

REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST EVERTON/ BECKINGHAM BEAT AREA – JANUARY 2022.

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 01/01/2022 and 31/01/2022 were –

Burglary Dwelling – 1 (Walkeringham).

Theft from Motor Vehicle (Attempted) – 1 (Gringley on the Hill).

Theft Other – 1 (Misson).

From 01/04/2021, there have been sixty-four crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with seventy-four reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the tenth month in this tracking year, this year's total figures are a decrease of ten crimes compared to those reported for last year. In the corresponding period for 2019/ 2020 there were ninety one 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 no reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with two reported incidents for December 2021 and five reported for the same month in 2021.

Although this report is being completed when we are often greeted with dark, cold and wet conditions in the mornings, I am sure the gardeners amongst you will be itching to get out there and set about repairing the damage caused by the winter in general. It will not be long before the spring planting kicks in as well.

With this in mind, I would ask you to make sure you lock away all of your tools after gardening. Not only are they vulnerable to thieves, but if they are left outside they could be used to break into or cause damage to your homes, garages and sheds.

So while you might not be too bothered if someone steals that rusty old spade from your back garden, remember that the same spade could be used by a burglar to force open a door or window to your, or your neighbour's property.

You should be trying to stop people getting into your back garden altogether by locking gates, and always make sure that your garages and sheds are locked, secured and ideally alarmed.

If your shed has a window, make sure that it is frosted glass or has a curtain over it so people cannot see what is inside. Mark your tools with your postcode and house numbering more than one place, preferably by scratching into the metal or wood. Their value to a thief will be reduced if they are permanently marked in some way. Try and chain tools and bicycles together, and chain them to a structure of the shed or garage if you can.

Taking these kind of simple measures will deter the opportunist thieves out there and could stop you becoming a victim of crime.

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.

Thanks for your continued help and support on going – it is very much appreciated.

Best regards.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.