



HERTFORDSHIRE

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Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards

Keep vigilant following theft of catalytic converters

Officers from the specialist metal theft taskforce are urging people to be increasingly vigilant following a rise in the theft of catalytic converters across the county. The thefts are occurring at all times of the day and night across the county with industrial estates being particularly targeted. Vans are being targeted predominantly, however all types of vehicles are being affected. Operation Devon, a new dedicated taskforce set up to reinforce Hertfordshire Constabulary's response against metal theft, is investigating these thefts. The team's focus is to target those who steal metal, particularly cross-border criminals who come into Hertfordshire, as well as working more closely with scrap metal dealers to improve processes for accepting scrap metal. The team also works closely with organizations like British Telecom, Virgin Media, EDF, Trading Standards, British Transport Police and other police forces.



Two people sentenced for falsely nominating drivers for speeding offences

Two people have been sentenced for falsely nominating drivers abroad in connection with speeding offences in Hertfordshire. On September 5, 2011, 22 year old Vaneesha Halai from Reynolds Drive in Edgware was driving along Theobald Street in Radlett when she activated a speed camera. After receiving a notice of intended prosecution, she nominated a family member from India as the person driving her car that day. Enquiries by the Hertfordshire Safety Camera Partnership with the UK Border agency found that the aunt had returned to India prior to the offence and therefore could not have been driving.

She appeared before St Albans Magistrates Court on January 27, 2012 and pleaded guilty to perjury and driving at excess speed. She was sentenced to 12 weeks in custody suspended for 12 months, ordered to complete 100 hours of unpaid work and her license was endorsed for the speeding offence.

On April 28, 2010 and August 7, 2011 55 year old Tahsin Berki from High Street, Hoddesdon activated a speed camera on the M25. When he received a notice of intended prosecution he claimed a man from Northern Cyprus was driving. Checks showed the man nominated had not been to the UK in 2010 or 2011. Subsequently, on January 27, 2012 he pleaded guilty at St Albans Magistrates Court to two offences of perjury and one of driving at excess speed. He was sentenced to 26 weeks in prison suspended for 24 months. He was ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work over 12 months and his license was endorsed.

Swapping Truncheons for Pints?



Can you help shed light on a persistent story about Hertfordshire Constabulary and the First World War; a story that involves a local brewery and police officers volunteering to fight for their country?

Ex Hertfordshire Constabulary Superintendent and keen Great War historian Terry Cox would like to hear from you.

Terry takes up the story; "During the course of the Great War 85 police officers from Hertfordshire fought in the armed forces – nine of whom were killed. Members of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Great War Society have researched the history of many of these volunteers and one story comes up again and again.

"The Chief Constable in 1914 was Major Alfred Letchworth Annie Law, a strong minded man as befitted those times, and it is said he forbade Constables and Sergeants to volunteer for service during the Great War. Those who went against his wishes were not re-employed upon their return from the front. Allegedly McMullen's, the Hertford brewers, were so affronted by this treatment of returning local heroes they offered a pub to every man who lost his job. A wonderful story but is it really true? "The mystery deepens when you realize that in 1915 Major Law, a Boar War veteran himself, returned to the army and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before returning the Force in 1918. Could such a man really have turned away his former colleagues in arms?" I have been in contact with the McMullen family who can find nothing in the company records but state that their grandfather was an active supporter of the army and the giving of pubs to former police officer ex-soldiers sounds like exactly the sort of thing he would have done.

"Can any of you help me prove or disprove this fascinating story?"

Anyone with information can contact Terry on HertsGreatWar@aol.com

Speed Checks

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.

Hinxworth	High Street	15/02/12 1800 – 1830	22 veh / 31 mph / 25.2 mph
Newnham	Ashwell Road	15/02/12 1700 – 1730	30 veh / 41 mph / 27.3 mph
Bygrave	Lower Bygrave	29/02/12 1800 – 1830	34 veh / 38 mph / 26.8 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	29/02/12 1730 – 1800	29 veh / 52 mph / 38.6 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	16/02/12 1715 – 1745	35 veh / 34 mph / 26.53 mph
Weston	Damask Green Road	14/02/12 1710 – 1750	28 veh / 32 mph / 24.7 mph
Therfield	Police Row	14/02/12 1630 – 1700	25 veh / 33 mph / 28.3 mph

Reported Crime

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/12/80	CANNABIS POSSESS CLASS B	A507	02/02/12
G4/12/119	DAMAGE (VEHICLE)	Ashwell	10/02/12
G4/12/121	ROBBERY-PERSONAL	Ashwell	21/02/12

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/12/86	DAMAGE (VEHICLE)	Reed	05/02/12
G4/12/89	THEFT	Barley	07/02/12
G4/12/113	DRIVE-WHILST DISQUAL	Barkway	18/02/12
G4/12/126	THEFT	Barkway	19/02/12

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

Nothing of note.

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

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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	1	1	1	0			

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	2	2	2
12	2	2										

Parish Councils

Last time we attended

RUSHDEN	11/01/12	SANDON	01/12/10
THERFIELD	17/01/12	REED	06/07/11
BARKWAY	11/04/11	BARLEY	04/10/10
KELSHALL	11/04/11	NUTHAMP	15/06/11
ASHWELL	04/01/12	BYGRAVE	07/02/11
CALDECOTE	28/03/11	WESTON	12/08/10
RADWELL	10/05/11	WALLINGTON	11/01/12
HINXWORT	01/09/11	CLOTHALL	09/01/12

Neighbour Hood Watch Meetings

Area	Last Meeting	Next Meeting	Location and Time 8pm
G4E	Thursday 11th August 2011	Thursday 8 th March 19.30	Parish Rooms, Ashwell
G4D	Thursday 1 st March 19.30		Fordham Hall, Therfield
G3C	Tuesday 21 st Feb 19.30		Weston Village Hall at

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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
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 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

<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.hertscrimprevention.com/NHCPP/Welcome.html>

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

www.doglost.co.uk

<http://www.hertscrimstoppers.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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