



**EASTER SERVICES**

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**March**

28th Palm Sunday 10.00am Family Service and Childrens' JAM Club

**April**

4th Easter Day Sunday 10.00am Family Service and Childrens' JAM Club



**WHETSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**April**

1st	Maundy Thursday	08.00pm	Communion Service
2nd	Good Friday	08.00pm	Service
4th	Easter Day Sunday	09.00am	Service
		10.45am	Easter Family Service
		06.15pm	Easter Praise

**ST. PETER'S (Services are shared between St Michael's Cosby and St. Peter's)**

**March**

28th	Palm Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Blessing of Palms
29th	Monday	07.30pm	Night Prayer at St. Michael's, Cosby
30th	Tuesday	07.30pm	Night Prayer at St. Peter's, Whetstone
31st	Wednesday	07.30pm	Journey to the Cross at St. Michael's Cosby

**April**

1st	Maundy Thursday	07.30pm	Eucharist and Watch of the Passion at St. Peter's, Whetstone
2nd	Good Friday	10.00am	
		to	
		12.30pm	Childrens' Activities 'Create the Easter Story'
		02.00pm	Stations of the Cross at St. Peter's, Whetstone
4th	Easter Day Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist at St. Peter's, Whetstone
		06.00pm	Easter Praise at St. Michael's, Cosby

**The Good News of Easter**

Many politicians and modern secularists would have you believe that Christianity has no part to play in the public life of our nation and that Easter should be re-designated as the Spring Festival. They reason that faith should be a private matter and that Christianity will soon be consigned to the history books of a bygone age.

Did you know that there are 2.1 billion Christians, a number that represents one third of the total population of planet Earth. Christianity, far from being in decline, is the largest and fastest growing world faith. There are now nearly 100 million Christians in China today compared with just 5,000 in the 1960s.

Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. Their faith is inspired by the momentous events of the first Easter, over 2000 years ago, when on Good Friday Jesus died a horrific death on a cross for the sins of all humanity. Even more amazing is what happened that first Easter Sunday morning, when God raised Jesus from the grave and overcame the power of death itself.

This Easter the churches in Whetstone offer you the opportunity to meet with a living Saviour and to discover the true meaning of your life.

Rev Les Gill

Chair of Churches Together

**GRASS CUTTING OF VERGES**

Please note that for 2010/11 this Parish Council will no longer be cutting the grass verges within Whetstone. The work is to be carried out by Blaby District Council on behalf of Leicestershire County Council. Any enquires regarding the standard of work or timescales should be directed to Leicestershire County Council Customer Services Department, Highways, Transportation and Waste Management on 0116 3050001 or E.mail customerservices@leics.gov.uk





St Peter's C of E (A) Primary Get Wise!

In February St Peter's C of E (A) Primary School in Whetstone has enjoyed a great activity week based around health and safety issues. Lots of different activities took place, including visits from the school nurse, road safety officers, a builder and much more.... Some junior children went to visit a newly developed housing site!

"We even got to wear reflective jackets so we could be seen more easily!" said a year 6 child, "and we know what to do if we get into a situation which isn't safe!"

"It was a super week! We learnt about different vegetables and why they are good for us, why we need to wear certain clothes for PE lessons and how to keep safe on building sites!" said a Year 5 child.

This culminated in an assembly, where parents had the opportunity to hear about the children's experiences.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and useful week, and we trust the children will now put their learning into practice.

**Badgerbrook Primary School**

There was a very eventful start to the New Year at Badgerbrook – broken boilers and severe weather conditions all within the first two days! Fortunately, the boilers were repaired very quickly and we missed the worst of the snow in this part of the country, so we were able to keep the school open apart from one day for the Foundation classes due to a lack of heat. All the children enjoyed the visit of a theatre group with a presentation of Aladdin. This was, without doubt, the best production we have had so far, complete with impressive scenery and costumes, singing, dancing and traditional audience participation. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We are grateful to FOBS for funding the event this year.

