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Royston Rural Watch, Nov 2014

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Our Non - Emergency Number 101

On the Beat

This month has been positive for results across North Herts with multiple arrests being made for Shed / Out Building Burglaries please see the stories below. However we still are getting burglaries of this type, please don't get complacent and keep going with your security measures! The team is entering a busy period with the evenings drawing in, events such as Halloween and Fireworks may provide us with an increase of Anti –Social behaviour. We recently had an incident at Ashwell Pavilion where the toilets were vandalised and we will be patrolling these areas to prevent any further reports. If you are affected by Anti-Social behaviour please call 101.

Five arrested in connection with North Herts burglaries - Royston

Following investigations into a number of burglaries in rural parts of North Herts, five men have been arrested in connection with the offences.

The burglaries the men have been arrested in connection with have taken place near Royston in Barley, Barkway and Therfield.

The men were arrested on suspicion of burglary on October 1st. They include:

- A 21 year old man of no fixed abode.
- A 24-year-old man from Cromer.
- A 53-year-old man from Isleham.
- A 23-year-old man from Cromer.
- A 22-year-old man from Isleham.

The men have been released on bail and are due to return to Stevenage Police Station in December pending further enquiries.

Dogs recovered after warrant is carried out

A man has been arrested and several dogs and a large amount of stolen property was recovered after police carried out a warrant at a travellers site in Bedfordshire on Thursday October 24.

Officers from the North Herts Safer Neighbourhood Team, Local Crime Group, Scorpion and Tactical teams carried out the warrant at the site, supported by officers from Bedfordshire Police.

The warrant was executed following a series of burglaries in the North Herts area over the past month.

A Cocker Spaniel and several ferrets, believed to have been stolen from an address in Hexton on Tuesday October 21st, were located at the site, along with a Labrador and seven puppies, which are also believed to have been stolen from an address in Luton Hoo.

Around 25 different power tools, which are thought to have been stolen during burglaries in North Herts over the past month were also seized, along with a chipping machine and a caravan which are also believed to have been stolen.

North Herts Chief Inspector Julie Wheatley said: "I'm thrilled with this result. We had received several reports of dogs and other animals being stolen in the North Herts area so it became a real issue for us. As a result, we utilised a large number of resources and worked closely with Bedfordshire Police to help tackle the problem quickly.

"Yesterday's result is a really good example of several teams working together, including members of the public, to target those who commit crime."

Anyone who has recently had tools stolen from the North Herts area and thinks any of these items may belong to them is asked to contact the Local Crime Unit at Hitchin via the Herts Police non-emergency number 101.

A 19-year-old man from Stopsley in Bedfordshire has been arrested on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary.

Outbuilding Burglaries Therfield 26th October, 0300 to 0340..





Do you know this man??

These images were taken from a Burglary in Therfield between 0310 to 0340 on Sunday 26th October.

Please note the distinctive clothing and the reflective band at the bottom of this man's boots.

Any information please contact us on 101 and quote reference number G4/14/763.

A happy Halloween and Bonfire Night for all



Halloween and Bonfire Night can be a happy and fun time of year for people of all ages to get out and enjoy the fireworks and spooky celebrations.

However, Hertfordshire Constabulary is calling on those enjoying the festivities to consider how their behaviour could affect their neighbours and vulnerable people, like the elderly or those living alone.

In the past anti-social behaviour has been an issue around this time of year causing distress and worry to many residents. Thankfully this hasn't been a major issue over the last few years. However, police will again be carrying out extra patrols to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. Officers from Royston Safer Neighbourhood Team will be working with local council, the Fire and Rescue Service and businesses to make sure anti-social behaviour remains low.

If children (and parents) are planning to go trick or treating we ask that you consider the following advice to help you stay safe and not cause distress to neighbours:

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you.
- Don't knock on the doors of strangers (or look out for signs that trick or treaters are welcome, such as Halloween decorations).
- Keep your Halloween 'tricks' safe - damage to property or hurting someone is a crime.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark.
- Wear something bright so that drivers can see you.

Police are also reminding residents that if they are going out to a Halloween party or firework display to make sure they lock their homes securely and leave a light on to give their home a lived-in-look. Chief Inspector David Partridge, who is coordinating the Constabulary's activity around Halloween and Bonfire Night, commented: "Halloween and Bonfire Night should be about

people having fun and enjoying themselves. However, some people dread this time of year and may even feel frightened or intimidated.

