

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JANUARY 2017.**

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 reported crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/01/2017 and 31/01/2017 were –

Burglary Other – 5 (Clarborough x3, Littleborough, Wiseton).

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 2 (Clayworth, Hayton).

Theft Other – 6 (South Wheatley, North Wheatley, Wiseton x2, Clarborough x2).

Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

So far this year, from 01/04/2016, there has been eighty of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty nine reported in the same period last year. As such, ten months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crimes of interest in that period of thirty one crimes.

In both December 2015 and January 2016 there were no crimes of interest reported across the whole beat area for that period. The spike in reported crime across the beat area in these last two months does confirm just how unpredictable and random occurrences of this type can be, particularly around serious acquisitive crimes.

At the last Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) meeting at Retford Town Hall, wildlife crime continued to be one of the priorities identified. Over the last few months, the Bassetlaw Rural beat team has taken part in a number of special operations, sometimes with colleagues from adjoining forces, to combat this type of crime and behaviour. A number of unregistered quad bikes have been recovered as a result of these operations. Operation BIFOCAL, which is the name given to these operations targeting wildlife crime, is to continue on-going.

Although this report is being completed when we are often greeted with fog and icy conditions in the mornings, I am sure the gardeners amongst you will be itching to get out there and set about repairing the damage caused by the winter in general. It will not be long before the spring planting kicks in as well.

With this in mind, I would ask you to make sure you lock away all of your tools after gardening. Not only are they vulnerable to thieves, but if they are left outside they could be used to break into or cause damage to your homes, garages and sheds.

So while you might not be too bothered if someone steals that rusty old spade from your back garden, remember that the same spade could be used by a burglar to force open a door or window to your, or your neighbour's property.

You should be trying to stop people getting into your back garden altogether by locking gates, and always make sure that your garages and sheds are locked, secured and ideally alarmed. If your shed has a window, make sure that it is frosted glass or has a curtain over it so people cannot see what is inside. Mark your tools with your postcode and house numbering more than one place, preferably by scratching into the metal or wood. Their value to a thief will be reduced if they are permanently marked in some way. Try and chain tools and bicycles together, and chain them to a structure of the shed or garage if you can.

Taking these kind of simple measures will deter the opportunist thieves out there and could stop you becoming a victim of crime.

Through funding from local District and County Councillors all three village stores on the beat area, at Clarbrough, North Leverton and South Wheatley, are able to supply PIR shed and outbuilding alarms at competitive prices.

These stores also have a stock of “No uninvited callers” stickers which are available free of charge.

They, too, have a limited number of UV property marking pens to give away. These are used by householders to mark personal property and are very helpful in finding properties rightful owners should the same be recovered by the Police. Small quantities of 24 hour segment timers are also available – these, too, are free of charge.

This month there have been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incidents for December 2016 and three reported for the same month in 2016. 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. **Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related.**

Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards are warning people to be aware of bogus telephone calls purporting to be from a solicitor. Officers are issuing the warning as a report has been made by a Nottinghamshire resident stating that they have received a cold call in which a recorded message told them that they were being prosecuted and that they needed to press button “1” to contact their solicitor. It is likely that if the instructions had been followed, the resident would have been drawn into a scam involving an attempt to extract money or personal/ bank details from the resident.

Any information about a prosecution would, in the first place, come from the prosecuting authority in written form. The information would not be conveyed through a recorded message from a telephone call.

This scam reminded me so much of a similar scam which was prevalent a few months ago where calls were being received from unknown persons purporting to be from Her Majesties Revenue and Custom department where similar requests were made. Please be aware of whom you are talking to on the telephone and protect your personal and banking details at all cost. If in doubt, terminate the call.

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 low, when compared with adjoining beat areas.

Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found on the posters displayed across the beat area in the shops and village notice boards. My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E-mail address is [david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) PC 1695 Bill Bailey is the beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 844 and his E mail address is [Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Bill.bailey@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 continued vigilance and support.

**Best regards PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.**