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Police in Herts have been working closely with Trading Standards to keep a close eye on off licenses in the area. Regular checks are carried out including test purchase operations, to check that the businesses are operating in accordance with their licensing agreements. Castle Food and Wine in Hertford was recently fined £80 for failing a test purchase when it sold alcohol to a person who was underage. Hertfordshire Constabulary have also reviewed the premises' license and added extra conditions to which it now has to comply.

Now a high-value commodity, heating oil is often stolen at night

- **MOVE IT:** If the tank is located away from the house, move it closer where you can keep a better eye on it
- SCREEN IT: If the tank can be seen from the road, then screen it with fencing or hedging.
- **CAGE IT:** Consider building a metal cage around it with a secure entrance gate.
- **CONCEAL PIPE WORK:** Reduce the locations that it can be attacked. Conceal external pipe work.
- **CUT THE POWER SUPPLY:** Ensure that any electrical control boxes or switches are in a secure environment. (Your house?)
- **BLOCK VEHICLE ACCESS:** Keep vehicles as far away from your tank as possible, Use locked gates, parking posts or hooped barriers. Install a driveway alert monitor
- **INVEST IN GOOD LIGHTING:** Fit movement activated lighting and consider the type that activates a buzzer in the house when it switches on. Adjust the sensitivity to prevent false alarms.
- **CHECK YOUR HOME INSURANCE:** Ensure that your home insurance covers you for the loss/theft of your heating oil.

This appears to be another little scam that is doing the rounds. You get a phone call saying that as you are a pensioner you are eligible for a payment of $\pounds 1000$ - 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. I suggest that you just put the phone straight down and do not press any buttons.

Hinxworth	High Street	22/03/13 1550 - 1620	17 veh / 34 mph / 24.5 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	22/03/13 1715 - 1745	30 veh / 36 mph / 27.2 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	11/03/13 0830 - 0900	18 veh / 36 mph / 24.6 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	22/03/13 1635 - 1705	40 veh / 46 mph / 34.8 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	22/03/13 1510 - 1540	30 veh / 29 mph / 25.2 mph
Weston	Hatch Lane	11/03/13 0830 - 0900	19 veh / 27 mph / 23.9 mph

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date	
G4/13/121	Damage	Ashwell	03/03/13	
Offenders rem	over glass			
from vehicle d	oor mirror			

G4D - Barkway, Barley, Reed, Nuthampstead, Newsells, Kelshall and Therfield

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/13/117	Theft	Nuthampstead	01/03/13
Theft of heating oil.			

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/13/144	Theft	Nuthampstead	15/03/03
Theft of farm pump.			

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/13/148	Dwelling Burglary	Barley	18/03/13
Offenders ente	ered by		
forcing rear do	pors and		
stole property.			

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothal and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G3/13/108	Theft	Sandon	12/03/13
Offenders select	ted horse		

Incidents In our area

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
02-03	10	12	30	10	8	12	9	8	100
03-04	03	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	9	10
11-12	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	7
12-13	0	1	2	1	1	1	0		

Rushden	15/01/13	Sandon	12/09/12
Therfield	13/11/12	Reed	29/08/12
Barkway	10/03/13	Barley	04/03/13
Kelshall	16/04/12	Nuthampstead	15/06/11
Ashwell	05/09/12	Bygrave	19/03/12
Caldecote	28/05/11	Weston	13/12/12
Radwell	10/05/11	Wallington	15/01/13
Hinxworth	06/12/12	Clothall	09/01/12

Area	Last Meeting	Next Meeting	Location	Time
G4E	Tues 5 th March		Parish Rooms Ashwell	7.30pm
G4	Wed 6 th March		Reading Rm Barkway	7.30pm
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G3C	Wed 20 th Marc		Rusden Hall	7.30pm

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Police Surgeries

http://snt.herts.police.uk/aCMS/team.php?nptID=63&dID=5

Useful Links

http://www.herts.police.uk/

http://www.doglost.co.uk/

http://www.stolenhorseregister.com/