

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA: DECEMBER 2020

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 01/12/2020 and 31/12/2020 were –

- Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Welham).
- Burglary Other – 1 (South Wheatley).
- Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

This month there has been three reported crime of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with one crime reported throughout November 2020 and three crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been fifty three crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty nine reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the ninth month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of sixteen 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. 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.

Nottinghamshire Police 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.

This month there have been no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with three reported incident for November 2020 and four reported for the same month in 2019.

Some auto crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around vehicles.

Some vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in cases, items which are attractive to criminals are being left inside on full view to the same. In some cases, small car accessories, such as sat nav systems, and personal phones are attractive to criminals. However, in other cases loose change or, even, bags of sweets are too irresistible for them.

There are criminals out and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

Some vehicles, particularly in the colder weather, are being left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. These instances might only be occurring for very short periods of time, such as when visiting the local shop or, indeed, when collecting the vehicle from a garaged area. Criminals only need a very short period of time to steal vehicles when opportunities such as

these arise. Some criminals will monitor individuals' movements and habits before targeting their vehicles. **Please do not be caught out as the consequences could be a long and stressful claim to the insurance company who may not honour the same due to the circumstances.**

I appreciate that in the last couple of Police reports, I have commented on some of the activity fraudsters are using to exploit community members. In the last couple of months I, too, have received communication from fraudsters, once by my landline telephone number and the other via E mail. The first related to me being approached to pay an increased subscription to renew an Amazon membership contract. Having spoken to a few people locally, they too have confirmed that they have received the same call mentioning the same increased contract renewal fee, even when they have no contract to start with. The latter was to advise me that I had won two and a half million US dollars in the Luckyday Lottery and that I had to contact the regional coordinator in order to secure my prize. Yes, these are two further scams, which are new to me, in which some people might be exploited if they were to proceed with either of the two pieces of communication.

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 E mail 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 – there is no need to listen to all the alternatives before selecting this option number.

Might I take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued interest and support throughout 2020 and send my best wishes for 2021.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey

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