

Scarborough profile

Area profile

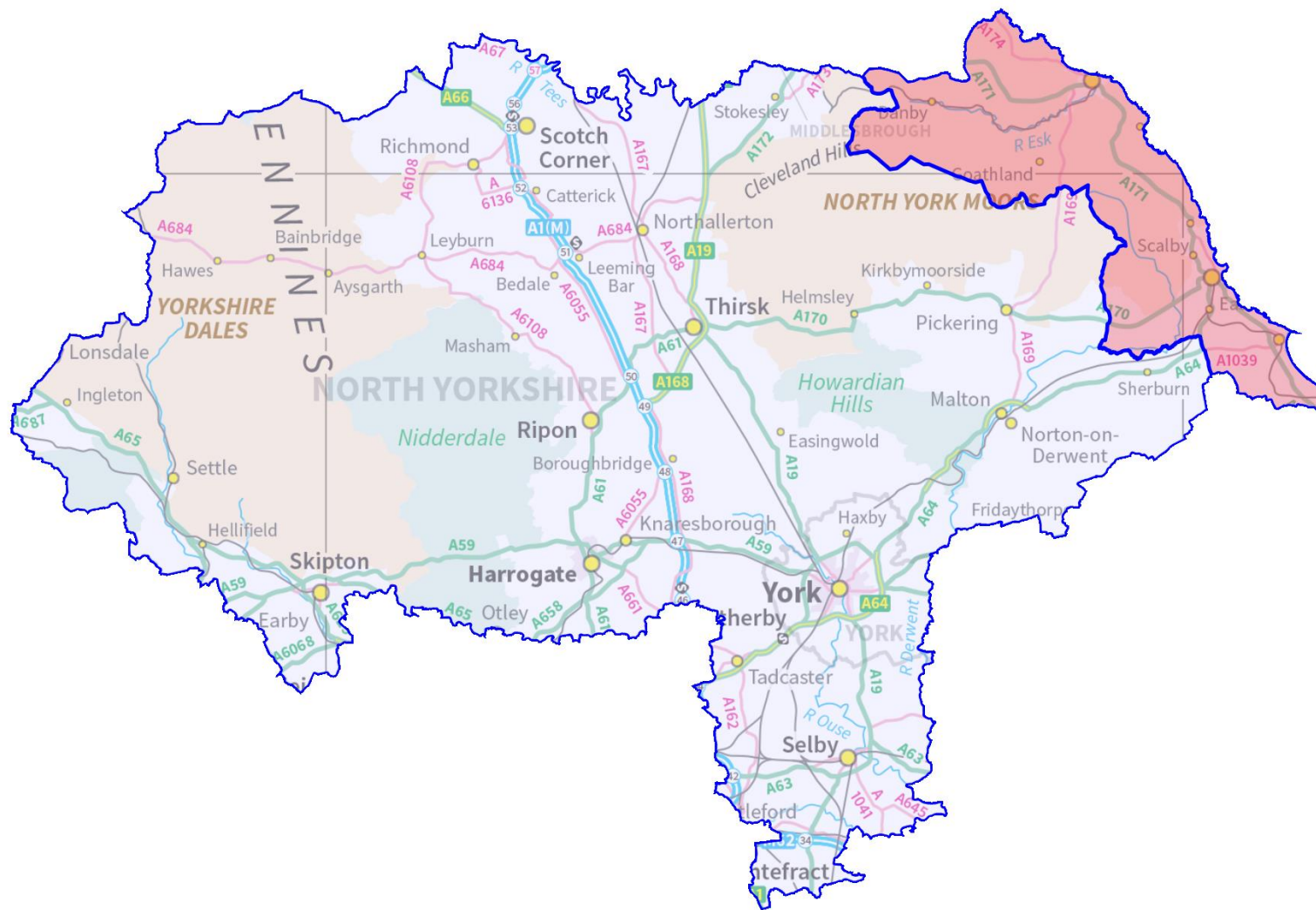
Scarborough is the second most populated locality in North Yorkshire (after Harrogate), with a population of 108,800. Scarborough is significantly more deprived than any other locality within North Yorkshire, experiencing poor income, low employment, lack of educational attainment, poor health, and high crime rates. The IMD 2019 shows that Scarborough has nine Lower-Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) in the most deprived 10% nationally. North Yorkshire has only a further two LSOAs within this deprivation scale (within Harrogate and Selby).

