

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch: Annual Report May 2016

Carlton NHW is an informal community group that exists to help Carlton stay safe, increase knowledge of local crime and policing matters and encourage neighbourliness.

Around 70 households are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, and receive monthly e-mail local crime updates and alerts. To register or de-register for this circulation please email Rosi Yule on chalkstorm@btopenworld.com

2015/16

During the past year there have been 12 reported crimes in Carlton, an increase of 1 over the two previous years. These are:

- 2 criminal damage and arson
- 1 vehicle crime
- 4 violence or sexual offence
- 2 other theft
- 3 burglary

Some residents have queried the "violence or sexual offence" category, which can seem alarming. This covers a very broad range of crime with violence ranging from pushing and shoving through to serious incidents of wounding, injury and even homicide. Sexual offence includes rape, sexual assault, grooming, indecent exposure. Domestic violence will fall within this category. A national increase in this category is thought partly to be due to increased willingness of victims to come forward.

Residents should not be unduly alarmed as the level of crime in Carlton remains very low, even compared to local areas such as Market Bosworth. However we remain committed to reducing this number further and any victims of crime have our sympathy.

Wider trends

The last year has seen yet another decrease in police spending in Leicestershire (a national trend) and this is due to continue into 2016/17 and for the next 3 years. A "Strategic Alliance" has been set up between Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Nottingham force to increase efficiency and manage the cuts.

The impact on Carlton or our wider area is difficult to quantify however there is no evidence that we seem to be suffering unduly in policing support. The trend of self policing with initiatives such as police volunteers and Rural Watch is likely to increase.

Over the last year **outcome rates** for crime in our wider neighbourhood of Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton show:

- 73% "no further action" - an improvement on the 77% in 2015/16
- 17% "under investigation"
- 10% "offender dealt with by police or the court .

This is from a total of 1,900 reported crimes in the wider neighbourhood, a disappointing 33% increase on last year.

The Police and Crime Commissioner election last week resulted in Willy Bach being elected for 4 years. The turnout was 20.25% (17.69% in our area).

Contacts

Sgt Bec Tilbury heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 4394.

PC Robert Cross is a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for Bosworth villages and can be contacted on 101 voicemail no 0207.

PC David Riley also covers the Bosworth area on 101 voicemail no 1242.

We thank all local officers for their support over the past year.

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