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Royston Rural Watch, Feb 2015

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***Our Non -
Emergency
Number 101***

On the Beat



This month on Thursday 26th February we had a visit from the Police Crime commissioner.

The PCC is the lead on the 'Community drive safe' scheme in Hertfordshire. Community drive safe is a scheme that is run by volunteers that monitor speed through locations, speeding vehicles are checked and letters are sent to the offending vehicles.

Police receive this information and target repeat offenders. The

Police Crime Commissioner visited Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team to conduct enforced speed checks in Barley Village.

The team gave advice not only to speeders but also to vehicles with deficiencies. The checks were well received with in the village and we look forward to conducting more of these checks around all of the villages

Identification appeal following an incident in Western Hills

The offence occurred on Wednesday, January 28 at around 10.45am at Western Hills when the victim, a woman in her 50s who was walking her two dogs, was approached by a man who committed an act outraging public decency.



It is believed the man had arrived at the location in a silver saloon vehicle.

PC Bridget Jones is investigating and said: "I would like to appeal to anyone who may be able to assist in identifying the person pictured to contact me with information. I would also be keen to hear from anyone who was in the area and may have seen a silver saloon or anyone acting suspiciously."

Anyone with any information should contact the Herts Police non-emergency number 101 quoting crime reference number G3/15/51.

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

New police facebook page launched for rural and equine communities



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The new site has been developed from the already existing ‘Herts Police Equine’ facebook page which has 1854 people ‘like’ the site and receive regular updates from it.

Use the following link to visit the page and sign up

www.facebook.com/hertspoliceequine

The site will continue to be managed by Detective Constable Amanda Matthews, who is part of the Rural Operational Support Team (ROST). She said: “Our facebook page proved to be a really successful way to engage with the equine community and we are delighted by the amount of people who have chosen to follow the site. As we also post information on the page about other rural issues and crimes, we have decided to develop the page further and make it relevant for all members of our rural communities in Hertfordshire.”

The site will provide information about police activity, recent rural and equine related crimes and crime prevention advice to help combat them. It will also try to answer equine and rural crime-related queries and concerns.

Amanda added: “The Constabulary does a great deal of work with the rural communities, but it can be challenging to communicate effectively with those who need to know about what we are doing. We hope we will be able to keep

the rural and equine world fully informed of our activity as well as answering queries and sharing intelligence and relevant information.”

The site cannot be used to report crime. In an emergency always use 999. For non-urgent matters and for advice and information, use the non-emergency number 101 to keep 999 lines free. This site is not for the buying and selling, or loan of horses and/or equipment and transport. Any postings of this nature will have to be removed and ensure that security and safety messages take precedence.

The ROST also has its own dedicated Twitter account - @HertsPolRural - to keep people living and working in rural communities up to date with rural crime issues.

The ROST is a team of police officers specialised in dealing with crimes concerning rural and agricultural issues, wildlife, the local environment and the county's heritage. The ROST also deals with traveller liaison issues. They support local Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Intervention Officers investigate crimes from badger baiting, fly-tipping, hare coursing, the theft of red diesel and nighthawking, to stolen plant equipment, criminal damage and the theft of metal from historical buildings.

Baldock / Clothall shed break-ins - Do you recognise these items?

Police investigating a number of break-ins to sheds in Baldock would like to re-unite a couple of stolen items they have recently recovered with their rightful owners and remind people to ensure their outbuildings and sheds are secure.

A strimmer and an electronic compressor have been recovered and are believed to have been stolen from sheds or out buildings in Baldock.



Two 18-year-old men from Baldock have been arrested in connection with these incidents and are currently on police bail.

The break-ins took place at the allotment gardens in Wallington Road between Saturday, January 18th and Saturday, January 31st. However detectives feel there are likely to have been more incidents that people aren't aware of yet.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable David Quinn said: "We have been investigating the crimes in Wallington Road and have recovered two items which we believe are likely to have been stolen in similar incidents in the local area.

"Due to the winter months, people aren't likely to have looked in their sheds and outbuildings recently and as a result may not be aware that anything has been stolen. I would therefore urge people living in the local area to double check their sheds and outbuildings to make sure nothing has been stolen and that they are secure.

"If anyone finds they have had a break-in and that items from their shed are missing, please contact me as soon as possible. I'd also be interested to speak to anyone who may have information about who could be responsible for these crimes. "

He added: "Outbuildings and sheds are often easy targets for thieves, so we are asking people to make them as secure as they possibly can. Security lighting is a good deterrent as are heavy duty padlocks or chub locks. I would also urge people to consider the following crime prevention advice:

- Secure your rear garden by shutting and locking gates with a padlock.
- Burglars can use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use.
- Ensure boundary fences are secure and in good condition too.
- Always lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks near the top and bottom of the door.
- Tools and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number - this can deter thieves and help police identify the rightful owner."

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Local Crime Information,

Reported Crimes

G4E – Ashwell, Hinxworth, Newnham, Bygrave

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/15/100	Theft From MV	Royston Rd, Barkway	12/02 to 13/02
Offenders have removed some metal ramps from a recovery truck.			
<p>G4D – Barley, Barkway, Nuthampstead, Reed, Therfield, Kelshal</p>			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/15/103	Damage	A505, Slip End	08/02 to 09/02
Offenders have cut a fence securing live stock			

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/15/87	Damage	Clothall	28/02
Offenders have damaged a game keepers traps			

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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