Crime Profile – areas of note

- The rate of violence offences per 1,000 of the population is significantly higher in the Scarborough command than any other within York and North Yorkshire.
- The most at risk locality (Ward level) for Serious Violence is consistently the **Castle** Ward, located within Scarborough town itself.

Key Interventions

- She was walking home (SVD funded)
- Libby Girls - Young Women & Girls Assertive Outreach (SVD funded)
- Emergency Bleed Kits (SVD funded)
- Knife drop bins (SVD funded)
- Safer Streets – Video door cameras (managed through OPFCC)
- Clear, Hold, Build (Barrowcliff area)
- Street Angels (OPFCC funded)
- Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)
- Stepping Up



Castle locality in focus

Castle Ward profile

- The tourism trade continues to be a major part of the local economy with Scarborough being the second most visited destination in England by British holidaymakers. This locality contains the train station, Scarborough castle, the Grand Hotel, an amusement park and access to the beach, thereby key to the tourist economy.
- In the latest UK Local Area deprivation Index, **Castle Ward** was ranked **1,005** out of 32,844 in England (with one the most deprived and 32,488 the least). This is broken down through income, employment, health, education, barriers to services, living environment and crime.
- Serious Violence trends do not appear to be impacted by the Tourist economy, and it is inferred that the level of deprivation is the greater impact.
- Note: The Clear Hold Build* initiative does not fall part of the Castle Ward (with a very low number of offences, approximately 1%, in the Castle Ward linked to Organised Crime Member); however, due to its proximity and the dispersals of Organised Crime out of the Scarborough locality, it should have a positive influence on the Castle Ward.
- Castle Ward is the most at risk ward for the following Serious Violence crime types:
 - Grievously Bodily Harm (GBH) (significantly higher in Castle; triple the volume of the subsequent ward)
 - Rape and sexual assaults
 - Weapon possession
 - Assault on Emergency Workers.

*Clear Hold Build

Clear, Hold, Build is an innovative framework, developed by the Home Office, to help police forces tackle **serious and organised crime**. It reclaims and rebuilds neighbourhoods affected by organised crime, makes areas safer and increases public confidence in the police and partner agencies. Two areas one in York and the other, the Barrowcliff Ward in Scarborough.



Serious Violence – ABH & GBH

Serious Violence

- Between April and September 2024 there were 141 Actual Bodily Harm or Grievous Bodily Harm offences in the Castle Ward. In **89% of offences no weapon was used**. There were 30 offences where a weapon was used, half of those recorded a bladed implement.
- Off the 141 offences, **46% alcohol** was marked as factor. 22% were domestic violence related.
- Excluding the domestic violence related, in nearly half of the offences the **offender was a stranger**.
- The peak in ABH & GBH offences was been May. NB Peak dates in May did not coincide with the FA Cup nor half term. Further analysis required to understand the cause.

Crime volume

- **ABH** – The Castle Ward has seen a decrease¹ in offences (153 to 116). However, in comparison to other Wards it is close to quadruple the volume than the subsequent Ward in the Scarborough locality. It also 2.5 times the level of any other Ward within North Yorkshire.
- **GBH** – The Castle Ward has seen an increase¹ in offences (16 to 25).

