

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – NOVEMBER 2016.

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 incidents of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/11/2016 and 30/11/2016 were –

- Burglary Dwelling - 1 (Clayworth).
- Burglary Other – 1 (Clarborough).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).
- Theft Other – 1 (Clarborough).
- Criminal Damage to a Dwelling – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).
- Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Wiseton).

So far this year, from 01/04/2016, there have been fifty eight crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty nine reported in the same period last year. As such, eight months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime in that period of nine crimes. This shows an increase in crime figures, across the whole beat area, of marginally over one reported crime per calendar month.

At the last Priority Setting Group meeting at Retford Town Hall, rural crime, including poaching, was identified as one of the top priorities for residents living in the Bassetlaw Rural area. Over the last month, or so, a number of night time operations have been conducted in order to stop/ disrupt this type of activity. Some of these I have been involved in myself.

Other forces, including Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire have also been involved in these operations, particularly in cross border areas. Officers were assisted by some local farmers, landowners and gamekeepers in the operations, all seeking the same goal in tackling rural and wildlife crime.

I have attended many parish events and engagements over the last year. Most were extremely well supported and credit goes out to all organisers and attendees who made the same so successful. I am sure that individual parish Christmas events will be as equally impressive. The Christmas tree lights were switched on at Retford a few days ago and most neighbouring parishes will already have completed the same, or will be doing so soon. I look forward to seeing more of you at other planned events and engagements.

While you are out with your list shopping for gifts, consider your personal safety and the security of your property.

Whilst it is lovely to arrive home to your Christmas tree in the window, piled high with gifts, it is also very attractive to a thief.

Close your curtains once it is dark. Put your lights on a timer so it looks like someone is in even if you are still at work, and do not leave valuables, including keys and shopping bags, on display in your homes or cars.

A number of these 24 hour plug-in segment timers are available free of charge from the local SPAR store at Clarborough, the general store and Post Office at North Leverton and the general store and Post Office at South Wheatley.

Most importantly, always lock your doors and do not leave open windows. Over the last few months, whilst out on patrols, the local beat team has come across doors being left unlocked when the house is unoccupied, windows being left open – particularly the smaller top ones – in similar circumstances, vehicles being left unlocked overnight and locked vehicles parked on the public highway with valuable items clearly visible.

At this time of the year, in particular, there never seems to be enough hours in the day. Please remain security conscious over the Christmas period – remember criminals are with us all the year round, they do not take a break for Christmas.

This month there have been six reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. Four of these reports related to perceived found/abandoned vehicles, and two of these reports were about the same vehicle. This compares with ten reported incidents for October 2016 and eleven reported for the same month in 2015. 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. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related.

Over the whole Bonfire Night period, including Halloween and Mischievous night, there were no incidents of anti-social behaviour reported across the whole area. Please can parents and guardians pass on my thanks to their children for their behaviour over this period, which is usually renowned for an increase in calls of this nature? I will certainly be speaking to groups, seen outside over the next month or so, to convey the same personally to them.

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 low, when compared with adjoining beat areas. 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. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information.

As this is the last Police report I send out before the Festive season, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued interest and support in the last year, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.