Design](#) for more details. You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site.

9. Park in well-lit and busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear.

10. Take your documents with you

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

11. Choose your car park wisely

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out [Park Mark](#).

Catalytic converter theft

The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft. Find out what [catalytic converter theft](#) is and what you can do about it.

Here are some different takes on the simple potato - but which one are you?

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Spec Taters".



Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".



There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually giving the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

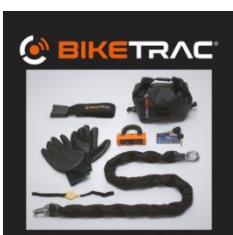
Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Immy Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Po Taters".



Thanks to Terry Heath for providing me with the above

I know that some amongst us are bikers as well as drivers. Would you like one of the BikeTrac team to come to share some advice? If we get enough interest, we will endeavour to get a speaker.



The team behind BikeTrac, the UK's first dedicated motorcycle security tracker, are pleased to support IAM RoadSmart in a bid to help combat bike theft. Thanks to the team's vast experience working in the industry for well over a decade, they are well-placed to advise on the latest industry trends and bike security. If you'd like one of the BikeTrac team to talk to your Group in 2024 to share some advice, please contact Terry Heath in the first instance.

Electrical Fire Safety



The cost of living remains a concern for many. As it gets colder, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service wants to highlight the importance of electrical fire safety, especially for those thinking of using electrical items such as portable heaters as an affordable alternative.

Sarah Wilkinson, Head of Prevention stressed the importance of “It's vital for everyone to make sure they have working smoke alarms on every level in their homes, to help everyone in their home to stay safe and alert them in the event that a fire starts.”

“If you’re using heating appliances that don't rely on electricity, we strongly advise having a working carbon monoxide alarm. This is the only means of detecting the dangerous, invisible, and odourless gas that can prove fatal.”

Follow our top safety tips on using heaters:

- Don't put heaters where they block your way to escape.
- Keep things that can easily catch fire, like furniture and curtains far away from heaters.
- Never cover or dry clothing next to a heater.
- Plug electric heaters into the wall, not an extension cord.
- Only move electric heaters after turning them off and letting them cool down.
- Never use portable heaters (gas or electric) in bathrooms.
- Only use portable gas heaters in well-ventilated rooms, not in bedrooms or bathrooms.

Electrical appliances, plugs and cables that are old or poorly wired can be a real danger. Just because there's no flame does not mean there's no fire risk.

There are particular danger signs to look out for on all electrical items you have around your home. If you think something needs fixing or changing, do it immediately. Find out what to check for to ensure your appliances don't put you, your family or housemates at risk from fire.

Follow the guidelines below to make sure your electrical items are safe to use.

Plugs, sockets and cables

For plugs and sockets, keep an eye out for the following:

- Hot plugs or sockets, scorch marks, fuses that often blow, or flickering lights – they are all signs of loose wiring or other electrical problems
- Badly wired plugs – any coloured wires sticking out could come loose and debris could also get into the plug
- Overloaded sockets – plugging too many electrical appliances into one socket can lead to overheating

The risks with cables and leads include:

- Getting frayed and damaged – make sure the outer covering of all power leads is in good condition and replace if necessary
- Being badly positioned – they shouldn't be anywhere that they could be tripped over, or near water, cookers or other sources of heat
- Running them under rugs or carpets where they can wear through without anyone noticing – position them elsewhere

Plugs, sockets and cables also need to be used correctly, you should:

- Make sure you can't see any coloured wires between the plug and the power lead – change the plug properly
- Make sure the wires are held firmly in place inside the plug
- Use sockets safely – it's better to use a bar adaptor (multi board) on a lead than a block adaptor only use one adaptor per socket – don't plug one adaptor into another and try to keep to one plug per socket

Appliances

Electrical appliances, especially ones that run at high speeds and contain motors, like washing machines, should be serviced once a year by a qualified electrician.

You should never:

- Get electrical appliances wet – this includes plugs and sockets, so don't put a vase of flowers on top of the TV, for example
- Leave them on at night – unless they are designed to be left on, like freezers
- Put anything in the microwave that is made of metal, or has a metallic finish or parts

Fuses

When you're fitting or replacing a fuse, it's important to use the right fuse for the appliance to make sure the fuse doesn't overheat. Check the manual or look for a sticker on the appliance to find out its wattage and then;

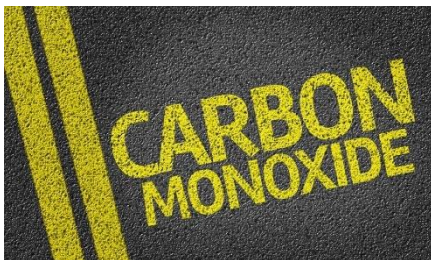
Use the correct fuse:

- for appliances up to 700 watts, use a 3amp fuse
- for appliances between 700 and 1,000 watts, use a 5amp fuse
- for appliances more than 1,000 watts, use a 13amp fuse

Extension leads and adaptors have a limit on how many amps they can take, so be careful not to overload them, to reduce the risk of fire.