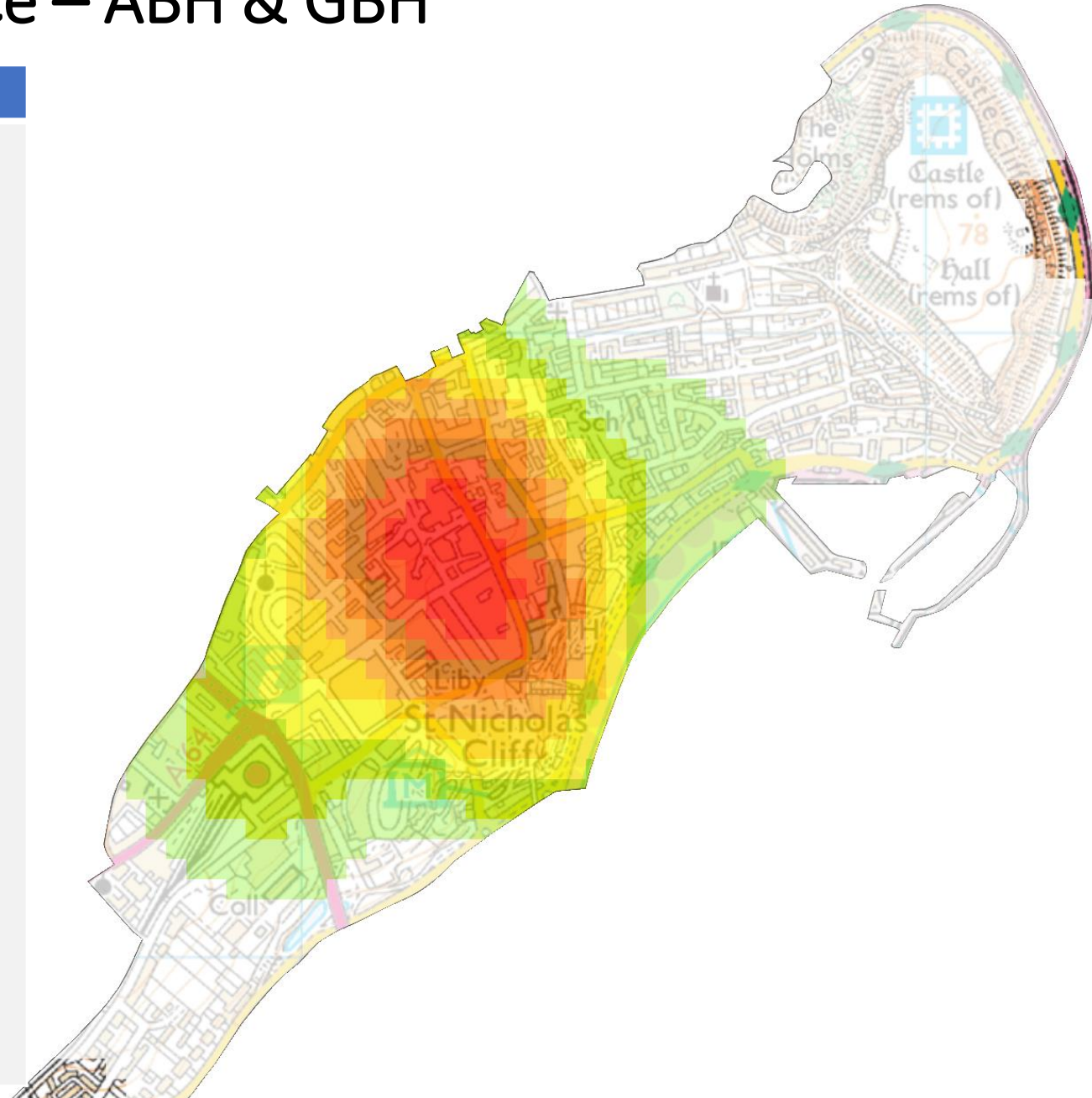
Offender

- Due to limitations in the bulk extraction of last recorded residential address of an offender, the following are approximations:
60% of offenders were local to Scarborough. 20% resided outside of North Yorkshire.
- The offender profile is typically a male and aged 30-39yrs.
- 11 offenders were under 18 at the time of the offence. These 11 offenders are linked to six individual occurrences i.e. a group of offenders attacked a victim.

Location

- Majority of offences occurred in the town’s centre. 40% of offences occurring in a public area, with the majority labelled ‘Street’. The most common street being Thomas Street, a pedestrianised retail street. The ‘Street’ records occurred predominately between 1800 – 0300hrs.

¹ This is comparing April to September 2024 with April to September 2023 data



Castle Ward – Other Serious Violence crime types

Alcohol and the Night-time Economy (NTE) ↓

- Between April and September 2024, 46% of ABH and GBH offences (65) have alcohol as a contributing factor. This is a **6% decrease** from the previous year. The volume of offences is consistent over the months and do not appear to be influenced by summer seasonality.
- Offences with alcohol recorded as a factor predominantly happened either in a public area such as **'Street'** or **residentially**. Therefore, at-home-drinking also needs to be considered. [REDACTED] that occurred residentially were also domestic abuse related.
- The majority of offences at Licensed premises occurred between 23:00hrs and 01:00hrs.
- North Yorkshire Police's NTE strategy is currently being developed and will be aligned with the SVD Strategy.

