

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

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 01/10/2021 and 31/10/2021 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 3 (North Leverton x2, North Wheatley).

Burglary Other – 1 (South Wheatley).

Theft Other – 1 (Hayton).

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

From 01/04/2021, there have been thirty-five crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty-nine 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 fourteen crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were fifty eight crimes of interest reported to the Police.

My Police reports, at times, must read quite repetitive. However, as has been said many times before, crime trends are very repetitive too. At this time of the year, there is usually a noticeable fall in burglary other type offences as criminals find it harder to sell on items stolen from sheds and out buildings. Nottinghamshire Police do usually see an increase in burglary dwelling and thefts of motor vehicle crimes at this time of the year.

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 no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for September 2021 and six reported for the same month in 2020.

For those of you that follow national, and also regional, news programmes, you will have noticed an increase in the number of incidents where a victim has been scammed. 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 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 either using contact numbers you have for them, through paperwork you have in relation, or searching the intranet for customer services contact details.

Recently a Court has warned that fraudsters are using its official phone number in what appears to be a money-making fraud. Staff at York County Court said several people had received an automated call, which appeared to come from its phone number, with recipients then asked for money and personal information. They advised people not to engage with these calls and to report the same to Action Fraud. HM Courts and Tribunal Services (HMCTS) confirmed that they are aware of the issue, which has affected a number of Courts. If you do receive any similar communication, please follow the advice given at the end of the paragraph above.

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.

My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the 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 again, as always, for your interest and support. Best regards.

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