

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

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Hubblesthorpe, 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 01/01/2020 and 31/01/2020 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Bole).

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 3 (Clarborough, North Leverton x2).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).

Theft Other - 1 (Wiseton).

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (North Leverton).

(Vehicle Interference – 1 (North Leverton)).

This month there have been eight reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with three crimes reported throughout December 2019 and two crimes in the same month last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2019, there have been seventy seven crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty four reported in the same period last year. As such, ten months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime in that period of thirteen crimes.

This month there has been four reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for December 2019 and eight reported for the same month in 2019. 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.

Although this report is being completed when we are often greeted with dark, cold and wet conditions in the mornings, I am sure the gardeners amongst you will be itching to get out there and set about repairing the damage caused by the winter in general. It will not be long before the spring planting kicks in as well.

With this in mind, I would ask you to make sure you lock away all of your tools after gardening. Not only are they vulnerable to thieves, but if they are left outside they could be used to break into or cause damage to your homes, garages and sheds.

So while you might not be too bothered if someone steals that rusty old spade from your back garden, remember that the same spade could be used by a burglar to force open a door or window to your, or your neighbour's property.

You should be trying to stop people getting into your back garden altogether by locking gates, and always make sure that your garages and sheds are locked, secured and ideally alarmed. If your shed has a window, make sure that it is frosted glass or has a curtain over it so people cannot see what is inside. Mark your tools with your postcode and house numbering more than one place, preferably by scratching into the metal or wood. Their value to a thief will be reduced if they are permanently marked in some way. Try and chain tools and bicycles together, and chain them to a structure of the shed or garage if you can.

Taking these kind of simple measures will deter the opportunist thieves out there and could stop you becoming a victim of crime.

January also saw an increase in catalytic convertor thefts from vehicles across rural East Bassetlaw. These thefts are, usually, only discovered when vehicles are started up for use, can cause a degree of distress at the time, and are quite expensive to replace.

I have also received telephone calls from residents over the last couple of months wishing to advise me that they have received calls where the purpose of the same was to gain personal details, including bank details, from my caller in an attempt to scam them out of personal finance. The persons who contacted me were contacted by callers purporting to be from HMRC and an adjoining force CID department. Representatives from banks, HMRC and Police forces would never contact residents by telephone to discuss debt, with a view to obtaining personal details from the person who they are calling.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3073 Nathan THOMAS is the beat manager for the beat area, has a contact number of 07525 226 604, and his E mail address is nathan.thomas@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 and best regards.
PCSO 8139 Dave Airey**