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Royston Rural Watch, Jan 2015

PC Mike Hardiman 2787, PCSO Chris Brabrook 6522, PCSO Penny Tomsett 6531

Sgt Westwood 1604



Our Non - Emergency Number 101

On the Beat



Royston Rural Neighbourhood team has seen a few changes this month most notably the introduction of designated ward constable.

PC Mike Hardiman has been a police officer for 10 years. He has been based at Royston for three years and during this time has been involved in policing both rural and urban areas of the town. He is joined by PCSO Chris Brabrook and PCSO Penny Tomsett.

PCSO Brabrook has had responsibility for rural areas of Royston for eleven years since he started with the force in 2003 and will continue in this role.

PCSO Tomsett has been with Royston SNT for nine years and has been dedicated to urban areas during this time. With the start of the New Year she has also been enjoying having responsibility for rural areas.

PC Hardiman said: "I am delighted to take on this responsibly and we are looking forward to tackling issues affecting rural areas of Royston and anything that concerns people in this community.

"We recognise the benefits of having a PC and PCSOs dedicated to the rural area who can get to know local people and fully understand issues concerning and affecting them. PCSO Brabrook has been doing a fantastic job and we want to build on this service even more with the addition of myself and PCSO Tomsett."

The main issues the officers are currently tackling are burglary of sheds and outbuildings, speeding through lanes and villages and anti-social behaviour such as flytipping. Patrols will be stepped up

and there will be more of an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the team face to face through engagement events they plan to hold throughout the year.

A dedicated Twitter account entitled @RoystRrlPolice (www.twitter.com/RoystRrlPolice) - has been created for members of the public to follow who live, work and have an interest in rural areas of Royston. The officers will use this account to update followers about any crimes or on-going issues affecting rural areas of the town.

PC Hardiman added: “We are very keen to build relationships and be fully aware of anything concerning people living and working in rural areas of Royston. As a result we have created a dedicated Twitter account to keep people updated and I would strongly encourage local people to follow us; we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you while we are out on patrol.”

Members of the public living in rural and urban areas of Royston who want to be kept up to date with crimes and police events happening in their local area could also sign up to Neighbourhood Watch's Owl system: www.owl.co.uk. You can find out more about more about Neighbourhood Watch, if there is a scheme where you live and how to join. The site also provides information on how to start up a new scheme. Having Neighbourhood Watch in your street can reduce the risk of crime, deter criminals and bring communities together.

Royston town will continue to be policed by PC Mark Elwood, PC Bridget Jones and PCSO Sarah Lamb. Royston Safer Neighbourhood Team as a whole is led by Sergeant Guy Westwood.

Burglary - Barkway

Detectives investigating a burglary in Barkway are releasing the image of a ring that was stolen during the incident in hope of locating it and identifying those responsible for taking it.

Between midday on Monday January 5 and 10am on Wednesday January 7, a house in the High Street was burgled. The offender(s) gained entry to the property by forcing open a window at the rear of the address. Once inside they stole a number of items, including

- A gold emerald and diamond antique ring (pictured)
- A set of silver dessert forks in a blue box
- A gold Cross ladies fountain pen in a brown drawstring bag
- A Raymond Weil watch, which has a black circular face, black leather strap and gold case
- Pearl and gold drop earrings



Detective Constable Kate Raine from the North Herts Local Crime Unit is investigating and said: “A number of the items stolen in the burglary have significant sentimental value to the victim and we would like to reunite them with their owner as soon as possible.

“As they are quite distinctive, they would probably stand out in someone’s mind should they come into contact with them. I would ask anyone who is offered them for sale, or knows of their whereabouts, to contact me as soon as possible.

“I would also urge anyone who remembers seeing anything unusual or suspicious in Barkway High Street between the stated times to call me. Any information could prove useful.”

