

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – DECEMBER 2016.

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

The reported crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/12/2016 and 31/12/2016 were:

- Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Bole).
- Burglary Dwelling (Attempted) – 2 (Bole and Clarborough).
- Burglary Other – 1 (Littleborough).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clayworth).
- Theft Other (Attempted) – 1 (Clayworth).
- Theft of Pedal Cycle – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).
- Criminal Damage Other – 1 (North Leverton).

So far this year, from 01/04/2016, there have been sixty six crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty nine reported in the same period last year. As such, nine months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crimes of interest in that period of seventeen crimes.

In December 2015 there were no crimes of interest reported across the whole beat area for that period. This tends to show just how unpredictable and random occurrences of this type can be, particularly around serious acquisitive crimes.

Regular readers of my monthly Police report will notice that there has been a spike in crime on this beat area in the last month, particularly around burglary dwellings, including attempts of the same. There was an increase in burglary dwelling crimes reported across East Bassetlaw over a two day period in December, around the 28th and 29th of that month. Investigations are on-going in relation to these reported crimes. A Nottinghamshire Police Alert was sent out by a colleague of mine, to those registered on the system, to advise local parishes of these happenings.

This spike in reported burglary dwelling crimes reminded me of a similar period in early January 2015 where the parishes of Beckingham and Walkeringham, in particular, were targeted. Offenders were arrested for those crimes.

Following the Christmas period and, in some cases, visits to January sales events, please be careful in how you dispose of unwanted packaging. Do not advertise to criminals what new items have been purchased to enhance the look of your home.

Some auto crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around vehicles.

Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same.

There are criminals out and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

Some vehicles, particularly in the colder weather, are being left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. These instances might only be occurring for very short periods of time, such as when visiting the local shop or, indeed, when collecting the vehicle from a garaged area. Criminals only need a very short period of time to steal vehicles when opportunities such as these arise. Some criminals will monitor individuals' movements and habits before targeting their vehicles. Please do not be caught out as the consequences could

be a long and stressful claim to the insurance company who may not honour the same due to the circumstances.

This month there have been seven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with six reported incidents for November 2016 and four reported for the same month in 2015. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related.

One of my colleagues from Harworth police station will shortly be moving to Worksop police station and will be working under the West Bassetlaw umbrella. As such, her beat areas will be patrolled and covered by existing officers from Harworth police station. The details of coverage and responsibility have not been finalised yet.

I remain committed to this beat area and, for those of you that have followed my career with the force, will know that several times in the past I have covered other beat areas, as well, to cover short and medium term absence.

The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures low, when compared with adjoining beat areas. Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found on the posters displayed across the beat area in the shops and village notice boards. My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 1695 Bill Bailey is the beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 844 and his E mail address is Bill.bailey@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 would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their vigilance, support, interest and help over the last twelve months and wish you all a happy and prosperous 2017.

Best regards PCSO 8139 Dave Airey