The children continue to raise money for others less fortunate than themselves. Together with Springwell Parent and Toddler Group, we raised an amazing £537.42 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. Parents and visitors to our Christmas Concerts, raised £265 for Children in Distress, The Pearl of Africa Choir, Lepra, Polio and Starlight and £62.14 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. The Friends of Badgerbrook Christmas Fayre raised £2,625.81 which will be used for the benefit of the children in school.

This year we are trying to develop more links with the local community and increase the children's awareness of the work of the parish and district councils. We were delighted to welcome Councillor Alan Bailey to one of our Key Stage 2 assemblies to talk about his role. He was very impressed with the behaviour of the children and the quality of the questions asked. He was also pleased to hear that the children felt our school council helped to make the school a better place for everyone.

The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed the visit of Andy Cope, the author, especially as he brought Spy Dog Lara with him. He set the children a challenge – to write a chapter of a story with a pet gorilla who can do all sorts of amazing things when his owners are out. He really inspired the children and they produced some fantastic work. This was sent to Andy so that he could decide which story would win a signed copy of his new book, due out in April.

Following an extensive external assessment Badgerbrook has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark. This award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum. It also recognises our positive approach to ICT and the benefits it is bringing to our children. Only three other schools in Leicestershire have achieved this award so far and we would like to express our appreciation to everyone, particularly Mrs Crichton and Mrs Letts, for their hard work during the last two years towards this fantastic achievement. We recently received a letter from the Director of Children and Young People's Services in Leicestershire, congratulating us on our achievement and acknowledging that we are a leading school in the county in this area of the curriculum.

We were pleased to welcome Miss Lincoln back to school after her maternity leave but were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Baum who left us at half term after 17 ½ very busy years in our school office. She came to Badgerbrook when the school opened in August 1992 and watched it grow from just 72 pupils to over 400! Needless to say, she has made many friends here and she will be sadly missed by everyone. However we are delighted to welcome Mrs Lyne into our school office team. She will be working with us on Tuesdays.



**YOUTH FORUM**

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**WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL.**

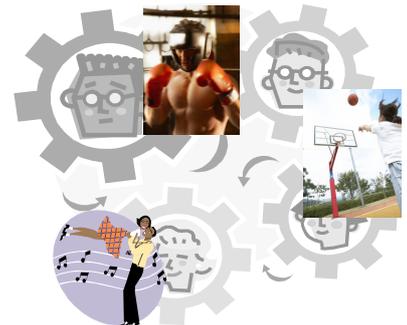
**IF YOU ARE A YOUNG PERSON WITH VIEWS & IDEAS ON FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN WHETSTONE WHY NOT VOICE THEM**

**THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT AND SEE AND BE A PART OF THOSE IDEAS COME TO FRUITION**

**FOR MORE DETAILS—CONTACT WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**0116 2751987**

**WHETSTONEPC@WHETSTONE.ORG.UK**



**Hosted by District Councillor, Karl Coles.**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications are available for viewing on the Parish Council Website  
[WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK)

We also hold copies of all Whetstone Planning Applications which we discuss at our Planning Committee Meetings. Please contact the office prior to wishing to inspect these, as a member of the staff has to be available during inspection.

Telephone: 0116 2751987— E.mail: [whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk](mailto:whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk)



Visit our Web Site

[www.whetstonepc.org.uk](http://www.whetstonepc.org.uk)

### JUST A MINUTE

**YOUR** Parish Council usually meets every third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Parish Council Offices, Cemetery Road Whetstone; The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Parish Notice Boards. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend, whether you have a specific interest in an item on the agenda, or if you just wish to see Council in operation. Below are several extracts of general items of interest from the minutes of the last three meetings.

