

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JULY 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 01/07/2018 and 31/07/2018 were:

- Burglary Dwelling – 1 (North Wheatley).
- Burglary Other – 4 (Sturton le Steeple x2, Clayworth, Hayton).
- Theft from Dwelling – 1 (North Wheatley).
- Theft Other (including Attempted) – 2 (Sturton le Steeple, Hayton).
- Criminal Damage Other – 1 (North Leverton).

This month there has been nine reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with eight crimes reported throughout June 2018, and seven crimes reported over the same period last year.

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

The last month has seen us very fortunate to have witnessed glorious hot weather. With the weather being so favourable, there is always a temptation to leave windows and doors in our property open. The advice from the Police would always be to only have windows and doors open in rooms which are being used, or where the insecurities can easily be viewed by the home owners.

Over the last couple of months, there has been a few distraction burglary offences reported across East Bassetlaw. A distraction burglary is where a criminal calls at your home posing as an official, or asks for your help with something. They can make up a story to get into your home.

Burglars need not go to trouble of breaking in if they can just knock on your door and be invited in. Always be on your guard when anyone you are not expecting – a man, woman, or even a child – turns up at your door. An honest face or a good story could hide a trick to get into your home.

Please follow the advice below to help prevent you becoming the victim of a distraction burglary:

1. LOCK – Keep your front and back doors locked, even when you are at home.
2. STOP – Before you answer, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone. Check you have locked the back door and taken the key out. Look through a spy hole, or window, to see who the caller is.
3. CHAIN – If you decide to open your door, put the chain, or door bar, on whilst you are talking to the caller.
4. FIRE SAFETY – Only put on your door chain as you answer the door. Don't keep it on all the time as this could delay your escape in case of fire.
5. CHECK – Look at their clothing. Some official callers will have a uniform bearing their organisation name, or logo. Even if the caller has a pre-arranged appointment with you, check their identification card carefully. Close the door while you do this. If you are still unsure, call the company concerned from the phone book or off a utilities bill (NOT using a telephone number given to you by the caller) to verify the representatives identity. If you are still not sure, ask the caller to come back at a later time/ date when someone is with you.

In the last month, or so, our control room continues to receive reports of persons selling items door to door, and also persons calling on behalf of charities. Whilst it is appreciated that the days are presently light well into the evening, some of these persons are operating well towards nine o'clock at night.

Most of these persons might be collecting or representing companies, or organisations, legitimately but their presence in your villages would certainly fit the suspicious persons and activity criteria. Please report their attendance to our control room giving a brief description, and direction of travel. Also, do not assume that someone else will make this call. It would be better to have repeat callers to our control room, in relation, than no calls at all.

Most legitimate companies advise our control room in advance if they have representatives working in our area on a particular day, or time period. There have been instances recently where residents have contacted charities concerned to ask if visitors to their door are legitimate, and have been told they are not. Further enquiries have proved that, indeed, they were aware of the representatives' attendance. This is not always the case.

This month there has been just two reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area – neither of these incidents was youth related. This compares with ten reported incidents for June 2018 and six 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.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason FELLOWS has resumed as the beat manager for the beat area, replacing PC MITCHELL, and has a contact number of 07525 226 893, and his E mail address is jason.fellows@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.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Thank you for your valued interest and support. It is, as always, very much appreciated.

Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey