

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – APRIL 2017.**

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 reported crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2017 were:

- Burglary Other – 1 (North Wheatley).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (North Wheatley).
- Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Hayton).

In this year, from 01/04/2017, there have been three crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with ten reported in the same period last year. As such these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest in that period of seven crimes.

The monthly Police report, at times, must sound very repetitive to read. However, particular crimes are very seasonal. At this time of the year, shed and outbuilding breaks are usually prevalent with lawn mowers, gardening and DIY tools, pedal cycles and other summer related items being attractive to criminals.

Shed alarms are now available for sale from all retail outlets across this beat area, at North Leverton, South Wheatley and Clarborough.

The advice around basic home, outbuilding and vehicle security needs to be adhered to at all times.

Over the last few months, especially the last couple of weeks when the weather has been particularly pleasant, whilst patrolling the streets the local beat team has noticed several properties where the downstairs windows have been partly, or wide, open. In some cases unattended cars have also been seen with the windows still down. The team has also seen a number of pedal cycles left insecure outside shops and in front gardens.

For some criminals that is an invitation just too good to resist.

As we move into May and the prospects of better weather, 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.

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.

**Trading Standards have received reports that there is a scam E mail circulating stating that people are entitled to a refund of their TV licence fee.**

The aim of the E mails is to steal the bank details. The link in the E mail sends people to a website that looks like the TV Licensing own website with a form to complete. Always be suspicious of unsolicited E mails that are supposedly from a trusted organisation because the address can be easily faked. Never click on any links before stopping to check that they are

genuine. Genuine E mails from TV Licensing will never ask you to provide bank details or personal information.

Rhodri Williams, from Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards Department ,has forwarded the following seven ways to spot if E mails you have been sent are scams:

- The senders address doesn't match the website address of the organisation it says it is from. Roll your mouse pointer over the senders name to reveal its true address.
- The E mail does not use your proper name – using something like “Dear customer” instead.
- There's a sense of urgency, asking you to act immediately.
- There's a prominent website link which may seem like the proper address, but with one character different.
- There's a request for personal information.
- There are spelling and grammatical errors.
- The entire text of the E mail is within an image rather than the usual text format and the image contains an embedded hyperlink to a bogus site. Again, roll your mouse pointer over the link to reveal its true destination.

For further details regarding TV licences and how to obtain a refund please visit their official website at [www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk)

This month there have been eleven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with six reported incidents for March and six reported for the same month in 2016. 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.**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Thanks for all your continued vigilance and support.

**Best regards PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.**