Sexual Offences ↓

- Comparing April to September figures to the same time last year, there has been a 25% decrease in Sexual Assaults and 11% decrease in Rape offences.
- Between April and September 2024, Scarborough recorded 72 Sexual Assault offences and 30 Rape offences; **30%** of both Sexual Assault and Rape offences in the Scarborough locality occurred in the Castle Ward.
- In a third of the Sexual offences, the Offender was not known to the victim. These have either occurred in a public area or licensed premises.
- 50% of offences occurred in a residential property.

Weapon Possession ↑

- Weapon possession has seen an **increase** in offences across North Yorkshire (+8%). An increase in Weapon Possession has also been seen in Scarborough and in the Castle ward.
- The offender is typically male and aged 30-39. The number of offences involving Under 18s is reducing across North Yorkshire. A [REDACTED] Under 20s was reported between April and September in the Castle Ward.
- 'Knife', is significantly the most common weapon, followed by 'machete' and 'sword'. Discussions and considerations are ongoing with regards to the best location of the Knife Drop Bin, to be installed in 2025.
- [REDACTED]

Domestic Abuse (DA) ↓

- The overall 11% decrease in Domestic Abuse offences is also true in the Castle Ward, however as detailed in the Strategic Needs Assessment, Support Services report they are operating at full capacity.
- 18% of DA offences occurred in the Castle Ward. This is significantly higher than any other Ward in the Scarborough locality (nearly double the volume to the subsequent Ward).
- The majority (41%) of offenders were in aged 30-39. [REDACTED]
- Most repeat locations within the Castle Ward were in residential properties. The additional following locations have recorded multiple domestic crimes (not linked to one specific offender/victim) – The Grand Hotel and Scarborough Train Station.

Interventions – At local level

Expanded information following on from the SNA at local level

Serious Violence Duty funded

She was walking home – Raising awareness of those with lived experiences

- Providing a 50min performance and workshop, scheduled at Graham Secondary School in October/November 2024. Impact report will follow in 2025.

Libby Girls - Young Women & Girls Assertive Outreach

- Are attending key public locations for assertive outreach e.g. McDonalds, Peasholm Park, Sainsburys and Gallows Close Car park, and at key events e.g. festivals.
- Attending local primary schools and Graham Secondary School, a local hostel and North Yorkshire Youth
- Providing 10wk activity course and Sport activity (girls football)
- Positive impact – Libby Girls assisted a vulnerable female to obtain medical intervention in a life-threatening incident.

Emergency Bleed kits

This project is currently in the development stage, establishing potential locations.

Knife drop bins

Discussions are ongoing with regards to the location of the Knife Drop Bin.

Behind Closed Doors (Halo Project) – Raising awareness of cultural harm.

The film has been produced and premiered in York in September. It will be supplied to schools and colleges with a lesson plan in 2025.

Non SVD funded

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)

Introduced in Scarborough, this makes it an offence to drink alcohol in the street where it is contributing to ASB in a designated area. The new PSPO also includes a ‘hotspot’ area that completely bans street drinking of alcohol in a designated area, much of which is in Castle Ward. [See map.](#)

Safer Streets

In March 2024, residents of Castle Ward were offered free video doorbells, to improve household security in residential wards. 215 registered in the Castle Ward to have signed to have this fitted. To date, 61 fitted, 153 are to fit.

Street Angels

They have fortnightly patrols on Saturday nights between 21:00 – 02:00hrs in the Scarborough area, with an aim to protect vulnerable people and reduce ASB and crime. They carry backpacks with first aid kits, blankets, flip-flops and dustpan and brush to clean up broken glass. Street Angels have access to Safe Haven, a place for refuge along St Nicholas Street.

The Scarborough Fair

A community space which is open in the heart of Castle ward, St Thomas Street. The [Scarborough Fair](#) is a year-round programme of distinctive arts, heritage and sporting events at venues across the town. Made possible with investment from the UK Governments Town Deals Funding. North Yorkshire Council are working in partnership with the public and private sectors, this was initiated following extensive consultation with residents, businesses and community organisations.

Stepping Up

Stepping Up is an early intervention project targeting young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system using mentoring and sport as a diversionary tool. It is currently working with Year 6 to Year 9 students.