

A driver who caused serious injuries to three people has been brought to justice. Chelsea Carten, of Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for a year, at York Magistrates' Court on Tuesday (1 August 2023).

The 31-year-old was also disqualified from driving for 18 months, ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work, pay a victim surcharge of £154 and £85 court costs.

Carten pleaded guilty to causing serious injury while driving without due care and attention at Alne, in the Hambleton area, on Good Friday (7 April 2023) this year.

She was at the wheel of a Subaru Impreza just before 4.20pm when it collided with a Ford Fiesta at the junction of Alne Road with Youlton Lane.

Ambulances, air ambulance, fire crews and the police were alerted to the scene.

A passenger in the Ford Fiesta, aged in her 50s, sustained multiple serious life-changing injuries. Her husband, who was driving, also suffered a broken wrist.

A child passenger in the Impreza sustained a serious head injury which required hospital treatment.

Following the sentencing, the woman who was badly injured said: "I send my sincerest thanks to all the emergency services who attended the scene, as well as all the passers-by who stopped to help both myself and my family on the 7th of April.

*"I welcome the sentencing and am extremely grateful with how well this case has been investigated and brought to court. I can now draw a line under this and focus on my recovery."*

Traffic Constable Peter Keenen, who led the investigation, said:

*"Driving without due care and attention can have serious consequences. It is only right that the guilty party in this case has admitted the offence and been dealt with accordingly by the court.*

*"I thank the victims and witnesses for their co-operation with the investigation. I hope they can now move on from this traumatic incident."*