

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

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 01/11/2018 and 30/11/2018 were –

- Theft Other – 2 (Sturton le Steeple and Clarborough).
- Criminal Damage Other – 3 (Clarborough, Hayton and Clayworth).

This month there have been five reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with four crimes reported throughout October 2018, and five crimes reported over the same period last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2018, there have been fifty three crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty eight 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 five crimes.

This month there has been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with five reported incidents for October 2018 and one 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 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.

Christmas is a special time of the year. It is a time for giving.....but sadly for taking too.

Below are a few simple steps which can be taken to further protect yourself and your families from becoming a victim of crime at this special time of the year:

When you are out shopping.

- Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.
- Only carry the cash and cards which you need. Always shield the PIN pad when entering your PIN.
- Park in an open, well lit area. Visit www.parkmark.co.uk to find accredited car parks.
- Avoid going back to your car to leave your shopping part way through your trip. If you have to keep presents in the car, make sure they are out of view in the boot, the car is locked and keep the receipts with you.
- Never leave your bag unattended on your trolley whilst shopping and don't leave it in your vehicle when returning your trolley.

At cash machines.

- If you see anything suspicious alert the bank or call the Police on 101.
- Shield the keypad when typing in your PIN at a cash machine or in a shop.
- Only withdraw as much cash as you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Put your money and cards away (not in your back pocket) safely before leaving the machine.

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When you are out for the evening.

- Never leave your valuables unattended.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you'll be home.
- Avoid walking home alone and never with someone you don't know well.
- Check your taxi drivers ID and never get into an unlicensed taxi.

At home.

- Don't leave presents under your Christmas tree if they are visible from windows and doors.
- Never keep large amounts of cash at home. Check you have adequate insurance for your belongings.
- Make sure you keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- Keys should always be kept out of sight and not left in doors or in view of windows.
- Make your house look occupied, use timer switches to operate lamps as it starts to get dark, leave a radio on.
- Don't open the door to anybody you don't recognise. Not sure?? Don't open the door!!

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.

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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PC 3258 Jason FELLOWS is the beat manager for the beat area, 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.

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