

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

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 01/11/2020 and 30/11/2020 were :

Theft Other – 1 (North Leverton).

This month there has been one reported crime of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with eight crimes reported throughout October 2020 and eight crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been fifty crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty six reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the eighth month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of sixteen 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. 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. This month there have been three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with six reported incident for October 2020 and one reported for the same month in 2019.

As the county move out of lockdown and into tier three restrictions, there will be an opportunity for most of us to try to catch up with festive preparations. Most of you will have completed some of your shopping online. However, for those that like to do the traditional Christmas shopping, this will, understandably, be more difficult to complete this year, particularly with the Government instructions to adhere to.

With a slight easing of peoples movements, this will, invariably, lead to properties being unoccupied for periods of time whilst we all try to catch up. At this time of the year, there is usually a noticeable fall in shed and outbuilding breaks as criminals find it harder to sell items stolen from these buildings. However, Nottinghamshire Police do usually see an increase in dwelling breaks and vehicle crime at this time of the year. Even though this has not been the case in the last month on this area, it certainly is the case on adjoining beat areas.

Below are some tips and advice for you whilst you are out and about shopping in this period. Readers of my reports will notice that the same advice was given at this time of the year, last year. I make no apologies in repeating the same advice this year.

When you are out shopping.

Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.

Only carry the cash and cards which you need. Always shield the PIN pad when entering your PIN number.

Park in open well lit areas. Visit www.parkmark.co.uk to find accredited car parks.

Avoid going back to your car to leave your shopping part way through your trip. If you have to keep items in the car, make sure they are in the boot, out of view, the car is locked and keep the receipts with you.

Never leave your bag unattended on your trolley whilst shopping and don't leave it in your vehicle whilst returning any trolley.

At cash machines.

If you see anything suspicious, alert the bank or call the Police on 101, or 999, as appropriate. Shield the keypad when typing in your PIN number at a cash machine, or in a shop.

Only withdraw as much cash as you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Put your money and cards away (not in your back pocket) safely before leaving the machine.

At this time of the year, in particular, there never seems to be enough hours in the day. Please remain security conscious over the Christmas period – remember criminals are with us all the year round, they do not take a break for Christmas.

Might I take this opportunity to ask you to remain vigilant around any contact from potential fraudsters? I did mention this last month in the Police report and there have been reports made over the last month from community members continuing to receive this type of call on their land line numbers. The number of reports towards the end of the month has slightly decreased, but these fraudsters will always be active with their manipulative stories. There has also been an uptake in people wishing to purchase pets over the pandemic period. I did watch a television programme a couple of weeks ago where fraudsters are purporting to have pets for sale, but are not able to deliver the same when the charge agreed has been taken.

My contact number is 07525 226838 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 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 – there is no need to listen to all the alternatives before selecting this option number.

As this is the last Police report I send out before the Festive season, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued interest and support in the last difficult year, wish you all a Merry Christmas and New Year.

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