

Reported Crimes of Interest for The Bassetlaw East Clayworth/ Sturton Beat Area – December 2019.

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 01/12/2019 and 31/12/2019 were:

Theft Other – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).
Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Bole).
Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Clarborough).

This month there have been three reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with eight crimes reported throughout November 2019 and nine crimes in the same month last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2019, there have been sixty nine crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty two 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 seven crimes.

This month there has been four reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for November 2019 and six reported for the same month in 2018. 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.

Firstly, I must congratulate parishes across the whole beat area for their efforts over the festive season – the number of different events and engagements planned over Christmas have been very well attended and very much appreciated. Lots of credit goes out to you all.

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.

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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.

I continue to receive calls on my works phone from residents wishing to report incidents and crimes. In many cases these calls are received when I am on rest days or annual leave and have not got my works phone to hand. Residents must be comfortable in reporting these occurrences to our control room on 101 in order to receive the best, and real time, service from those officers who are on duty.

When ringing 101 the first item which is asked is which Police force you require. This is because 101 is the non-urgent number for all Police forces throughout the country and the signal is picked up from where you are ringing from. In rural East Bassetlaw many parishes are located close to county boundaries, hence the first question. Then, you are asked if you know the person or extension number of the department you require. At this stage, just hold the line. After this, there are a number of options available. For reporting an incident or crime the option is option 7 – there is no need to listen to all the alternatives before selecting this option number.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. I am sure that some of you will have followed tradition and decided on a New Year's resolution. For those of you that have not and indeed for those of you that have, could I suggest a few belated ideas for the same.

1. To constantly review basic home and vehicle security, including the locking of doors, the closing of windows and not leaving valuable items out in view of preying eyes.
2. To report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in your neighbourhood to the Police control room on 101 as soon as possible after the incident. If necessary, please continue to use the 999 number.

Thanks for all your continued assistance and support and Best Regards.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.