

## REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – FEBRUARY 2020.

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 01/02/2020 and 29/02/2020 were :

Burglary Other – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 2 (Welham, North Wheatley).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 (Clarborough x2).

Theft Other – 1 (North Wheatley).

Criminal Damage to a Dwelling – 1 (Clarborough).

This month there have been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with eight crimes reported throughout January 2020 and seven crimes in the same month last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2019, there have been eighty four crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with seventy one 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 thirteen crimes.

Nottinghamshire Police have recently started using a new system for recording incidents. As from this month, the Police report will include anti-social behaviour incidents only, negating other incident types from this category, such as hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. These figures should, therefore, start to decrease but will be more accurate in relation to actual anti-social behaviour incidents on the area. This month there has been one reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for January 2020 and four reported for the same month in 2019.

Over the last couple of months I have attended a number of parish council meetings accompanying the beat manager for the respective areas. There would appear to have been a noticeable increase in vehicle crime, theft of and theft from motor vehicles, across rural East Bassetlaw. This has certainly been replicated across this beat area this last month. **Please might I ask that security advice around vehicle security is followed? This includes locking your vehicle when leaving it and not leaving anything in your vehicle, on view, when you do leave it.**

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.

Around this time of the year, there is traditionally an increase in the number of vehicles collecting scrap metals, which also suggests that there is an increase in the sell on price in this type of commodity. Also, there is usually an increase in doorstep salesmen and persons wishing to complete gardening and handyman work. Please report this type of activity through to 101, as these situations would certainly fit the suspicious persons/ activity category.

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.

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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.**

**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.**

Thanks and best regards.

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