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Rural Watch
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Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards



Vehicle Damage Thursday - Friday 20 - 21/10/11

In Ashwell on the evening of Thursday 20th October 2011 a number of vehicles had their road side door mirrors damaged. We have narrowed down the times to 10pm on Thursday 20th October to 4am on Friday 21st October.

These damages have been reported in the High Street, Lucas Lane and Station Road.

If you have any information that may us detect these offences or any other please do not hesitate to contact me.

All calls are treated in strictest confidence.

VILLAGE FIRE SAFE

Villages are some of the safest places to live in the country. However, we at Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, would like them to be even safer.

To this end we are starting the Village Fire Safe initiative. Firstly in Ashwell, and then on to the other villages in Hertfordshire.

The initiative starts with a leaflet drop (which we have already carried out) offering a free home fire safety check.

A home fire safety check consists of a uniformed fire officer checking the smoke detectors in your home, installing new detectors if required (free of charge) and giving fire safety advice.

If you would like a free home fire safety check you can telephone:

Free phone 08005873347 or Baldock Fire station on 01462666900

AFTER ALL YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SAFE

Pass on information, one call to **Crime Stoppers** on 0800 555 111. Every call is treated with absolute anonymity so that nobody will know the identity of the caller. Rewards are also available.

Don't touch a drop of dodgy vodka

Bottles of booze containing industrial solvent have been seized by Hertfordshire Trading Standards.

The bottles, labelled as Drop Vodka, were being sold from an off licence in Potters Bar.

Hertfordshire Trading Standards received a complaint from a consumer who felt ill after consuming the product. Officers seized all remaining stock from the store and submitted a bottle to the public analyst.

The analysis revealed that the product contained propan-2-ol (isopropyl alcohol or rubbing alcohol) at 2g per 100ml of the spirit. Propan-2-ol is a common industrial solvent widely used as a cleaning fluid, and may be used in aerosol windscreen de-icers and in diluted form in car washer bottles. It is not a normal component of vodka.

Richard Thake, Executive Member for Community Safety, said: "Members of the public should not buy this illicit product. Although the product sampled was not deemed to be injurious to health, it can be safely assumed that such spirits are not subject to rigorous quality control systems. Therefore you are taking a big risk if you consume this drink, as there is no telling exactly what it contains.

"Traders may think they are getting a good deal by buying this vodka on the cheap, but they should know that they are committing offences by selling it."

Hertfordshire Trading Standards would welcome any information from the public, which can be given by contacting Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

Four arrested following raids across north herts

Two men and two teenagers were arrested on 19/10/11 in connection with a conspiracy to handle stolen goods following a series of raids as part of Hertfordshire Constabulary's Operation Scorpion.

Twelve warrants were carried out across Letchworth, Hackney, Luton, Baldock, Holwell, Stevenage and Arlesey.

The four were all arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to handle stolen goods.

They are:

A 16 year old boy from Hackney, London, A 14 year old boy from Letchworth, A 29 year old man from Letchworth & A 25 year old man from Letchworth

The warrants were carried out this morning under the force's Operation Scorpion which targets burglars, robbery, vehicle thieves and related drug crime. The raids follow an increase of break-ins to sheds, garages and outbuildings across North Herts where high value bicycles, gardening and other tools were stolen.

Officers recovered a number of items including a number of bicycles, two mini motos and a motorbike. Checks are being carried out on the items to validate their ownership.

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The arrests follow an earlier operation which began in late September following which six people were arrested. Four have been charged with conspiracy to handle stolen goods and the other two have been police bailed.

Officers recovered over 200 items including high value bicycles, tools, gardening equipment and a quad bike. The total value of the goods is estimated to be around £150,000.

Residents can also help by keeping bikes, gardening equipment and tools secure:

* Secure your rear garden by shutting and locking any gates.

* Put away tools and gardening equipment securely after use - they could be stolen or even used to break into your home if left lying around - and remember to lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks near the top and bottom of the door.

* Tools and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number, and register all valuables - bicycles, Sat Navs etc on the free online database www.immobilise.com. It is quick and easy to do and could help police return them to you if they are lost or stolen

Speed Checks

Hinxworth	High Street	25/10/11 1530 - 1600	27 veh / 36 mph / 24.4 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	25/10/11 1625 - 1655	22 veh / 31 mph / 26.8 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	24/10/11 1530 - 1600	32 veh / 34 mph / 28.2 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	25/10/11 1715 - 1815	45 veh / 55 mph / 36.1mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	06/10/11 0845 - 0915	57 veh / 43 mph / 26.7 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	24/10/11 1630 - 1700	17 veh / 33 mph / 23.5 mph
Therfield	Police Row	06/10/11 1000 - 1030	21 veh / 35 mph / 25.2 mph

