

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

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 incidents of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/08/2016 and 31/08/2016 were:

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Clayworth)

Burglary Other –1 (Clayworth).

Theft Other (including attempted) – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

Criminal Damage Other –4 (Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton and Clayworth x2).

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

Crime figures for Nottinghamshire Police for the three months, from 01/01/2016 to 31/03/2016, shows that 2% of the total crimes for the whole County were recorded in the Bassetlaw Rural area, an area of some 180 square miles.

Readers of local newspapers will be aware of recent crimes in Retford involving thefts from motor vehicles, especially from vans, where criminals are targeting expensive tools. Similar incidents are being reported across rural villages of East Bassetlaw where village locations are targeted overnight. Wherever possible, please empty this type of vehicles of items overnight. I appreciate how difficult and inconvenient this might be and where this is not possible consider having a secure box inside the vehicle to house tools or strengthen the security of the vehicles by using internal bars and/ or padlocks on doors to the same.

The weather has been very kind to us this summer and, hopefully, this will continue for some time to come into the autumn season. Whilst completing local enquiries recently the local beat teams have noticed that some properties have been left temporarily unoccupied with windows left open. Please remember that in some cases, open windows prove to be very attractive to criminals.

Of course, in the weather which we are experiencing, it is right to have windows open but ensure that windows are only left open in rooms which are occupied and only leave doors open when they are in full view. Over recent months, there have been sneak - in burglaries reported to our control room where the property occupants were in their own garden area. Fortunately, this has not happened on this beat area but it has on adjoining beat areas, in parishes not too far away. Please remember that a third of all burglaries in Nottinghamshire are due to insecurities at properties.

I was reading an article in a national newspaper today that mentioned that autumn is the season for door to door scams.

Many legitimate businesses sell products door to door (windows, solar panels, cleaning products, home maintenance, tree surgeons etc.). Gas, electric and water companies will also visit to read meters. In addition, charities may visit to ask for donations or post collection bags for you to fill and leave out for collection.

However, scammers also do the above to part you from your money, gain entry to your home to steal, or profit by posing as charities in order to collect donations.

Door to door scams involve selling goods or services that are not delivered or are very poor quality. You won't get value for money and you may get billed for work you didn't want or didn't agree to.

Some scammers conduct surveys so they can obtain your personal details or disguise their real intent to sell you goods or services you don't want or need.

Door to door sales are normally uninvited and the people selling MUST leave if you ask them too.

Even when a genuine business and product is being sold, unscrupulous employees can sometimes still act illegally.

If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company always check their ID. If you are not happy, then do not let them in your home.

Never ring the telephone number on the ID card. Tell the caller to wait outside, shut the door and ring the company's number from the telephone book or website.

During the summer months of this year, I have attended a number of exceptional annual, seasonal events across this, and other beat areas, and these seem to be getting more popular year on year. A large amount of credit needs to be passed to the event organisers and exhibitors without which these occasions would not be possible. The success of the same is dependent on the local community supporting these ventures and it has been very pleasing to see the events growing in popularity with local, and not so local, community members. Well done to you all.

This month there have been seven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with six reported incidents for July 2016 and three 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.

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 226838 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 336844 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.

Thanks to you all for your continued interest and support.

Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.