

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JANUARY 2019

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tilt, 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 01/01/2019 and 31/01/2019 were –

Burglary Other – 1 (North Wheatley).

Theft Other – 1 (North Leverton).

This month there have been two reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with nine crimes reported throughout December 2018, and four crimes reported over the same period last year.

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

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

With the festive period now over, many residents attention now turns towards forthcoming holidays. In this build up to the holiday season, please be conscious of what items are being shared on social media. Over recent years it has become noticeable that unoccupied premises, particularly where occupants are on holiday, are targeted by criminals. Please do not allow this to happen to you.

Whilst on the topic of home security, please ensure that any security devices fitted to your property are used. Please ensure that any burglar alarms fitted are used, even if you are just popping out of your property for a short period of time. Similarly, please ensure that any shed alarms fitted are used, together with any chains or padlocks used to secure out buildings. This might be an inconvenience to you each time they have to be used, but, in not doing so, your actions are very convenient to a criminal.

Some auto crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around vehicles.

Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same. Items which criminals have been known to take include loose change and, even, bags of sweets.

There are criminals out and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

I make no apologies in reiterating the advice, below, which has appeared in many previous Police reports over the years, particularly at this time of the year, when the weather begins to turn much colder.

At this time of the year, some owners leave their vehicles with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. These instances might only be occurring for very short periods of time, such as when visiting the local shop, leaving the vehicle on the driveway to warm the

vehicle up prior to use or, indeed, when collecting the vehicle from a garaged area. **Criminals only need a very short period of time to steal vehicles when opportunities such as these arise. Some criminals will monitor individuals' movements and habits before targeting their vehicles.** Please do not be caught out as the consequences could be a long and stressful claim to the insurance company who may not honour the same due to the circumstances. 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.

Thanks for all your valued help, support and interest – it is very much appreciated.

Best Regards.

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