Reported Crime

G4E; - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham & Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/11/837	THEFT	Ashwell	20.30 08/10/11
G4/11/829	BURGLARY (DWELLING)	Ashwell	10.00 – 16.00 10/10/11
G4/11/836	BURGLARY (OTHER)	Ashwell	14.30 13/10/11
G4/11/848	THEFT	Ashwell	07.30 – 19.00 14/10/11
G4/11/849	BURGLARY (DWELLING)	Ashwell	10.00 -15.00 17/10/11
G4/11/850	BURGLARY (DWELLING)	Ashwell	10.00 -15.00 17/10/11
G4/11/863	ASSAULT- ABH	Ashwell	21.20 17/10/11
G4/11/864	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11
G4/11/865	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11
G4/11/866	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11

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G4/11/867	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11
G4/11/868	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11
G4/11/869	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11
G4/11/872	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11
G4/11/873	DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	Ashwell	20-21/10/11

G4D; - Barkway, Barley, Reed, Nuthampstead, Newsells, Kelshall & Therfield

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/11/820	THEFT-FROM VEHICLE	Therfield	17.00 – 19.00 08/10/10
G4/11/857	THEFT	Kelshall	10 – 17/10/11
G4/11/859	BURGLARY (OTHER)	Reed	17 – 20/10/10

G3C; - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall & Weston

No Crime reported

Illegal Hare coursing

Reported Hare coursing Incidents in our area.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	Total
02-03	10	12	30	10	8	12	9	8	100
03-04	3	13	28	3	8	13	9	3	80
04-05	4	13	4	0	4	0	1	0	26
05-06	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	6
06-07	0	4	4	6	1	0	2	0	17
07-08	3	10	4	6	9	2	4	3	43
08-09	7	5	2	4	4	4	2	1	29
09-10	3	3	10	3	1	1	2	1	24
10-11	0	2	2	4	1	1	0	0	10
11-12	2	1							

Number of Sunday Hare Coursing and Nuisance Vehicle Patrols Carried Out to Reduce coursing Nuisance Motor cycling and Nuisance 4 X 4 use, patrols per months, early start preferred, 7am or 8am.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
07								3	3	3	0	3
08	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	4
09	1	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	2
10	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

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Parish Councils

Last time we attended

RUSHDEN	28/09/10	SANDON	01/12/10
THERFIELD	06/09/11	REED	06/07/11
BARKWAY	11/04/11	BARLEY	04/10/10
KELSHALL	11/04/11	NUTHAMP	15/06/11
ASHWELL	02/06/10	BYGRAVE	07/02/11
CALDECOTE	28/03/11	WESTON	12/08/10
RADWELL	10/05/11	WALLINGTON	28/09/10
HINXWORT	01/09/11	CLOTHALL	13/12/10

Neighbour Hood Watch Meetings

Area	Last Meeting	Next Meeting	Location and Time 8pm
G4E	Thursday 11th August 2011		Parish Rooms, Ashwell
G4D	Tuesday 21st June 2011		Fordham Hall, Therfield
G3C	Thursday 11th August 2011		Village Hall, Rushden

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Safer Neighbourhoods

Locality Members	Martin Dingemans, Howard Marshall, Simon Holtom, Robert Law, Teddy Faure-Walker, Steve Jarvis, Andrew Young, Tony Hunter, Keith Bone
Meeting on 05/04/11	1. Tackling incidents of hare coursing and nuisance vehicle use within the rural community on Saturday & Sundays between the hours 06.00 – 19.00 (G4D, G4E, G3C).
Tasks set	2. To improve/increase intelligence gathering in relation to suspicious vehicles/persons and attend incidents when reported. (G4D, G4E, G3C) 3. To tackle speeding - locations West end / Newnham Way Ashwell, Station Rd, Ashwell. Upper Bygrave Rd, Bygrave, London Road, Barley, Cambridge Rd Barkway, The Causeway, Therfield, Ashwell Road, Newham, Damask Green Road, Weston, Outside the Moon and Stars public house, Rushden and High Street, Hinxworth. To carry on with trials up until a covert monitoring device can be installed. Then speed watch to carry on with speed detection for a year and then another covert check to take place.

Police Surgeries

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<http://snt.herts.police.uk/aCMS/team.php?nptID=63&dID=5>

Meet The Criminals

Please click on the below link to meet some of the people we wish to become friends with.

http://www.herts.police.uk/hertfordshire_constabulary/help_us_fight_crime/cctv_images.aspx

Other links

<http://www.herts.police.uk/profiles/hw.php> Herts HorseWhatch

<http://www.hertscrimerevention.com/NHCPP/Welcome.html>

<http://www.bedfordhomewatch.co.uk> www.doglost.co.uk

<http://www.hertscrimestoppers.org.uk/> <http://trailerwatch.com/>

www.nfuonline.com www.saddleguard.co.uk

<http://www.britishhorse.co.uk/> <http://www.stolenhorseregister.com/>

<http://www.horsetackexchange.co.uk>

Phone numbers 101 (if you have suffered a crime or need Police within a couple of hours) **999** (for immediate response if you have **just** suffered a crime and for **Coursing**)
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