Anyone with any information in relation to this incident is asked to contact DC Raine via Hertfordshire Constabulary’s non-emergency number 101, quoting crime reference G4/15/13. Alternatively people can call Crimestoppers, the independent charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Make your mobile devices safer with security ‘apps’

Hertfordshire Constabulary is reminding people that they can protect their mobile devices by installing tracking applications.

Over the last two years a number of stolen mobile devices have been recovered by police, some of which have led to arrests, thanks to the tracking applications installed on them. The ‘apps’ make it possible to locate devices using the GPS signal and recover lost or stolen devices and even catch criminals before they can dispose of stolen devices. A variety of tracking ‘apps’ are available for Apple, Android and other mobile devices and are easy to download and usually free. The ‘apps’ can be activated remotely via a computer, smart phone or tablet. In some cases the app can even be installed remotely and then used to locate of the lost or stolen device.



If a device with an ‘app’ installed has been lost – the owner can locate the device and collect it themselves. However, if a phone has been stolen the owner should call police as soon as possible, as they may be able to track the phone, recover it and make an arrest.

If you believe your mobile device has been stolen call the police non-emergency number 101. If you are able to report the theft at the time it is happening, call 999 and give the call-taker your tracking app details.

It is strongly recommended that owners contact the police rather than try to recover stolen devices themselves, as this could place them in difficult or even dangerous situations. Lost devices that you can trace back to somewhere you have been recently will be safe to collect yourself, but if it is subsequently stolen or you remotely locate it to a place you have never been, please exercise caution and call police for advice.

There are a number of suitable tracking apps available for Android, Apple and other devices, which can be downloaded from the appropriate application stores. More information on these can be found at: www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/protecting-your-mobile-phone/.

These are other steps you can take to make your mobile devices more secure:

- Only use apps from your accredited app store and look for the ones with the best ratings and feedback.

- Some devices have tracking apps pre-loaded but may need activating.
- Always lock your device when not in use.
- Use your device discreetly in public places.
- Never leave devices on tables in cafes, pubs etc. or on display in the car.
- Register devices on the free online database www.immobilise.com. That way if it does get lost or stolen, police are able to return it to you if it is recovered.

Inspector Paul Lawrence, from the Crime Reduction Unit said:

“Mobile devices are amongst the most commonly stolen items, as they are small, valuable and highly desirable. Thieves are attracted to these items which they usually steal and then sell on very quickly. However, with a growing number of people using these tracking applications, it is making it more difficult for thieves to steal these devices and can be a deterrent as it can lead to them being caught.

“If you don’t have a tracking app installed on your devices I would strongly urge you to install one and keep a record of the app installed. Then, if it is lost or stolen, it is much more likely that you can get it back. Even if your device covered by insurance and you can get a replacement, losing all your contacts and other data can be devastating. You should also keep your devices locked when not in use, to ensure a thief cannot deactivate the app, and to protect your personal data.”

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

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Local Crime Information,

Reported Crimes

G4E – Ashwell, Hinxworth, Newnham, Bygrave

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/15/26	Theft From MV	Ashwell	07/01
Offender has entered an unlocked vehicle and have removed property			

**G4D – Barley,
Barkway,
Nuthampstead,
Reed, Therfield,
Kelshal**

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/15/13	Burglary - Dwelling	Barkway	07/01
Offender forced a kitchen window, untidy search and property removed			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/15/15	Burglary – Dwelling	Newsells	07/01
Offender forced a bathroom window, tidy search and nothing removed			

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/15/8	Burglary - Other	Sandon	05/01
Brick thrown through window, entry gain, alarm activated and offenders made off			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/15/12	Theft	Weston	08/01
Fuse removed from an external fuse box			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/15/39	Damage	Weston	23/01
Forced a hasp causing damage, failed to gain entry to a compound			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/15/43	Burglary - Other	Baldock / Clothall	24/01
Forced a hasp, gained entry to a shed, property removed			

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G3/15/44	Burglary - Other	Baldock / Clothall	24/01
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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/>

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team Tel – 01438 757935

From all at Royston Neighbourhood Team, have a Happy Christmas and a great New Year and stay safe.