

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – APRIL 2018.

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 01/04/2018 and 30/04/2018 were –

- Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Clayworth).
- Burglary Other – 2 (Clayworth x2).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).
- Theft from Shop – 1 (Clarborough).
- Criminal Damage to a Dwelling – 1 (North Wheatley).

This month there has been six reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with three crimes reported throughout March 2018 and three crimes reported over the same period last year. This is the first month of this current tracking year, from 01/04/2018. It is quite noticeable that the last few dwelling breaks that have been reported to the Police, across the areas which I cover, have occurred during daytime hours and, each time, entry has been gained via the rear of the property.

Please could I ask that those residents at home during the day keep a watchful eye on properties close to them which they believe are unoccupied during daytime hours? Any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity around these properties, as always, needs to be reported through to the Police control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate.

As the gardening season now gets into full swing, sheds and outbuildings, and the items stored within, become attractive to criminals too. It is sometimes easy to overlook security to these buildings at this time of the year as they could, at times, be entered by the homeowner almost on a daily basis. Remember, that at this time of the year, criminals know that items stored in these kinds of places are easier to sell on to persons willing to engage with them.

Again, at this time of the year, particularly, residents should remain vigilant around doorstep distraction crime and bogus property repairers. Please look out for your neighbours too, and report any unwanted visitors to the Police, the Trading Standards department, or both, as deemed appropriate. The county councils Trading Standards team says there are often links between those committing bogus property repairs, and those who commit distraction burglaries – where these persons can use different approaches to target the vulnerable and gain access to their homes. The Trading Standards team investigates many doorstep crimes involving bogus property repair scams.

Common tactics used include:

- 1. Telling the householder that unnecessary work needs doing immediately to the roof or other part of the house.**
- 2. Products or services sold to the householders that are ineffective.**
- 3. Undertaking very poor quality work, this has to be put right at a cost far more than already paid.**
- 4. Given a price for a given piece of work but when finished, using threats to extract a far higher price.**
- 5. Signing residents up to expensive long term contracts.**

In the forthcoming months, there will be **Police operations locally targeting speeding vehicles**. These operations will be taking place across rural East Bassetlaw, and further afield too. Speeding motor vehicles has been highlighted as a concern from local residents and is often discussed at the local Priority Setting Group meetings.

This month there has been three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incident for March 2018 and eleven reported for the same month in 2017. 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.

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 relatively low across the beat area.

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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.

**Thank you for your valued interest and support. It is, as always, very much appreciated.
Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.**