

Dales Police Report June 2020

One positive from the lockdown has been a reduction in crimes such as theft and burglary. We have, however, taken numerous reports of anti-social behaviour and breaches linked to the coronavirus rules. We have also received many enquiries regarding our enforcement of the regulations relating to the coronavirus legislation. Here is what we can do.

In all situations we will engage with people, explain the regulations, and encourage them to follow the rules. We will only use enforcement as a last resort.

Upon writing this report at the end of May the regulations state that you must have a reasonable excuse to leave your home. This includes travel to a public open space to promote physical or mental health or emotional wellbeing, either alone, with members of your household or with one member of another household.

You cannot gather with more than two people unless you are from the same household or the reason is permitted under the regulations, for example to attend a funeral.

The police can fine you if you breach the regulations, but we would prefer not to and hope that you will do what is right to protect your family, your loved ones and other people.

We cannot enforce the Government guidelines, for example the 2 metre rule or the wearing of face masks.

Please stay safe and help us to stop the spread of the virus. For more information, please visit [Gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

As we move into summer we are seeing an increase in day tripper numbers turning up at our rural towns and beauty spots. This is allowed, as long as the above rules are adhered to. We have stepped up patrols and are working closely with the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Richmondshire District Council to monitor this and keep everyone safe.

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