

### Royston Community Team Rural Watch September 2012

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Covering Arbury, Ermine, Weston & Sandon Wards



### **Euromillions Lottery scam email**

With the world's media reporting on the new Euro-millionaires couple who live in our neighbouring county of Suffolk, we thought it would be opportune to warn you about an email scam that purportedly comes from last year's lottery millionaire couple Colin and Chris Weir.

The scam email has been sent to hundreds of thousands of people informing them they have been selected to receive a large sum of money from the couple's charity foundation. In order to receive the "donation", the email recipient must provide details which include their full name, age, occupation and mobile number. The email exploits the Weirs reputation for generosity to deserving causes. If you receive this email do not reply or send any personal information.

## Consider setting up some emergency contact details on your mobile

ICE (In Case of Emergency) is the Emergency Services Mobile Contact. This service came about in 2005 after the London Bombings and it has now spread across Europe and Australia etc as a way of providing emergency services with vital information.

It is a programme that enables first responders - such as paramedics, firefighters and police officers - to contact the next of kin of the owner of a mobile phone and to obtain important medical or support information. It encourages people to enter emergency contacts in their mobile phone address book under the name ICE. Alternatively, a person can list multiple emergency contacts as

ICE1, ICE2 etc.

If you carry a mobile it is so worthwhile having your phone set up with ICE contacts. You maybe going on holiday, taking the dog out for a walk, enjoying the countryside, driving, popping to the shops, visiting an event, or perhaps visiting the Olympics etc whatever you are doing it is good to have details of an emergency contact set up on your phone.

How do I do it?

This is easy to do, Go into your address book on your mobile phone and then into add new contacts then add the following ICE 1 then add a contact telephone number of a person that you would like to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Add ICE 2 and a contact number for another person and ICE 3 for as third contact.

Please pass this information on to family, friends, colleagues and neighbours.

## **Doorstep selling**

The Office of Fair Trading has launched a campaign regarding Doorstep Selling. They are mainly targeting the elderly and more vulnerable of our population but the advice is applicable to us all. Although the campaign focuses on Doorstep selling the guidance is also useful for telephone cold callers too. The key messages are:

- Rogue door step traders may call on you, be wary of people dropping in on you and offering special deals or telling you that your house is unsafe and needs urgent work.
- If a trader knocks at your door you don't need to agree to work or sign anything on the spot, it is OK to think about it or discuss it with someone first.
- If in doubt, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 04 05 06 or visit www.adviceguide.org.uk.

## Herts Police are Recruiting Specials Constables

Hertfordshire Constabulary is seeking to recruit people familiar with and interested in the needs of rural communities to join its team of Rural Special Constables. As part of a drive to recruit an additional 150 Specials Constables to its 400 strong team already helping to keeping the county safe, the force is looking for those with local knowledge of the countryside to become Rural Specials.



Forty-six year-old Richard Downs, who works as a gamekeeper with Holtsmere End shoot, near Redbourn, has been volunteering as a Rural Special during his spare time for nearly two years. As a Rural Special he patrols Dacorum's countryside and puts his expert local knowledge to use by supporting the local Safer Neighbourhood Team to address issues and crimes experienced by those living and working in the rural area. Just two weeks ago whilst on routine patrol with a Neighbourhood PC in Flamstead, Richard arrested a 20year-old man on suspicion of stealing red diesel. The man was spotted in a suspicious vehicle driving along the A5 near to Flamstead and was found to be carrying what is believed to be around 400 litres of red diesel in his car. He was arrested and is due to return on bail to Watford Police Station on September 3 pending further enquiries.SC Downs said: "Red diesel theft is just the sort of rural issue I can help tackle through being a Rural Special. It's very satisfying knowing results such as this make a difference.