Dealing with an electrical fire

If there is an electrical fire, pull the plug out, or switch off the power at the fuse box – if it's safe to do so. Sometimes this can stop the fire immediately. Never use water on an electrical fire, and don't take any risks with your safety – get out, stay out and call 999.



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless, poisonous gas produced by incomplete burning of carbon-based fuels, including gas, oil, wood and coal.

Carbon-based fuels are safe to use. It is only when the fuel does not burn properly that excess CO is produced, which is poisonous. When CO enters the body, it prevents the blood from bringing oxygen to cells, tissues, and organs.

You can't see it, taste it or smell it, but **CO can kill quickly without warning**. According to the HSE statistics every year around 7 people die from CO poisoning caused by gas appliances and flues that have not been properly installed, maintained or that are poorly ventilated. Levels that do not kill can cause serious harm to health if breathed in over a long period. In extreme cases paralysis and brain damage can be caused as a result of prolonged exposure to CO. Increasing public understanding of the risks of CO poisoning and taking sensible precautions could dramatically reduce this risk.

There are signs that you can look out for which indicate incomplete combustion is occurring and may result in the production of CO:

- yellow or orange rather than blue flames (except fuel effect fires or flueless appliances which display this colour flame)
- soot or yellow / brown staining around or on appliances
- pilot lights that frequently blow out
- increased condensation inside windows

People suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning should get fresh air immediately, open doors and windows, turn off gas appliances or extinguish other sources, leave the house and see a doctor.

There are a number of simple steps that gas consumers can take to keep themselves safe.

Carbon monoxide can be produced by any combustion appliance, including those that burn fossil fuels e.g., oil, wood and coal. If you have one of these appliances you should make sure that it is serviced and maintained by a competent person and the chimney is regularly swept.

Carbon monoxide alarms

Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms protect residents by giving an early warning when the poisonous gas is detected in the home. Installing a CO alarm is a simple DIY task, with most detectors only requiring a couple of screws, while some are free-standing and require no installation.

Ideally the alarms should be installed next to potential sources of CO in the premises and in sleeping areas. Advice from The Gas Safety Charity is, if you are installing the alarm in the same room as the appliance, make sure it is between 1 metre and 3 metres horizontally from the appliance. Avoid putting them too close to windows or air vents.

Above taken from My Community Alert alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk Sam Jones (Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Communications Supervisor, Humberside)

Did You Know? - Here are some of the most interesting facts about UK:

- ✚ Tea is by far the most popular drink among Brits. It is estimated that they drink on average 165 million cups of tea every day. *(my husband drinks half a million every day lol)*
- ✚ As one of the biggest urban and over-populated area in the world, the British capital is a “melting pot” of nations, cultures and therefore interesting facts. The city is the home to more than 8 million citizens who communicate using different languages. It is estimated that there are more than 300 different languages spoken in London.
- ✚ Probably because of their popularity as old monuments, people think of the Pyramids in Egypt as the oldest objects in the world. However, in UK there’s the monument of Stonehenge, claimed to be one of the oldest monuments in the world and one of the seven world’s miracles. Scientists believe that the object was built over 3,000 B.C.
- ✚ Topping at 1,107 feet or 350 meters, the London’s Shard building was completed in 2012 making it the tallest object in the continent of Europe.
- ✚ The famous game of Golf was invented in Scotland and today is considered as a national sport. Reliable sources claim that the game was first invented in 1457. The game got so popular among Scottish that James II banned it because it interrupted the army’s practice.
- ✚ As for the cuisine, the typical food of UK is the roast beef and Yorkshire beef, but the Brits have voted the Chicken Tikka as their national dish which is actually an Indian recipe.
- ✚ The Channel Tunnel is 21 miles long. This road is the second longest underground tunnel. It connects the city of Dover (England) and Calais (France).
- ✚ On August 1896 the United Kingdom and the Zanzibar Sultanate fought for around 40 minutes being this way the shortest war ever happened in history. Only one British sailor was injured while casualties in the other party reached 500 people.
- ✚ Although English is the official language in the UK, there are a variety of accents throughout the country. The accent changes that often that within a short distance of few kilometres you may encounter different accents.
- ✚ The British passport is issued in the name of the King. As such, his excellence doesn’t need to possess one. The King has visited many different countries and not a single time has made it with a passport.
- ✚ The University of Oxford is the oldest higher education institution in the whole UK. Until 1877, lecturers at this university were not allowed to get married.
- ✚ Llanfairpwllgwyngyll-gogerychwyrndrobwlllandysiliogogoch. You only see a meaningless string of letters, right? But this is the name of a town in Wales. It is the longest name of a town in the world. However, people have changed it to a shorter version. Luckily, in Wales, the road signs are given both in Welsh and English.
- ✚ An ancient decree in UK stated that at the moment when there are at least than six ravens at the ground of London Tower, the monarchy must fall. The rule was set by King Charles II.
- ✚ Myths and legends involving monsters and mysterious creatures are popular stories in UK. There are many people who have claimed they have witnessed such creatures in the past. Such stories have also surrounded the London Bridge with some people saying they heard the voice of a woman roaming in the night. These monsters are that common as particular areas have their typical monster.

