



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Blithfield Parish Council Meeting – 02.03.2023

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 25/02/2022 to 25/02/2023.

Crime

Overall

50% increase this year compared to last year – 62 incidents last year to 93 incidents this year, an increase of 31 crimes

Biggest Reductions – Top Three

Possession of Weapons – 2 incidents last year to 1 incident this year

Criminal Damage (except Arson) – 5 incidents last year to 4 incidents this year

Biggest Increase

There has been an increase of reports of Theft of Motor Vehicles. This has risen from 2 incidents last year to 6 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. The new signage has proven an effective deterrent and enables enforcement of Section 59 powers to seize vehicles at the scene rather than wait for a letter to be sent to the driver first.

ASB

Overall

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour have increased over the year from 32 incidents last year to 35 incidents this year, an increase of 9%

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. There has also been an increase in reports of vehicular ASB through the village. Police are engaging with the Community Speed Watch in order to manage this.

Community engagement

Contact details of the Ward Team are:-

- PCSO Tim Leathers – timothy.leathers@staffordshire.police.uk
- PC John MacDonald – john.macdonald@staffordshire.police.uk
- Sgt Keith Jones – keith.jones@staffordshire.police.uk

Smart Alert

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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