

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – FEBRUARY 2022.

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 01/02/2022 and 28/02/2022 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Bole).
Theft of Motor Vehicle – 2 (North Leverton, Bole).
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).
Theft Other – 1 (Bole).

This month there have been five reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout January 2022 and seven crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2021, there have been sixty-one crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty-four reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the eleventh month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of three crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019/ 2020 there were eighty four crimes of interest reported to the Police.

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. From time to time, I am advised about incidents and crimes being shared on social media, which I was not aware of. Might I ask that incidents and crimes of this nature are reported through to our control room, for Police action and recording purposes, in the first instance and then, obviously, share your experiences with whom you desire by other methods?

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 has been one reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for January 2022 and eight reported for the same month in 2021.

As we move into March, and the prospects of better weather, please remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden.

If you do leave windows and doors open and a burglary occurs, you could receive a further nasty shock when you try to make an insurance claim. A lot of insurance companies are now reducing payments, or even refusing to pay out altogether, if doors and windows have been left open arguing that it is your own negligence that has led to the theft.

Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle.

And always secure your unattended bicycle to something that is fixed to the ground, or leave it in a rear garden where it is out of view from the public highway.

Some residents will have made their first moves into tidying up their gardens following the winter months. At this time of year, there is always an increase in shed breaks and thefts of gardening tools and equipment. Please ensure that all out buildings and sheds are secured when not in use, and preferably alarmed.

There have already been reports made, on adjoining beat areas, of garden furniture and ornaments being stolen. This, again, is a trend which happens around this time of the year, and throughout the gardening season. Items of this nature are far easier for criminals to pass, or sell, on at this time of the year.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. The team would like to hear from any community members who would like some crime prevention advice, or even just a reassurance visit.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E-mail address has recently changed to David.Airey@Notts.Police.uk. PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 479 and a new E-mail address of James.Pickersgill@Notts.Police.uk. We are presently both still able to receive E-mails to the old addresses in the interim period.

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, or 999 as appropriate, in order to receive the best, and real time, service from those officers who are on duty.

Thanks for your continued help and support on going – it is very much appreciated.

Best regards.

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