- ✚ Indian restaurants in UK are a random thing. It is estimated that there more Indian restaurants in London than in Indians biggest urban centres like Mumbai or New Delhi.
- ✚ There is no official religion in UK, but the majority of Brits claim a form of Christianity.
- ✚ There no active volcanoes in UK
- ✚ UK has only 15 National Parks but they cover 8% of the British land.
- ✚ Ben Nevis is the highest point of the UK's mountains (1,345 meters above the sea level)
- ✚ Corante was the first British newspaper. Its first ever copy was printed in 1621.
- ✚ Life expectancy in UK is around 80 years.
- ✚ London counts over 170 museums.
- ✚ There was another wheel before the London Eye was built. The Great Wheel (as it was known) was constructed in 1895 for the Empire of India Exhibition. Unfortunately, the building was shattered in 1907.
- ✚ The smallest statue in London depicts two mice fighting for a piece of cheese. The story in the background of this tiny sculpture is in fact tragic. During the time when The Monument was getting built, two builders got involved in a fight after accusing each other for eating a sandwich. Both of them died in the fight while later on turned that a mouse had eaten the sandwich.
- ✚ Fordwich is the smallest town in UK. It has around 400 residents.
- ✚ 27% of people in UK are obese, the highest percentage in the world
- ✚ Railway system in UK is ranked as 17th largest railway network in the world
- ✚ UK is the 5th biggest exporter in the world.
- ✚ It has 394,000 kilometers of paved roads, enough to go around the world up to ten times.
- ✚ The busiest airport in UK is the Heathrow Airport in London. In 2017, this airport recorded over 78 million passengers.
- ✚ There are more English speakers in US, India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Philippines than in the United Kingdom
- ✚ There are over 500 pubs in UK named The Red Lion.
- ✚ All breeds of horses in UK must have a passport.
- ✚ The dragon on the Welsh flag is a symbol of the King of Gwynedd. The Gwynedd Kingdom was one of the successive rulers of Britain's Island after the fall of Romanian Empire.
- ✚ Margaret Thatcher was the first woman ever elected as the Prime Minister of UK. At the same time, she's known as the longest servant as a PM of UK.
- ✚ Scientists have discovered a unique type of mosquito in the underground of London. This species has evolved independently from other sorts of mosquitos.
- ✚ Every year 488 Brits are injured from zips
- ✚ For almost 300 years French was the official language in UK, from 1066 to 1362.
- ✚ Shakespeare added around 3,000 words to the English language
- ✚ British Library is the second largest library in the world. It has over 150 million items.
- ✚ Brits love news. Every year a person gets through 38 kilograms of newspaper on average.
- ✚ The first speeding ticket was issued in UK. In 1896 a person was caught driving 8 miles per hour in a zone where the maximum limit was 2mph.
- ✚ There's a law that allows a random citizen to kill a Scott entering the city of York if that person is holding an arrow above his head.
- ✚ The Adder is the only venomous snake in UK.
- ✚ UK is a large country, but no matter where you're staying at the moment, you'll never be further than 115 km from the sea.
- ✚ The United Kingdom has 31 heritage sites protected by the Unesco.
- ✚ During the 16th century, the king raised a tax for everyone that had a beard.
- ✚ Art was once considered an Olympic sport in UK. People of Art, Architecture, Music, literature, painting and sculpting were awarded a medal for their work.
- ✚ Smith Jones and Williams are the most common names in UK

A little bit of what you fancy - Mary Berry's Yule Log

Ingredients

For the chocolate sponge

- 4 large free-range eggs
- 100g/3½oz caster sugar
- 65g/2½oz self-raising flour
- 40g/1½oz cocoa powder

For the chocolate ganache topping

- 300ml/½ pint double cream
- 300g/10½oz dark chocolate (around 35-40% cocoa solids), broken into small pieces



For the cream filling

- 300ml/½ pint double cream, whipped

To decorate

- icing sugar, for dusting
- a toy robin or sprig of holly



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Lightly grease a 33x23cm/13x9in Swiss roll tin, and line with non-stick paper or baking parchment, pushing it into the corners.
2. For the sponge, in a large bowl whisk the eggs and sugar using an electric hand whisk until the mixture is pale in colour, light and frothy. Sift the flour and cocoa powder into the bowl and carefully cut and fold together, using a spatula, until all the cocoa and flour are incorporated into the egg mixture. (Be careful not to beat any of the air out of the mixture).
3. Pour the mixture into the lined tin and spread evenly out into the corners. Bake in the middle of the preheated oven for 8–10 minutes, or until well risen and firm to the touch and the sides are shrinking away from the edge of the tin.
4. Place a piece of baking parchment bigger than the Swiss roll tin on the work surface. Dust with icing sugar generously. Carefully invert the cake onto the paper and remove the bottom lining piece of paper.
5. Cut a score mark 2.5cm/1in in along one of the longer edges. Starting with this edge, begin to tightly roll up the sponge using the paper. Roll with the paper inside and sit the roll, on top of its outside edge to cool completely.
6. While the cake is cooling, make the ganache topping. Heat the cream in a pan, just so as you can keep your finger in it. Remove from the heat and add the chocolate, stirring until it is melted. Cool to room temperature, then put into the fridge to firm up (this icing needs to be very thick for piping).
7. Uncurl the cold Swiss roll and remove the paper. Spread the whipped cream on top, and re-roll tightly. Cut a quarter of the cake off from the end on the diagonal. Transfer the large piece of cake to a serving plate and angle the cut end in to the middle of the large cake to make a branch.
8. Put the chocolate icing into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle. Pipe long thick lines along the cake, covering the cake completely so it looks like the bark of a tree. Cover each end with icing or, if you wish to see the cream, leave un-iced. Alternatively, just use a palette knife to spread on the icing and create rough bark texture with a fork.
9. Dust with icing sugar and garnish with fresh holly or a little robin to serve.



