

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – FEBRUARY 2021.

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Habbleshorpe, North Wheatley, South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, Bole, West Burton, Littleborough, Coates and Fenton.

The crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/02/2021 and 28/02/2021 were –

Burglary Other – 4 (Drakeholes, Sturton le Steeple x2, Clarborough).

Theft Other – 1 (Hayton).

Criminal Damage Other – 2 (Clarborough, Clayworth).

This month there has been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with four crimes reported throughout January 2021 and seven crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been sixty four crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with eighty four reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the eleventh month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of twenty crimes, which is a reduction of almost 24%.

There has generally been a reduction in the reporting of crimes of interest, across the areas I cover, to our control room. This is likely to have been assisted from the messages given in the Governments briefings, in the pandemic situation we are in, with instructions to stay at home and restrictions on personal movement and travel.

Please continue to report crime - and incidents - through to our control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate. Even in these most difficult of times, where possible, reported crimes will be dealt with in the same way as they have always been recorded, and dealt with. Please remain aware of any suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in the area and continue to report such instances through to our control room, as normal.

It is just over a year now since Nottinghamshire Police started using a new system for recording incidents. As from February 2020, the Police report has included anti-social behaviour incidents only,

negating other incident types from this category, such as hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. These figures have, therefore, started to decrease but are more accurate in relation to actual anti-social behaviour incidents on the area. This month there have been eight reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for January 2021 and one reported for the same month in 2020.

As I mentioned in last month's report, it would appear, across the beat areas I cover, that outbuildings/ sheds away from personal properties, paddock areas, allotments and set aside space are still attractive, and preferred, locations presently for criminals. This would certainly appear to be the case on this beat area, and adjoining beat areas, in the last month.

As we move into March, and the prospects of better weather, please remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden.

If you do leave windows and doors open and a burglary occurs, you could receive a further nasty shock when you try to make an insurance claim. A lot of insurance companies are now reducing payments, or even refusing to pay out altogether, if doors and windows have been left open arguing that it is your own negligence that has led to the theft.

Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle.

And always secure your unattended bicycle to something that is fixed to the ground, or leave it in a rear garden where it is out of view from the public highway.

Some residents will have made their first moves into tidying up their gardens following the winter months. At this time of year, there is usually an increase in shed breaks and thefts of gardening tools and equipment. Please ensure that all out buildings and sheds are secured when not in use, and preferably alarmed.

There have already been reports made on this and adjoining beat areas, of garden furniture and ornaments being stolen. This, again, is a trend which happens around this time of the year, and throughout the gardening season. Items of this nature are far easier for criminals to pass, or sell, on at this time of the year.

Around this time of the year, there is traditionally an increase in the number of vehicles collecting scrap metals, which also suggests that there is an increase in the sell on price in this type of commodity. Also, there is usually an increase in doorstep salesmen and persons wishing to complete gardening and handyman work. Please report this type of activity through to 101, as these situations would certainly fit the suspicious persons/ activity category.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. The team would like to hear from any community members who would like some crime prevention advice, or even just a reassurance visit.

My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the new beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226479 and an E mail address of james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. Works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information.

I continue to receive calls on my works phone from residents wishing to report incidents and crimes. In many cases these calls are received when I am on rest days or annual leave and have not got my works phone to hand. Residents must be comfortable in reporting these occurrences to our control room on 101 in order to receive the best, and real time, service from those officers who are on duty.

When ringing 101 the first item which is asked is which Police force you require. This is because 101 is the non-urgent number for all Police forces throughout the country and the signal is picked up from where you are ringing from. In rural East Bassetlaw many parishes are located close to county boundaries, hence the first question. Then, you are asked if you know the person or extension number of the department you require. At this stage, just hold the line. After this, there are a number of options available. For reporting an incident or crime the option is option 7.

Thanks, as always, for your help, interest and support. Take care and best regards.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.