

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

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 01/08/2021 and 31/08/2021 were –

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

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 (Gringley on the Hill, Beckingham).

Theft Other – 3 (Beckingham, Misson, Gringley on the Hill).

From 01/04/2021, there have been thirty-five crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with thirty-one reported in the same period last year. As such, at the conclusion of the fifth month in this tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crimes of interest of four crimes. In the corresponding period for 2019 there were forty nine 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 has been three reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with one reported incident for July 2021 and five reported for the same month in 2020.

In the weather which we are continuing to experience, on some days, it is right to have windows open, but ensure that windows are only left open in rooms which are occupied and only leave doors open when they are in full view. Please remember that a third of all burglaries in Nottinghamshire are due to insecurities at properties.

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. 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.

My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 2895 James Pickersgill is the new beat manager for the area. He has a contact number of 07525 226479 and an E mail address of james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

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 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.

Thanks, as always, for your interest and support. Take care and best regards.

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