

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – APRIL 2020.

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 crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/04/2020 and 30/04/2020 were –

Burglary Other – 1 - North Wheatley.

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 – North Leverton x2.

Attempted Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 - North Leverton x2.

Criminal Damage Other – 2 – Wiseton, Clayworth.

This month there have been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seven crimes reported throughout March 2020 and four crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been seven crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with four reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the first month in this tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime of three crimes.

Please continue to report crime - and incidents - through to our control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate. Even in these most difficult of times, where possible, reported crimes will be dealt with in the same way as they have always been recorded, and dealt with. Generally speaking, there has been a reduction in reported crime in the last month, or so, across the county. This is highly likely to be due to most properties being occupied throughout most of the day and night.

Nottinghamshire Police have recently started using a new system for recording incidents. As from February 2020, the Police report will include anti-social behaviour incidents only, negating other incident types from this category, such as hoax calls to the emergency services, found/abandoned vehicles and wildlife/animal issues. Again, these figures should, therefore, start to decrease but will be more accurate in relation to actual anti-social behaviour incidents on the area. However, as has been confirmed by the Force, there has been an increase in this type of incident being reported to the control room last month. The increase in reports is mainly from community members concerned that Government instructions around the Coronavirus not being adhered to. Some instances were found proven, whilst others were not. This month there have been seven reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for March 2020 and five reported for the same month in 2019.

As the Government instructions in relation to the country's situation runs into May, it has been noticeable that the greater majority of community members are complying with all of the guidelines. It is also evident that community groups have been set up in individual parishes to help and support older, and vulnerable, residents at this

difficult time. This is very pleasing to see and I am sure is welcomed by those who are receiving this exceptional assistance.

Please constantly review the Government guidelines in relation to what we are being advised to do, and not to do. Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you when the situation gets better.

In last month's Police report, it was mentioned that there has been a significant increase in the number of scams circulating where the intention of the scammers is predominantly to try and extract bank details from innocent victims. With the introduction of Government loans and grants to businesses to help them through this period, there are some scams out there that are trying to exploit this situation. Links from the scams put the enquirer through to what appears to be legitimate request forms. However, in many instances these are not legitimate and the purpose of the same is purely to extract personal information from the enquirer.

While the Coronavirus pandemic has brought out the best in many people, there are also others trying to exploit the situation. The National Cyber Security Council (NCSC) has launched a new way of reporting suspicious e-mails. Anyone can now forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk. If anything is found to be malicious, the NCSC will take it down and help protect others from falling victim to scams.

The service has been co developed with the City of London Police. As well as taking down malicious sites, it will also help by identifying new patterns in online offending. Victims of fraud, or cybercrime, should contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. However, please continue to report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in your local area to allow those officers on duty to attend in real time and to check out on their purpose. As you can appreciate I have a large area to Police and am trying to provide the communities with assistance and reassurance during these unprecedented times and I have been working hard and changing my shifts to try and accommodate this.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason Fellows is the beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 893 and an E mail address of Jason.fellows@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.

I continue to receive calls on my works phone from residents wishing 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.

When ringing 101 the first item which is asked is which Police force you require. This is because 101 is the non-urgent number for all Police forces throughout the country and the signal is picked up from where you are ringing

from. In rural East Bassetlaw many parishes are located close to county boundaries, hence the first question. Then, you are asked if you know the person or extension number of the department you require. At this stage, just hold the line. After this, there are a number of options available. For reporting an incident or crime the option is option 7 – there is no need to listen to all the alternatives before selecting this option number.

Thanks for your interest and support. Keep safe and best regards.

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