REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – MARCH 2020.

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Habblesthorpe, 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 01/03/2020 and 31/03/2020 were:

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Hayton).
Burglary Other – 2 (Wiseton, Bole).
Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Wiseton).
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Welham).
Criminal Damage to a Dwelling – 1 (Clarborough).
Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

This month there have been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seven crimes reported throughout February 2020 and seven crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2019, there have been ninety one crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with seventy eight reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of this tracking year, which usually leads up to the parishes Annual Meetings and Annual General Meetings, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime over the course of the year of thirteen crimes.

Nottinghamshire Police have 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. 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 incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incidents for February 2020 and five reported for the same month in 2019.

Please constantly review the Government guidelines in relation to what we are being advised to do, and not to do. The situation has certainly changed my role recently, and has put a block on some normal day to day activities, such as reassurance visits, meetings, school visits, engagements and the like. Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you when the situation gets better.

For those that have been following news on local, or national, media, whether that be television, newspaper, online or other means, it has been widely reported that the number of scams circulating presently have shown a massive increase. There have been instances where scammers have been purporting to be property landlords and there have also been instances where cold callers have been to properties demanding to take occupants dogs into quarantine because of the virus. Please be on your guard, as always, against any unexpected visitors, letters or communication.

On Monday 16 March 2020, Nottinghamshire Police launched one of its biggest public consultation exercises, encouraging communities across the county to help shape local policing in their areas. The Force is encouraging members of the public to have their say on local policing priorities through its new neighbourhood policing priority survey.

The survey is part of the forces "what matters" campaign, which is giving the public an opportunity to influence where local police in their area should focus their efforts. The survey takes a few minutes to complete and is available for members of the public to complete online at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/whatmatters

Anyone who completes the survey will also be given the opportunity to register to receive further updates, alerts and crime prevention advice from Nottinghamshire Police officers in their area via Neighbourhood Alert.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. However, please continue to report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in your local area to allow on duty officers to check out on their purpose. As I have said previously, on a number of occasions – Who knows the villages best? The villagers, themselves, of course.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason Fellows is the beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 893 and an E mail address of 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.

I continue to receive calls on my works phone from residents wishing 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 interest and support. Best regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.