Ripon BID

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Annual Review Invitation

Please join us at The Old Deanery on 19th October from 6pm to hear a review of our year 2025-2026.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow BID members, hear our future plans and give us your feedback and suggestions. Please RSVP via info@riponbid.co.uk

Christmas Is Coming – Send Us Your Menus!

Ripon's Christmas webpage is now live, and we'd love your business to be part of it. Take a look at visitripon.co.uk/christmas

At the heart of the page is our festive video, which captures the sights, sounds and seasonal sparkle of Ripon at Christmas. Would you like to share it on your own website or social media? Just ask and we'll send you a copy. You can also watch all our videos on our YouTube channel: @VisitRipon.

The page also features Christmas offers and news from around the city, plus the popular Christmas food menus section. It's a great way to get your festive menu in front of visitors and locals who are planning their celebrations.

Get involved: email a PDF of your Christmas menu to info@riponbid.co.uk and we'll add it to the site. The sooner you send it, the sooner diners can start booking!

Get Spooky This Hallowe'en – Win a Full-Page Advert!

Let your shop window do the haunting! Our Spooky Windows Competition is back, and one lucky business will win a full-page advertisement in Review Ripon.

To take part, dress your window for Hallowe'en. Go as creepy, quirky or cobweb-covered as you dare. Every business that takes part will be featured across our social media channels and on our website, so your display will be seen well beyond the high street.

For even more exposure, if you confirm you are 'back-lighting' your display in the evening, we will also list you in Window Wanderland, putting your business on the trail for visitors and locals exploring the city.

Ready to get involved? Email info@riponbid.co.uk to register for the Spooky Windows Competition, the Window Wanderland trail, or both.

Don't leave it too late!

Check out our blog://visitripon.co.uk/bid-blog/ which contains good news stories, events and more!

Late Night Shopping Returns – Thursday 26 November!

Ripon's Late Night Shopping is back, and it's the perfect chance to kick off the festive season. With twinkling lights, a buzzing atmosphere and shoppers out looking for Christmas gifts, it's one of the most locally popular and magical evenings of the year.

Tell us your plans so we can help you make the most of it. Will you be opening late? Offering promotions or festive treats? Putting on something special, like live music, tastings or demonstrations? Whatever you have planned, we want to hear about it.

Top tip: why not offer "bounce-back" vouchers? A small discount or treat for a return visit is a simple way to turn one-night shoppers into regular customers.

Get involved: email info@riponbid.co.uk with your details and we'll promote your business on www.visitripon.co.uk and across our social media channels.

RadioLink Scheme: Update and Report

Almost two in three reported thefts in the district are now resolved, and Ripon's CCTV cover keeps getting stronger.

Strong results for Ripon businesses

For the 12 months to 21 April 2026, the scheme's **positive outcome rate was 65.2%**. That figure counts suspects charged to court and out-of-court disposals, so almost two out of every three reported thefts are now being resolved.

Between January and September 2026, 223 incidents were reported to Harrogate District Businesses Against Crime (HDBAC). Of these, 73.4% came via the Police, 21.5% via RadioLink and 5.2% from the CCTV team itself.

The scheme has also helped cut counterfeit cash. Between September 2025 and March 2026, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) received nine reports of shops being offered fake £20 notes, all of them in Ripon. Since March, the CCTV control room has received just three similar reports across Harrogate, Northallerton, Bedale, Stokesley, Thirsk and Knaresborough, and none from Ripon.

More investment in CCTV

NYC now has **eight fully trained CCTV operators**, and a ninth is in training. For most of the week, two operators now staff the control room. Funding is also in place to **upgrade Ripon's CCTV cameras within the next year**.

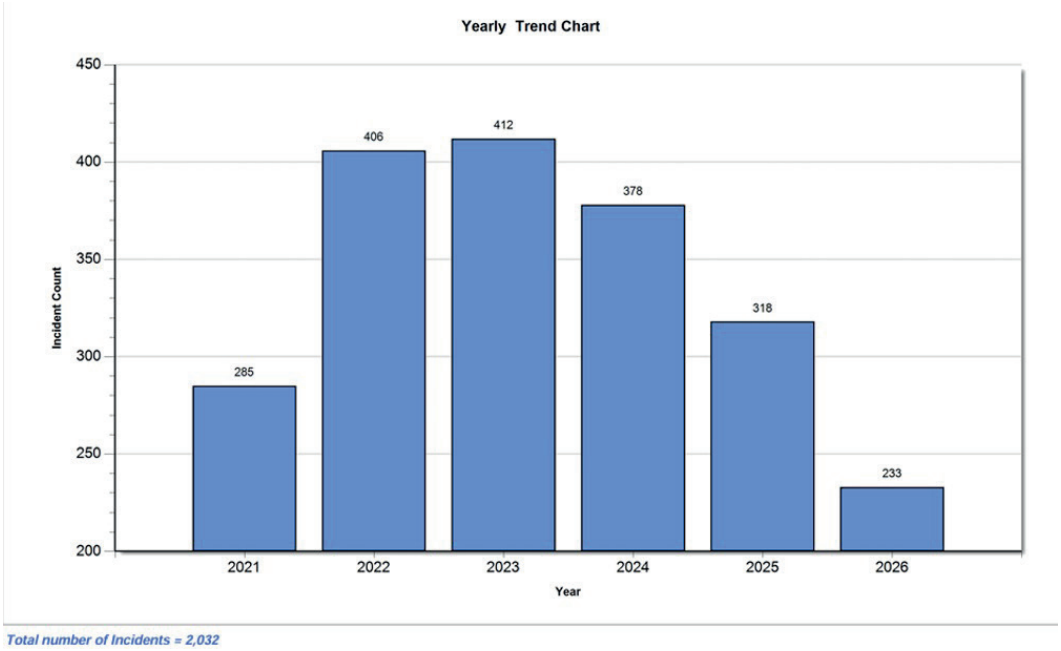
Looking ahead

HDBAC covers Ripon, Harrogate and Knaresborough and has 99 members, 23 of them Ripon retailers and businesses. From 1 April 2027, HDBAC will no longer operate across the district as a Business Crime Partnership.

Ripon businesses will not lose support. NYC remains committed to keeping the town safe for shoppers and the night-time economy and will focus its efforts on the RadioLink scheme. **Every Ripon business on RadioLink will keep getting support from the CCTV team**. Harrogate BID is setting up its own Business Crime Reduction Partnership (BCRP), and we are looking at whether we can work in partnership with them.

Keep reporting

The chart below shows the steady progress made since Ripon BID took on the costs of the radio scheme in 2022. Every report helps build that picture and leads to more positive outcomes. Please stay vigilant and keep reporting every incident, however small.



For more information on RadioLink please get in touch.

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