

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group

Annual Report 2019-20

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.

74 households are currently registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and receive monthly e-mail crime updates and alerts. Information is also shared via Carlton News and the Carlton Villagers Facebook page on an occasional basis.

Leicestershire Rural Crime is available as a text alert service with live updates of local issues and the national NHW frequently circulate alerts on latest "scams". Market Bosworth Police Facebook page and the monthly Police newsletter for Market Bosworth and Villages is a good source of local police news.

2019/20

During the 12 months April 2019 to March 2020 there were 21 reported crimes in Carlton. This is less than the total of 28 for last year and a little higher than the 19 reported crimes of 2017/18. Details are as follows and previous year's figures are shown in brackets for comparison:

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

January was our busiest months for reported crime.

It is helpful to note the considerable fall in burglary and to a lesser extent vehicle crime, possibly caused by householders taking more measures to secure their assets. The increase in violence and/or sexual offence which covers domestic abuse amongst other things is a cause for concern. National reports suggest that this figure will increase further during the COVID-19 Lockdown period.

Financial and internet scams remain a national issue, on the increase affecting all ages and social demographics. NHW have continually highlighted the need for vigilance and care for vulnerable friends or relatives.

Outcome rates for crime in our wider area 12 months to May 2020 show:

43% "Investigation complete, no further action"

21% "Unable to prosecute suspect"

6% "Further investigation or formal action not in the public interest"

6% "under investigation"

7% "offender dealt with by local resolution/caution/ court result unavailable/action by another organisation/ awaiting court outcome/charged as part of another case"

6% "Status update unavailable"

11% "Other"

The 11% "other" is a mystery. The 7% where a clear outcome is shown against a crime report may be disappointing for many local residents.

Wider Comparisons

In the 12 months to June 2019 (latest available ONS) the crime rate in Hinckley and Bosworth was broadly the same as the crime rate across nationally similar areas and lower than average for the Leicestershire force area. However:

- burglary was much higher than average (the 2nd worst in a family of 12 most similar groups)
- vehicle crime was much higher than average (the worst in the family of 12 most similar groups)
- drug crime was significantly lower than average (2nd best in the family of 12 most similar groups)
- violence and/or sexual offence was significantly lower than average

Despite the recent improvements to March 2020 Carlton residents are advised to maintain high security on their property and vehicles and continue to be vigilant for neighbours. NHW messages continue to reinforce the need to secure our property and outbuildings at all times and look out for unusual behaviour.

Leicestershire Police

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, social media including the monthly newsletters and Bosworth Facebook page. The Police also recommend signing up to Neighbourhood Link at <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/> This website allows residents to register their details and receive alerts from police about relevant crime in the local area.

Contacts

PC 207 Robert Cross is a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for Bosworth villages and can be contacted on 101 voicemail no 0207

Sgt 730 Andy Cox heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 0730

PC 537 Phil Hale and PCSO 6639 Allan Charles make up the rest of the team. 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 report above was presented at a meeting of Carlton Parish Council on Wednesday 8th July 2020 and has been extracted from Report 2020-16.

The complete reports, and minutes of the meeting can be found in the Meetings and Reports section of this website.