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

## Police Foil Theft of JCB Digger



Officers on patrol in Buntingford last night foiled the theft of a JCB digger that was stolen from a building site nearby.

The officers couldn't help but spot the huge yellow digger as it lumbered down Buntingford High Street in convoy with two suspect vehicles just after midnight on August 30.

As they approached the convoy in a police-marked 4 x 4, a number of suspects jumped off the JCB and leapt into the other two vehicles – a silver Mitsubishi Shogun and a white Ford RS Focus.

The Shogun subsequently collided with the police vehicle several times, causing significant damage to the front end. Fortunately, neither of the police officers was injured.

Both cars then made off and the Shogun was found abandoned and blocking the carriageway in nearby Hare Street Road. The digger is believed to have been taken from the Meridian Park construction site.

## Catalytic Converter thefts

Residents in North Herts are being urged to be more vigilant following a spate of thefts of Catalytic Converters in the area last month

Offenders are using a device which they place under the vehicles and then cut the catalytic converters off.

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.

The vehicles being targeted are mainly 4x4's and larger commercial vehicle - both allowing easy access underneath to cut off the catalytic convertor.

Sergeant Jon Vine, Safer Neighbourhoods Sergeant for North Herts, said: "There are certain measures people can take to try and prevent themselves from becoming a victim of this type of crime. It is extremely inconvenient to have your catalytic converter stolen, not to mention the expense and potential impact on your insurance costs.

"We would urge motorists to park their vehicles in a garage if they can, or get their catalytic converters property marked – contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods team on 101 for more details.

"We are continuing to increase our patrols in these areas and I would urge anyone who sees any vehicle acting suspiciously, particularly around 4x4s and larger commercial vehicles to call police immediately.

## Six Arrested in Covert Metal Theft Operation

Police officers carried out dawn raids at six addresses across North Hertfordshire on Wednesday September 19, making arrests in connection with the stealing and selling of stolen metal. The raids were part of Hertfordshire Constabulary's Operation Precipitate, and were the culmination of a six-month covert investigation into the sale of stolen metal to scrap dealers in Hertfordshire.

Six men were arrested during the early morning raids on suspicion of conspiracy to steal. Those arrested were three from Hitchin aged 30, 37 and 44 years old, a 47 year-old from Royston, a 35 year-old from Letchworth and a 32 year-old from Stevenage.

## On line Fraud

A resident of a neighbouring force was recently the victim of a computer scam which left them out of pocket by £140. Whilst using the computer a pop up appeared on the screen purporting to be from the 'Metropolitan Police Specialist Crime Directorate'. It stated the computer had been locked and quoted examples of pornography or copyright infringement as being the cause of the police locking the system. The pop up threatened various fines and jail sentences and that to avoid this the victim should send an email to the given address with a ucash or PayPal voucher for £100 in order to lower the offence. This induced the victim to pay the requested funds with an ucash voucher and they then had to pay £40 to a professional computer company to clean the computer as it remained locked due to a virus contracted during the process.

Please note the Police would never lock your computer and do not communicate with people in this way or ask for money. Do not click on pop ups that appear on your screen unless you are completely sure of their content; you should close or delete them straight away. Ensure that your computer protection against online viruses and threats is up to date.

## Speed Checks

Hinxworth	High Street	12/09/12 1700 - 1730	25 veh / 34 mph / 25.6 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	22/09/12 1715 - 1745	22 veh / 37 mph / 27.4 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	12/09/12 1620 - 1645	28 veh / 39 mph / 27.9 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	22/09/12 1800 - 1830	24 veh / 48 mph / 38.1 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	23/09/12 1630 – 1700	25 veh / 35 mph / 26.2 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	12/09/12 1530 – 1600	17 veh / 33 mph / 24.2 mph
Therfield	Police Row	21/09/12 1730 – 1810	44 veh / 40 mph / 27.2 mph

## Reported Crime

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/653	Theft of Motor vehicle	Bygrave	14/09/12
Motor vehicle stolen.			

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/666	Attempted theft	Hinxworth	16/09/12
Attempted theft of caravan.			

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/630	Burglary (other than a dwelling)	Barkway	06/09/12
Offenders searched Pavilion.			

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/648	Drink Drive	Barkway	/09/12
Offender drove with Alcohol above prescribed limit.			

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/652	Burglary (other than a dwelling)	Barley	13/09/12
Offenders have attempted to enter Pavilion.			

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

No crimes reported.

## Illegal Hare coursing

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.

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
12-13	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 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			

## Parish Councils

Last time we attended

RUSHDEN	11/01/12	SANDON	12/09/12
THERFIELD	17/01/12	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		

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G3C	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm		
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<b>Safer Neighbourhoods</b>	
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 becomes 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/>

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**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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