

My personal report for Policing East Goscote for past year for the AGM on Weds 12<sup>th</sup> April .

I have not checked the total number of crimes recorded on the following categories as I know that you have this information to hand which should act on a true reflection of reported crime over the past 12 month.

Burglaries, Burglaries Non dwellings, vehicle crimes, criminal damage, Thefts, Assaults.

Burglary dwellings are always a special cause for concern for reasons personal to each individual victim. It is a very serious offence to break in to someone`s home and steal property/ cause damage etc. Each report will be fully investigated in the hope that witnesses can be found or there may be CCTV at the property or neighbouring properties. Police rely on gaining forensic evidence at the scene which could help in identifying the perpetrators. In the past 12 months there have been 8 burglary dwellings reported. This figure will include attempted breaks where perhaps a window or door has been forced, but entry not gained. If a property has an integral garage and it`s the garage that is broken in to or an attempt has been made then it will be a burglary dwelling. Any separate garage broken in to will be at burglary none dwelling.

Two shops in Merchants Common reported damage. One shop reported that persons had attempted to break in through a front shop door, the alarm went off so the intruder had a change of heart and fled. The other shop reported damage to a CCTV camera to the rear and on a separate occasion its front window was damaged. Both were classed as Burglary none dwellings (Attempt).

On 1<sup>st</sup> April a Home Office change to how Police record crime will have an impact on the recorded crime levels in East Goscote. This means that any offence where a structure is entered within the boundary of a residential address such as garages, sheds and summerhouses will be recorded as Burglary Residential. All others will be classed as Burglary Business and Community. So should a garage be broken in to it will be shown as Burglary Residential. However when we advise the council and Neighbourhood Watch we will inform you if it is a Burglary to a property , garage or even a garden shed.

It`s so important that residents take all steps necessary to protect their property from intruders. Basic crime prevention advice is to make sure that all locks to doors windows, Sheds, gates are strong and well fitted. It`s vital to fit a padlock to a side gate to prevent unauthorized persons gaining access to rear gardens. On my travels I regularly come across insecure gates. I would encourage residents to contact the local beat team for advice on how to make their homes extra secure.

During the past year the Police have dealt with reports of vehicle crime when a vehicle has perhaps had its number plates stolen or a vehicle has been forcibly entered with property stolen and this applies to works vehicles having tools removed. Vehicles left perhaps insecure enabling someone to open the door to remove valuable property including Sat Navs, mobile phones, laptop computers, cameras etc. Very recently a vehicle had been left parked for a few hours on the Merchants Common carpark leaving a handbags clearly visible on the front seat. An opportunist thief spotted this and chose to smash the window and cycle away with the handbag. Hand bag was later recovered minus property. We can only advise motorists to lock vehicles when left parked unattended and to not leave valuable inside. We hope that East Goscote residents will be vigilant always wherever they may be.

Vehicle crime also includes damage to motor vehicles which will unfortunately occur from time to time. Vehicles may be keyed, wing mirrors damaged by passing vehicles or vandalised etc. These are

difficult to investigate without witnesses, CCTV or forensic evidence. You will be aware of the appalling incident which took place late evening early morning of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> January when 9 vehicles were vandalised on Long Furrow and Chestnut Way. You will be aware that similar damage was caused to Over 80 vehicles in the county that night. A combination of windows smashed and tyres slashed by persons out to cause chaos with no regard to the terrible upset and expense to the victims. The perpetrators were soon arrested and will receive their sentences in the near future. I still cannot understand what thoughts were going through their minds when committing the damage which was prolonged, but just hope that they are severely punished so the victims feel that justice has been served by the courts.

Due to a lack of Snow there has been a dramatic reduction in ASB Anti – Social Behaviour.

The Police will continue to work hard to prevent East Goscote residents becoming victims of crime. We hope that people feel safe living in their community and will always feel happy to raise any issues with myself or any member of the beat team. We are dedicated and here for you.

Due to internal moves the Beat Team changes from time to time so let me advise you of your current local beat officers and the beats they particularly oversee.

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Finally its brilliant that NHW is up and running in the Rearsby Roses development and I thank Mr Preston for all his fine work and commitment. I will always be here to offer support etc and I know that it will go from strength to strength. Police took a call this week from a resident who had noticed a vehicle parked in suspicious circumstances in Lingdale. It contained bricks and sets of vehicle number plates. This turned out to have been stolen in a burglary recently in the county. This just shows the importance of the public contacting the Police which is typical of NHW members.

Thanks also to John Malpus for providing the opportunity to hold `Meet and Greets` (My Name for Beat Surgeries) at the Community Library. Final thanks to Liz & Caroline at the Council Office for all the help and support shown and to the Parish Councillors – Thank you all.

Kind regards,

PcsO 6507 Brian Geeson.