

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

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 01/05/2020 and 31/05/2020 were –

Burglary Other – 2 (North Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple).
Criminal Damage to a Dwelling – 1 (Clarborough).
Criminal Damage Other – 2 (Tiln x2).

This month there have been five reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seven crimes reported throughout April 2020 and five crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been twelve crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with nine reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the second month in this tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crimes of interest of three 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. With further easing of some of the Governments guidelines and instructions, it has been noticeable that there has been a slight increase in reported crime over the last couple of weeks of May across rural East Bassetlaw. 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. However, as has been confirmed by the Force, there has been an increase in this type of incident being reported to the control room over recent months. The increase in reports is mainly from community members concerned that Government instructions around the Coronavirus not being adhered to. Some instances were found proven, whilst others were not. This month there have been three reported incident of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incidents for April 2020 and six reported for the same month in 2019.

As the Government instructions in relation to the country's situation runs into June, it has been pleasing to note that the greater majority of community members continue to comply with all of the guidelines. Whilst it must be appreciated that the lockdown is very disruptive to our normal way of life, the benefits of the same will prove positive to us all. Please constantly review the Government guidelines in relation to what we are being allowed to do, and presently not to do.

At the beginning of May, there was VE75 day. Although we were unable to celebrate this occasion in the way which most of us would have liked, I must take this opportunity to congratulate villages in their efforts to decorate individual properties, and whole parishes. A lot of time and effort must have gone into producing the results, which were very pleasing on the

eye. Many people held picnics in their own gardens “sharing” the occasion whilst social distancing. It was good to remember the sacrifice given by so many.

Over the last month, the control room have taken reports of persons calling on residents unannounced, offering to do work around the home and garden. The reports have been specifically around gardening work and roofing work. In some cases work has been declined, and in other cases work has been completed. Unfortunately, in some of the cases where work has been completed, it would appear that excessive amounts have been charged. The advice would be to only accept the services of reputable tradesmen and gather quotes from more than one person in order that your final decision can be made. Please contact the control room to report any similar activity in your area, this will not only protect yourself, but also, potentially, other local residents.

Towards the end of May, the control room began to receive reports of door to door visitors. In most cases, it was persons selling household goods, such as dusters, dish cloths and other cleaning products. Again, Police attended the specific locations to identify who the sellers were and the reasons for them operating in the areas they were.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. However, please continue to report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity in your local area to allow those officers on duty to attend in real time and to check out on their purpose. As most of you will know, I have a large area to Police and am trying to provide the communities with assistance and reassurance during these unprecedented times and I have been working hard and changing my shifts to try and accommodate this.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 3258 Jason Fellows is the beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 893 and an E mail address of Jason.fellows@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 wising 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 again for all your interest and support, it is very much appreciated. Keep safe and best regards.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.