

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch

Annual Report 2019

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.

73 people are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, and receive monthly e-mail local crime updates and alerts.

Rural Watch is available as a text service with live updates of local issues and the national NHW frequently circulate alerts on latest "scams". Market Bosworth Police Facebook page and The Beat monthly newsletter are good sources of local police news.

2018/19

During the past year there were **28 reported crimes in Carlton**. This is 50% higher than 2017/18 and 400% higher than the previous year with burglary having the biggest impact.

Details are:

1 criminal damage and arson	3 other theft
6 vehicle crime	11 burglary
4 violence and/or sexual offence	2 anti-social behaviour
1 public order.	

The increase in crime in Carlton goes against the trend of a 10% fall in reported crime across our wider neighbourhood of Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton in 2018/19.

There is no obvious reason for this although the high proportion of burglary - 40% of Carlton total reported crime against 11% for the wider area - may suggest that thieves target affluent villages and return to an area of success. NHW messages continue to reinforce the need to secure our property and outbuildings at all times and look out for unusual behaviour.

Violence and/or sexual offences remain the highest overall crime across the wider area with 619 offences making up 29% of all area crimes. The Carlton trend for this crime is much lower at 14%.

December and July were our busiest months for reported crime.

Outcome rates for crime in our wider area show:

84% "no further action" (85% last year)
7% "under investigation" (7% last year)
9% "offender dealt with by police or the court (8% last year).

The reasons recorded by Leicestershire Police for no further action are "investigation complete, no suspect identified", "unable to prosecute suspect" or "not in the public interest".

Wider Comparisons

In the 12 months to September 2018 the crime rate in Hinckley and Bosworth was broadly the same as the crime rate across nationally similar areas. However:

- burglary was much higher than average (the worst in a family of 15 most similar groups)

- vehicle crime was much higher than average (the worst in the family of 15 most similar groups)
- drug crime was significantly lower than average
- violence and/or sexual offence was significantly lower than average.

With this in mind Carlton residents are advised to maintain high security on their property and vehicles and continue to be vigilant for neighbours.

Leicestershire Police

Leicestershire Police increased their budget by 6.2% for 2019/20 and have a projected increase of 80 new officers to be recruited this year. Although these are targeted for neighbourhood areas we do not know yet whether this will include Bosworth.

Our local beat team have continued to engage on a regular basis offering meetings and drop in sessions which are advertised in the NHW circulation. Most recently the team met representatives from Parish Councils and NHW at Bosworth Hall with discussions including:

- road safety and speeding in the villages
- cross border criminality (eg from Warwickshire)
- vehicle crime and owner lack of security
- a trial of online reporting to improve problems with the 101 number
- local police staffing levels and geography of covering 52 villages
- potential under reporting of crime
- social media including the monthly newsletters and Bosworth Facebook page.

Contacts

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

Sgt James Cross heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 2100

Inspector Emma Maxwell is the Local Policing Commander for Hinckley and Blaby

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

Rosi Yule Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

**The above report was made to the
Carlton Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May 2019**

The minutes of this meeting can be found in the *Meetings and Reports* section of this website