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Royston Rural Watch, October 2014

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Our Non - Emergency Number 101

Shed / Outbuilding Burglary Update

Regular readers will be aware we have had a spate of shed / outbuilding burglaries recently. Just a quick update regarding this issue, we have received information to suggest a group of possible offenders. We are gathering information and we hope to have the possible offenders in custody in the near future. I hope next month I will be able to share some positive news relating to this issue.

Appeal for residents to be vigilant

Police are appealing to members of the public in villages around Royston to help police by putting in place some crime prevention advice and to report

suspicious behaviour following a recent rise in the number of burglaries of sheds and outbuildings in the area.

Since August 1, 16 offences have occurred where power tools and gardening equipment has been stolen. All of the crimes have occurred overnight in the Barley, Barkway and Therfield area.

Sergeant Jon Vine said: “Firstly, please be reassured that officers are patrolling the area and following lines of inquiry to prevent these incidents occurring and to make arrests. However, residents can also play a key role and assist us with gathering vital information and intelligence. Your calls can make a difference and I would ask people to assist us by being our eyes and ears and report any suspicious behaviour.

“The offences are occurring overnight but it could be that offenders are in the area during the day to scope out the area before returning in darkness to commit their crimes. I would ask that residents remain vigilant and report if they see vehicles which aren’t normally in the area or anyone who seems out of place. Take registration numbers and descriptions and call police.

“It is also possible that the offenders are using surrounding fields to access the area and I would urge anyone who sees or hears anything unusual during the night to call 999.

If you have any information about those committing these crimes but don’t want to speak to officers then please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, you could be entitled to a reward.”

Crime prevention advice:

- Make sure external lighting covers your garage or shed
- Secure windows internally with steel mesh or bars
- Strengthen the door
- Fit coach bolts to external door hinges
- Use a quality padlock or additional locks (and alarms where possible)
- Try to store valuables such as bikes in a secure garage rather than a shed
- Keep garden fences in good repair and consider having trellising on the top to discourage anyone climbing over.
- Roses, a thorny hedge and spiky plants can act as green-leafed deterrents to stop would-be intruders climbing walls or fences.

Back to school parking – advice to parents

With a new academic year beginning, parents in Hertfordshire have been warned by police about the dangers to children of parking outside schools while on the school run.

Parking close to schools is a significant issue across the county and parents are reminded to be mindful when dropping off or picking up their children and

not to fall into the habit of parking illegally or in a thoughtless or dangerous manner.

Inspector Phil Bloor, from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit, said: “The area outside school entrances must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road. Road markings are there for a reason and drivers must not wait, park or stop to set down or pick up passengers on school entrance markings.”

Parents are also reminded not to park inconsiderately and in a way which will inconvenience residents, other road users or in a way that obstructs the road. Insp Bloor added: “We want parents and children to get to and from school safely. Parents should be prepared to park a little further away from schools to avoid parking in places which will cause danger to children and to other road users.

“As the nights start drawing in, the risks posed by inconsiderate parking by the small minority greatly increase. If members of the public have any concerns in relation to illegal or unsafe parking outside schools, I would urge them to report it to police on 101. We will endeavour to improve safety working with our partners and carry out enforcement action where necessary.”



Parents are advised to not stop or park:

Near a school entrance

Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services

At or near a bus or taxi rank

On the approach to a level crossing

Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space

Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge

Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle

Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles

In front of an entrance to a property or on a bend

Where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

Prison sentences for two drug dealers

The below article is not really local news but I have added this because the villages are surrounded with woodland, barns and lock ups that could easily be used for illegal raves.

Two drug dealers who were stopped on their way to an illegal rave in Meppershall provided police with all the evidence they needed when officers examined their mobile phones. Two months of text messages on each of the phones told their own story that each was dealing in drugs. As a result, the pair appeared at Luton Crown Court on Friday and both went to prison.

Twenty one year old Lewis Giles admitted possessing 8.57 grams of skunk cannabis worth around £110 with intent to supply.

18 year old Thomas Norton pleaded guilty to possessing 26 grams of mephodrone worth around £460, with intent to supply.

Neil King, prosecuting, told how - at around 1.20 in the early hours of March 1 this year - police were in the area of Meppershall after they'd received intelligence that an illegal rave was to take part in the area. They became aware of a convoy of vehicles driving through the area and their attention was drawn to a van which they'd stopped earlier in Meppershall High Street and allowed it to continue on its way. But, after stopping it for a second time, the defendants, who were passengers in the vehicle, were arrested after a black draw string bag was found under a passenger seat where Norton had been sitting. Mr King said the bag was the defendant's communal drug kit.

Inside were the two types of drugs along with deal bags, scales, a chopping board, rizla papers and a cannabis grinder. But it was when their mobile

phones were examined that the tell-tale text messages going back two months revealed the extent of their drug dealing. The court was told the pair had been on their way to the rave with the intention of selling their drugs.

Recorder Rebecca Crane sentenced 18 years old Giles from Ordellmere, Letchworth, to eight months in a young offenders' institute. Norton, of Archer Way, Letchworth, was sent to prison for nine months. She told them "You were both motivated by financial gain. You were on your way to an illegal rave."



All farmers and land owners are advised to remain vigilant to the possibility of unlicensed musical events (Raves) being organised on their land. Hertfordshire Police are asking members of the public to be alert to any possible rave-related activity.

This could include:

The removal of locks from secured access points

Vehicles, particularly panel vans or larger, driving off-road

Groups of vehicles congregating in rural areas

Convoys of vehicles

Loud music from remote woodland

If you spot anyone suspicious who may be conducting early reconnaissance on rural land or even starting to set up an event, please report it on the Hertfordshire Police non-emergency number, 101, as soon as possible.



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 –



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**Police and Crime
Commissioner**
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Local Crime Information,

**G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and
Caldecote**

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/645	Burglary - Other	Ashwell	17/09
Offender entered the garden and removed a motorcycle. Offender was arrested.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/671	Theft without consent	Ashwell	25/09
Offender drove a vehicle without consent. Offender was arrested.			

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/618	Burglary - Other	Reed	08/09 to 09/09
Offenders have approached a shed and cut through the locking system.			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/619	Burglary - Other	Barley	08/09 to 09/09
Offenders forced the shed door and 5 gallon petrol can taken			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/621	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Barkway	07/09 to 09/09
Damage to the passenger side door, entry gained, property removed			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/622	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Barkway	07/09 to 09/09
Forced the			

passenger side door, entry gained, property removed

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/628	Burglary - Other	Barkway	09/09 to 10/09

Entry gained to small shed, Entry gained to larger shed and property removed

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/646	Burglary - Other	Kelshall	16/09 to 17/09

Entry gained to a shed, Power tools removed

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/655	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Barley	20/09 to 21/09

Vehicle left locked and secure, offenders have gained entry and removed the vehicle.

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/679	Theft	Nuthampstead	27/09 to 28/09

Offenders have removed a numberplate and a light unit from a trailer

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/680	Theft	Nuthampstead	27/09 to 28/09

Offenders have removed a generator and large amount of fuel

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/14/689	Damage	Barley	30/09 to 01/01

Damage to fence at the rear of the school.

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/14/432	Burglary - Other	Sandon	06/09 to 07/09
Shed door forced, petrol lawn mower and hedge trimmer removed			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/14/436	Burglary - Other	Sandon	03/09 to 10/09
Shed door forced, lawn mower and strimmer taken			

Community Events October 2014

- Halloween Patrols, Friday 31st to Sunday 2nd November

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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