

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – OCTOBER 2020.

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Habbleshthorpe, 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 01/10/2020 and 31/10/2020 were –

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 (Clarborough, North Wheatley).

Theft Other – 4 (North Wheatley, Clarborough x2, Welham).

Criminal Damage Other – 1 (North Leverton).

This month there have been eight reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with six crimes reported throughout September 2020 and ten crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been forty nine crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with fifty eight reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the seventh month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of nine crimes.

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.

Nottinghamshire Police recently started using a new system for recording incidents. As from February 2020, the Police report will include 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. Again, these figures should, therefore, start to decrease but will be more accurate in relation to actual anti-social behaviour incidents on the area. This month there

have been six reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for September 2020 and seven reported for the same month in 2019.

For those of you that follow national, and also regional, news programmes, certainly throughout the pandemic situation we are in, you will have noticed an increase in the number of incidents where a victim has been scammed. Some scammers are operating under the front of the situation, in relation to purporting to be able to supply equipment and supplies relating to the same. Nottinghamshire Police, and forces nationwide, does receive calls from victims, and potential victims, of scammers where phone calls are received and scammers are claiming to be from the Police, the Bank and also from HMRC department. Be clear, that you would never receive phone calls from these people asking, or making enquiries about your personal details, particularly bank details. Sometimes the scammers might give you a further telephone number to contact, including 999, which might sound very genuine. However, the scammers would invariably have not terminated the original call and when ringing the number, which you think you are ringing, the call is resumed by the scammers, probably even a colleague of the original scammer, which might make it seem even more genuine a call. Please terminate these calls as abruptly as you need to. Confirmation of any earlier call from your bank, or other organisation, can then be made from using contact numbers you have for them, either through paperwork you have in relation, or searching the intranet for customer services contact details. Towards the end of October, the control room received a number of calls from older residents, in rural Bassetlaw, including Ranskill and Blyth, who have been approached by telephone from people purporting to be working for the Metropolitan Police, and have subsequently been scammed out of money and/ or property.

It has become noticeable over the last couple of months, in particular, that criminals would appear to be targeting small trailers. Across the three beat areas which I cover, there have been three thefts of trailers over the last couple of months in Clayworth, Clarbrough and Beckingham. If you do own a small trailer, it would be good practice to store the same away from view from the public highway and also to chain it up to other items stored alongside, particularly to a non-moveable structure which would make a theft more difficult to succeed in.

Also, over the last few weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in scrap collectors operating in the area. Some of these, I am sure, will be operating legally with the appropriate licence. However, there will be others that are not. Over the last month, or so, there has been an increase in scrap metals being stolen from properties. Please ensure that this type of material, too, is not left in full view of the public highway offering temptation to any potential criminals.

There have been more recent calls received to the control room of door step salespersons operating in the area, particularly Clarbrough and Wheatley, where one of the persons, themselves, had confirmed that he was working as part of a re offending scheme. Please continue to report this type of activity in the area to our control room so that Police attendance can hopefully ascertain identities of these cold callers and the organisations which they are potentially working for.

My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason Fellows is the beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226893 and an E mail address of Jason.fellows@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. Our 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 – there is no need to listen to all the alternatives before selecting this option number.

Thanks again for all your interest and support. Please continue to follow the Government instructions and guidelines. Keep safe and best regards.

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