#### November

- Alleyway at side of church very leafy—Bus stop on Enderby Road being caught by low lying branches—Remembrance Sunday event—M1 widening scheme—Weight limit sign on Springwell Lane not fitted—Dustbin placement, were items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.
- Mr. R. G. Benford, co-opted onto Council.
- District Councillor, John Kenney, reported on the 45 Bus route reduced service. District Councillor, Karl Coles, thanked youngsters from Whetstone for their impeccable respectful and responsible behaviour at Remembrance Sunday event, John Kenney echoed this comment.
- Parish Councillor, Mark Jackson, presented members with information relating to Mansfield District Council Warden scheme and also a Security Company Quotation for officer patrols. It was agreed to review the information and the item be discussed at the January 2010 meeting.
- The Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported - A tree in the churchyard previously mentioned as requiring removal had been removed—The Allotment Association had submitted a grant application to cover room hire costs—The Police had informed that the village was quiet at the moment with no reports of any major issues.

#### December

- Dog Fouling on Springwell Lane—Dustbin Placement - M1 widening and lack of information from County Councillor Mr. B. Garner, were all items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.
- Mr. J. Champaneri was co-opted onto Council.
- County Councillor, David Jennings, reported on the Blaby Highways Forum was discussing the Rail Track upgrades including the Enderby Road bridge replacement—The recent application by Biffa for the waste plant at Shepshed could be seen as good news for Whetstone. Blaby District Councillor, John Kenney, reported that the latest performance tables for District Councils showed BDC had now improved significantly through changes it had implemented last year. Blaby District Councillor, Karl Coles, reported that the Dog Warden scheme had won a national award. The Health and Leisure team had also won an award for best performance against set criteria.—Regarding the Thursday/Friday night club, the committee members were moving on as they became older, new members were being sought and recruited onto the committee. It had been a great success and those youngsters who attended deserved recognition for being role models to others.
- Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported that the new Tractor was in place and training completed.—LCC footpaths officer spoken to re the query to the footpath over Oliver Park—LCC informed that Whetstone Parish Council would not be cutting the LCC grass next year.—E.mail tabled to update members on the High Street Car Park.

#### January

- Public House and Shop on High Street—Cars parking on footpaths and foot ways, were items of concern to Parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action. It was noted that the oldest resident in the village, Elsie Kind was 104 this week.
- The Chair of the Community Premises & Public Open Spaces working party and the Chair of the Finance Resources and Policy working party both gave verbal reports on their meetings held on the 7th January and 14th January respectively.
- Parish Councillor, Mark Jackson, gave members a small verbal update on the ASB/Crime statistics collection—it was agreed to put the item on the agenda for the Crime and Disorder meeting on 25th February 2010.
- District Councillor, John Kenney, reported that BDC were in the process of setting the budget..
- Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported - A claim form would be completed as soon as possible re the burglary, replacement equipment had been ordered and security measures were being taken to ensure no repeat.—Updated on the High Street Car Park. - A parishioner had reported Dead Cattle on land off Vicarage Lane, they were to report this to BDC Environmental department.—Shrubs on the play area on Oliver Park had been cleared.

The next four meetings of Council take place on Thursday 15th April, 20th May, 17th June and 15th July 2010

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#### YOUR ELECTED DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor	Karl Coles	96 Enderby Road, Whetstone	2774138 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Janet Forey	7 Lady Leys, Cosby	2752363 Whetstone South
District Councillor	John Kenney	100 Spinney Halt, Whetstone	2864508 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Alan Tanner	White Barn Farm, Cosby	2841596 Whetstone South
County Councillor	David Jennings	122 Station Road, Countesthorpe	2774263 Whetstone South
County Councillor	Barry Garner	7 Riverside Court, Littlethorpe	2867362 Whetstone North

#### WHETSTONE CRIME AND DISORDER MEETING

The Whetstone Crime and Disorder meeting takes place at least once a quarter. Representatives from Community Groups, Blaby District Council, Police, District Councillors and Parish Councillors are, subject to availability, invited to attend an open invitation is extended to all parishioners. The last meeting took place on Thursday 25th February A copy of the minutes will be available on the Whetstone Parish Council website—[www.whetstonepc.org.uk](http://www.whetstonepc.org.uk)— or can be obtained from the Parish Council offices.

