

## REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JUNE 2019

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 01/06/2019 and 30/06/2019 were:

Theft Other – 4 (North Leverton x4).

This month there has been four reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with five crimes reported throughout May 2019 and eight crimes in the same month last year.

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

This month there has been three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with six reported incidents for May 2019 and ten reported for the same month in 2018. 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.

Local, and national, news regularly reports of fraudulent activity taking place. This, in turn, causes major distress and hurt to those affected by the same. Recently, I have been made aware of some harrowing stories where residents have been scammed.

Do you think twice before you click on links in unexpected E mails, posts or texts, or open E mail attachments? Or before you reveal your confidential details to a total stranger who's calling claiming to be from your bank, your credit card company or the police? If not you could become easy prey for a fraudster. They get you on the hook, reel you in and, before you know it, you've given away your PINs, and passwords.....everything they need to steal your hard earned money, never to be seen again. Millions of people in the UK get defrauded in this way every year.

Below are some tips to avoid becoming the victim of online and phone scams :

**Never give out personal or financial data** including user names, passwords, PINs, ID numbers or memorable phrases.

**Be very careful that people or organisations who you're supplying payment card or other confidential information to are genuine**, and even then, never reveal passwords. A bank, HMRC, retailer or other reputable organisation won't ask you for your full password or PIN via E mail, phone call or any other means.

**If you are asked by a caller to cut off the call and phone your bank or card provider, call the number on your bank statement or other document from your bank** – or on the back of your card. But be sure to use another phone from the one you received the call, best practice, on or leave it for a lengthy time before you make the call, in case the sender number has been spoofed or the line left open.

**Don't open E mail attachments from unknown sources** as they could well contain malware. Delete them, and take the details to report, if appropriate.

**Don't click on links in E mails from senders you do not know.** Instead, roll your mouse pointer, or finger, over the link to reveal the actual sender. If they're different, it is a scam. Even if you get an E mail that seems to come from someone you might know – but it seems normal –

the sender may be a fraudster who's spoofed their address. If in doubt, call (but don't E mail) the sender.

**Don't attach external storage devices like USB sticks or hard drives** – or insert CD-ROMs/ DVD-ROMs into your computer – if you are uncertain of the source. This is a favourite way for fraudsters to spread malware.

**Remember**, if you have been a victim of banking fraud, or spot irregular activity on your account, contact your bank straight away. It is important to report any fraud to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 20 40 or at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

Also report fraud to any website or ISP where you've been defrauded. This applies however large or small the amount: it could protect others, and the proceeds of fraud are often used to fund terrorism and human trafficking.

The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures relatively low across the beat area.

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**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.**

Thanks, as ever, for your continued help and support – it is very much appreciated.

**Best Regards.  
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