



EVENT PLANNING AND COUNTER TERRORISM CONSIDERATIONS

Dear Event Organiser,

North Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire Police, and the Counter Terrorism Police North East are working together to provide event organisers with advice and support on how to counter the threat of terrorism when planning an event in the Ryedale Area. The threat from terrorism is real and increasingly unpredictable, with publicly accessible spaces (PALS) being an attractive target for a terrorist.

From a Counter Terrorism perspective, the threat to the United Kingdom from International Terrorism is currently '**Substantial**' and this means that an attack on the UK mainland **is likely**.

The current national response level to **Substantial** is '**HEIGHTENED.**' This response level states, 'Additional and sustained protective security measures reflecting the broad nature of the threat combined with specific business and geographic vulnerabilities and judgements on acceptable risk'

We would like you to consider what '*you*' can do to reduce your risk and mitigate against the impact of such an attack. Having effective planning in place can greatly reduce the likelihood of an attack.

You may be familiar with putting together a plan for your event and will know how to address many of the requirements around safety, but you may not be so familiar with security issues and terrorism.

Here are some of the things we would like you to consider when putting your plan together, this is not an exhaustive list and at the end of this document we have signposted you to websites where more information can be obtained.

Security Planning

We would encourage you to produce a security plan addressing the terrorism threat which should take account of attack methodology and your vulnerabilities. Key issues for inclusions would be:

1. Before the event, how will you advertise it, be careful not to give too much information out that might assist a terrorist in planning an attack. Consider what can be included to deter this, we call this deterrence communications.
2. Your site itself, starting from the approach, the perimeter to inside where the event is taking place. What is the risk and what can you do to mitigate against it particularly looking at a vehicle as a weapon (VAW) attack?
3. Communications. Key to managing any incident, are yours 'fit for purpose? It is not just about how you communicate with your staff but also the public.
4. Staff training for both paid and volunteers. There is some excellent free online training to raise awareness and to empower your staff.

To register for online training go to <https://ct.highfieldlearning.com/>.

5. In addition, we would recommend that all security staff, stewards and volunteers download the ProtectUK app. at these links [ProtectUK on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#) [ProtectUK - Apps on Google Play](#)

The North Yorkshire Council Safety Advisory Group for the Ryedale Area strongly recommend planning for a terrorist incident and may ask you for details of your security plan when considering your application.

Here are the websites where you can obtain further information to protect your event from terrorism.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>

www.cpni.gov.uk