



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Blithfield Parish Council Meeting – 04.05.2023

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 22/04/2022 to 22/04/2023.

Crime

Overall

4% increase this year compared to last year – 78 incidents last year to 81 incidents this year, an increase of 3 crimes

Biggest Reductions – Top Three

Business Burglary – 6 incidents last year to 1 incident this year

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

Other Theft – 14 incidents last year to 8 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 7 incidents this year

Pattern or Trend

Blithfield Reservoir is still considered a Hot Spot location. 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 remained equal over the year from 32 incidents last year to 32 incidents this year

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. 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

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Digital 101

Staffordshire Police no longer offer the Facebook and Twitter services as options for reporting crimes. Instead, go to the Staffordshire Police website to use our new LiveChat function. The LiveChat function puts you directly through to a call taker and allows for faster reporting of incidents. This is still a new service so we are aware there may be some issues. If you encounter any issues, please report these either to the LiveChat call taker or your local PCSO so we can work on streamlining the service.