



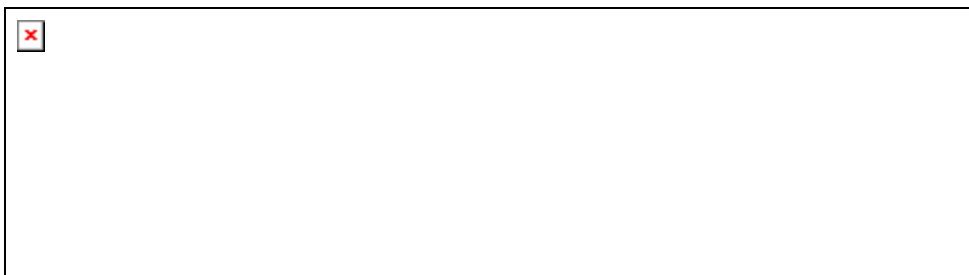
HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

**Royston Community Team  
Rural Watch  
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*Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards*



## Heating fuel scam

We have had another scam reported to us. Members of the public have been duped into ordering competitively priced oil from websites on the internet, paying for it up front, and which is then never delivered. When they have tried to complain to the company they are unable to find telephone contact details and all emails go unanswered.

Please remember the advice for buying anything off the internet is always check it out first. Look carefully at the website; are all the contact details listed; Google the company name and see what comes up; if they do not accept debit cards but want you to pay by bank transfer it is probably suspect. If the offer sounds 'too good to be true' then it probably is.

If anyone thinks they have been a victim of a scam report it to the Police on 101 and Action Fraud on telephone number 0300 123 2040 or at [www.actionfraud.org.uk](http://www.actionfraud.org.uk). By reporting it to Action Fraud you will be helping them build up a picture of the scam.

## Two Year ASBO For Baldock Man

An 18 year old man has been given a two year Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) banning him from entering a Baldock street. Hertfordshire Constabulary, North Herts District Council and North

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Hertfordshire Homes worked together to bring the post-conviction ASBO before Stevenage Magistrates Court. The court granted the application at the beginning of April this year following convictions for common assault and criminal damage, committed when he was a juvenile.



The ASBO prevents Alfie Wiseman from entering Park Drive in Baldock and from being in possession of any open container of alcohol in any public place (apart from being in a licensed premises). Wiseman, who is currently of no fixed abode, is also barred from being drunk in any public place, from associating with named individuals and from using aggressive, threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour which does or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person not of the same household

. Any breach of the ASBO could result in a prison sentence. The Constabulary's Anti Social Behaviour Officer Liz Fountain said: "Law abiding members of the community deserve to live in peace. We are very glad that the court has imposed strict restrictions on the behaviour of an individual who had a history of appalling behaviour and general noise nuisance." Andy Godman, North Herts District Council's head of housing and public protection, said: "Our anti-social behaviour officer works closely with the police and our social housing partners to help keep our communities safe places to live. This ASBO sends out a clear signal to others who behave in an unacceptable way." Mark Ferrari, Anti Social Behaviour Officer at North Hertfordshire Homes added: "We will always take appropriate action if evidence shows a tenant, their household or a visitor's behaviour is unacceptable. We will work in partnership with other agencies such as the police and district council if necessary."

## Police to target suspicious activity in Weston Woods

North Herts police will be conducting plain clothes patrols in the Weston Woods area over the spring and summer, to combat reports that the area is being used for illicit sexual encounters. In recent months, members of the public have reported an increase in suspicious behaviour in the woods, which are located to the east of Baldock. Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant Jon Vine said: "This kind of behaviour is totally unacceptable in a public environment, not to mention illegal. "We will work alongside North Herts District Council to ensure that dog walkers, walkers and families are able to use the woods and conservation area without trepidation. "Plain clothes officers will be conducting patrols in the area over the coming months and anyone caught acting in an appropriate manner will run the risk of arrest for outraging public decency. "We would also ask any members of the public to immediately report anything suspicious by calling the non-emergency number 101. In an emergency, always ring 999."

## Nuisance Telephone Calls

These types of calls could be from people trying to sell you something you don't want or need, i.e. 'cold calling'; or those where you pick up the phone and there is nobody there, i.e. 'silent calls'; or those that are trying to defraud you, i.e. 'telephone scams'. Unfortunately it is very difficult to stop all these calls but there are a few things you can do to at least ensure you don't receive so many or that you don't get fooled into parting with personal information such as bank details.

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## **Preventing Telephone Cold Calling**

**Telephone Preference Service:** This is a central opt out register where individuals can register their wish not to receive unsolicited sales and marketing telephone calls and includes automatic answering message and 'live' calls. It is **free** to register and takes about 28 days after registering for all to be stopped. To register visit [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or call their automated registration number: **0845 070 0707**. It is a legal requirement that companies do not make such calls to numbers registered on the TPS.

