



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Blithfield Parish Council Meeting – 01.09.2022

The Figures stated below incorporate the Policing Area known as "Bagots". This incorporates the villages of Abbots Bromley, Blithfield, The Blythe, Kingstone and Newton. All figures, unless stated otherwise, incorporate a twelve month period which in this instance captures data from 30/08/2021 to 30/08/2022.

Crime

Overall

130% increase this year compared to last year – 44 incidents last year to 101 incidents this year, an increase of 57 crimes

Biggest Reductions – Top Three

Arson – 1 incident last year to 0 incidents this year

Theft From Motor Vehicles – 1 incident last year to 0 incidents this year

Less Serious Violent Crime with Injury – 12 incidents last year to 11 incidents this year

Biggest Increase

There has been an increase of reports of Drug Offences. This has risen from 2 incidents last year to 23 incidents this year

Pattern or Trend

Blithfield Reservoir is still considered a Hot Spot location however there has been a general decline in incidents reported to Police in this area. Regular stop checks are carried out on vehicles frequenting the Reservoir at odd hours, leading to an increase in persons caught for various vehicular offences. We are aware of the ongoing issues with racing vehicles along the causeway and in other areas.

Focused Crime Prevention advice

Cyber bullying and online harassment

Cyberbullying and online harassment can be extremely distressing. They can be classed as criminal offences but there is lots of help available to support you.

Tips to stay safe online

- Think before you post - when posting or commenting on the internet, consider what you say and what effect this may have. Never post comments that are abusive or may cause offence to others.
- Keep personal information personal - do not say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment. Be aware of what friends post about you, or reply to your posts, particularly about your personal details and activities.
- Make the most of privacy settings - keep your profiles closed, allowing access only to your chosen friends and family
- Telling someone
- Bullying and harassment can be hard to talk about but you should not deal with it alone. If you think you are being bullied try and talk to a trusted adult such as a parent, family member, carer or teacher or a friend. They will be able to help and support you.

For confidential help and advice:

- NSPCC - www.nspcc.org.uk
- Bullying - www.bullying.co.uk
- Kooth - www.kooth.com
- Childline - www.childline.org.uk

ASB

Overall

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour have increased over the year from 27 incidents last year to 35 incidents this year, an increase of 30%

The figures on this report have been pulled from NICHE under a new system. As such there are some data quality issues surrounding the usage of ASB occurrence types. The force is working hard to resolve this.

HOT Spot Locations

Blithfield Reservoir Causeway and the adjoining car parks are considered to be ASB Hot Spot locations and are regularly patrolled. We are also regularly patrolling the roads during warmer days and evenings to counter the increase in reports of vehicles racing each other.

Community engagement

Contact details of the Ward Team are:-

- PCSO Tim Leathers – timothy.leathers@staffordshire.police.uk
- PCSO Hayden Dibb – hayden.dibb@staffordshire.police.uk
- PC John MacDonald – john.macdonald@staffordshire.police.uk
- Sgt Helen Kirkland – helen.kirkland@staffordshire.police.uk

Smart Alert

Be SMART and Keep Updated – Get FREE, Localised Crime Alerts and Community Safety advice by utilising the Staffordshire Smart Alert App. This is available FREE and is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can also get Email alerts through the following website; www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//

Digital 101

Digital 101 means that Members of the public can now report non-emergency incidents or make general enquires to Staffordshire Police through the force's main Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Staffordshire Police is one of the first forces to facilitate crime reporting through social media and this development supports the force's ongoing work to develop new and more convenient ways for the public to make contact with the police, anywhere, any time. It's also the latest development in the force's transformational programme, following the launch of its new operating model last summer.

Staffordshire Police is committed to providing the best possible service to the communities it serves and to delivering a modern police service reflective of modern-day needs.

The service launched on 4th March 2019 and is available to the public 7am – midnight, seven days a week. Members of the public can contact the force through its Facebook Account using the message facility or Facebook Messenger, Twitter users can Direct Message us via the Staffordshire Police Twitter Account @StaffsPolice