

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – APRIL 2021

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Hablesthorpe, 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 01/04/2021 and 30/04/2021 were:

Burglary Other (Attempted) – 1 (Hayton).

This month there has been one reported crime of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with six crimes reported throughout March 2021 and seven crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2021, there has been one of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with seven reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the first month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of six crimes. In the corresponding month for 2019 there were four crimes of interest reported to the Police.

There has generally been a reduction in the reporting of crimes of interest, across the areas I cover, to our control room. This is likely to have been assisted from the messages given in the Governments briefings restricting personal movement.

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. Please remain aware of any suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in the area and continue to report such instances through to our control room, as normal.

As from February 2020, the Police report has included 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. This month there have been no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for March 2021 and seven reported for the same month in 2020.

The gardening season is now well under way for most of us. With that, and with knowledge from previous years, the Force usually sees an increase in burglary other type crimes, where sheds and out buildings are targeted. Offenders preferred items for stealing at this time of the year are tools and gardening equipment, including ride on lawn mowers. Please, where possible, secure items stored in these types of

buildings together and, certainly, secure these types of buildings each time when not in use.

Over the last month, or so, whilst completing enquiries at properties, the local beat team have identified areas of insecurities around a number of properties. The better weather has allowed us all to spend more time outdoors. Please ensure that when outside, including in your own garden, that all doors and windows to your property are locked. Even if you are inside your property, ensure that windows in all unoccupied rooms are locked also.

In many of the recent reports I have sent out there have been reminders to be alert regarding criminals taking advantage of the pandemic situation to try and obtain cash, or specific bank details, fraudulently from innocent community members. As we approach a further easing of Government instructions, from 17/05/2021, these opportunities will become much less available to fraudsters. These criminals will now be looking at other ways to fraudulently obtain finances from innocent victims.

Over the last few weeks I have been informed of residents receiving telephone calls from fraudsters purporting to be Police officers, Bank officials and employees of HMRC. The fraudsters' intentions are solely to obtain details from you, to allow them to access your accounts and withdraw monies from the same. Officials from these organisations would never make contact via telephone in order to discuss withdrawal, or transfer of monies, from personal accounts. Calls of this nature need to be ended abruptly and the service provider contacted to enable the contact number to be blocked.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the new beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 479 and an Email address of james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. 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.

Thanks for all your interest and support. Take care and best regards.

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