Caught my Eye – Vauxhall Corsa Electric



WHAT IS IT? –

It's the artist formerly known as the Vauxhall Corsa-e, now going by Vauxhall Corsa Electric. In case you hadn't guessed yet, it's the fully electric version of one of Britain's best-selling cars, and it's about as straightforward an electric car as you're likely to get.

Only, we need to talk about the looks, because the Corsa has recently been treated to a not-so-subtle facelift. Yep, it becomes the final model in Vauxhall's passenger car range to adopt the brand's new design language, most notably that 'Vizor' front end, and it looks all the better for it, we reckon.

Additional exterior changes include the Corsa lettering spelled out across the rear boot-lid, LED headlights, and redesigned alloy wheels, while the cabin has also undergone a (disappointingly) minor refresh – more on that below. Underneath it gets an additional bigger motor/battery pairing, as per the Peugeot e-208.

GO ON THEN, WHAT ARE THE POWERTRAIN OPTIONS?

Well, the previous 134bhp electric motor and 50kW battery pairing remains, but it's been joined by a new 154bhp motor and 51kWh battery combo. The former offers a range of 222 miles, the latter 246 miles.

This is where the Corsa Electric jumps starkly ahead of its more vivaciously designed rivals. Its range blitzes the Fiat 500, Mini Electric and Honda e, and there are lots of thoughtful touches to make sure this is an EV you buy to own, not to make a statement.



Things like an 11kW on-board charger as standard, allowing for a full charge from empty in five hours and 15 minutes, or seven and a half hours using a 7kW home wallbox. A typical 10-80 per cent on a 100kW rapid charger takes 30 minutes.

SO, WHAT'S IT LIKE TO DRIVE?

There are surely few easier introductions to electric cars than this, primarily because it's so similar to the ICE variant. Simply press the start button, pop it into D (or B, for extra regen) and you're good to go. It really is as easy as that.

It's all very conventional to drive too, with its nicely weighted steering, smooth acceleration/braking, and generally pleasing road manners. Even if it does occasionally get slightly unsettled.

The biggest letdown is arguably the cabin itself, which just doesn't live up to the exterior's makeover. OK, it gets a slightly redesigned steering wheel, a new toggle-style gear selector and suchlike, but overall, it's still bland; Which feels like something of a missed opportunity, particularly when you compare it to the Peugeot e-208. There's none of the glitz and glamour of that here, and while it all feels well-built and there's common sense galore, we were hoping for a little more... inspiration. Head over to the Interior tab for more.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Prices start at £32,095, which is pretty eye-watering when you consider that's almost £13k more than an ICE Corsa. It's also slightly more expensive than a base (but arguably better looking) e-208. Ouch.

WHAT'S THE VERDICT?



"It's significantly less peacocky than its Honda or Mini rivals, and it'll go further and has tons more room for people"

If you've been curious about going electric but are a little risk-averse, the Corsa Electric might just be for you. It's significantly less peacocky than its Honda or Mini rivals, and it'll go further and has tons more room for people to compensate.

The mid-life facelift undoubtedly improves the exterior looks: this is a very smart looking supermini. We just wish Vauxhall had paid the same attention to the cabin, which feels a little dull and uninspired by comparison. And there's no shying away from the price. A £32k starting price - or nearly £40k in top spec - for a Corsa? Vauxhall can bang the drum about the cost of ownership parity with the ICE variant all it likes, but that still seems wishful thinking.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO DRIVE?

What the Corsa Electric really aces is feeling *normal* to drive. Regular sized steering wheel (yes, we're looking at you Peugeot e-208), check. Familiar gear selector on the centre console (now a toggle switch post facelift), check. Measured acceleration/deceleration (as opposed to the sharp regen in other EVs), also check. That's been calibrated with efficiency in mind, of course.

You get three driving modes: in Eco there's 81bhp, in Normal there's 108bhp and in Sport you get the full 153bhp (at least in the more powerful version). The former maximises your range potential but stifles performance and aircon clout, and the latter vice versa.

IS THERE MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MODES?

In all three modes it's got enough zip to keep up with traffic in town, though acceleration is notably reduced in Eco, so you'll likely reserve that for when you need to wring out every last mile of range.

We reckon you'll stick in Normal mostly, which is the mode it defaults to on start-up. It's a nice middle ground. Notch it into Sport and Vauxhall claims a 0-62mph time of 8.1 seconds and 93mph top speed. Not back of your seat quick, but as fast as you'd ever need a family hatch to be.

Worth noting though you get full power in all three modes if you shove the accelerator with enough gusto – handy for slip roads and overtaking – and with just a split second's delay that avoids spinning those aero-friendly wheels up.

