

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – DECEMBER 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 01/12/2018 and 31/12/2018 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (North Wheatley).
Burglary Other – 2 (North Leverton, Tiln).
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 (Hayton, Sturton le Steeple).
Theft Other – 2 (North Leverton, Sturton le Steeple).
Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 2 (Clarborough x2).

This month there have been nine reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout November 2018, and five crimes reported over the same period last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2018, there have been sixty two crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with fifty three reported in the same period last year. As such, nine months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime in that period of nine crimes.

This month there has been six reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for November 2018 and seven 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.

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.

Through local and national press articles, it is noticeable that offences of fraud are on the increase nationwide.

Nottinghamshire Police have issued a warning after a rise in fraudsters pretending to be police officers. The force has received a number of reports where people have been called by someone posing as a police officer and told their help is needed in an undercover investigation into a bank. They are then asked to dial 999 to verify that the person they are talking to is a police officer before they go any further.

However, this is a tactic used by fraudsters where the suspect stays on the line without the victim realising – so, they have actually stayed connected to the suspect, and not dialled 999.

I have also witnessed similar incidents where fraudsters have used this technique purporting to be from a bank.

If you believe you have been called by a bogus police officer, report the incident to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre, on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk Anyone who thinks they have lost money through this scam should contact police on 101 so that evidence can be preserved as quickly as possible.

Over the last few days, I have been informed of a further scam where residents with outside letter boxes, especially the sort you can get your hand into, are being targeted. Fraudsters gain occupants of the properties details from post left in the box. They, then, research for further details on the occupants, including dates of birth, before opening a bank account and arranging an overdraft in the property occupant's name. A couple of days later, a bank card arrives by post. The fraudsters have made enquiries into postal delivery times and are able to steal the card in the same way as they initially obtained occupants of the properties details. The resident would have no idea of the fraudster's involvement until the first statement arrives.

Please be aware of persons loitering in this way and, as always, report this type of activity to our control room.

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.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason FELLOWS is the beat manager for the beat area, has a contact number of 07525 226 893, and his E mail address is jason.fellows@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 valued help, support and interest – it is very much appreciated.

**Best Regards.
PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.**