

# Carlton Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

## Annual Report 2022-23

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

73 people are currently registered 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. 44 people are registered on the National Carlton NHW page where there is a wealth of background advice. As our scheme is the only one registered in surrounding villages including Market Bosworth several registrations here are from outside the village, which is not a problem. It helps to spread crime prevention advice and may reduce house insurance premiums by being a member of a scheme. In 2022 NHW window stickers were distributed to every household courtesy of the Parish Council and Carlton News.

### 2022/23

During the 12 months April 2022 to March 2023 there were 21 reported crimes in Carlton. This is a return to the levels of 2019 after 2 significantly lower years of just 11 and 15 reported crimes in the Covid years of 2020 and 2021 when movement was restricted. Details are as follows and previous year's figures are shown in brackets for comparison:

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

July and August 2022 were our busiest months with 10 crimes in Carlton, half the annual total.

Violence and/or sexual offence (which covers domestic abuse amongst other things) remains the largest reported crime across the wider Bosworth rural area, accounting for 40% of all reported crime, 1003 incidents. The second highest crime across the area is criminal damage and arson at 12% of all crime, 293 incidents. Carlton mirrors this trend.

**Outcome rates** for crime in our wider area 12 months to March 2023 are below with last year's figures in brackets:

- 37% Investigation complete, no suspect identified, no further action (39%)
- 33% Unable to prosecute suspect (31%)
- 2% Further or formal investigation or action not in the public interest (3%)
- 9% Under investigation (5%)
- 10% Offender dealt with by local resolution/caution/ court result unavailable/action by another organisation/ awaiting court outcome (9%)
- 2% Status update unavailable (2%)
- 7% Other (10%)

Just 10% with a clear offender outcome is disappointing for residents and victims of crime.

### **Crime not included in the statistics**

In December 2022 the ONS noted “Police recorded crime does not tend to be a good indicator of general trends in crime”. Economic crime in the form of cybercrime, fraud and scamming is a constant and increasing issue affecting all ages and social demographics. New scams this year include government cost of living support fraud, WhatsApp message fraud and dating app scams. Advance fee fraud where money is taken but no goods or services delivered increased by over 600% in the year. Scams arrive by text, landline, post and email and are constant. NHW have highlighted the need for vigilance and two factor authentication security on passwords and devices. Major banks and credit cards have all introduced extra security measures over the last 12 months to combat fraud.

### **Leicestershire Police**

Neighbourhood Link and Leicestershire Rural Crime are available to all as a text alert service with live updates of local issues – just google Neighbourhood Link and Sign Up. Market Bosworth Police Facebook page and the monthly Police newsletter for Market Bosworth and Villages are a good source of local police news.

### **Contacts**

The Beat Team for Market Bosworth, Ratby, Groby and surrounding villages is Sgt 1864 Jarrod Paterson, PC 41 Greg Rawisinski, PCSO 6018 Grace Muldoon, PC 658 Allan Charles, PC 4579 Rich Heath and PCSO 6501 Niko Sidiropoulos. Inspector Steve Palmer 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. We thank all local officers for their support over the past year.

Further contacts are HBBC ASB Helpline on 01455 255 746 and Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

A new post of development lead for NHW in Leicestershire was set up in 2022 whose role is to liaise and work with co-ordinators, parish councils, police, fire and other agencies across Leicestershire. Details are Craig Dawes at [LeicestershireNWA@outlook.com](mailto:LeicestershireNWA@outlook.com)

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