

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JULY 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 01/07/2021 and 31/07/2021 were –

Theft Other – 1 (North Wheatley).

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).

This month there have been two reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with six crimes reported throughout June 2021 and five crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2021, there have been thirteen crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with twenty-five reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the fourth month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of twelve crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were twenty six crimes of interest reported to the Police.

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. From time to time, I am advised about incidents and crimes being shared on social media, which I was not aware of. Might I ask that incidents and crimes of this nature are reported through to our control room, for Police action and recording purposes, in the first instance and then, obviously, share your experiences with whom you desire by other methods?

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. This month there have been five reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for June 2021 and two reported for the same month in 2020.

Our control room continue to take reports of persons touting for work, particularly in relation to gardening work and property maintenance. Some of these tradesmen are bona fide, whilst others are certainly not – in some instances, older persons are exploited due to their vulnerability.

Many legitimate businesses sell products door to door (windows, solar panels, home maintenance etc.). Gas, electricity and water companies will also visit to read meters. In addition, charities may visit to ask for donations or post collection bags for you to fill and leave out for collection.

In some cases legitimate companies advise our control room in advance if they have representatives working in our area on a particular day, or time period. There have been instances recently where residents have contacted charities concerned to ask if visitors to their door are legitimate, and have been told they are not. Further enquiries have proved that, indeed, they were aware of the representatives' attendance. This is not always the case.

There has been a recent increase in calls from residents who have been receiving calls at home from persons door to door selling. Again, in some cases, residents purchase items from these "salesmen" just to get rid of them. Please report their attendance to our control room giving a brief description, and direction of travel. Also, do not assume that someone else will make this call. It would be better to have repeat callers to our control room, in relation, than no calls at all.

In the cases detailed above, these persons would fall into the category of suspicious persons and a call to the control room would be welcomed to ascertain who the persons are and, as important, what their intentions are.

What you should know –

Door to door scams involve selling goods or services that are not delivered, or are of very poor quality. You won't get value for money and you may get billed for work you didn't want, or didn't agree to.

Some scammers conduct surveys so that they can obtain your personal details or disguise their real intent to sell you goods or services you don't want or need (e.g. unnecessary roofing work or patio replacement)

Door to door sales are normally uninvited and the people selling MUST leave if you ask them to. Alternatively, just don't answer the door.

Even when a genuine business and product is being sold, very occasionally, unscrupulous employees can sometimes still act unlawfully.

If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, always check their ID. If you are not happy, then do not let them into your home.

Never ring the telephone number on the ID card. Tell them to wait outside, shut and lock the door, and ring the genuine number from the telephone book or website.

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 interest and support. Take care and best regards.

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