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An illustration of two British police officers in 19th-century uniform. The officer on the left is facing forward, wearing a dark blue uniform with ornate silver embroidery on the collar and cuffs, a white waist sash, and a dark blue helmet with a white plume. The officer on the right is shown in profile, facing left, wearing a similar uniform and helmet. Both officers are holding long, silver-colored swords. The background is a plain, light greenish-grey color.

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1975 (1 Apr)	1980	(Charles) Gordon Taylor
1980 (1 Mar)	1990	George Charlton
1990	1993 (30 May)	Peter J Ryan
1993 (5 Jul)	2002 (Dec)	Kenneth R Williams
2002	2005 (18 Feb)	Andy Hayman
2005 (19 Feb)	2006 (31 Dec)	Carole Howlett (<i>Temp CC</i>)
2007 (2 Jan)	2009 (31 Dec)	Ian McPherson
2010 (22 Mar)		Phil Gormley

Notes:

Absorbed Thetford Borough, 22 Jul 1857

Mander was also CC of Isle of Ely and was appointed temporarily to Norfolk in 1915, permanently from 18 Mar 1916

Absorbed King's Lynn Borough, 1 Apr 1947

Absorbed Great Yarmouth Borough and Norwich City, 1 Jan 1968

North Berwick	?-1858
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Formed: by 1844

Abolished: 1858. Became part of Haddingtonshire (East Lothian)

Strength: *Initial ?* *Final ?*

Chief Officer:

1844 Alexander Hatcheon

North Riding	1856-1968	
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Formed: 14 Oct 1856

Abolished: 1 Jul 1968. Became part of York and North-east Yorkshire

Strength: *Initial 51* *Final 781*

Chief Officer:

1856 (28 Oct)	1898 (7 Jul)	<i>Capt</i> Thomas Hill
1898 (30 Sep)	1929 (13 Jun)	<i>Major [Sir]</i> Robert L Bower \dagger
1929 (1 Oct)	1958	<i>Lt Col</i> John C Chaytor
1958 (1 Nov)	1965	<i>Lt Col</i> James R Archer-Burton
1965	1968 (30 Jun)	Harold H Salisbury

Notes:

Absorbed Gilling West Division, 14 Oct 1856?

Absorbed Richmond Borough, 1 Apr 1889

Absorbed Scarborough Borough, 1 Apr 1947

Part of area transferred to Teesside, 1 Apr 1968

North Wales	1974	
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Formed: 1 Apr 1974, by renaming of Gwynedd

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