



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

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“Hello and welcome to the Rural Newsletter”

Last month I talked about how we can perceive things differently to how they really are. My frightening ordeal chasing a white horse was testament to that! I would also like to remind people about the reporting of incidents to police.

Please remember that something you think slightly odd in your street could be part of something much bigger in someone else’s street. We would like to know at the time, not days later when the trail has gone cold.

One person had told officers about suspicious activity close to his house at night and wondered why the police weren’t investigating the matter. He was asked if he had ever reported this to us and he replied “No, you wouldn’t do anything anyway!” He was advised that we could do nothing if we know nothing about it. I carry many items of police equipment, one is not a wand! He vowed to contact police if it happened again.

A few nights later in Ashwell the member of the public woke in the small hours and could see torches flashing close to the rear of his house. This time our words of wisdom struck home and he called 999. I was on duty and was immediately

contacted via my radio by the force control room, they relayed the suspicious activity. I asked for the location and then as to what the caller could see. Having confirmed that the caller could see two torches moving up and down I asked if the controller could find out what the caller could see now. I was then told that the torches were being turned on and off in an irregular pattern. Satisfied, I decided not to rush to the location with flashing blue lights and wailing sirens. I calmly informed the police controller to reassure our caller that he was quite safe, that his local police were doing something as he had originally suggested and patrolling the area, as it was me on foot patrol he could see with the torch! The caller was delighted that not only was everything fine but also we were acting on his information. By the way, I was using Morse code on my flashlight to
Say "Hello"

Summer has arrived

The above happened on a balmy June night when it was a real pleasure to wander around the villages in shirt sleeves in an attempt to cool down slightly. This June is a different story but...summer has arrived! Well it had about fifteen minutes ago when I looked out the window....oh, it's gone again!

This time of year the car boot sales start in earnest and there are always bargains to be had.

It is tempting to buy cheap goods, but the real price of your bargain is a victim crime – an elderly lady has been burgled, a child has had their bike stolen, another car stereo has been ripped out.

So the next time you're browsing a boot fair, online auction site or offered cheap goods elsewhere, consider this. £20 for a car stereo might seem like a great deal, and it is – the person who it was stolen from paid a lot more.

- If you aren't sure where what you're buying has come from, please don't buy it
- Tell us where and when you saw these goods for sale by calling 101.
- Or, if you would like to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

You can contact me by phoning 101 and giving my name or warrant number which is 1277. My email is Nic.Musto@herts.pnn.police.uk

Village	Area of check	Date and times	No of cars/Top speed/ Average speed
Hinxworth	High Street	14/06/13 1445 - 1515	21 veh / 34 mph / 24.4 mph
Newnham	Ashwell road	17/06/13 1530 - 1600	16 veh / 33 mph / 25.9 mph
Bygrave	Upper Bygrave	14/06/13 1230 - 1300	20 veh / 35 mph / 26.9 mph
Ashwell	Station Road (40 limit)	24/06/13 1155 - 1225	25 veh / 44 veh / 37.7 mph
Ashwell	Newnham Way	17/06/13 1615 - 1645	19 veh / 36 mph / 25.2 mph
Weston	Maiden Street (school)	24/06/13 1500 - 1530	15 veh / 28 mph / 23.7 mph

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/13/351	Burglary-(Dwelling)	Ashwell	03/06/13

Offenders entered building and stole property

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/13/365	Theft-From Motor Vehicle	Barley	07/06/13

Offenders have unlocked motor vehicle and stolen property

Crime no.	Offence	Location	Time & date
G4/13/385	Possession of Cannabis	Barley	19/06/13

Offender Possessed a small amount of Cannabis

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G3/13/240	Theft-From Motor Vehicle	Weston	08/06/13

Offender Stole property from Vehicle

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G3/13/252	Theft	Weston	22/06/13

Offender Stole mobile phone from unattended hand bag

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	0	6

Rushden	14/05/13	Sandon	12/09/12
Therfield	07/05/13	Reed	16/05/13
Barkway	10/03/13	Barley	04/03/13
Kelshall	08/04/13	Nuthampstead	15/06/11
Ashwell	05/06/13	Bygrave	01/05/13
Caldecote	28/05/11	Weston	11/04/13
Radwell	10/05/11	Wallington	14/05/13
Hinxworth	02/05/13	Clothall	04/06/13

Police Surgery times and dates:

<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/>

Thank you for reading this newsletter.

If you would like to see anything added to it then please contact me via email on Nic.Musto@herts.pnn.police.uk