



HERTFORDSHIRE

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



### Seven Arrested as Police Target Criminals Using Our Roads

Police carried out a joint operation on Tuesday December 4th to target criminals using the county's roads to transport stolen goods and metal, making seven arrests.

The operation was carried out with Herts County Council Trading Standards and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Officers targeted vehicles travelling on the A602, Westmill Road near Ware, and A119 at Stapleford using ANPR technology and police intercept vehicles, paying particular attention to vans and small lorries. The targeted vehicles were flagged down and their cargo checked for stolen goods and metal.

As part of the operation vehicles were also routinely checked for appropriate documentation, insurance and to ensure the safety and condition of the vehicles and that loads were at the required standard.

During the operation over 150 vehicles were stopped, seven arrests made and two vehicles were seized.

### Nationwide Building Society scam

An local resident received a phone call from someone purporting to be from the Nationwide Building Society. The caller was in possession of all of the bank details, full name, and address and even had the date of birth. The caller requested that he place his bank card into the card reader and relate the access code given. This small but important piece of information would have given a bogus caller complete and total access to everything in that account.

Most of us have a good understanding of how people would like to try to part us from our hard earned cash, but if someone calls with so much private and personal information in place, even

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those of us who are quite savvy are likely to be taken off guard. Please take care and if you are not expecting a call from your bank or building society treat it suspiciously. Tell the caller you are going to contact your bank to verify their call and ring them back. If it is a genuine call they will not mind you doing this.

## Burglar alarm scam

Some burglar alarm companies are currently targeting residents in this area by telephoning them and making false claims to sell over priced products. They make the following claims:

They are working with the Police or the Council: This is not true! The police or Council are not working locally with any company in this capacity.

The alarm is free: You will be expected to sign up to a contract which can cost thousands of pounds. The Police only attend alarms they have fitted: This is totally untrue.

## Another Phone Scam

You get a phone call saying that as you are a pensioner you are eligible for a payment of £1000 - to find out more, please press 5, or to finish call please press 9. I think that both of these are automatic dial in's on a premium rate line. There are variations on the call, like 'Eligible for Heating Grants' etc

## Speed Checks

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Hinxworth	High Street	18/12/12 1600 - 1630	17 veh / 33 mph / 24.6 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	20/12/12 1530 - 1600	22 veh / 40 mph / 26.8 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	18/12/12 1700 - 1730	25 veh / 37 mph / 26.5 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	18/12/12 1800 - 1830	27 veh / 47 mph / 35.7 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	21/12/12 1430 - 1500	27 veh / 43 mph / 27.2 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	18/12/12 1800 - 1830	16 veh / 28 mph / 23.1 mph
Therfield	Police Row	20/12/12 1700 - 1730	19 veh / 33 mph / 24.8 mph

## Reported Crime

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/839	Burglary (shed)	Ashwell	04/12/12
Offenders entered shed and stole item			

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/12/846	Theft	Ashwell	06/12/12
Trailer stolen (recovered)			

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<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/860	Burglary (House)	Ashwell	12/12/12
Offenders entered house by forcing front door and stole items			

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

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/835	Theft	Therfield	03/12/12
Theft of Heating oil from Tank			

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/855	Burglary (shed)	Barley	08/12/12
Shed entered and items stolen			

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/855	Burglary (farm building)	Therfield	About 10/12/12
Barn entered nothing stolen			

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G4/12/858	Burglary (shed)	Barley	About 08/12/12
Shed entered and items stolen			

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/859	Burglary (shed)	Barley	12/12/12
Shed entered and items stolen			

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/873	Burglary (shed)	Barley	12/12/12
Shed entered and items stolen			

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/871	Drive Excess Alcohol	Barley	15/12/12
Offender drove with alcohol above the prescribed limit			

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G4/12/855	Burglary (shed)	Barkway	About 18/12/12
Shed entered and items stolen			

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

<b>Crime No.</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
G3/12/520	Theft	Weston	01/12/12
Trailer stolen			

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## 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
12-13	0	1	2	0					

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	2
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## 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	13/12/12
RADWELL	10/05/11	WALLINGTON	11/01/12
HINXWORTH	06/12/12	CLOTHALL	09/01/12

## Neighbour Hood Watch Meetings

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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

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.hertscrimprevention.com/NHCPP/Welcome.html>

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

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

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

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<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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