

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – SEPTEMBER 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 01/09/2019 and 30/09/2019 were –

- Burglary Dwelling – 2 (South Leverton, Hayton).
- Burglary Other – 1 (North Wheatley).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clayworth).
- Theft Other – 2 (Sturton le Steeple x2).
- Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).
- Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle/ Arson – 1 (North Leverton).
- Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

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

So far this year, from 01/04/2019, there have been forty eight crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty four 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 four crimes.

This month there has been six reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for August 2019 and none 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.

Many farmers have completed, or have just about completed, their harvesting. This, however, does make many farmers fields accessible again to vehicles being driven by wildlife criminals. Over the last few months there have been a number of Police operations locally, tagged Operation Bifocal, which targets wildlife crime, including poaching, lamping, deer hunting and hare coursing. Sometimes these operations are run alongside similar operations within neighbouring Police forces. Those of you that read local news articles will have seen recent reports where offenders have been apprehended, and items and equipment seized from them for investigation purposes. More of these operations are planned in the run up to Christmas, where this type of activity, particularly poaching, generally increases, and deer become a preferred target of criminals. Not only are wildlife at risk from this activity, but farmers and landowners also suffered due to damage caused to their land and crops.

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) 5<sup>th</sup> November 12 midnight to 7 am.
- (c) Diwali 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.
- (d) 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> December.

3 weeks before and 5 days after the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Due to a spate of catalytic convertor thefts across the county, Nottinghamshire Police have recently issued a warning to motorists to stay vigilant. Most of these incidents have occurred in car parks, park and ride sites and open spaces. The rise in this type of offence is being seen nationally. The advice would be to try and park vehicles up in areas with higher footfall, which offers natural security, as opposed to the more secluded areas of car parks and open spaces. I have mentioned in previous Police reports when lead thefts, particularly from bay windows, have been attractive to criminals. Over the last week, or so, of this month there have been instances of lead thefts from properties in Sturton le Steeple, Treswell and Misterton.

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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**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 wising 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.**

Thanks, as ever, for your continued help, interest and support – it is, as always, very much appreciated.

Best Regards.  
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