# Physical Activities in Blaby

## MODERN DANCING

### Modern Dance

Keep Fit while having fun with modern dance classes. They are weekly dance classes to great music, using a mixture of "musical" stage steps and floor work.

A little bit like dancercise but more fun!!!!  
Come along and enjoy!

Thursdays 28/01/10 - 25/03/10

Where: St. Peter's Primary School Whetstone

Time: 7- 8pm

For more information and to avoid disappointment book your place by calling your local Physical Activity Development Officer on 0116 272 7703



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LEICESTERSHIRE  
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Blaby District Council  
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### Befriending project



Being able to walk out of our homes or workplaces and enjoy the company of friends and colleagues is not an experience that everyone is able to experience.

For many people, of varying ages, anxiety over going out and low self esteem can result in the revolving door scenario of ill health and isolation. Community Action Blaby District (CABD) is seeking volunteers to visit people affected in this way and over a period of time build a relationship of support and encouragement that breaks this vicious cycle of isolation and depression



CABD needs more volunteers' to help others. Can you spare just 1 or 2 hours a week to help? If you would like to find out more about how you can help us in this work please contact Annette or Alison on 0116 272 7670

### Edward Wright Room "Whetstone Parish Council"

Looking for a venue to hold a small intimate family/friends celebration in quiet pleasant surroundings with kitchen facilities, disabled access and toilets, car parking for up to 25 cars all inclusive for £12 per hour, plus projector/computer links available at a small extra cost.

We have just the room for you at Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road,  
Whetstone

Tele: 0116 275 1987— Email: whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk

For more details visit our Website [www.whetstonepc.org.uk](http://www.whetstonepc.org.uk)

Or pop in and see for yourself

You will always be welcome



# SNIBSTON

## Snibston's star exhibition for 2010

Snibston Discovery Museum is opening its doors for some red-carpet glamour this month as it becomes the second national venue to host *Starstruck* – A Costume Exhibition.

A dazzling exhibition of costumes from stage and screen, *Starstruck* features the original finery worn by the stars in Oscar-winning films and spectacular theatre. The exhibition will delight lovers of historic costume and fashion, followers of celebrity style and students of fashion and film.

Films such as 'Shakespeare in Love', 'Pride and Prejudice' and the 'Duchess', filmed here in the East Midlands, will be included, and outfits donned by Laurence Olivier and Gwyneth Paltrow will be right here in Leicestershire!

The exhibition made its first stop at Worcester Cathedral last year and was a huge success, attracting more than 9,000 visitors in just three weeks.

Fifty stunning outfits have been selected to appear and most will be housed in Snibston's new exhibition area, which will be used for the first time by this display.

David Sprason, Leicestershire County Council Lead Member for Adults and Communities said: "This is a fantastic exhibition and it will certainly delight visitors to Snibston during the three months it will be on display.

Like any major visitor attraction, it is really important that we bring in new offers to attract more visitors and encourage others to come back again and again. This exhibition in particular will maximise the Snibston experience."

The exhibition will be accompanied by a fascinating programme of talks and presentations by experts in the fields of fashion, design and costume. Part of Snibston's 'Meet the Experts' programme, the sessions begin on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April with 'Beauty and the Beast' – a look at stage make-up and transforming actors with false noses, beards, blood and guts.

