



HERTFORDSHIRE

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PCSO Chris Brabrook 6522, PC Mark Ellwood 371, PC Johnie Streeter 1931
and PC Mike Hardiman 2787 & PCSO 6531 Penny Tomsett



Royston Neighbourhood Team

First of all I would like to apologize for the lack of a newsletter over the last few months. We have had a number of changes within the team at Royston Police Station and we have finally worked our way through the period of change and can now get back in the swing of things.

One change that has been implemented is that myself, PCSO 6522 Chris Brabrook, will be your main point of contact for the rural area. I have worked at Royston and have covered the rural area for over ten years, I am happy to listen to your concerns and I am willing to help you with any issues you have. The general number to contact your local police is 101 but if prefer to call the office then my number is 01438 757935 but please note that I may be on rest days or out of the office but will make every effort to contact you as soon as possible.

I will be supported by three PC's who will cover Royston town and Royston Rural who will interchange to tackle problems around the local area. These PC's are PC Mark Ellwood 371, PC Johnie Streeter 1931 and PC Mike Hardiman 2787. If you would prefer or feel a Police Constable is more suited to your problem then all these officers can be contacted via 101 or the office number provided above.

And finally we have a new Sergeant at Royston. PS Stephen Oliphant 1913 will be leading the team – Please see his introduction below.

I joined the team at the end of November last year. I have worked in North Herts for the last 7 years and Chris has highlighted some of the changes that we have made to the way in which we work but please be assured that this does not alter our commitment to yourselves, nor does it change the level of service you should expect should you need us. Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter and let us know if you want us to include anything else.

Hertfordshire Constabulary advises:

It might sound obvious, but make sure you lock the doors and shut the windows and sunroof whenever you leave your vehicle unattended.

Remove your Sat Nav and its holder, and wipe away any suction marks as these could suggest to a potential thief that a Sat Nav is stored in your vehicle.

Never leave any valuables in your vehicle - not even in the glove-box or boot - and keep ALL other possessions out of sight. Even if you know that there is nothing valuable in your coat pocket or bag left on the back seat, a thief may try their luck.

Use an approved steering lock or gear clamp, and remember to set your immobiliser and alarm if you have them.

Register your stereo, laptop, Sat Nav and any other property on the free online property database www.immobilise.com. It only takes a few minutes and could help police trace your property if it's lost or stolen

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.

Please be aware of company's cold calling via the telephone and offering 'Hertfordshire Constabulary approved home security surveys'. These companies are NOT offering home security survey's on behalf of Hertfordshire Police and will try to sell you alarm systems.

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team have recently offered the residents of Therfield village the opportunity to have a genuine Hertfordshire Constabulary home security survey, where an officer will attend your home address to discuss crime prevention advice tailored to your property. We can offer this to any local resident. Please contact myself PCSO Chris Brabrook or PCSO Penny Tomsett on 01438 757935 to arrange.

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/235	Theft	Ashwell	21/02 to 11/04
Theft of Heating oil			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/240	Burglary (Non-Dwelling)	Newnham	07/04 to 10/04
Entry gained to a barn / garage – Lawnmower removed.			

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/207	Theft	Barley	19/03 to 01/04
Theft of Heating oil			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/14/211	Burglary (Dwelling)	Barkway	03/04
Entry gained to property, vehicle keys removed and vehicle stolen			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G4/14/212	Burglary (Dwelling)	Therfield	03/04 to 04/04
Entry gained to property, laptop and other items removed			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/224	Burglary (Non-Dwelling)	Barley	07/04 to 08/04
Entry gained to an open barn, Tractor batteries removed.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/241	Theft from Motor vehicle	Barley	14/04 to 15/04

**Entry gained to a van,
tools removed**

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/242	Burglary (Non-Dwelling)	Barley	11/04 to 14/04

**Entry gained to 3 shed
at location, nothing
removed**

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Time & Date
G3/14/187	Theft from Motor Vehicle	A507	11/04

**Items removed from a
vehicle, no forced entry**

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/14/202	Arson	A507 Clothall	20/04

**Fire lit in an open barn
causing extensive
damage**

Barkway Street Market	Saturday 10 th May, 10:00 to 16:00	Event open to everyone, please feel free to approach us with any issues or concerns
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Barley Parish Council Meet	Monday 12 th May, 19:30	Meeting open to residents of Barley, Police will be addressing issues and concerns.
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Your local Neighbourhood Police Teams website

<http://snt.herts.police.uk/Teams.aspx?TeamID=G01>

Useful Links

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

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

<http://www.stolenhorseregister.com/>