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Royston Rural Watch, September 2016

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

Sgt Guy Westwood 1604



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

Theft of lead from church - Therfield

Police investigating a heritage crime involving the theft of lead from a historic church in Therfield are appealing for witnesses and information.



Heritage crime is any offence which harms heritage assets. It can include architectural theft, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, unauthorised excavation and metal detecting, damage caused by vehicles, metal theft or theft of historical and cultural property.

Between 10pm on Thursday, July 21 and 7am the following day, around 70sqm of lead was stolen from the roof of St Mary's .

PC Mike Hardiman, who is investigating, said: "The offender(s) have caused substantial damage not only to the roof of the church but also in gaining access to this historic place of worship.

"It is estimated that thousands of pounds worth of damage has been caused. As well as the lead being taken, water damage was caused by rain following the theft.

"We believe the offender(s) used ladders and a vehicle to transport the lead and I am appealing for anyone who saw anything suspicious at the church around the times stated, or in

the weeks leading up to the theft, to contact me via the Hertfordshire Constabulary non-emergency number 101, quoting crime reference number G4/16/585.

“You can also give information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.”

PC Hardiman added: “Heritage crime of this nature is deplorable. A church is not only a place of holy worship but is often an ancient building of significant local historic interest.

“Crimes of this nature affect the whole community and it is the community I look to for help to protect our heritage by keeping an eye on our historic sites and report anything suspicious to the police.”

Charlie Hall confirmed as Hertfordshire's new Chief Constable

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd’s preferred candidate for Chief Constable of Hertfordshire was confirmed by members of the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel at a meeting held on Tuesday (August 9).



Charlie Hall confirmed as Hertfordshire's new Chief Constable Charlie Hall, who is currently Deputy Chief Constable of Norfolk, was nominated as the preferred candidate for Chief Constable following a rigorous recruitment process.

Members of the panel agreed with the appointment at a meeting in Welwyn Garden City last night.

Mr Lloyd said: “I am very pleased that the panel members confirmed my choice of candidate. Charlie Hall is a highly experienced and well regarded chief police officer and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.”

Mr Hall, pictured, added: “I am delighted that the panel has endorsed my candidacy for Chief Constable in Hertfordshire and would like to thank members for their support.

I look forward to working closely with the Commissioner, officers and staff at the Constabulary, partner organisations and the public in the years to come.”

Could you help to police 275,000 acres of Hertfordshire countryside in your spare time?

Hertfordshire Constabulary is recruiting volunteer police officers to join its dedicated Special Constabulary, with a focus on rural policing.



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The force aims to have 400 specials by the end of 2017 and is well on its way, with more than 240 already in place and 30 applicants through to the final stage of enrolment for September's intake of new recruits. Intakes are normally four to 12 would-be specials and there is a further large intake expected in November.

The force is looking for new Special Constables and Rural Special Constables to join the team from all areas across the county.

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An information evening is being hosted at Police Headquarters in Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, on Wednesday, August 31st, from 7pm, where you can find out all you need to know about becoming a Special Constable.

Rural Special Constables are dedicated to the needs of rural communities and have been specially trained to have an understanding of rural issues and the countryside they serve. They work alongside the force's Rural Operation Support Team (ROST) and local Safer Neighbourhood Teams.



They can be involved in a huge range of policing issues from investigating heritage crime, preventing hare coursing and dealing with fly tipping, to tackling poaching and investigating wildlife offences.

Not sure if you fit the bill as a special? Perhaps you know a family member, neighbour or friend who is aged 18 or over and wants to actively play their part in keeping Hertfordshire a safe

place?

During the open evening senior officers from the Special Constabulary will introduce the role of a Special Constable and Rural Special Constable and talk about the application process, the training and the level of commitment expected from officers.

There is also an opportunity to chat to serving Rural Specials, recruitment staff, personal safety trainers and local police officers and see the uniform and equipment that officers use.

Anyone attending the event will need to register beforehand (registration closes Tuesday, August 30).

Register now at www.hertspolicecareers.co.uk

(Look for 'events' on the front page and click the + icon for full details and links to register).

Or go direct by clicking here:

<https://tri-force.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-6/brand-5/xf-36e7326d4bc7/candidate/login>

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Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/623	Burglary - Dwelling	Newnham	1 st August
	Untidy search, jewellery and electrical good stolen		
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/644	Theft from Shop	Ashwell	9 th August
	Attempt to steal a bottle of Vodka		
Crime No	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/671	Theft From Motor Vehicle	Ashwell	17 th August
	Disabled badge stolen from an insecure vehicle		

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

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/624	Theft	Reed	2 nd August
Offender stole a metal parcel box from outside a property			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/627	Damage	Therfield	3 rd August
Whilst hare coursing a vehicle damaged crops in a farmer's field			
Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G4/16/652	Thefts of Money	Reed	12 th August
Money left under a pot for a takeaway, money was removed by an offender			

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Crime No.	Offence	Location	Date
G3/16/438	Damage	Clothall	7 th August
Game keeper traps were damaged on farmland			

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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