



HERTFORDSHIRE

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**Royston Community Team  
Rural Watch  
January 2012**

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*Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards*

## **Appeal following an assault in Royston**

Police are appealing for witnesses and information following an assault in Royston on December 28. At around 10.50am the victim, a 55 year old local man, was grabbed from behind as he walked his dog along Therfield Heath, just south of the hockey pitch. A second offender demanded the man hand over his mobile phone. The victim's dog then barked at the suspects and they ran off.

The victim was not injured.

The first suspect is described as being in his mid-teens, of a medium build and 5ft tall. He was wearing a black hooded top, blue jeans, white trainers and a multi-colored bobble hat under his hood which he wore up.

The second offender is described as also being in his mid-teens, of a medium build and 5ft tall. He was wearing a black hooded top with the hood up and a hat.

## **What should I do if I witness a crime?**

- If you see a crime being committed report it via 999 or ask someone else to report it if you can't leave the scene.
- If the crime has happened and you do not think the offenders are nearby call 101.
- Don't intervene in a violent incident.

- Pay attention to an offender's height, build, hair colour and length and in particular their clothes. You may be asked to describe them to police.
- [What will we want to know?](#)

We will normally ask:

- Your name and address
- The telephone number you are calling from
- A main contact number (mobile or home number)
- The exact location of the incident you are reporting
- The nature of the incident
- Descriptions of the people involved
- Whether you are a witness to the incident or reporting it on behalf of someone else
- For you to stay on the line if you are still watching the incident

You can still report to the police anonymously through CrimeStoppers.

## Vehicle Crime

The Police have been saying for years that to leave your valuables in your car in plain view is asking for trouble. We all lead busy lives and when in a hurry we think that leaving items in the car for only a couple of minutes is OK. "I only left my mobile on the dash board for a few seconds" is a common remark the Police Officer will hear after your mobile phone has gone and all that remains is broken glass where your window once was. It only takes a few seconds and it's gone.

Would you leave £100 in notes on the back seat of your car in plain view? No, why? Someone would steal it wouldn't they? We have to get out of the mentality that an object belonging to us is not as valuable as its equivalent in cash. Just because it's small, doesn't mean it isn't worth anything.

We also have to remember that our own sense of morals cannot be transported to others. I personally wouldn't throw a brick through your car window to take your Sat Nav but that doesn't mean that others would not. Leave nothing on show - big or small, night or day, out of sight and take the temptation away.

## Speed Checks

Hinxworth	High Street	22/12/11 1615 - 1645	22 veh / 28 mph / 25.2 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	23/12/11 1630 - 1700	36 veh / 34 mph / 28 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	22/12/11 1515 - 1545	31 veh / 42 mph / 27.6 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	22/12/11 1735 - 1805	42 veh / 52 mph / 38.6mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	30/12/11 1600 - 1630	30 veh / 35 mph / 25.7 mph

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.

Weston	Hatch Lane	21/12/11 0900 - 0930	28 veh / 37 mph / 26.2 mph
Therfield	Causeway	05/12/11 10.00 - 1030	20 veh / 34 mph/ 23.6 mph

## Reported Crime

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/11/1029	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Newnham	12/12/11
G4/11/1038	Burglary - Other	Bygrave	16/11/12

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/11/1051	Drugs possess Cannabis	Therfield	19/12/11

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G3/11/619	Drive Excess Alcohol	Weston	17/12/11

## 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					

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

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	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

## 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	02/06/11	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
	<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</li> </ol>

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be installed. Then speed watch to carry on with speed detection for a year and then another covert check to take place.
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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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