

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

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tilm, 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 01/03/2018 and 31/03/2018 were –

Theft from Shop – 2 (North Leverton x2).
Criminal Damage to a Dwelling – 1 (Clarborough).

This month there has been three reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with six crimes reported throughout February 2018 and eight crimes reported over the same period last year.

At the close of this tracking year, from 01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018, there have been sixty seven crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with ninety two reported in the same period last year. As such, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crime in that period of twenty five crimes, or around 27%. Sixty seven crimes this year too many, I agree, but the figures, and decrease in crime, are quite encouraging when compared to adjoining beat areas. Sixty seven crimes across the year equates to less than one crime per parish per month over the whole year.

Sgt Tony Crofts last working day was mid-March and he officially retires from the Force in a month, or so, time. Many of you will have met Sgt Crofts, or indeed spoken to him, over the ten years, or so, that he has been working from Harworth Police Station. His experience and knowledge will be missed by many who he has worked with. **The replacement for Sgt Crofts, with immediate effect, is Sgt Sam Pearson.**

The monthly Police report, at times, must sound very repetitive to read. However, particular crimes are very seasonal. At this time of the year, shed and outbuilding breaks are usually prevalent with lawn mowers, gardening and DIY tools, pedal cycles and other summer related items being attractive to criminals.

The advice around basic home, outbuilding and vehicle security needs to be adhered to at all times.

Over the last few months whilst patrolling the streets the local beat team has noticed several properties where the downstairs windows have been partly, or wide, open. In some cases unattended cars have also been seen with the windows still down. The team has also seen a number of pedal cycles left insecure outside shops and in front gardens. For some criminals that is an invitation just too good to resist.

As we move into April and the prospects of better weather, please remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden.

If you do leave windows and doors open and a burglary occurs, you could receive a further nasty shock when you try to make an insurance claim. A lot of insurance companies are now reducing payments, or even refusing to pay out altogether, if doors and windows have been left open arguing that it is your own negligence that has led to the theft.

Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle.

And always secure your unattended bicycle to something that is fixed to the ground, or leave it in a rear garden where it is out of view from the public highway.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. The team would like to hear from any community members who would like some crime prevention advice, or even just a reassurance visit.

This month there has been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area, three of these incidents related to found/abandoned vehicles. This compares with four reported incident for February 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.

It is noticeable that the number of youth related anti-social behaviour incidents reported has reduced significantly over the years. To many children today, online life is real life. NSPCC has joined forces with O2 to help parents explore and understand online life as children know it.

Some common apps used by children are :

SNAPCHAT – Minimum age is 13, in compliance with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). But when you download it, Snapchat asks for your date of birth and, if your birth year tells it you’re under 13, you’re redirected to the children version, called “Snapkidz”.

INSTAGRAM – Instagram requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account, in some jurisdictions this age limit may be higher. If your child is younger than 13 and has created an account on Instagram, you can show them how to delete their account.

FACEBOOK - Facebook requires everyone to be at least thirteen years old before they can create an account, again in some jurisdictions this age limit may be higher. Creating an account with false information is a violation of their terms, and this includes accounts registered on behalf of someone who is under 13.

There is plenty of information and advice for parents online, particularly on the NSPCC website, and more specifically, on www.net-aware.org.uk which trawls even further into particular apps available presently.

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.