



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

## Royston Community Team Rural Watch April 2012

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### *Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards*



Hertfordshire Constabulary, Bedfordshire Police and Cambridgeshire Constabulary have joined forces this spring in launching a new operation which aims to tackle misrepresented number plates displayed on vehicles using the counties' roads.

Operation Dragon, which is running throughout March, sees officers from Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Intercept Teams and Roads Policing Units clamping down on the use of misrepresented number plates - which are illegal to use.

Anyone caught displaying a number plate which does not meet the DVLA's criteria will be pulled over by police over and could face a fine of up to £1000.

As part of Operation Dragon, ANPR officers will be looking out for and pulling over drivers with number plates that:

- Display adjusted fixings or bolts which alter spaces or obscure characters to appear as something else.
- Use any font that is not the standard DVLA approved 'Charles Wright' font.
- Use offensive wording.
- Are not easily readable or recognised by the naked eye.

### **Man sentenced to three years for causing death by dangerous**

A Royston man has been sentenced to three years in custody and been disqualified from driving for three years at Cambridge Crown Court today (Friday March 16) following a collision which resulted in the death of a three year old girl.

Carlo Zambonini, 58, of Old North Road, Royston pleaded guilty to the charge of causing death by dangerous driving at a hearing in December.

The charge followed an incident on Kneesworth Street, Royston on May 29, 2011 when the Mazda MX5 he was driving mounted the pavement and collided with three year old Frances Chin as she walked along the pavement with her mother, aunt and sister.

Sadly, Frances later died in hospital and her aunt was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

## Vehicle Security

### Around the farm

- Try to ensure that all vehicles are immobilised or kept securely in a locked building.
- If vehicles are left in fields, make sure they are not near roads which could provide thieves with a quick and easy escape route.
- Vehicles should be parked, if at all possible, in such a way as to make it very difficult or impossible to get to the fuel tanks.

### On the Driveway

- If possible, garage your car. Many people fill their garage with junk and leave their £20,000 car on the driveway!
- Modern cars cannot be taken without the keys. Thieves will sometimes burgle houses to get them, so do not leave them lying around. Take your keys to bed!
- If you have a van, reverse it up to a wall to deter theft of its contents.
- Always remove valuables and lock your car – even if it's kept in the garage.

### Away from home

- Lock your vehicle whenever you go to pay for fuel.
- Do not leave valuable items in view, (wallets, handbags, portable sat-navs etc).
- In attended car parks, park near the attendant's kiosk if possible and do not leave the ticket in the car.
- Park in well-lit areas.

## Speed Checks

|           |                         |                        |                            |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hinxworth | High Street             | 27/03/2012 1315 - 1345 | 18 veh / 38 mph / 24.2 mph |
| Newnham   | Ashwell road            | 27/03/2012 1555 - 1625 | 23 veh / 37 mph / 28.7 mph |
| Bygrave   | Upper Bygrave           | 24/03/2012 1630 - 1700 | 21 veh / 42 mph / 28.5 mph |
| Ashwell   | Station Road (40 limit) | 20/03/2012 1820 - 1850 | 27 veh / 52 mph / 36.5 mph |
| Ashwell   | Newnham Way             | 27/03/2012 1515 - 1545 | 33 veh / 35 mph / 26.4 mph |
| Weston    | Hatch Lane              | 20/03/2012 1520 - 1550 | 23 veh / 32 veh / 27.6 mph |

## Reported Crime

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.

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

**No Local offences**

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

| Crime No. | Offence                  | Location  | Time & Date |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| G4/12/176 | Theft                    | Kelshall  | 06/03/12    |
| G4/12/189 | Cannabis possess class b | Therfield | 19/03/12    |
| G4/12/191 | Burglary                 | Barley    | 21/03/12    |
| G4/12/198 | Drive – excess alcohol   | Barkway   | 24/03/12    |
| G4/12/208 | Damage (vehicle)         | Barkway   | 12/03/12    |

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

| Crime No. | Offence  | Location | Time & Date |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| G3/12/129 | Burglary | Weston   | 16/03/12    |

## 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   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 0   | 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   |

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|    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | 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    | 19/03/12 |
| CALDECOTE | 28/03/11 | WESTON     | 08/03/12 |
| 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 8 <sup>th</sup> March 19.30 |              | Parish Rooms, Ashwell   |
| G4D  | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 19.30 |              | Fordham Hall, Therfield |
| G3C  | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 19.30   |              | Weston Village Hall at  |

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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   |
|                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tackling incidents of hare coursing and nuisance vehicle use within the rural community on Saturday &amp; Sundays between the hours 06.00 – 19.00 (G4D, G4E, G3C).</li> <li>2. To improve/increase intelligence gathering in relation to suspicious vehicles/persons and attend incidents when reported. (G4D, G4E, G3C)</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> |

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## 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](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.doglost.co.uk)

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

<http://trailerwatch.com/>

[www.nfuonline.com](http://www.nfuonline.com)

[www.saddleguard.co.uk](http://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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