

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

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Hubblesthorpe, 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 01/10/2016 and 31/10/2016 were:

- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clayworth).
- Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 2 (North Wheatley x2).

So far this year, from 01/04/2016, there have been fifty two crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty two reported in the same period last year. As such, seven months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime in that period of ten crimes.

At the latest Priority Setting Group meeting, held at Retford Town Hall, speeding motor vehicles was confirmed as the top priority of residents living on this beat area, and across East Bassetlaw.

Over the weekend, 22-23/10/2016, a new team of two Police officers and a number of Police cadets were involved in a speeding vehicles operation across East Bassetlaw. South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, Misterton, Clarborough, Blyth and Spital Hill, Retford were all visited and more than an hour was spent at each site.

There were no offenders at South Wheatley and Sturton le Steeple and two motorists offended at Clarborough. On Spital Hill two motorists have been prosecuted for speeding and in Misterton six motorists were dealt with. As well as six motorists being prosecuted at Blyth a vehicle was seized at that location as well.

The team have been thanked for their efforts and further operations are planned.

Crime trends are generally consistent and repetitive year on year. I make no apologies in re iterating the following piece of advice which appears annually in the reports that I send out to be published.

Another month has gone by and as we get towards the middle/end of November the weather tends to get particularly colder and it will not be long before we will be greeted with a layer of frost on all the windows of the cars. This inevitably puts you behind schedule in your rush to get to work. Please do not be tempted to leave your car on the drive, or on the street, unattended with the engine running so that the windows can defrost while you finish your breakfast. There are opportunist thieves who will gladly drive away in your car while you are finishing your breakfast.

As well as explaining to your employer why you will not be at work on time, you may also have a potential battle with your insurance company who are unlikely to pay for a vehicle that has been stolen while left unattended with the keys in the ignition. You could be left with no car but still have to pay the outstanding loan amount, as well as having to find the funds for a new vehicle. Is it really worth all the inconvenience when the alternative is to put the radio on and listen to the news for a few minutes while your car heats up with you sitting in it?? Alternatively you can cover your windscreen the night before to stop the frost from settling. If defrosting your car has made you a little late, please do not be tempted to take risks on your way to work. There are lots of country roads in East Bassetlaw that are vulnerable to icy patches and, traditionally, the number of road traffic collisions increases at this time of the year. No one hates the sound of the

alarm clock going off in the morning more than me, but by setting it five minutes early in the bad weather you can defrost your car and take a steady drive in to work and ensure that you arrive safely. Please take care so that you arrive at your destination safely.

Nottinghamshire Police, together with forces nationwide, conduct a number of operations throughout the year. One of these operations is called “Fatal Four” – this operation takes place throughout the year, but is heavily publicised in the local press in the run up to Christmas and the New Year.

“Fatal Four” relates to inconsiderate and/ or inappropriate driving particularly in relation to :

- **Persons driving vehicles in excess of the speed limit.**
- **Persons driving vehicles, and/ or passengers, not wearing seat belts.**
- **Persons driving vehicles whilst using mobile phones.**
- **Persons driving vehicles whilst under the influence of drink and/or drugs.**

These operations take place at all locations across the county including both urban and rural areas.

As mentioned prior, the run up to Bonfire Night has begun. It is pleasing to report that on Halloween Night there were very few incidents reported of anti-social behaviour across the Bassetlaw Rural area – there were no reported incidents on this particular beat area.

This month there have been ten reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. Some of these reports related to the same vehicle being abandoned close to the roadside. This compares with eleven reported incidents for September 2016 and nine 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.

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.

Thanks to you all for your continued interest and support.

Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.