

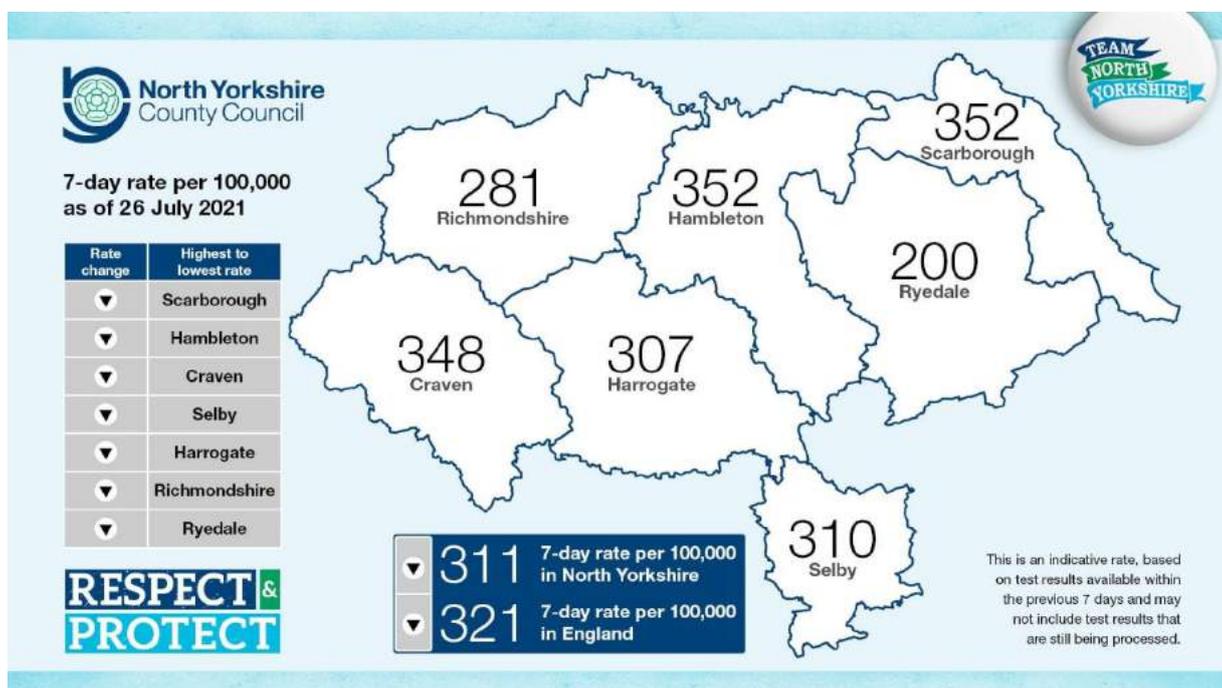
Parish Council's Weekly Briefing

30 July 2021

Welcome to this week's briefing with the latest key messages and Covid update.

COVID-19 – THE LOCAL PICTURE

Good news at last. The latest data shows that in the 7 days leading up to 26 July infection rates have improved quite remarkably across the whole of North Yorkshire and whilst we are still one of the highest our rates per 100,000 people has fallen by over 300 cases.



NEW FRIARGE ACEDMIC CENTRE WELCOMES ITS FIRST COHORT OF STUDENTS

- The centre, located above the Gara Ward, will put the Northallerton hospital at the forefront for providing cutting-edge training facilities for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students as well as for staff.
- It will also provide a range of training opportunities for healthcare staff across North Yorkshire, Hambleton and Richmondshire in the future.

- Thanks to a £400,000 donation from the Friends of the Friarage the new STRIVE centre features an immersive simulation teaching space, a library, three teaching rooms, and a computer room, a common room, offices and a video wall.
- It was officially opened by Professor Namita Kumar, Regional Postgraduate Dean for Health Education England in the North East and Yorkshire.

NORTHALLERTON MARKET

- Northallerton High Street will continue to be closed to traffic on market days up until at least the end of September 2021.
- This is so social distancing measures can continue to be taken, as we all do our bit to ensure we emerge safely from the covid crisis.
- We've received much positive feedback about the high street experience on market days since it's been closed to traffic, with comments around it being a pleasant experience for shoppers with a relaxed vibe and a sense of space.
- We are grateful to drivers doing their bit too and using an alternative route on Wednesdays and Saturdays to allow this to happen.
- The closure is being funded by the ERDF Welcome Back Fund and is subject to review.

HAMBLETON'S ANNUAL ELECTORAL CANVASS CONTINUES

- Hambleton residents are being advised that they may receive voter registration letters or forms over the next week by post.
- The correspondence will be in a brown envelope and from Hambleton District Council.
- Those who are required to respond are advised the quickest and easiest way to do this is online and details are on the letters or forms.
- The annual canvass ensures that the council keeps the electoral register up to date, identifying any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

Have a good weekend, at least the rain will be good for the gardens. Stay safe!