

POLICE REPORT FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2017 – 30/09/2017.

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 incidents of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/09/2017 and 30/09/2017 were –

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (North Leverton).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 (Hayton, Clarborough).

Criminal Damage Other – 2 (Clayworth, Wiseton).

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

As reported in the local press, there has been an increase in thefts from motor vehicle crimes, where works vans are targeted and tools are stolen. This increase has been witnessed across East Bassetlaw, and also on this area and adjoining beat areas. Both of the thefts from motor vehicle crimes reported on this beat area for September were of this nature.

Wherever possible, please empty works vans of expensive tools prior to leaving them unoccupied. This might, at times, prove to be highly impracticable to comply with. Wherever possible, try to garage vehicles or park the same on private driveways. Where this is not possible, park vehicles on the public highway close to street lights. Criminals, generally speaking, do not like to be seen or heard.

So far this year, beginning 01/04/2017, there have been forty one crimes of interest reported. This compares with forty nine crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after six months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of almost twenty per cent.

This month there have been seven reported incidents of anti-social behavior across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for August 2017 and seven reported for the same month in 2016. The anti-social behavior umbrella covers a wide range of differing incidents, including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and animals/ wildlife issues.

As another year draws to a close 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.

There have already been incidents reported in the Retford area relating to the improper use of fireworks. On the flipside, for this beat area, there have been no reported issues. Indeed over the last few years we have received very few complaints relating to the use and abuse of fireworks across the area.

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 23:00 and 07:00 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.

It would appear that most months, in the Police reports, advice is given relating to current scams. This month is no different.

A warning has been issued by the Police to Retford residents about a bogus electrical website scam sweeping the country.

Fraudsters have set up a high specification website template advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances. These goods are listed below market value and do not exist.

Scammers will request card details via the website. However, the purchaser will then receive an E mail stating the payment failed and payment must be made through bank transfer. The fraudsters entice the purchaser and reassure them that it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop trademark.

“The fraudsters are using the Trustmark fraudulently and have not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money back guarantee” a spokesperson said.

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 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, as always, for your vigilance and support.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.