

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JANUARY 2018.

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Habbleshorpe, 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 01/01/2018 and 31/01/2018 were –

Theft from Shop – 1 (North Leverton).
Theft Other – 2 (Sturton le Steeple and Clarborough).
Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Wiseton).

This month there has been four reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout December 2017 and fourteen crimes reported over the same period last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2017, there have been fifty eight crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with eighty reported in the same period last year. As such, ten months into the tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crime in that period of twenty three crimes, or around 27%.

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.

It is at this time of the year, and on-going into the summer months, that shed and out building breaks become more frequent again. Equipment, and tools, that are stored in these outside places start to become very attractive once more to criminals. It is far easier for criminals to sell on these types of items at this time of the year, as demand increases when the gardening season has commenced.

All three village stores on the beat area, at Clarborough, North Leverton and South Wheatley, 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 has been five reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incident for December 2017 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.