

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST EVERTON/ BECKINGHAM BEAT AREA – JULY 2019.

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 01/07/2019 and 31/07/2019 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 2 (Walkeringham, Newells Terrace (Misterton)).

Burglary Other – 1 (Gringley on the Hill).

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 3 (Walkeringham, Beckingham, Gringley on the Hill).

Theft Other – 1 (Everton).

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 1 (Walkeringham).

Criminal Damage Other – 1 (Misson).

This month there has been nine reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seventeen crimes reported throughout June 2019 and eight crimes in the same month last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2019, there have been forty five crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty eight reported in the same period last year. As such, four months into the tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crime in that period of three crimes.

This month there has been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with ten reported incidents for June 2019 and ten reported for the same month in 2018. 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 last month has seen us very fortunate to have witnessed glorious hot weather, for much of the time. With the weather being so favourable, there is always a temptation to leave windows and doors in our property open. The advice from the Police would always be to only have windows and doors open in rooms which are being used, or where the insecurities can easily be viewed by the home owners.

Our control room continue to take reports of persons touting for work, particularly in relation to gardening work and property maintenance. Some of these tradesmen are bona fide, whilst others are certainly not – in some instances, older persons are exploited due to their vulnerability.

Many legitimate businesses sell products door to door (windows, solar panels, home maintenance etc.). Gas, electricity and water companies will also visit to read meters. In addition, charities may visit to ask for donations or post collection bags for you to fill and leave out for collection.

In some cases legitimate companies advise our control room in advance if they have representatives working in our area on a particular day, or time period. There have been instances recently where residents have contacted charities concerned to ask if visitors to their door are legitimate, and have been told they are not. Further enquiries have proved that, indeed, they were aware of the representatives' attendance. This is not always the case.

There has been a recent increase in calls from residents who have been receiving calls at home from persons door to door selling. Again, in some cases, residents purchase items from these "salesmen" just to get rid of them. Please report their attendance to our control room giving a brief description, and direction of travel. Also, do not assume that someone else will make this call. It would be better to have repeat callers to our control room, in relation, than no calls at all.

In the cases detailed above, these persons would fall into the category of suspicious persons and a call to the control room would be welcomed to ascertain who the persons are and, as important, what their intentions are.

What you should know –

Door to door scams involve selling goods or services that are not delivered, or are of very poor quality. You won't get value for money and you may get billed for work you didn't want, or didn't agree to.

Some scammers conduct surveys so that they can obtain your personal details or disguise their real intent to sell you goods or services you don't want or need (e.g. unnecessary roofing work or patio replacement)

Door to door sales are normally uninvited and the people selling MUST leave if you ask them too. Alternatively, just don't answer the door.

Even when a genuine business and product is being sold, very occasionally, unscrupulous employees can sometimes still act unlawfully.

If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, always check their ID. If you are not happy, then do not let them into your home.

Never ring the telephone number on the ID card. Tell them to wait outside, shut and lock the door, and ring the genuine number from the telephone book or website.

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

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 wising 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.

Thanks, as ever, for your continued help, interest and support – it is, as always, very much appreciated.

Best Regards.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.