IS THERE A ONE PEDAL DRIVING MODE?

There is a B-mode, but it's not an aggressive setup like in some EVs so you'll struggle to drive the car using the accelerator alone. Lift off the throttle and it won't slow with enough vigour to trigger the brake lights, but there's enough force that you won't need to jab at the brake pedal too hard.

We'd have liked paddles on the steering wheel to adjust the regen, but it's a very smooth and satisfying car to mooch about town in.

GOTCHA. WHAT'S THE RIDE LIKE?

To compensate for its heftier weight (1.5 tonnes is a lot for a Corsa, but light for an EV) Vauxhall has stiffened up the suspension, which means the ride is a little firm.

It handles well enough with little body roll, but on the overly large alloys of our test car the ride was noticeably unsettled over any imperfections in the road. We'd stick to the smaller alloys and their bigger side-walled tyres.

WHAT'S IT LIKE ON THE INSIDE?

It's pretty much identical to the regular Corsa in here, which is good *or* bad news depending on your outlook. This car is a very close cousin to the Peugeot e-208, don't forget, and that's a car with a mildly spectacular interior aesthetic. Including some genuinely jaw-dropping holographic dials which aren't nearly as gimmicky as they sound.

Whether that's a damning indictment of Vauxhall's lack of bravery or not, we'll leave up to you. But all of that's been ditched for a slightly bleak, black cabin with a straighter-laced design. We'd have hoped that Vauxhall could've spiced things up as part of the facelift, but they've played it very safe.



WHAT'S CHANGED?



Well, the 10-inch infotainment display is now standard across all trim levels, though we found it to be very laggy on start-up. There's also a 'new' steering wheel, though in reality the airbag has just been redesigned to resemble the Vizor nose, and there's also now a toggle-style gear selector on the centre console, instead of the old lever. And that's really about your lot.

There are perks to playing it safe: the climate controls are operated via physical buttons and dials below the touchscreen, rather than through a sub-menu like in the Peugeot. But we'd happily trade some ergonomic wins for a more exciting design.

There's no faulting it all works properly and is laid out sensibly, though. As long as it's sensible you're after.

IS IT ROOMY?

All of the battery cells are wedged beneath the floor so passenger room is unaffected, but rear legroom is in noticeably short supply, as it is in the ICE variant.

The boot is the same size above the carpet, with quoted luggage capacity 267 litres seats up, rising to 1,042 litres seats down. Quite a tall load lip too, and no frunk or underfloor storage (though you can option a luggage organiser with a false floor to tidy things up) means you're forced to keep your dirty charging cables back there.

That's about the same as the e-208, but a good chunk bigger than the Honda e, Fiat 500 and Mini Electric. And it's more than enough for the weekly shop.



WHAT SHOULD I BE PAYING?

Prices start at £32,095 in entry-level Design trim and £33,730 in mid-spec GS trim, which gets you the smaller motor/battery. The bigger motor/battery starts from £35,125 in mid-spec GS trim, and costs £38,235 in top spec Ultimate trim.

To give you some context there, an ICE Corsa starts from £19,275, while a base Peugeot e-208 starts from £31,745. Ooft.

On lease, you're looking at around £405, £435, £460 and £505 for each of the above. That's on a four-year agreement with a £5k down payment and 10,000 yearly mileage allowance, through Vauxhall's own finance scheme. Shop around and you might do better.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KIT?

Design models get 16-inch alloys, auto LED headlights and wipers, rear parking sensors, a 10-inch infotainment display, cruise control and speed limiter, and the usual suite of driver assist technologies, including lane departure warning with lane keep assist and speed sign recognition.

GS models get sportier front and rear body styling, a black roof, badging and Corsa lettering, and 17-inch (again black) alloys. Keyless entry and start, sports style front seats, front parking sensors, a rear-view parking camera, wireless charger and tinted rear windows are also thrown in.

Top of the range Ultimate trim (as seen in the pictures above) receives the same black styling tweaks as GS trim plus matrix LED headlights (which auto block off the beam to avoid blinding oncoming traffic), heated steering wheel and seats with massage function, much Alcantara trim, plus adaptive cruise control.

WHAT'S THE BEST SPEC?

Ask yourself this: how often are you *really* going to be travelling over 200 miles on a single charge? If the answer (as we suspect it is for most people) is 'rarely', we reckon you're better off with the less powerful/smaller battery variant in Design trim. That's because it's easily got the most stomachable price tag, plus the smaller 16-inch alloys which will offer the best ride. It's well equipped too.

Otherwise, you're forced to move up a trim level to GS and Ultimate trim, starting from £35,125 and £38,235 respectively. We're not sure we could justify spending not far off £40k on a Corsa, so we'd stay clear of Ultimate trim.

I know some of you do have electric cars and just wondered what you think of this one? Is it a good buy or should we look around for something else?



Important Dates in the first quarter of 2024

New Year's Day

1st January 2024

Happy New Year! It's the first day of the year 2024, so it is time to look ahead to the new year. 1st January is a Bank Holiday in the UK and many countries across the world.

World Braille Day

4th Jan 2024

A day to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.

Twelfth Night

5th Jan 2024

The twelfth day after Christmas and the official end of the the Christmas season, today is the day when you should have taken all your Christmas decorations down.