**'Stop calling':** If you are receiving unwanted sales or marketing calls from companies you can ask the marketer to stop calling; request that they take your name and number off their calling list and don't call you again. By law in the UK companies must comply with your request.

Telephone Provider Services:

Investigate whether your telephone service provider offers the following; although please be aware there **may be a charge** for these options.

- **Caller Display** whereby you can see the telephone number that's calling before you pick up the phone;
- **Anonymous Call Reject** which blocks calls from withheld numbers;
- **Choose to Refuse** where you can select the numbers to block.

### ***Alternatives to the Telephone Preference Service:***

There are also other companies besides the Telephone Preference Service which claim to be able to stop most unwanted calls but these usually **have a cost** to register with them. One company charge £39.99 per year to register so if you decide to go down this route it is worth investigating the companies that offer this service to see who offers what you need at the best price.

***Try not to get into a conversation with cold callers and do not give out any information regarding your circumstances. Do not be tempted or pressured into anything over the telephone; if they are a reputable company they should be happy to allow you to make further enquiries and get back to them. If you are not interested just say no thank you and put the phone down.***

## **Preventing 'Silent' Telephone Calls:**

**Silent Call-gard:** If you are getting silent calls, which are usually generated by automatic dialing equipment in call centers, you can register for **free** with this service. It will help reduce the number of 'silent calls' you receive but you will need to renew your registration every 12 months.

**Complain to Ofcom:** If the calls continue complain to Ofcom as follows:

- See if you can get the number after the call by dialing **1471**.
- If it is a withheld number take note of the time and date of the call and contact your telephone provider's nuisance call department, e.g., BT's Nuisance Call Advice Line on **0800 661 44**.
- Complain to Ofcom online. They are unable to respond to individual complaints but the information provided may lead to an investigation into a particular company.

## **Telephone Scams**

This type of scam usually involves someone calling you, fooling you into thinking they are telephoning from a trusted source and convincing you to reveal personal details in order that they can then access your bank account and obtain money fraudulently. This is known as ‘vishing’.

Another type of telephone scam is where someone phones you regarding problems on your computer that they say they can help fix. They usually say they are Microsoft Windows technicians but are just trying to access your computer for their own purposes which will probably be fraudulent.

**Advice to prevent this happening to you:**

- Please remember most legitimate companies, particularly financial institutions will not approach their customers with an unsolicited phone call.
- If you receive an unsolicited phone call from what appears to be a legitimate company asking for your security details, **never** reveal your full password, login details or account numbers.
- If you are concerned about the source of a call, ask the caller to give you a main switchboard number for you to be routed back to them. Alternatively, hang up and call back on a genuine phone number for the organisation.
- If the call is promising you something such as a prize remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is!

**If you think you have been a victim of fraud:**

- If debit or credit cards, online banking or cheques are involved, your first step should be to contact your bank or credit card company.
- For any type of fraud you should also contact Action Fraud. You can report a fraud via there [online fraud reporting tool](#) , or by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

## Speed Checks

Hinxworth	High Street	23/04/12 1810 – 1840	20 veh / 34 mph / 37.5 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	24/04/12 1800 – 1830	32 veh / 37 mph / 29.1 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	24/04/12 1720 - 1750	21 veh / 34 mph / 28.7 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	23/04/12 1900 – 1930	26 veh / 55 mph / 37.5 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	19/04/12 1715 - 1745	28 veh / 36 mph / 27.6 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	25/04/12 1600 – 1630	27 veh / 37 mph / 27 mph
Therfield	Police Row	25/04/12 16.45 – 17.15	28 veh / 38 mph / 28 mph

## Reported Crime

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
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G4/12/228	Assault - ABH	Ashwell	05/04/12
G4/12/257	Theft	Ashwell	15/04/12
G4/12/259	Burglary - Attempt	Newnham	16/04/12
G4/12/271	Theft	Newnham	22/04/12
G4/12/273	Theft	Services	22/04/12
G4/12/279	Burglary	Newnham	24/04/12

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/12/218	Theft	A505 Baldock	01/04/12
G4/12/223	Attempt Burglary	Reed	03/04/12
G4/12/250	Cannabis – Drugs class B	Barley	12/04/12
G4/12/258	Burglary - Dwelling	Baldock Road	16/04/12
G4/12/263	Burglary - Dwelling	Barley	18/04/12
G4/12/269	Communication - Gross/obscene	Therfield	21/04/12

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G3/12/178	Burglary	Weston	21/04/12
G3/12/180	Drugs Possess Class A	Weston	21/04/12
G3/12/182	Accident - Fail To Stop After	Weston	21/04/12
G3/12/183	Police – Obstruct Resist Constable	Weston	21/04/12
G3/12/188	Accident – Fail To Stop After	Weston	21/04/12
G3/12/190	Burglary - Attempt	Rushden	19/04/12

## 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	1	7

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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								

## 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	02/04/12
KELSHALL	16/04/12	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> </ol>

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| 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. |
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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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