

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – NOVEMBER 2019.

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 crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/11/2019 and 30/11/2019 were:

- Burglary Dwelling – 2 - North Leverton x2.
- Burglary Other – 1 – North Leverton .
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 – Clarborough x2.
- Theft Other – 1 – South Wheatley.
- Criminal Damage Other – 2 – Sturton le Steeple x2.

This month there has been eight reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with ten crimes reported throughout October 2019 and five crimes in the same month last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2019, there have been sixty six crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with fifty three 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 thirteen crimes.

This month there has been just one reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incidents for October 2019 and four reported for the same month in 2018. 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 recently 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.

My Police reports, at times, must read quite repetitive. However, as has been said many times before, crime trends are very repetitive too. At this time of the year, there is usually a noticeable fall in burglary other type offences as criminals find it harder to sell on items stolen from sheds and out buildings. Nottinghamshire Police do usually see an increase in burglary dwelling and thefts of motor vehicle crimes at this time of the year.

Christmas is a special time of the year. It is a time for giving.....but sadly for taking too. Below are some tips and advice for you whilst you are out and about shopping, socialising or at home over the festive season. Avid readers of my report will notice that the same advice was given at this time of the year, last year. I make no apologies in repeating the same advice again this 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.

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 3073 Nathan THOMAS is the beat manager for the beat area, has a contact number of 07525 226 604, and his E mail address is nathan.thomas@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.

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.