



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

**Royston Community Team  
Rural Watch  
December 2012**

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*Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards*

**Distraction Theft Reminder**



We have had a few reports about people being approached in a car park and being offered watches to buy. We advised people to say no thank you and walk away as this was a form of distraction theft whereby an accomplice would be helping themselves to your bag or wallet while you were distracted.

We have now received reports of this type of theft occurring in car parks in other areas albeit slightly different in that the perpetrators claimed to be lost and asked for directions producing a map for their victims to be distracted by or where they approach a victim saying they have dropped some money. The victims in these cases had their purses/wallets stolen containing bank cards and suffered loss of money from their bank accounts.

Please be wary of anyone you do not know approaching you in this way. Try not to engage in conversation, say no to anything offered and walk away - keep yourself and your belongings safe and secure. This type of theft appears to be on the increase in the run up to Christmas when people are more likely to be out and about shopping and more easily distracted with the stress shopping in crowds can bring.

**'Looking for a Rave'**

It is a long time since we have had any type of Rave in our area but I would just like to remind all owners of land and rural businesses to check their property and ensure that all buildings and gates are locked, especially over the weekend periods. If it is not possible to secure land with a gate, it is suggested that entrances are blocked temporarily to prevent unwanted vehicle access.

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.

Should you find any signs of suspicious activity or see vehicles arriving, please contact the Police by dialling 101.

Your support and involvement is vital in preventing instances of public nuisance from occurring.

## Two Men Plead Guilty To Theft Of Henry Moore Sculpture

Two men have pleaded guilty to two counts of theft including the theft of a Henry Moore Sculpture and the sculpture's bronze plinth - at St Alban's Crown Court today ( Tuesday November 13th).

Liam Hughes, 22, and Jason Parker, 19, both of Coltsfield in Essex pleaded guilty to the theft of the 'sundial' sculpture which had been stolen from the Henry Moore Foundation between July 10th and 11th this year. They also pleaded guilty to the theft of the sculpture's plinth – which was stolen between July 15th and 16th this year.

Both men were bailed to return to St Alban's Crown Court on December 4th.

## Multi Agency Work In North/East Herts

On 21/11/12 Officers from a range of agencies were out in force yesterday disrupting and identifying criminals in East Herts More than 30 police officers along with colleagues from the UK Border Agency, Trading Standards, East Herts Council and the Motor Insurance Bureau, carried out a day of action around the town.

Throughout the course of the day more than 309 vehicles were stopped and checked including lorries, vans and cars, as police created a ring of ANPR cameras around Buntingford.

Stop checks were conducted on the A10 Ermine Street in Buntingford and its surrounding rural areas and mobile patrols were deployed on the A507 and B1368 roads to stop and escort vehicles to the examination site.

VOSA issued four immediate prohibitions and several further advisory notices. Trading Standards issued warnings and advice to over 20 traders who were trading in contravention of relevant legislation.

The UK Border Agency arrested one man for illegal entry and police officers arrested another man for drugs and POCCA offences, seizing not only the vehicle but a quantity of cash as well. Two vehicles were recovered and the drivers dealt with for driving with no insurance and officers issued 11 VDRS tickets, one Fixed Penalty Notice for excise offences, and one process for an excess weight offence.

## Speed Checks

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Hinxworth	High Street	14/11/12 1530 - 1600	18 veh / 28 mph / 22.4 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	13/11/12 1215 - 1245	42 veh / 34 mph / 23.9 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	14/11/12 1425 - 1455	25 veh / 36 mph / 26.8 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	15/11/12 1700 - 1730	30 veh / 52 mph / 34.7 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	13/11/12 1300 - 1330	50 veh / 28 mph / 23.3 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	14/11/12 1700 - 1730	17 veh / 30 mph / 24.9 mph
Therfield	Police Row	21/11/12 1345 - 1415	15 veh / 27 mph / 22.9 mph

## Reported Crime

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/800	Burglary (Dwelling)	Ashwell	20/11/12
Offender entered by forcing rear patio door.			

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

Nothing to Note

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/12/497	Theft	Rushden	05/11/12
Offenders stole exhaust system from vehicle.			

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G3/12/502	Theft	Sandon	11/11/12
Offenders have stolen articles from carport.			

## 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

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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	1	7
12-13	0	1	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	2	2	2
12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	

## Parish Councils

Last time we attended

RUSHDEN	11/01/12	SANDON	12/09/12
THERFIELD	13/11/12	REED	29/08/12
BARKWAY	10/10/12	BARLEY	02/04/12
KELSHALL	16/04/12	NUTHAMP	15/06/11
ASHWELL	05/09/12	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
G4E	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm		
G4D	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7.30pm		
G3C	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm		

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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"> <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>

## 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.hertscrimerevention.com/NHCPP/Welcome.html>

[www.doglost.co.uk](http://www.doglost.co.uk)

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

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

<http://www.stolenhorseregister.com/>

**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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