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Drones join the frontline of policing

Drones are the latest in new technology to join the frontline of policing in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire following a successful trial of the intuitive devices.



The tri-force policing alliance carried out a nine-month trial and trained officers in the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAVs), before introducing the operational use of UAVs in June

The drones can be used to support operations and investigations, and to help ensure the safety of the public. The devices, which have the ability to capture high-definition video and take high-resolution photographs, can assist in the search for missing people, document crime scenes and chemical incidents, and support fatal and serious collision investigations

.Across the three forces a total of 16 pilots have been trained from departments including Roads Policing and Armed Policing.

The tri-force is making operational use of four drones which cost in the region of £1,000-1,200 each, and can reach speeds of up to 36 miles per hour. The drones can be flown up to a height of 400 ft and in winds of up to 25 miles per hour, but must remain within the view and control of a pilot at all times.

Inspector Mark Farrant from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Joint Protective Services said: "Exploring the efficiencies of new technology is key to helping us face the challenges of modern policing. The drones give us greater scope to capture evidence in real time, supporting our ultimate aim of protecting the public and fighting crime.

"Following the trial in which the devices assisted at the scenes of collisions and in police training, we anticipate this new resource contributing hugely to the work of the three forces – not to mention the obvious benefits to officer and public safety."

During its operational concept phase the drone has so far been utilised at a number of incidents across the three counties, including:

The video can be viewed by clicking here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU_JPmEHm5w&feature=youtu.be

Advice Regarding Door-Step Sellers

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team is reminding residents that they do not have to buy at the door if a sales person calls at their address.



This follows a number of calls being made to the police reporting men door knocking on doors, trying to sell household items. One male who was selling items became abusive when the resident refused to make a purchase and a woman reported being inappropriately touched by one of the sellers as he passed her in the street.

Selling at the door is not a crime, but abusive and inappropriate behaviour is not acceptable, we are also worried that some people are being really pressurised by some of the sales tactics and have ended up parting with a lot of cash for low value items.

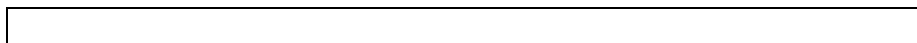
It is often elderly residents who are targeted, who may not have the confidence to say no, or who may get confused about what they are agreeing to buy and then handing over more cash than they intended.

As mentioned before, selling door to door is not an offence. However, if any seller becomes abusive or pressurised you into buying items please contact us on 101.

These people often claim to be ex-offenders who are working for a charity on their release from prison. They often travel in large groups and come from outside the area.

They may carry a piece of laminated paper with their photograph on it. This will look like an official permit and they will claim that they have permission to be selling door to door in the area.

No one should feel like they have to buy products at the door and if anyone is concerned about door to door selling in their area I would urge them not to open the door and contact the police for advice



Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/735	Theft	Reed – A10	6 th September
HGV trailer stolen from a car park off the A10			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/736	Burglary	Barkway	7 th September
Front door forced, untidy search and jewellery stolen from bedrooms			

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/718	Burglary	Hinxworth	2 nd September
Forced a side window, jewellery taken from bedrooms			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/807	Theft from Motor Vehicle	Hinxworth	27 th September
Vehicle parked on a driveway, number plates stolen			

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
Nothing of note for this area			

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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