Burns Night

25th Jan 2024

A celebration of the birthday of Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, celebrated with a Burn's Night Supper which includes many traditional Scottish dishes and reading of Burns' poetry.

Big Garden Birdwatch

26th Jan to 28th Jan 2024

Organised by the RSPB, just spend an hour watching the birds in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park, and tell them what you've seen.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

27th January 2024

The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27th January 1945. It remembers not only the victims of the holocaust but of all genocide.

Black History Month

1st February 2024

An important month of both remembrance, recognition and education. It is a time for people of any colour to look at the incredible figures in Black History as well as raising awareness about the issues that are still present in society in terms of racism and the rights that black people are affected by.

National Hedgehog Day

2nd Feb 2024

This is the European version of Groundhog Day, dating back to Roman times. It is also a day to remember that UK hedgehog populations are shrinking, and to celebrate all things hedgehog.

Children's Mental Health Week

5th Feb to 11th Feb 2024

Shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health, raises awareness and campaigns for all children to have access to mental health support.

Safer Internet Day

6th Feb 2024

A day to help raise awareness of online safety issues in your home, school, workplace or community, not just on Safer Internet Day but all year round.

Chinese New Year

10th Feb 2024

The New Year according to the Chinese Calendar. 2024 welcomes the Year of the Dragon. Chinese New Year is celebrated all around the world.

February Half Term Holiday

12th Feb to 16th Feb 2024

Schools break up for a week in the UK for half term for one week, but check with your school for individual date variations of this school holiday. Private schools may have a longer break.

Pancake Day

13th Feb 2024

Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins, when people would traditionally use up all their fat and eggs by making pancakes.

St. Valentine's Day

14th Feb 2024

The annual celebration of love is the day when we take the opportunity to tell the people we love just how much they mean to us. Traditionally one should send a card and a gift such as chocolates or flowers to the one that you love.

St. David's Day

1st Mar 2024

St. David is the patron saint of Wales, and celebrations include wearing daffodils and leeks, eating traditional Welsh food and wearing Welsh national costume.

World Wildlife Day

3rd Mar 2024

World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that conservation provides to people.

World Book Day

7th Mar 2024

Annual celebration of books and reading celebrated by reading, book related activities and dressing up as characters from books.

International Women's Day

8th Mar 2024

A worldwide celebration of women's rights and celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

British Science Week

8th Mar to 17th Mar 2024

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. The week aims to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate science, engineering, technology and maths with people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Mother's Day (UK)

10th Mar 2024

Also known as Mothering Sunday, this is the day where we show Mum just how much we love her in the UK. Mothering Sunday was traditionally the day when you returned to the "Mother Church" where you were baptised.

Red Nose Day

15th Mar 2024

The day when people across the land join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world, by having a good laugh!

St. Patrick's Day

17th Mar 2024

Ireland's national day celebrates the Irish patron saint, Patrick. The day is celebrated all around the world with internationally famous parades, as well as by drinking Guinness and decorating everything in green.

Spring Equinox (Northern Hemisphere)

20th Mar 2024

Today is the first day of astronomical spring in the northern hemisphere (Spring or Vernal Equinox). From today the days will get longer.

Autumn Equinox (Southern Hemisphere)

20th Mar 2024

The first day of astronomical autumn in the southern hemisphere (Autumnal Equinox).

Earth Hour

23rd Mar 2024

Organised by the World Wildlife Fund, individuals, organisations and businesses are asked to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour as a symbol of commitment to the planet.

Good Friday

29th Mar 2024

A bank holiday in the UK, this Christian celebration commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. Hot Cross Buns are traditionally eaten today.

Easter Day

31st Mar 2024

Easter is the Christian celebration of Christ's resurrection. It has been adopted across the world as a secular spring festival, celebrated by exchanging chocolate eggs and eating family meals and focusing on symbols such as eggs, rabbits and chicks.

British Summer Time Begins

31st Mar 2024

Daylight saving begins today, so remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am in the morning.

What am I? - I'm white, and used for cutting and grinding. When I'm damaged, humans usually remove me or fill me. For most animals I am a useful tool.

Last months' answer – A Christmas Tree!



Humberside Police



Winter Crime Reduction Newsletter



Seasonal crime updates for North East Lincolnshire

This is the first seasonal crime reduction newsletter, which will address seasonal trends in the Local Authority area that you live and provide some crime prevention advice relating to those offences.

As part of Humberside Polices on going crime prevention process, we utilise seasonal trend information that is put together using data from several of our systems.

This shows to a good degree of accuracy, which offences are likely to increase over the coming months and allows us to forward plan our response.

Residential burglary



No surprise that residential burglary is one of the offences that is high over the winter period, especially before and after Christmas.

- Lock your doors and windows (Don't worry, Santa will still get in)
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- Close your curtains/blinds at night.
- Consider using light timers that come on at different times (remember Home Alone where the Wet Bandits knew when all the lights were coming on)
- Make sure gates have locks on them and they are used.
- Consider using CCTV, ideally a system that will alert you when someone is there.
- Consider using dusk to dawn lighting, a PIR system could also be used.
- Secure your vehicle keys, as burglars do break into houses to obtain keys for vehicles outside.
- Consider shed/garage alarms.
- Secure items that are within a shed/garage to make them more difficult to steal.
- Register and mark your property, create free accounts on Immobilise.com or Bike Register.