“We want everyone to enjoy themselves, but damage to property, causing injury or intimidating people are crimes and will not be tolerated. There will be more officers on patrol during the week as a reassuring presence, deter troublemakers and to react quickly in case there are any issues.”

More advice is available at www.herts.police.uk/halloween where you can also download a 'Trick-or-Treaters Welcome' or a 'No Trick or Treaters' poster. There is also a children's quiz online at www.herts.police.uk/halloween. By entering Children have an opportunity of winning family tickets to either the Harry Potter Studio Tour or Willows Farm.

Sheep Worrying



Over the last two months we have had a few instances of Sheep Worrying, with one eight month old lamb being so badly injured it had to be put down by a vet.

Dog owners, please be aware of the laws around livestock.

Penalty where dog worries livestock on agricultural land.

If a dog worries livestock on any agricultural land, the owner of the dog, and, if it is in the charge of a person other than its owner, that person also, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

For the purposes of this Act worrying livestock means

(a) attacking livestock, or

(b) chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock or, in the case of females, abortion, or loss of or diminution in their produce.

(c) being at large (that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep.

Worrying covers anything from over-excited dogs chasing livestock to full on attacks, but also applies if the dog is off the lead and not under close control in a field containing sheep. The results can be costly in terms of animals killed, stress and increased risk of abortions.

Keep dogs under control, in sight and if you are at all worried keep them on a lead. If you are not entirely confident that your dog will come back to you when commanded then it should be on a lead for everyone's sake. A dog has to be under control

On-Line Watch Liaison (OWL)

Owl is a messaging service that keeps you up to date with on-going crime trends and crime prevention advice. You can choose how you receive the information for example over the phone or via email. This is a useful tool as it keeps you up to date with current crime in your area and will inform you of this to look out for.

I have attached an Owl form; please take a minute to complete the form and send back to be on this email address –

Christopher.brabrook@herts.pnn.police.uk



**Police and Crime
Commissioner**
for Hertfordshire

Local Crime Information,

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/723	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Arnolds Lane, Hinxworth	14 th to 15 th October

Offender entered the vehicle by unknown means and have removed property			
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G4/14/727	Damage Non Dwelling	Lucas Lane, Ashwell	16 th to 17 th October
Offenders has smashed the internal doors of the male and female public toilets			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/730	Theft of Heating Oil	Slip End, Ashwell	15 th Sept to 18 th Oct
Lid removed to the oil tank and heating oil was syphoned out			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/756	Theft of lawnmower	New Inn Road, Hinxworth	23 rd to 24 th October
Offender has entered an open shelter and has removed a lawnmower			

G4D – Barley, Barkway, Reed, Therfield, Kelshall and Nuthampstead

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G4/14/689	Damage	Church End, Barley	30 th Sept to 1 st Oct
Offenders have used an unknown implement and have cut a small hole into a fence.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/695	Damage	Bankside, Barley	29 th Sept to 3 rd Oct
Offender has poured unknown liquid into the engine of a ride on lawnmower.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/704	Theft	Slip End, A505	5 th Oct
Offender has removed a metal gate by unknown means			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/717	Burglary Non Dwelling	Therfield	11 th to 12 th Oct
Offender has forced a garage door, nothing taken			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/759	Burglary Non Dwelling	Church Lane, Therfield	25 th to 26 th Oct
Offender has entered and outbuilding and have removed power tools			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/760	Burglary Non Dwelling	The Causeway, Therfield	25 th to 26 th Oct
Offenders smashed a window to a garage, entry gained and no property was taken.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/763	Burglary Non Dwelling	Police Row, Therfield	26 th Oct
Offender force a			

padlock of an outbuilding. Power tools removed

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/14/504	Theft	Maiden Street, Weston	18 th October
Offender has entered property and has removed a coat.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/14/505	Damage	Maiden Street, Weston	18 th October
Offender has poured glue into a locking system for a door.			

Community Events October 2014

Halloween Patrols, Friday 31st to Sunday 2nd November

Reed, Cricket Club, Fireworks, Saturday 1st November at
6pm

Barkway, Barkway Rec, Fireworks, Wednesday 5th
November at 7pm

Barkway, Remembrance Parade, Sunday 9th November at
09:30pm

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/>

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