

CCTV Update September 2024

Firstly, all 3 cameras are continuing to provide good images of movements in and out of the village. There has been numerous occasions to access the images, both as a result of local reporting, and also requests from the Police following crimes elsewhere. A few minor problems encountered with power loss on one of the cameras. Passwords for access to the cameras are changed regularly and good service continues to be provided by Absolute Security.

There has been another generous donation from Houghton Fishing Club in order to ensure a further 3 years of maintenance and ad hoc costs during 2024/25.

The respective WhatsApp groups established to support the community CCTV scheme is helping with early information flow regarding suspect persons, vehicles and coordination - continues to work well.

The disturbing incidents of dead animals spread over prominent and well known rural locations seems to have receded - a person has been charged with the Broughton incident and a court result is awaited. The Houghton team were involved in meetings relating to these incidents and working with the Police in an effort to bring the criminals to justice. Houghton is bearing up well at the moment given the crimes being reported in nearby areas. There has been two recent enquires from nearby villages and interest in how our CCTV operates - perhaps with a view the installing similar schemes themselves.

A comparison of crimes - 2023/24 will be carried out at the end of the year.