

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – FEBRUARY 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 01/02/2019 and 28/02/2019 were –

Burglary Other – 2 (South Wheatley, Fenton).

Theft Other – 1 (South Wheatley).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).

Criminal Damage Other – 3 (Clayworth, Hayton, Sturton le Steeple).

This month there have been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with two crimes reported throughout January 2019, and six crimes reported over the same period last year.

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

This month there has been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with eight reported incidents for January 2019 and four 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.

As we move into March, and the prospects of better weather, please remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden.

If you do leave windows and doors open and a burglary occurs, you could receive a further nasty shock when you try to make an insurance claim. A lot of insurance companies are now reducing payments, or even refusing to pay out altogether, if doors and windows have been left open arguing that it is your own negligence that has led to the theft.

Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle.

And always secure your unattended bicycle to something that is fixed to the ground, or leave it in a rear garden where it is out of view from the public highway.

Some residents will have made their first moves into tidying up their gardens following the winter months. At this time of year, there is always an increase in shed breaks and thefts of gardening tools and equipment. Please ensure that all out buildings and sheds are secured when not in use, and preferably alarmed.

There have already been reports made, on adjoining beat areas, of garden furniture and ornaments being stolen. This, again, is a trend which happens around this time of the year, and throughout the gardening season. Items of this nature are far easier for criminals to pass, or sell, on at this time of the year.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. The team would like to hear from any community members who would like some crime prevention advice, or even just a reassurance visit.

Nottinghamshire Police are warning people to be wary of “unknown companies” selling cheap insurance as they could be fraudulent. Fraudsters often advertise online via small ads and lure

people in by offering cheap deals. They will either forge insurance documents, falsify the drivers details to bring the price down or take out a genuine policy, before cancelling it soon after and claiming the refund plus the victims money. Victims do not know they are uninsured unless they are stopped by the police, or try to make a claim.

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.**

**I continue to receive calls on my works phone from residents wising 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.**

Thanks for all your valued help, support and interest over the years, and on-going – it is very much appreciated.

**Best Regards.  
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