

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – SEPTEMBER 2021

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 01/09/2021 and 30/09/2021 were –

- Burglary Other – 1 (Tiln).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Tiln).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Clarborough).
- Criminal Damage Other – 3 (North Leverton x2, West Burton).
- Vehicle Interference – 1 (Sturton le Steeple).

This month there have been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with ten crimes reported throughout August 2021 and six crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2021, there have been thirty crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty-one reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the sixth month in this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of eleven crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were forty 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 whom 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 has been two reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for August 2021 and one reported for the same month in 2020.

Over the last week or so, I have been advised of community events taking place over the three beat areas, which I cover. It is my intention, where time and demand allows, attending some of the identified community events in order to meet up again with organisers and attendees to discuss with them any issues or concerns, which they might like to share with me. As my time is presently more restricted than my beat manager, I will also be letting him know of forthcoming events on the areas, too.

Many farmers have completed, or have just about completed, their harvesting. This, however, does make many farmers fields accessible again to vehicles being driven by wildlife criminals. Over the last few months there have been a number of Police operations locally, tagged Operation Bifocal, which targets wildlife crime, including poaching, lamping, deer hunting and hare coursing. Sometimes these operations are run alongside similar operations within

neighbouring Police forces. More of these operations are planned in the run up to Christmas, where this type of activity, particularly poaching, generally increases, and deer become a preferred target of criminals. Not only are wildlife at risk from this activity, but farmers and landowners also suffered due to damage caused to their land and crops.

As another year draws to a close, and Halloween/ Mischievous Night and Bonfire Night approaches, it would be a good time to remind everyone of the rules and regulations associated with the use and possession of fireworks. Every year the Police, nationally, get numerous complaints about the misuse of fireworks.

On the flipside, for this beat area, over the last few years we have received very few complaints relating to the use and abuse of fireworks.

The Fireworks Act 2003 put in place the Firework Regulations 2004. Regulation 4 makes it an offence for any person under the age of 18 to possess any firework in a public place or any place to where the public have access (except indoor fireworks such as cap, cracker snap, novelty match, party popper, serpent, sparkler or throw down).

Regulation 5 prohibits any person from possessing a category 4 firework, whether in a public place or not. Regulation 7 creates a curfew on the use of fireworks between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am with the following exceptions –

- (a) Chinese New Year 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.
- (b) 5th November 12 midnight to 7 am.
- (c) Diwali 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.
- (d) 31st December 1 am (the following day) to 7 am.

Regulation 9 states that no person will supply fireworks to the general public outside the following periods, unless they hold the appropriate license –

4 days before and including the day of Diwali.

4 days before and including the day of the Chinese New Year.

6 days before the 31st December.

3 weeks before and 5 days after the 5th November.

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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 again, as always, for your valued interest and support, it is very much appreciated. Take care and best regards.

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