

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – MAY 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 01/05/2021 and 31/05/2021 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Tiln).

Burglary Other – 2 (Clarborough, Sturton le Steeple).

Criminal Damage/ Arson – 1 (North Leverton).

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

From 01/04/2021, there have been five crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with twelve reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the second month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of seven crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were eight 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 no reported incidents for April 2021 and three reported for the same month in 2020.

Whilst I appreciate that my Police report regularly offers advice on present day scams, from local and national news information, it is evident that this type of activity is still on the rise, where scammers are using the pandemic situation to their advantage. Nottinghamshire Police is warning members of the public to watch out for a rise in courier fraud scams in the county.

During the incidents the victims have received a call from someone claiming to be a police officer who's investigating counterfeit currency or fraudulent use of the victim's bank card.

The caller tells them not to talk to anyone else about the call as it may jeopardise the police investigation.

They then try to persuade the victim to withdraw a large sum of money, purchase gift cards, or purchase foreign currency or expensive jewellery / watches.

A 'courier' is then sent to the victim's home address to collect the cash / items.

Scammers have also been spoofing telephone numbers to make calls appear genuine. Spoofing is a technique that scammers use which means they can choose any telephone number they like to appear on your Caller ID. In some recent cases, the Nottinghamshire Police 0115 telephone number has been used.

Nottinghamshire Police are urging people to share this amongst friends and family. Not everyone has access to the internet, so do tell neighbours and relatives about these types of scams. If you receive such a call you should not give out any personal information and hang up immediately. We stress that no police officers will ever call you out of the blue asking for personal information, including bank account details. A police officer would never ask you to withdraw money or purchase high value items such as gold or watches as part of an investigation. If you receive a phone call like this please report it to the police immediately and inform Action Fraud."

You can report fraud online via the Action Fraud website <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or on 0300 123 2040.

The last few days of May has seen us very fortunate to have witnessed glorious hot weather, for most of the time. With the weather being so favourable, there is always a temptation to leave windows and doors in our property open. The advice from the Police would always be to only have windows and doors open in rooms which are being used, or where the insecurities can easily be viewed by the home owners. Please remember that a third of burglaries in Nottinghamshire are due to insecurities at properties.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the new beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226 479 and an E mail address of james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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 for all your interest and support. Take care and best regards.

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