

Carlton Neighbourhood Watch

Annual Report May 2018

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.

71 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".

2017/18

During the past year there were **19 reported crimes in Carlton** - 3 times the level of 2016/17 and the highest since I began recording 6 years ago with the increase in ASB having the biggest impact. Details are:

2 criminal damage and arson	2 other theft
4 vehicle crime	2 burglary
1 violence or sexual offence	8 anti-social behaviour

The increase in Carlton is also reflected in a 20% increase in reported crime across the wider neighbourhood of Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton in 2017/18. Violence or sexual offence is the highest making up 21% of all crimes across the area and October was the busiest month for reported crime.

Outcome rates for crime in our wider area show:

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

The reasons recorded by Leicestershire Police for no further action are "investigation complete, no suspect identified" or "unable to prosecute suspect".

Wider Comparisons

In the 12 months to December 2017 the overall crime rate in Hinckley and Bosworth was broadly the same as the average crime rate across nationally similar areas. However:

- burglary was higher than average
- vehicle crime was much higher than average (the worst in the family of 15 areas)
- drug crime was lower than average
- shoplifting was lower than average

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

Leicestershire Police

The latest HMIC inspection report published March 2018 states:

"Leicestershire Police is good at keeping people safe and reducing crime. The force has made good progress since the 2016 inspection. The force has looked at, and changed, the areas that required improvement. It has made other significant changes to improve the overall quality of the service it provides for people who are affected by crime, particularly those who might be vulnerable.

Leicestershire Police has re-organised its workforce and has developed a more efficient method of allocating investigations, in order to speed them up and to stop cases being passed through several different teams. A training programme, 'Back to Basics', has addressed a lack of consistency in the way that officers supervise investigations. It has strengthened accountability and improved the quality of victim contact. In addition, the force has improved its methods of tracing people who are wanted for arrest, and has sustained its comprehensive approach to rehabilitating offenders.

The force has created a new digital hub which deals with cyber-crimes. The hub offers technical support to investigators, and is a very effective way of tackling online child sexual exploitation. The force has also reduced the waiting time for the examination of evidence from computers and mobile devices.

Victims of domestic abuse now receive a better service from the force. This is because the force works more closely with partner organisations, has more staff who have been trained to carry out safeguarding, and because there are more frequent multi-agency meetings to consider high-risk cases. Joint work between the force and other organisations has resulted in an exemplary sexual assault referral centre (SARC). The centre offers comprehensive professional support to victims of sexual assault.

Leicestershire Police has the necessary arrangements in place to fulfil its national responsibilities, and to respond to an attack requiring an armed response".

Contacts

Sgt Michael Lang heads the local policing unit for Bosworth, Ratby, Groby, Markfield and Stanton and can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for voicemail no 551

PC Robert Cross is a dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for Bosworth villages and can be contacted on 101 voicemail no 207. We thank all local officers for their support over the past year.

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