

# Carlton Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

## Annual Report 2021-22

Carlton NHW is a community group that exists to help Carlton stay safe, increase knowledge of local crime prevention and policing matters and encourage neighbourliness. 80 people 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.

Neighbourhood Link and Leicestershire Rural Crime are available to all as a text alert service with live updates of local issues. The national NHW circulate regular newsletters and 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.

### 2021/22

During the 12 months April 2021 to March 2022 there were 15 reported crimes in Carlton. Slightly up on the 2020/21 figure of 11 but significantly better than 21 and 28 reported crimes for the 2 previous years. Details are as follows and previous year's figures are shown in brackets for comparison:

- 3 - violence and/or sexual offence (3)
- 3 - criminal damage and arson (0)
- 2 - burglary (0)
- 2 - drugs (0)
- 1 - vehicle crime (3)
- 2 - other theft (0)
- 1 - anti-social behaviour (1)
- 1 - other crime (1)
- 0 - public order (3)

February 2022 was our busiest month for reported crime with 4 crimes in Carlton. For 5 months July to November no crimes were reported at all. The relatively low annual figure may still be affected by Covid in 2021: people working from home, less holidays taken, less movement of vehicles and less social or alcohol related events.

It is pleasing to see far less vehicle crime in Carlton but disappointing that drug crime has been reported for the first time this year.

Violence and/or sexual offence which covers domestic abuse amongst other things remains the largest crime across the wider Bosworth rural area, accounting for 37% of all reported crime, 839 incidents. The second highest crime across the area is criminal damage and arson at 13.5% of all crime, 305 incidents. Carlton mirrors this trend.

Cybercrime, fraud and scamming is a constant and increasing issue affecting all ages and social demographics. New scams this year include covid travel pass or covid vaccination payment fraud and Ukraine humanitarian fraud as well as the regular BT account closure, parcel delivery payment and bank account fraud. Scams arrive by text, landline, post and email and are constant. NHW have highlighted the need for vigilance and increased security on passwords and devices. Major banks and credit cards have all introduced extra security measures over the last 12 months to combat fraud.

**Outcome rates** for crime in our wider area 11 months to February 2022 are below with last year's figures in brackets:

- 39% Investigation complete, no suspect identified, no further action (36%)
- 31% Unable to prosecute suspect (28%)
- 3% Further investigation or action not in the public interest (6%)
- 5% Under investigation (5%)
- 9% Offender dealt with by local resolution /caution / court result unavailable/action by another organization / awaiting court outcome (10%)
- 2% Status update unavailable (2%)
- 10% Other (13%)

Just 9% with a clear offender outcome is disappointing for residents and victims of crime.

### **Wider Comparisons**

In the 12 months to June 2021 (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 other councils in the Leicestershire force area. Outliers are:

- theft from the person crime was much higher than average (worst in the family of 15 most similar council areas)
- public order crime was much higher than average (2<sup>nd</sup> worst in the family of 15 most similar)
- burglary was significantly better than average (2<sup>nd</sup> best in the 9 Leicestershire councils and 5<sup>th</sup> best out of 15 similar councils nationally)

### **Leicestershire Police**

Our local beat team carried out a very successful drop-in session at The Gate Hangs Well in March 2022 with much discussion about speeding, ASB, vehicle theft protection, travellers occupation of property, support for rural areas and many other issues. Neighbourhood Link was recommended and can be found at <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/> . You can register your details and receive alerts from police about relevant crime in the local area.

### **Contacts**

Sgt 2194 Shaun Wilson heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton. PC Allan Charles, PC 41 Greg Rawisinski, PC 3004 Mike Statt, PCSO 6051 Tom Vaughan and PCSO 607 Simon Stevenson make up the rest of the team. Inspector Jamie Osborne is the Local Policing Commander for Hinckley and Blaby.

In an emergency dial 999, the non-emergency police contact is 101. Specific officers can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for their collar number voice mailbox. Further contacts are HBBC ASB Helpline on 01455 255 746 and Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

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

**Rosi Yule**

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