

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch: Annual Report May 2021

Carlton NHW is a community group that exists to help Carlton stay safe, increase knowledge of local crime and policing matters and encourage neighbourliness. In 2020 the scheme was verified by Leicestershire Police and can be found on the national database. This may be useful if household insurers require verification.

72 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.

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.

2020/21

During the 12 months April 2020 to March 2021 there were 11 reported crimes in Carlton. This is a significant fall on the total of 21 for last year and 28 in 2018/19. Details are as follows and previous year's figures are shown in brackets for comparison:

- 0 - criminal damage and arson (2)
- 3 - vehicle crime (4)
- 3 - violence and/or sexual offence (7)
- 3 - public order (2)
- 0 - other theft (3)
- 0 - burglary (2)
- 1 - anti-social behaviour (1)
- 1 – other crime (0)

September was our busiest month for reported crime with 6 crimes in Carlton. The much lower annual figure is likely due to lockdown, people being at home, less movement of vehicles and less social or alcohol related events. 73% of the crime occurred in the more socially open months of August, September and October.

It is very pleasing to see no burglary in Carlton and less car crime. Households have contributed by taking more measures to secure their assets and our community spirit "keeping eyes and ears out" for neighbours always helps.

Violence and/or sexual offence which covers domestic abuse amongst other things remains the largest crime across the wider Bosworth rural area, accounting for 36% of all reported crime. Nationally and locally this % increased as a result of COVID-19 lockdown measures.

Cybercrime is a constant and increasing issue affecting all ages and social demographics. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing how much this affects Carlton. Scams this year include the payment for delivery request, investment fraud, romance fraud and hackers who try to acquire bank details. Scams arrive by text, landline, post and email and are constant. NHW have continually highlighted the need for vigilance and increased security on passwords and devices.

Outcome rates for crime in our wider area 12 months to March 2021 are below with last year's figures in brackets:

36% Investigation complete, no further action (43%)

28% Unable to prosecute suspect (21%)

6% Further investigation or action not in the public interest (6%)

5% Under investigation (6%)

10% Offender dealt with by local resolution/caution/ court result unavailable/action by another organisation/ awaiting court outcome/charged as part of another case (7%)

2% Status update unavailable (6%)

13% Other (11%)

The 10% where a clear offender outcome is shown may be disappointing for local residents.

Wider Comparisons

In the 12 months to September 2020 (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:

- vehicle crime was much higher than average (2nd worst in the family of 15 most similar groups)
- robbery was significantly lower than average (2nd best in the family of 15 most similar groups)
- possession of weapons was significantly lower than average (3rd best out of 15 most similar)

Leicestershire Police

Our local beat team have been unable to engage on in their regular meetings and drop in sessions this year due to COVID-19 and it has been a testing year with the changing regulations and government guidance which they have been expected to enforce or educate the public about. Our Beat Team recommend signing up to Neighbourhood Link at <https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>. This allows residents to register your details and receive alerts from police about relevant crime in the local area.

Contacts

The Bosworth Beat Team is temporarily expanded:

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

Sgt 2194 Shaun Wilson heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 2194

PC 537 Phil Hale, PC 41 Greg Rawisinski, PC 3004 Mike Statt, PCSO 6598 Emma Rickatson-Roe and PCSO 6073 Simon Stevenson make up the rest of the team. Inspector Jamie Osborne is the Local Policing Commander for Hinckley and Blaby

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

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