

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

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tilm, 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 01/09/2016 and 31/09/2016 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Clarborough).

Burglary Other – 2 (Sturton le Steeple and Littleborough).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 3 (Sturton le Steeple, Clayworth and North Wheatley).

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

Mass market fraud is a topic that is frequently brought up in conversation. There have been a number of television programmes aired recently and there have been many newspaper reports published around this topic.

Many people in the UK and overseas are lured by the thrill of a surprise win and find themselves parting with large amounts of money in order to claim fake prizes. There is a huge range and variety of mass market mail, some of which will be obviously fraudulent and others that will not. Whatever the case, you should always be wary of what you reply to.

You cannot win money or a prize in a lottery if you have not entered it. You cannot be chosen at random if you do not have an entry.

Many Mass Market scams will trick you into parting with money or providing your banking or personal details in the belief that you will win a cash prize. You do not have to pay a fee to claim a legitimate prize.

It can only take a single response to a scammer to be inundated with further scam mail. Your name and address could be included on what's known as a "Suckers List" and you may receive large amounts of scam mail on a daily basis.

A fake prize scam will tell you that you have won a prize or competition. You may receive confirmation of this by post, email or text message. There will often be costs involved in claiming the prize and, even if you receive the prize, it may not be what was promised to you.

Be aware of items advertised in the post you receive may be marketed as "High Quality Exclusive Goods" but in reality can be extremely poor value for money. Another marketing technique is to offer a share of a cash prize, but to win you must place an order for goods that in fact are not value for money.

Be wary when sending money too, or receiving money from, someone you do not know and trust. This may be a ploy by a scammer to get you to pass money through your bank account that could be stolen from someone else's account. Technically, you may be money laundering and become what is known as a "Money Mule". If convicted of money laundering you could be sent to prison and have a criminal conviction which could make it difficult to obtain financial products in the future and may affect your job prospects.

This month there have been eleven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incidents for August 2016 and three 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.

As another year draws to a close and Halloween/ Mischievous Night and Bonfire Night approaches, it would be a good time to remind everyone of the rules and regulations associated with the use and possession of fireworks. Every year the Police get numerous complaints about the misuse of fireworks and, as we know, people are still maimed and killed by their misuse.

On the flipside, for this beat area, over the last few years we have received very few complaints relating to the use and abuse of fireworks.

The Fireworks Act 2003 put in place the Firework Regulations 2004. Regulation 4 makes it an offence for any person under the age of 18 to possess any firework in a public place or any place to where the public have access (except indoor fireworks such as cap, cracker snap, novelty match, party popper, serpent, sparkler or throw down).

Regulation 5 prohibits any person from possessing a category 4 firework, whether in a public place or not. Regulation 7 creates a curfew on the use of fireworks between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am with the following exceptions –

- (a) **Chinese New Year 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.**
- (b) **5th November 12 midnight to 7 am.**
- (c) **Diwali 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.**
- (d) **31st December 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.**

Regulation 9 states that no person will supply fireworks to the general public outside the following periods, unless they hold the appropriate license –

4 days before and including the day of Diwali.

4 days before and including the day of the Chinese New Year.

6 days before the 31st December.

3 weeks before and 5 days after the 5th November.

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 226838 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 336844 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