Further talks include: Dressing Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April; Fashion in the Dark, 24<sup>th</sup> April; My Hero! Hollywood Heart-throbs, Leading Ladies and Fantasies of Historic Fashion, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and finally, Making Period Clothes for Stage and Screen, 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The exhibition, running from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> June, is included in the standard admission price. Talks and presentations have an additional cost. Further information on the sessions can be obtained by calling 01530 278444 or by visiting [www.snibston.com](http://www.snibston.com)

WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS



Alice Tyler Chairman 2009/2010



Robert Benford



Mike Bounds



Malc Burley



Jay Champaneri



Karl Coles



Peter Cox



John Dunkley



David Garratt



Mark Jackson



John Kenney



Les Phillimore



Santiago Mosquera



Alan Tanner

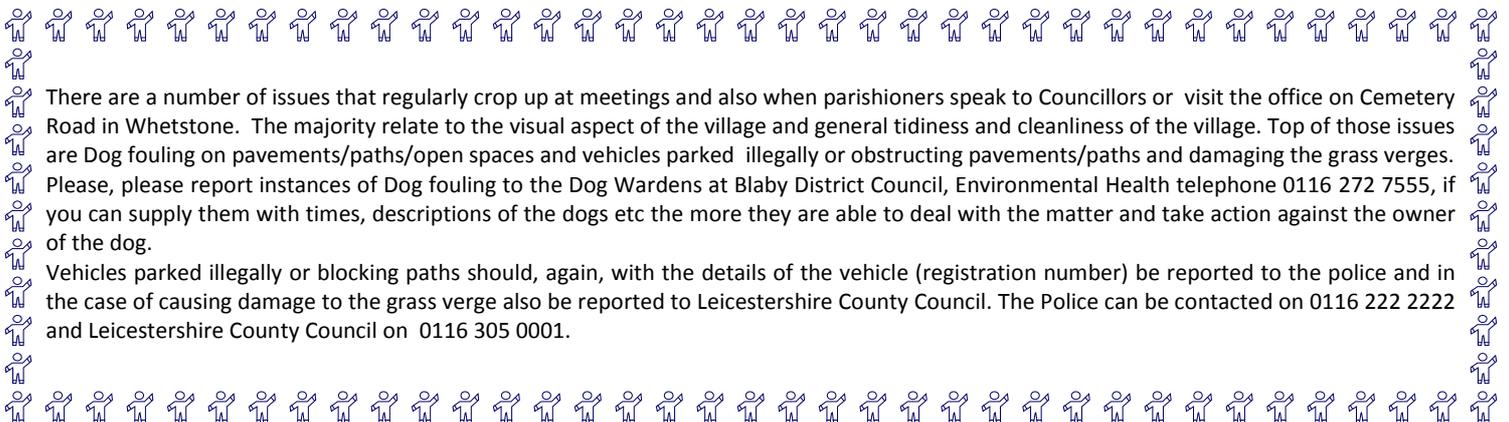


Stephen Webb (Vice Chair 2009/10)

YOUR COUNCILLORS WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING WHETSTONE  
AS THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS THEY MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY.

IF YOU HAVE A QUERY or WISH TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR A COUNCILLOR PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHICH IS OPEN  
9.00am—4.00pm MONDAY TO THURSDAY AND 9.00am-1.00pm FRIDAY (ANSWER MACHINE AT ALL OTHER TIMES) on 0116 2751987  
OR WRITE A LETTER TO WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL, COUNCIL OFFICES, CEMETERY ROAD, WHETSTONE, LEICESTER, LE8 6LL.  
OR SEND AN E.MAIL: [WHETSTONEPC@WHETSTONE.ORG.UK](mailto:WHETSTONEPC@WHETSTONE.ORG.UK).

OR EVEN BETTER COME TO OUR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7.30p.m. AT THE ABOVE OFFICES  
ALTERNATIVELY VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK](http://WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK)



There are a number of issues that regularly crop up at meetings and also when parishioners speak to Councillors or visit the office on Cemetery Road in Whetstone. The majority relate to the visual aspect of the village and general tidiness and cleanliness of the village. Top of those issues are Dog fouling on pavements/paths/open spaces and vehicles parked illegally or obstructing pavements/paths and damaging the grass verges. Please, please report instances of Dog fouling to the Dog Wardens at Blaby District Council, Environmental Health telephone 0116 272 7555, if you can supply them with times, descriptions of the dogs etc the more they are able to deal with the matter and take action against the owner of the dog.

