

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST EVERTON/ BECKINGHAM BEAT AREA – AUGUST 2020.

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 01/08/2020 and 31/08/2020 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 2 (Gringley on the Hill x2).

Burglary Other – 2 (Gringley on the Hill, Beckingham).

Burglary Other (Attempted) – 1 (Gringley on the Hill).

Theft Other – 1 (Everton).

Theft Other/ Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Everton).

This month there have been seven reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with four crimes reported throughout July 2020 and four crimes in the same month last year.

From 01/04/2020, there have been thirty one crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty nine reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the fifth month of this tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crimes of interest of eighteen 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 have 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. However, as has been confirmed by the Force, there has been an increase in this type of incident being reported to the control room over recent months. This month there have been five reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with five reported incidents for July 2020 and seven reported for the same month in 2019.

Because of the present situation in the country, some of you are likely to be having a later summer holiday break than normal. From the three beat areas which I cover, and beat areas further afield, it is noticeable that a large percentage of the burglary dwellings which are reported occur when the home occupants are away on holiday. Please be aware of what information is being shared, particularly on social media, and with whom that information is being shared.

As we move forward into September, and the meteorological autumn period, some of us will be continuing to complete late season gardening work and some of us will be finishing the final touches prior to a break for the autumn/ winter period. The crime prevention advice around shed and out building security and the protection of personal tools and gardening equipment remains the same the whole year round.

Similarly, in September it is usual for shops and stores to be introducing their Christmas ranges. I did visit a garden centre last week and parts of their Christmas range was already on sale. Some of us will be thinking about our forthcoming Christmas present list while others will have actively started buying items for presents for the special day.

Most of the year, there does not seem to be enough hours in the day, but at this time of the year I hear that comment on a more regular basis. However, when you are out and about completing your shopping, festive or not, please be aware that there are persons who are out and about actively committing crime and exploiting any vulnerabilities in the way we go about our day to day business. Below are a few tips to consider whilst on shopping trips –

When you are out shopping.

- Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.
- Only carry the cash that you need.
- Park in an open, well-lit area. Visit www.parkmark.co.uk for details of approved car parks.
- Avoid going back to your car to leave your shopping part way through your trip. If you have to keep items, or presents, in the car, make sure they are out of view in the boot, the car is locked and keep the receipts with you.

At cash machines.

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

Much of my security advice, shared in the Police reports, must sound very repetitive, and I must admit that it is. Crime trends are very seasonal, usually, and what is attractive to criminals in one season might not be quite as attractive in another season.

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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.

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.

Thanks again for all your interest and support. Please continue to follow the Government instructions and guidelines. Keep safe and best regards.

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