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Thirty-eight dogs seized following joint police and RSPCA warrant in Therfield, Royston



Thirty-eight dogs have been seized following a warrant executed at an address in Hay Green, in Therfield, Royston by the police and RSPCA on March 15th.

Thirty-eight dogs seized following joint police and RSPCA warrant in Therfield, Royston Officers from Safer Neighbourhood Teams in North Herts, Operation Scorpion and the Dog Unit carried out the warrant alongside RSPCA inspectors.

The warrant was executed under Section 23 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to address the concern for welfare of the animals inside the property. A vet was also in attendance to check the health and welfare of the dogs.

Officers entered a property at around 7.30am and during the search 38 dogs of varying breeds were seized. All of the dogs have been taken to boarding kennels.

RSPCA inspector Jayne Bashford said: “We take allegations of animal suffering and neglect very seriously, and we are grateful to the police in assisting us in investigating such claims.”

The owners of the dogs co-operated with police and the RSPCA. They will be meeting with the animal welfare charity for an interview later this week.

North Herts Safer Neighbourhood Team Inspector Duncan Sales, said: “Alongside the RSPCA we received reports from the public about the concerns for the welfare of animals being housed at the address and of on-going anti-social behaviour. As a result we executed this search warrant alongside the RSPCA and investigations will now continue.

“Through our own investigations and information from the public, we can work together to keep Royston a safe and pleasant environment to live in. Anti-social behaviour can blight the lives of people who experience it and it does not have to be put up with. I would therefore strongly encourage people to always report suspicious, concerning or anti-social activity to us should they come across it.

“Crime or suspicious activity can be reported to us via the police non-emergency number 101 or dial 999 if you witness an offence in progress. Alternatively call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Horse Watch scheme to launch in Hertfordshire

Horse Watch scheme to launch in Hertfordshire If you ride regularly in Hertfordshire, you could play a vital role in helping your community as part of a new scheme being rolled out across the county by Hertfordshire Constabulary.



Horse Watch will see riders become the eyes and ears of their locality by reporting to police anything suspicious or out of the ordinary that they see while out on regular hacks.

Riders will not be used as an extra resource for the police but will provide intelligence and help support crime prevention – similar to Neighbourhood Watch.

Sergeant Jamie Bartlett, from the Rural Operational Support Team

(ROST) said: "Riders can make a real difference to their local community without having to formally volunteer. We hope that by receiving additional intelligence and information from riders we can tackle more rural crime that we may not necessarily be aware of."

"This scheme is all about having additional eyes and ears in areas that police officers cannot regularly patrol."

An information evening will be held at Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters in Welwyn Garden City on Wednesday, April 20, at 7pm.

Anyone interested in attending, should register their interest by emailing HorseWatch@Herts.pnn.police.uk with your name and contact details. If you are unable to attend, you can still register your details via the same address.

The evening will be hosted by officers from ROST who will provide information regarding what riders should look out for and what to do if potential evidence is found.

A free high visibility tabard will be given to any riders who want to take part as well as free tack marking and crime prevention information. A representative from the British Horse Society will also be present on the night.

RSPCA – Bogus Callers - Royston

There have been numerous incidents reported to police. On March 15, a woman called to report two suspicious people – a man and a woman – knocking on a door in Royston at around 8pm. The informant stated that they were wearing what looked like RSPCA jackets and when officers attended, there was no sign of the pair.

On March 16, police received a report that a man had knocked at an address in Barnack Grove two days prior and claimed to be from the RSPCA, but did not show any identification, and on March 24 a woman contacted police to report that two men claiming to be from the RSPCA had knocked on her door. Officers attended and searched the area but there was no trace of the men.

On March 12, a woman reported seeing two people walking around the Swift Close area in RSPCA tabards.

A spokeswoman for the RSPCA said: "It is of great concern that there would appear to be individuals posing as RSPCA inspectors in the area and we would appeal to anyone with further information about bogus RSPCA inspectors to contact their local police. The RSPCA wants to reassure the public that all official RSPCA inspectors and animal collection officers carry proof of ID, which will be shown on request."

"This is also the case for people fundraising on behalf of the RSPCA. Anyone who has suspicions about a caller at their door is urged not allow access to their property or animals and to contact the police."

A spokeswoman for Herts police said: “We would always urge people to be vigilant around unexpected callers. All genuine callers should be wearing identity cards which verify who they are. If you are unsure, do not be afraid to ask the caller to wait outside while you telephone the company or charity to check whether the caller is working on their behalf. Our advice is simple, if you aren’t sure, don’t open the door.”



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



Local Crime Information,

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/195	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Windmill Close, Barkway	Thurs 10 th March
	Catalytic converter removed from a car parked on a driveway		
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date

G4/16/202	Fraud - attempt	High Street, Barkway	Tues 15 th March
Telephone fraud, fake policeman attempted to get bank details			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/203	Fraud - attempt	North End, Kelshall	Tues 15th March
Telephone fraud, fake policeman attempted to get bank details			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/240	Damage	Newsell, Barkway	Fri 1 st April
Damaged caused to property due to a fly-tipping			

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/169	Damage	Newnham	Sun 3 rd March
Vehicle driven over a farmer's field in Newnham and damaged crops			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/214	Damage	Ashwell Road, Newnham	Tues 19 th March
Small axe was used to break windows of a vehicle parked on a driveway			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/245	Theft	Hollocks Pit, Newnham	Sat 26 th March
CCTV camera removed and stolen from industrial site			



G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

No Reported Crimes of Note In this Area for March

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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