

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – FEBRUARY 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 01/02/2018 and 28/02/2018 were –

Burglary Other – 2 (Clarborough and North Wheatley).

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Wiseton).

Theft Other – 3 (Wiseton, North Leverton and Clarborough).

This month there has been six reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with four crimes reported throughout January 2018 and four crimes reported over the same period last year. Reported crime figures for this beat area remain relatively low, certainly when compared with adjoining beat areas.

So far this year, from 01/04/2017, there have been sixty four crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with eighty four reported in the same period last year. As such, eleven months into the tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crime in that period of twenty crimes, or around 24%.

Over the last month, or so, it has been noticeable that the number of vehicles collecting scrap metals has increased. This is obviously due to an increase in price which scrap metals are attracting. Batteries, too, are very attractive items for criminals to steal presently. There have been a number of incidents where items have been taken from front garden areas without permission from the rightful owners. These also include children's pedal cycles and toys. Please ensure that items are not left in garden areas, visible from the public highway, for any length of time. This would assist in minimising the number of thefts reported of this nature.

Across East Bassetlaw, over the last month, there have been a number of out-building and shed breaks reported where the contents of the same, especially expensive tools, have been targeted by criminals.

If you have a shed, or garage, fit a good, heavy duty padlock and make sure that any valuable items are locked up **again** inside the shed – use chains to lock together and secure them to shed walls or floor. Make sure that rubbish bins or ladders can't be accessed by criminals to assist them in committing crime. Consider buying a stand-alone shed or garage alarm, or link your garage/ out-buildings to your home alarm system.

The control room continues to receive calls where fraudsters attempt to extract personal details from community members. Fraud comes in many forms and below is a few steps which can be taken for protection both on-line and at home:

**Do not give any personal information to organisations, or people, before verifying their credentials.**

**Many frauds start with a phishing email. Remember that banks and financial institutions will *never* send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Do not trust such emails, even if they look genuine. Call your bank if you are not sure.**

**Destroy or shred receipts with your card details on, and post with your name and address on. Identity fraudsters don't need much information in order to be able to clone your identity.**

**Make sure your computer has up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed. Ensure your browser is set to the highest level of security notification and monitoring to prevent malware issues and computer.**

**Sign-up to *Verified by Visa* or *MasterCard Secure Code* whenever you are given the option while shopping online. This involves registering a password with your card company and adds an additional layer of security to online transactions with signed up retailers.**

I did watch a television programme a week, or so, ago the subject of which was phishing. Fraudsters will make calls pretending to be from a number of organisations, including the Police, to extract personal information from unsuspecting victims. It was mentioned that last year there were ninety six thousand victims of this type of fraud, and millions of pounds had been stolen. A common ploy of the fraudsters is to tell the victim to transfer monies into a safe account, and this is usually into an account of the scammers.

Please be aware of what is placed, and shared, on social media. Fraudsters do use social media to extract personal details from victims. By sharing a birthday on social media, especially milestone birthdays, this gives the fraudster your date of birth, parts of which are sometimes used by banks as passwords. Please also try to avoid posts disclosing when you are going on holiday. Do not always assume that the posts being shared with those you wish to, will not end up somewhere else.

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