

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JANUARY 2021.

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 01/01/2021 and 31/01/2021 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 2 (Clarborough x2).

Theft Other – 1 (Clayworth).

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

This month there has been four reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with three crimes reported throughout December 2020 and eight crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been fifty seven crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with seventy seven reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the tenth month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of twenty crimes, which is a reduction of almost 26%.

There has been a noticeable reduction in the reporting of crimes of interest, across the areas I cover, to our control room. This is likely to have been assisted from the messages given in the Governments briefings, in the pandemic situation we are in, with instructions to stay at home and restrictions on personal movement and travel.

Across the beat areas that I cover, there has been a reduction in crimes occurring at residents properties. However, over the last few weeks, on the areas, there has been a small increase in crime from buildings/sheds away from personal properties, in paddock areas, allotments and set aside space, being targeted where equestrian equipment and gardening tools have been stolen.

Please continue to report crime - and incidents - through to our control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate. Even in these most difficult of times, where possible, reported crimes will be dealt with in the same way as they have always been recorded, and dealt with. Please remain aware of any suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in the area and continue to report such instances through to our control room, as normal.

Nottinghamshire Police recently started using a new system for recording incidents. As from February 2020, 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. Again, 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 have been two reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with no reported incidents for December 2020 and four reported for the same month in 2020.

Over the course of the last few months, in particular, I have been contacted by community members regarding some posts put on village social media sites. I do not access individual parishes' sites – as such, most of this information was news to me. Most of this information would certainly fit into the suspicious person/vehicle/ activity category and would be best to report such occurrences to the Police control room at the time on 101, or 999 as appropriate, to allow available resources on duty at the time to attend in real time.

There have been concerns rose relating to dog thefts, and attempted dog thefts, locally, and wider afield, usually from garden areas of residents properties. There have been no dog thefts reported on this area recently, but it would be wise to remain vigilant against this type of crime taking place. Of course, as always, report any suspicious instances of this nature, too, to our control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate, to receive a response from those officers on duty and available.

There have also been fraud offences highlighted, in the local and national media, where potential dog buyers have been scammed out of money from fraudsters claiming to have these animals for sale. As has been reported, there has been an increase in persons wishing to purchase family pets as company and support through the pandemic situation. Please do not become a victim of these, usually, online scammers who take your money for goods which were not available in the first place.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the new beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 479 and an E mail address of james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. 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 for your continued interest and support. Take care, stay safe and best regards.

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