

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST EVERTON/ BECKINGHAM BEAT AREA – DECEMBER 2021.

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

The crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/12/2021 and 31/12/2021 were –

Burglary Dwelling (Attempted) – 1 (Everton).

Burglary Other – 1 (Beckingham).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (Everton).

From 01/04/2021, there have been sixty-one crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with sixty-four reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the ninth month in this tracking year, this year's total figures are a decrease of three crimes compared to those reported for last year. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were eighty two 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 have been two reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for November 2021 and one reported for the same month in 2020.

Firstly, I must congratulate parishes across the whole beat area for their efforts over the festive season – the number of different events and engagements planned over Christmas have been very well attended and very much appreciated. Lots of credit goes out to you all.

Following the Christmas period and, in some cases, visits to January sales events, please be careful in how you dispose of unwanted packaging. Do not advertise to criminals what new items have been purchased to enhance the look of your home.

Some auto crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around vehicles.

Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same.

There are criminals out and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

Some vehicles, particularly in the colder weather, are being left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. These instances might only be occurring for very short periods of time, such as when visiting the local shop or, indeed, when collecting the vehicle from a garaged area. Criminals only need a very short period of time to steal vehicles when opportunities such as these arise. Some criminals will monitor individuals' movements and habits before targeting their vehicles. Please do not be caught out as the consequences could be a long and stressful claim to the insurance company who may not honour the same due to the circumstances.

Most of my reports recently have included information relating to fraudulent activity. This month is no exception. There have recently been reports of fraudsters using WhatsApp to request money from users, where the fraudsters are claiming to be the son or daughter. Unfortunately, in some cases, this has resulted in the victim losing monies to the fraudsters.

My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E-mail address has recently changed to David.Airey@Notts.Police.uk. PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226479 and a new E-mail address of James.Pickersgill@Notts.Police.uk. We are presently both still able to receive E-mails to the old addresses in the interim period.

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, or 999 as appropriate, in order to receive the best, and real time, service from those officers who are on duty.

Might I take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued interest and support throughout 2021 and send my best wishes for 2022.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.