

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – JUNE 2021.**

**The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Habbleshorpe, 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 01/06/2021 and 30/06/2021 were –

- Burglary Dwelling – 1 (North Leverton).
- Burglary Other – 1 (North Wheatley).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (South Wheatley).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).
- Theft Other – 2 (Wiseton, Sturton le Steeple).

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

From 01/04/2021, there have been eleven crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with twenty reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the third month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of nine crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were twelve 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 who 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 have been two reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for May 2021 and seven reported for the same month in 2020.

It has become noticeable to me, and I am sure to most of you too, that there would seem to be an increase in the number of vehicles driving around the area where the occupants are looking for scrap metal. I have been advised that the price of scrap metal is quite high, and this seems to have coincided in an increase in this type of activity. Many of these drivers do tend to have the appropriate documentation to carry out this activity – however, some don't. Please continue to report this type of activity to the control room and, a polite reminder, to ensure that any metal items of value are, where possible, not visible from the public highway or secured accordingly.

With significant improvements in the weather recently, particularly at the start of the month, there have also been an increase in local residents receiving cold callers to their properties, expressing an interest in completing work at the same, sometimes being classified by them as essential. The types of work being offered are usually outside, and range from roof work

needing attention, roofs being cleaned, tree removal and other gardening work. If you receive these types of unwelcome visits, and are unhappy with the interaction with the person offering the work, please contact the control room on 101, or 999 dependent on the visitor's insistence. If you are needing work completed at your property, the advice from other agencies is to always get a number of quotes first for the work to be completed, prior to the same work being proceeded on.

The Police continue to receive calls from farmers, landowners and members of the public in relation to vehicles, and their occupants, being involved in wildlife crime. These calls are encouraged. A few years ago, now, Operation Bifocal was introduced by Nottinghamshire Police to target this type of activity and behaviour. As part of the operation, the local beat teams now have access to an unmarked vehicle, which is suitable for use off road, a quad bike and drone equipment. Some Nottinghamshire officers are now fully trained in the use of drones. Whilst committing these wildlife crimes, offenders have been causing damage, also, to farmers and landowners fields, crops and perimeter gates and hedging.

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**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, as always, for your interest and support. Take care and best regards.

**PCSO 8139 Dave Airey**