Theft from motor vehicles

With the darker nights now well established, this is another offence that increases over this period.

- Most offenders are opportunist and will walk the streets looking into cars/trying car doors.
- Ensure you lock the vehicles doors, a double press on most remote keys, will double lock the vehicle, this means that the doors cannot be opened from the inside or outside.
- Ensure the vehicle internal alarm is not disabled, this is an option on many vehicles now.
- Leave nothing on show in the vehicle, vehicles are broken into for as little as a few coins.
- Park in well-lit areas and use accredited car parks if away from home.
- Don't leave tools and equipment in vans unless they are in a secure area.

Theft of motor vehicles

- Thieves do target certain types of vehicles, especially high-powered cars.
- Use a faraday pouch to prevent relay theft of a vehicle outside your house.
- Don't leave your keys or fob in clear sight.
- Use additional anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks.



- Consider fitting a vehicle tracker.
- If your vehicle is on a drive and there are gates, lock them.
- Consider fitting a vehicle bollard that will provide an additional visual deterrent.



Domestic abuse

An increased number of domestic abuse reports are received by Humberside Police during the Christmas period.

- There is support in each area of the force, but we need to know about it, any report will be taken seriously.
- Signs to look for – unexplained injuries, not allowed to leave the house, damage to property, low self-esteem.
- If you have concerns in relation to anyone you know, report it on 101, or 999 if you believe there is an incident ongoing.
- Information in relation to domestic abuse can be found on the Humberside Police website – www.humberside.police.uk/domestic_abuse

Stay safe

If you are going out drinking in the pubs and clubs of North East Lincolnshire over this period, please consider the following safety tips whilst out and travelling home.

Going Out

- Ensure someone knows where you are going and with who.
- Never leave your drink unattended (consider possible drink spiking)
- Don't accept a drink from someone you don't know.
- If out with friends, look out for each other.
- If worried 'Ask for Angela', just approach a member of staff in the premise you are in.
- If you believe you or a friend have been 'spiked', don't drink anymore, inform staff who will keep you safe, try to keep the drink and contact the Police.



Getting Home

- Always ensure you have planned how to get home – book a taxi, arrange a lift.
- Ideally, don't walk home alone.
- Consider carrying a personal attack alarm if you do have to walk alone.
- If using a taxi, use a reputable firm, consider using a password (don't wave down passing cars)



Further information in relation to crime prevention can be found on the [Humberside Police Website](#) or on the [Secured by Design Website](#).

We will shortly be holding a crime prevention webinar that will cover these offences and others, the link will be sent on my community alert, so please sign up on <https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk/> if you do not already have an account.



For those of us who live in the North of the county, the following two pages relating to what has happened from April 2023 to September 2023, may be of interest.....



NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

SNAPSHOT – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2023

✓ Engaged, Resilient and Inclusive Communities

✓ Safer Communities

✓ Effective Organisations

Welcome to our mid-year update on the work of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside.

(All figures provided cover North Lincolnshire specifically unless stated otherwise).

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

- ▶ Almost **£21,000** invested into **6 projects**.
- ▶ Over **360 people** involved.

CHILD AND ADULT SAFEGUARDING

- ▶ Almost **£15,500** committed.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP (HUMBER-WIDE)

- ▶ **Over £146,000** spent on interventions Humber-wide.
- ▶ **More than £24,500** of this spent on high-impact activity.
- ▶ **3,390 young people reached** (1,800 of these thorough high-impact activities).
- ▶ **29 professionals trained**.

VICTIMS

- ▶ Almost **1,400 victims referred to and supported** by victim support (North Lincolnshire).
- ▶ **630 victims** (Humber-wide) were better able to cope and move forward.
- ▶ **106 new victim referrals** into Blue Door for domestic abuse and sexual violence support (North Lincolnshire).

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

- ▶ Almost **£91,000 invested** to support Police and Crime Plan Delivery.
- ▶ **Additional £31,000** for projects including night-time economy, Violence Against Women and Girls, and Domestic Abuse.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

- ▶ **Over £67,000 invested** Humber-wide into **7 projects**.
- ▶ Around **200 people** involved in **233 activities** Humber-wide.
- ▶ **Over 40 participants** and more than **21 support sessions** in North Lincolnshire.
- ▶ **£7,035** for Hull KR Foundation Get Inspired Winterton multi-sports activities.
- ▶ **£10,000** for Winterton Rocks music-based outreach project.

999/101 CONTACT (HUMBER-WIDE)

- ▶ 999 emergency calls - **almost 100,000 calls answered in around 7 seconds on average** and less than 0.2% abandoned.
- ▶ 101 non-emergency calls - **over 162,000 calls answered in around 2 1/2 minutes on average** and around 5% abandoned.

✓ **Engaged, Resilient and
Inclusive Communities**

✓ **Safer Communities**

✓ **Effective Organisations**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ▶ **Almost £15 million of external funding received** (between May 2021-September 2023) from external grant funding, drug confiscation, property disposal, and match funding.

