

POLICE REPORT FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA FOR THE PERIOD 01/10/2017 – 31/10/2017.

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 incidents of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/10/2017 and 31/10/2017 were –

- Burglary Other – 1 (North Leverton).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).
- Theft Other – 1 (Clarborough).

This month there has been three reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout September 2017 and three crimes reported over the same period last year.

So far this year, beginning 01/04/2017, there have been forty four crimes of interest reported. This compares with fifty two crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after seven months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of eight crimes.

This month there have been ten reported incidents of anti-social behavior across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incidents for September 2017 and ten reported for the same month in 2016.

Over the course of the year, many well organised and attended community events have taken place across the beat area, some of which I have attended. The organisers and volunteers of these events deserve a lot of praise in how well each event has been run.

In the run up to Christmas, there will be many more village events taking place which, I am sure, will be equally well supported by members of the communities. I look forward to seeing some of you at some of these events.

All shops are now ready for the Christmas trade. Some of us will have started Christmas shopping now, some will be starting in the next month, or so, and some, as always, will be leaving things to the last minute.

We are working hard in the run up to, and over, Christmas to keep you and your family safe, but there are steps you can take to help us when you are out shopping, at cash machines, out for the evening or at home. Below are some early tips and reminders.

When you are out shopping.

- Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.
- Only carry the cash that you need.
- Park in an open, well-lit area. Visit www.parkmark.co.uk for details of approved 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.

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 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 things unattended.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you will be home.
- Avoid walking home alone and never with someone you don't know well.
- Drink responsibly, arrange for a member of your group to be a designated driver.
- Check your taxi drivers ID and never get into an unlicensed taxi.

At home.

- Don't leave presents under the Christmas tree if they are visible from windows or doors.
- Never keep large amounts of cash at home.
- 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 a timer switch to operate lights 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.

Over the last month, or so, at meetings I have attended I have been informed of incidents and crimes which have occurred across the beat area which, it would appear, have not been reported to the Police control room.

Might I ask that all community members remain vigilant at all times and continue to report suspicious persons, vehicles and/ or activity, when it is happening, to the control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate. Calls of this nature are important, do make a difference and help to reduce crime figures further.

Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found in most village/ parish periodicals and parish websites. My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2694 Darren HAYES is the new beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 839 and E mail address is darren.hayes@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.

Thanks, as always, for your vigilance and support.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.