



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

**Royston Community Team
Rural Watch
October 2011**

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Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards



Did you witness assault in Royston?

Police are appealing for information and witnesses after a man was assaulted in Royston this weekend.

The incident took place outside a house in Stephenson Close at 1.30am on Sunday (September 11). A group of young people attended the address and subsequently became involved in a verbal altercation outside, which led to a 17 year old man being assaulted with a bottle. The victim sustained two cuts to his head, both requiring stitches. The offenders then ran off in the direction of Green Drift.

Burglary alarm co. touting for business

We have received a number of calls from concerned house holders who have been contacted by telephone by an Alarm Company trying to sell them Alarms. The salesman say that Police do not respond to audible alarms and then they imply they are working on behalf or with the Polices consent.

I would like to make it clear that Police do respond to Audible Alarms and this company has nothing to do with the Police. If anyone can give me any contact details for this or any other company that is doing a similar scam please contact me. I would very much like to chance to have a chat with them.

Advice and Facts

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.

Leaving keys for thieves It may sound crazy but 7% of homes has a key concealed outside their front door. Burglars know this so don't leave them the means to let themselves in.

Hook, line and sinker 10% of people leave keys in doors and windows most of the time. These are easily fished out using a crude hook and line device, through a cat flap or letter box, allowing thieves to walk right into your home and help themselves.

Got it? Use it There's no point having the securest locks, doors and windows if you don't use them. Opportunistic burglars will make the most of that 'one time' you leave your back door unlocked.

Window shopping 9% of sheds left unlocked or unsecured throughout the UK, outbuildings are also vulnerable to crime. Get a sturdy padlock, and hang a net curtain or put frosted film over shed windows to stop thieves window-shopping for bikes, golf clubs and tools.

Anybody home? Don't leave tell tale clues that you might not be home, like a build up of milk bottles, parcels or post. Cancel deliveries and ask a neighbour to do a quick check of your home every couple of days. Ask your neighbour to bring in your wheelie bin on collection day if you are out at work.

When the clocks go back Long dark nights in the winter prevent natural surveillance. Install timers to switch lights or radios on and off automatically if you're not home. If you're going out, draw the curtains and leave some lights on.

Keep it clean Faulty fence work, loose gates, rubbish in the front garden; all give the impression that your home could be an easy target. A well cared for property and garden provides another psychological barrier to the burglar, so trim hedges, repair woodwork and brickwork and keep it tidy. And remember to put away anything that can be used to gain entry including tools, ladders and DIY debris.

Personalise your possessions If the worst happens and your belongings are stolen, it can help their recovery if you've marked them with a personal identifier. Permanent U.V. marker pens are a cheap and effective way of marking property such as laptops and televisions. UV Pens are available from us.

Facts Households with no home security measures are around ten times more likely to have been victims of burglary than households where there were simple security measures such as deadlocks on doors or window locks. (25.0% compared with 2.3%) *

More than 13% Brits wish they knew more about home security. Nearly 9% sheds are left unlocked or unsecured throughout the UK.

Speed Checks

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|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hinxworth | High Street | 15/09/11 1015 - 1045 | 18 veh / 33 mph / 25.5 mph |
| Newnham | Ashwell road | 14/09/11 0845 - 0915 | 34 veh / 36 mph / 27.4 mph |
| Bygrave | Upper Bygrave | 15/09/11 0915 - 0945 | 22 veh / 34 mph / 26.2 mph |
| Ashwell | Station Road (40 limit) | 26/09/11 1745 - 1815 | 33 veh / 48 mph / 37.4 mph |
| Ashwell | Newnham Way | 27/09/11 1715 - 1745 | 96 veh / 42 mph / 27.75 mph |
| Weston | Hatch Lane | 26/09/11 1620 - 1650 | 20 veh / 34 mph / 26.2 mph |

Reported Crime

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

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Date |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|
| G4/11/703 | Damage | West End Ashwell | 31/08 - 01/09/11 |
| Vehicle wing mirror damaged. | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| G4/11/726 | Damage | West End Ashwell | 31/08/ - 04/09/11 |
| Vehicle wing mirror damaged. | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| G4/11/737 | Damage | Lucas Lane Ashwell | 7 - 8/09/11 |
| Vehicle wing mirror damaged. | | | |

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

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| G4/11/733 | Burglary Dwelling | Church Land Barkway | 05-06/09/11 |
| Offenders have entered house and stolen articles | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|---|----------------|----------|-------------|
| G4/11/764 | Burglary Other | Reed | 13-23/09/11 |
| Offender have broken glass window and searched premises | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|--|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| G4/11/770 | Possession Of Cannabis | Royston Heath | 23/09/11 |
| Offender Searched by Police and a small amount of cannabis found | | | |

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|--|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
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| Offender Searched by Police and a small amount of cannabis found | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| G4/11/778 | Damage | Barkway | 26/09/11 |
| Offenders have scratched vehicle | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|--|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| G4/11/780 | Public Order | Therfield Road | 27/09/11 |
| Offender was involved in a sexual act that was visible to public | | | |

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

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| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| G3/11/454 | Theft | Wallington | 06-07/09/11 |
| Offenders have stolen copper piping. | | | |

| Crime No. | Offence | Location | Time & Date |
|---------------|---------|----------------|-------------|
| G3/11/493 | Theft | Southern Green | 23-24/09/11 |
| Theft of fuel | | | |

Illegal Hare coursing

Reported Hare coursing Incidents in our area.

| | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | Total |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 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 | | | | | | | | |

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 |
| 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | |

Parish Councils

Last time we attended

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|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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, Newnham, 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. |

Surgeries

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| Sat 15 th Oct – Sandon Growers Market | Sat 17 th Oct – Barley Church | Fri 21 st Oct – Ashwell, URC Hall |
| Weds 23 rd Nov – Weston Post Office | Sat 19 th Nov – Barkway, Reading Room | Venue to be confirmed. |
| Sat 17 th Dec – Sandon Growers Market | Weds 21 st Dec – Barley Church | Venue to be confirmed. |
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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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