FORCE PERFORMANCE

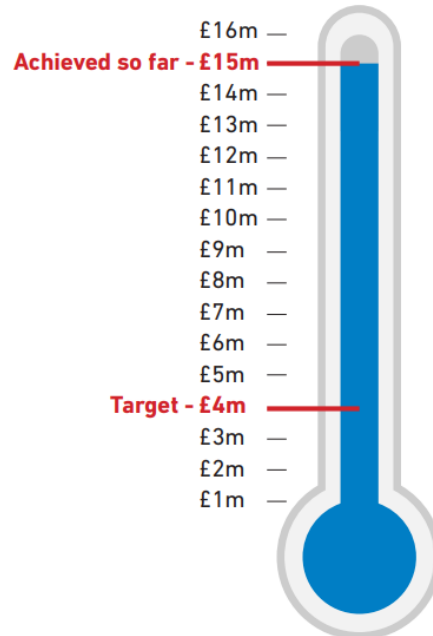
- ▶ Force rated outstanding in most areas in National Inspection Report.
- ▶ UK Police service of the year 2023 at IESE Public Sector Transformation Awards.
- ▶ One of the best performing control rooms in the country for emergency and non-emergency call handling.

CONTACT DETAILS

- ▶ **By Post:** Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Lawns, Harland Way, Cottingham, HU16 5SN
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- ▶ **Twitter:** @HumbersidePCC
- ▶ **Subscribe:** To My Community Alert to receive the latest updates from the PCC and Humberside Police - [Click here](#)

HOLDING TO ACCOUNT

- ▶ How the Police and Crime Commissioner holds Humberside Police to account can be found [here](#)
- ▶ Contact us at pcc@humberside.pnn.police.uk



IN THE NEWS

Here are some headlines from the last 6 months (click headlines below)

- ▶ [New Scunthorpe Police Station announced](#)
- ▶ [Winterton projects to tackle ASB](#)
- ▶ [Funding provided for Rural Task Force](#)





Last Minute Christmas Countdown

By now, you might have a list of people you need to buy presents for and to make it a little easier, ask family and friends if there is anything specific, they would like. Also don't forget to get children/grandchildren to write their letters to Father Christmas.



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Four Weeks Before:

If you're having an artificial tree order it now so you have it in plenty of time and check your existing decorations to see if you need any more and that the tree lights are working!

If you are ordering presents on-line, do it now as the more popular items may have a longer delivery time. Some stores offer a free collection point so where possible you could use this to save on delivery costs or order items in one go so you only pay one delivery charge.

Plan what you will be cooking on Christmas day and write a list of all the ingredients you will need. Pre-order the turkey/chicken/duck and other Christmas food now but most supermarkets will let you order up until mid-December.

Don't forget to buy your wrapping paper and cards before the big rush in the coming weeks.



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Three Weeks Before:

Start wrapping those presents! Even better, wrap them as you get them and you won't end up having to wrap them all together. If you're feeling really organised, use different paper for each family member so you know who to hand them out to.

If you are having a real tree, then now is the time to get it. Make sure you water it regularly so it stays in tip top condition for the whole of the Christmas period.

Write and send out your Christmas cards and check the latest recommended posting dates. This year for the UK, it's:

Monday 18th December 2nd class and 2nd class signed-for

Wednesday 20th December for 1st class and 1st class signed-for

Thursday 21st December for Special Delivery Guaranteed.



For International postage please see: [Christmas Last Posting Dates | Post Office](#)



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Two weeks before:

Think about what you need for your Christmas table and buy anything extra from last year. Get all your store cupboard ingredients like drinks, batteries and bin bags so you only need to get the fresh things a few days before the 25th December. Don't forget the Foil!



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One Week Before:

Get your spare room ready for any expected (or unexpected) guests and have a basket of essentials ready just in case they forget anything. If you are the host/hostess set your TV to record all your favourite programmes now so that you can catch up with them over a nice Christmas duvet day.



Three Days Before:

Go food shopping for the last of your essentials. Pick up the turkey/chicken/duck and all the veg and make sure you take a list with you so you don't forget anything. Check the local supermarket opening times so you can shop in peace without panicking!

Check you have enough chairs for everyone to sit around the table and if you are borrowing anything from family and/or friend get it now to its not a last-minute rush.



The Day Before:

Chill the drinks for when guests arrive, lay the dining table and decide where everyone is sitting. Don't forget the crackers!

Prepare as much food in advance as you can, peel the veg, make the stuffing and write a cooking timeline so you know when everything needs to be cooked.

Charge up the phone, iPads, cameras and any other devices you are likely to use on Christmas day.

Hope this helps somewhat but whatever you do to prepare for the Big Man coming, your SAGAM Committee would like to wish you a great Christmas and very Happy New Year. Have a fabulous time, relaxing and enjoying whatever you decide to do with your friends and family.



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8th December - Oulton Park Track Day with [OpenTrack](#), Tarporley

Test your skills on the track with this track day at a classic Cheshire circuit.

10th December - [Coffee and Cars](#), The Motorist Hub, Leeds

A free event where you can celebrate all things automotive.

15th December Brands Hatch Indy Circuit Track day with [OpenTrack](#), West Kingsdown

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