"Through my role, I regularly liaise with landowners and farmers and I can find myself involved in everything from patrolling country lanes, keeping an eye out for speeding drivers and dealing with fly tipping, to tackling poaching and helping to deal with injured livestock and wildlife. "I believe gamekeepers, farmers and anyone with an interest in wildlife and rural issues can make a very valuable contribution to Hertfordshire Constabulary as a Rural Special. If you would like to make a difference in your community and you really care about rural areas I'd recommend it." As a regular Special and a Rural Special you have full police powers, uniform and protective equipment and work alongside the regular force. Some Rural Specials patrol their local areas on horseback using their own horses or via an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle or Quad Bike). If you are 18 or over, can multitask, have great interpersonal skills and want to give something back to the community for at least 16 hours a month in your free time, why not consider becoming a Rural Special Constable or a regular Special Constable? Visit <a href="https://www.herts.police.uk/specials">www.herts.police.uk/specials</a> and click on 'apply online' or browse the pages to find out more.

## Speed Checks

Hinxworth	High Street	22/08/12 0930 - 1000	17 veh / 35 mph / 25.2 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	24/08/12 1615 - 1645	22 veh / 37 mph / 27.9 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	23/08/12 1730 - 1800	28 veh / 34 mph / 26.4 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	30/08/12 1800 - 1830	20 veh / 55 mph / 37.45 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	30/08/12 1715 - 1745	30 veh / 35 mph / 26.7 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	24/08/12 1500 - 1530	14 veh / 33 mph / 23.6 mph
Therfield	Police Row	22/08/12 0830 - 0900	23 veh / 34 mph / 24.8 mph

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date		
G4/12/546	Theft	Hinxworth	24/7- 03/08/12		
Offender(s) forced a wooden fence and stole two manhole covers and metal chains.					

Crime no.	Offence	Location	Time & date			
G4/12/563	Damage and Destroy	Ashwell 03/08/12				
Offender(s) have used an implement to damage the paintwork on a vehicle.						

Crime no.	Offence	Location	Time & date		
G4/12/569	Burglary	Hinxworth	10/08-11/08/12		
Offender(s) have gained entry to a building and removed items from within.					

Crime no.	Offence	Location	Time & date			
G4/12/590	Burglary	Newnham	16 -21/08/12			
Offender (s) has smashed a panel of glass and removed items from within						

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date		
G4/12/564	Damage or Destroy	Barkway	08/05/12		
Offender had a verbal altercation with family then caused damage to a glass door.					

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date		
G4/12/584	Burglary	Barkway	17/08/12		
Offender(s) have entered shop and removed a handbag					

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date				
G3/12/365	Game - Poaching	Clothall	07/08/12				
Offender(s) we	Offender(s) were trespassing on farmland in pursuit of game.						

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date			
G3/12/367	Theft - Dwelling	Clothall	10-11/08/12			
Offender(s) have removed lead flashing from a derelict building.						

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date	
G3/12/369	Theft	Weston	12/08/12	
Offender(s) has used a taxi to get home, but payment was never paid.				

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date			
G3/12/374	Theft - Attempt	Sandon 14/08/12				
Offender(s) have tried to remove scrap metal from a business premises.						

# 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

Number of Sunday Hare Coursing and Nuisance Vehicle Patrols Carried Out to Reduce coursing Nusience Motor cycling and Nusience 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				

# **Parish Councils**

#### Last time we attended

RUSHDEN	11/01/12	SANDON	01/12/10
THERFIELD	17/01/12	REED	29/08/12
BARKWAY	19/05/12	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
G4E	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 19.30	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm	Parish Rooms, Ashwell
G4D	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 19.30	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm	Barkway Reading Room
G3C	Tuesday 21st Feb 19.30	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8pm	Weston Village Hall at

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Safer Neighbourhoods					
Locality	Martin Dingemans, Howard Marshall, Simon Holtom, Robert Law, Teddy Faure-				
Members	Walker, Steve Jarvis, Andrew Young, Tony Hunter, Keith Bone				
	<ol> <li>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>To improve/increase intelligence gathering in relation to suspicious vehicles/persons and attend incidents when reported. (G4D, G4E, G3C)</li> <li>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>				



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

#### Other links

http://www.herts.police.uk/profiles/hw.php Herts HorseWhatch

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.

http://www.hertscrimeprevention.com/NHCPP/Welcome.html

http://www.bedfordhomewatch.co.ukwww.doglost.co.ukhttp://www.hertscrimestoppers.org.uk/http://trailerwatch.com/www.nfuonline.comwww.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**) PC 431 Paul Marina. North Herts Rural.

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