REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST EVERTON/ BECKINGHAM BEAT AREA – NOVEMBER 2017.

The Everton/ Beckingham beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Misson, Misson Springs, Newington, Scaftworth, Harwell, Everton, Gringley on the Hill, Walkeringham, Saundby and Beckingham.

The crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/11/2017 and 30/11/2017 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Beckingham).

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Saundby).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Walkeringham).

Criminal Damage Other – 4 (Beckingham, Harwell x2 and Everton).

This month there has been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. Each of the four criminal damage other crimes reported this month related to crop damage in local farmers fields. This compares with eight crimes reported throughout October 2017 and eleven crimes reported over the same period last year.

At the last Priority Setting Group meeting at Retford Town Hall, rural crime, including poaching, was identified as one of the top priorities for residents living in the Bassetlaw Rural area. Over the last few months, or so, a number of night time operations have been conducted in order to stop/ disrupt this type of activity. Some of these I have been involved in myself.

Other forces, including Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire have also been involved in these operations, particularly in cross border areas. Officers were assisted by some local farmers, landowners and gamekeepers in the operations, all seeking the same goal in tackling rural and wildlife crime.

The Christmas tree lights were switched on at Retford a few days ago and most neighbouring parishes will already have completed the same, or will be doing so soon. I look forward to seeing more of you at other planned events and engagements.

While you are out with your list shopping for gifts, consider your personal safety and the security of your property.

Whilst it is lovely to arrive home to your Christmas tree in the window, piled high with gifts, it is also very attractive to a thief.

Close your curtains once it is dark. Put your lights on a timer so it looks like someone is in even if you are still at work, and do not leave valuables, including keys and shopping bags, on display in your homes or cars.

Most importantly, always lock your doors and do not leave open windows. Over the last few months, whilst out on patrols, the local beat team has come across doors being left unlocked when the house is unoccupied, windows being left open – particularly the smaller top ones – in similar circumstances, vehicles being left unlocked overnight and locked vehicles parked on the public highway with valuable items clearly visible.

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.

Over the whole Bonfire Night period, including Halloween and Mischievous night, there were very few incidents of anti-social behaviour reported across the whole area. Please can parents and guardians pass on my thanks to their children for their behaviour over this period, which is usually renowned for an increase in calls of this nature? I will certainly be speaking to groups, seen outside over the next month or so, to convey the same personally to them.

This month there has been six reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with seven reported incidents for October 2017 and ten reported for the same month in 2016. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues.

The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures relatively low across the beat area.

My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is <u>david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk</u> PC 3258 Jason FELLOWS, the beat manager for the area, has a contact number is 07525 226893 and his E mail address is <u>jason.fellows@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk</u>

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.

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 year, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.