

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – MAY 2017

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 reported crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/05/2017 and 31/05/2017 were:

- Burglary Other – 1 (North Wheatley)
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clayworth)
- Theft Other – 3 (Clarborough and North Wheatley x2)
- Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough)

In this year, from 01/04/2017, there have been nine crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with twenty one reported in the same period last year. As such these figures equate to a **decrease in reported crimes** of interest in that period of twelve crimes.

As reported in my monthly Police report a couple of months ago, thefts of lead from residential properties are still quite prevalent, and this activity has now started to happen in the Retford area as well. It has become noticeable that thefts from gardens have showed an increase in the last month from rural village properties. Items being targeted are ornamental plant pots and topiary trees and bushes within.

In the last month, there have been **Police speed gun operations** at rural village locations. Parishes visited as part of the operation were South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton (Sturton Road and Main Street), Misterton (Gringley Road and Station Road), and Tilm Lane and Spital Hill at Retford.

In total, fifteen tickets were given out and a number of vehicles were stopped and warned. One car was seized for driving licence irregularities.

Villagers, and some Parish Councillors, approached and thanked the officers at most of the sites. They were all asking for this to happen more often and the team were very happy to say that it would.

This month there have been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with eleven reported incidents for April and eight reported for the same month in 2016. 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.

All local schools have recently broken up for their half time break. At the time of preparing this report, it is encouraging to report that there have been **no incidents of youth related anti-social behaviour** reported to our control room across the beat area in the holiday period. This is good news again for residents of the area and young persons, again, need to be thanked for their behaviour in this period.

With the school Bank holiday break almost completed, our attentions will soon be drawn to the next school summer break period and the long awaited summer holidays. Local young persons will again be looking to keep occupied.

Where possible, involve them in supervised activities so you know they are safe and enjoying themselves in a positive, harmless way, rather than their actions having a potentially negative impact.

On the flipside, I also ask residents to be tolerant – and, with that, I do appreciate that we all have different tolerance levels. Being tolerant does not mean that anti-social behaviour has to

be put up with. Anti-social behaviour can be described as any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life. However, don't assume that all groups of young people are up to no good. Often calls about anti-social behaviour are simply misjudgements of intentions. Most young persons are just looking for entertainment, not necessarily to cause alarm and harassment to their local community.

At this time there is, of course, an increase in the number of children out playing both during the daytime and in the evenings. Might I ask that road users please take extra care, not only on main roads but also in built up residential areas and around play park areas?

Presently, there is a phone scam from bogus customs officials circulating. Please do not be duped by the ruse which has been reported several times in the last few weeks.

The telephone call states that money was owed to the Inland Revenue, as a pension had not been taxed correctly. Personal details were known about the person who received the call and a reference number was given. When questions were asked by the receiving person, the caller threatened Police action.

HMRC would not contact you via telephone regarding money owed. This is a phishing call. Please contact HMRC on the below link if you have any enquiries:

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-hmrc>

Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found on the posters displayed across the beat area in the shops and village notice boards. My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 1695 Bill Bailey is the beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 844 and his E mail address is bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes use 999 in that case. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information.

Thanks for all your continued vigilance and support.

Best regards PCSO 8139 Dave Airey