Vehicles parked illegally or blocking paths should, again, with the details of the vehicle (registration number) be reported to the police and in the case of causing damage to the grass verge also be reported to Leicestershire County Council. The Police can be contacted on 0116 222 2222 and Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 0001.

**Future Duckpaddle Dates**

**Articles by 11th June, 3rd September and 12th November 2010  
Distribution Dates 25th June, 17th September and 26th November 2010**

# CRIME AND DISORDER



Beat Officer Pc Stu Cross



CSO Tom Sharpe



Beat Officer Pc Nick Taylor

## **"Number Crunching"**

Article by Pc Stu Cross

Hello Everyone,

As always the New Year brings new changes and this year is certainly no exception with some comings and goings in the make up of the Whetstone beat team. Two new faces joining the team are CSO Alex Joule and, the author of this article, PC Stu Cross. When you see us about come over and say hello, we are both looking forward to meeting you. We say goodbye and good luck to PC Nick Ward and CSO Teresa Frain who have moved onto other areas.

A crime that has seen an increase is Thefts of vehicle number plates in and around the Whetstone area. These can be used by criminals to commit crimes as they are easily and quickly removed and placed onto other vehicles. Quite often these are not reported to us. In order to deter criminals from stealing number plates you can obtain anti theft kits from Blaby local policing unit for a small charge of just £1 and can be obtained by attending the front enquiry office between the hours 10.00-14.00 & 15.00-18.00. Anyone wishing to receive advice on security for the home or garden is welcome to contact Blaby police station and we will try to assist.

**To all residents of Whetstone that if they experience Anti social Behaviour or any other crime related matter to report it to us.** For incidents requiring Police attendance please call us on 0116 2222222 unless emergency where 999 can be used.

For issues appropriate to The Whetstone Beat Team or for advice you can email myself or PC Taylor direct.

Our respective addresses are [Nicholas.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Nicholas.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk) and [Stewart.cross@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stewart.cross@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

PC Cross, PC Taylor and PCSOs' Alex Joule and Tom Sharpe are contactable on 0116 2222222 id. No 2247, 0845, 6075 and 6176 respectively

As part of The Policing Pledge rolled out by The Government we are offering regular monthly beat surgeries alternating between Whetstone, Blaby and Glen Parva.

Don't forget that the date for the next Whetstone beat surgery is being held on Saturday 22nd May 2010 at the CO-OP Store, Dog & Gun Lane, Whetstone from 11.00am to 12.30pm. PC Nick Taylor will be in attendance. Nick is looking forward to giving the residents of Whetstone a chance to come along to meet him and discuss any concerns.

### **NEW DIRECTION Team**

Drug/Alcohol advice and support for young people in  
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland  
96 New Walk, Leicester, LE1 7EA  
Tel: 0116 222 9529  
E-mail: [new.direction@lcp-trust.org.uk](mailto:new.direction@lcp-trust.org.uk)

If you have information  
about any crime, phone



**Leicestershire  
CRIMESTOPPERS  
0800 555 111**

- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward

### **Whetstone Crime Figures**

**20/11/09—20/02/10 (inclusive)**

Burglary/Dwelling	10
Burg/Other	10
Damage	3
Damage to M/V	2
Theft/M. Vehicle	1
Theft from M. Veh	7
Theft Stores	0
Theft Cycle	3
Theft (Person)	1
Robbery	0
Drugs	6
Public Disorder	0

Do you live in the District of Blaby?

**Are you a victim of  
Anti-Social Behaviour?**

For free and confidential advice call the Community Safety Team on:



**0116 272 7677**

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