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Royston Rural Watch, May 2017

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Our Non - Emergency Number 101

On the Beat –

The month of May has seen the team deal with variety of issues. As well as continued patrols for outbuilding burglaries around Villages the team has visited Schools to run 'Bikeability' sessions for children, visited churches to provide crime prevention advice and ran two Residents meetings for Neighbourhood problems.

We are still having a run of crime around Barley, Barkway and Therfield area. Please keep a look out and report any suspicious activity on 101 please.

We have picked up some CCTV footage from a burglary in Therfield, do you recognise this person?

The incident happened in Hoops Lane at 3.30am on Monday, May 8 when a bike was stolen from a shed.



Police would like to speak to the man pictured as he may have witnessed the incident or have information that could assist the investigation.

If you recognise him, or have any further information to share, please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary via the non-emergency number 101, quoting crime reference G4/17/427.

Alternatively, if you have any information about this incident you can contact the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through their Anonymous Online Form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information cannot be traced or recorded and you will never need to go to court.

New Police app for Hertfordshire Constabulary

Hertfordshire Constabulary's new mobile phone app will make them even more accessible to the public.

The Hertfordshire Police App, which can be downloaded from the iTunes App Store and Google Play Store, is available on iPhone and Android devices. As well as providing up to date information on news and policing in local areas, users can also directly link through to the forces new online crime report and live web-chat.

The ability to report crimes online and increase the ways the public can contact the police is a central part of the Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd's, Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan for Hertfordshire.



PCC David Lloyd said: "The app is yet another way of contacting the police and gives the public more options and an alternative to using the phone.

"I want to make it as easy as possible to contact our officers and not everybody wants to speak to an officer – being able to use web-chat on their phone, or report crimes via the app is a great service.

"I'm also encouraged that since we launched the online services at the beginning of the month, we've seen a 53% increase in our web-chat and 44% increase in crimes being reported online."

A video, showing the public how to use the new services was made available earlier this month and can be viewed on the Constabulary and Commissioner's Facebook and YouTube channels.

Other online services include Online Intelligence which enables information to be digitally reported directly to the police, information on how to apply for a range of services and details on how to contact various departments within the force.

Chief Constable Charlie Hall added: "I am really pleased to see the use of these new online services increasing. By expanding our online services we're reducing the pressure on our control room, which means that they can focus on those truly urgent 999 calls."

These online services are available as an alternative to calling 101 for non-emergency matters. Please remember that you should always call 999 when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

We welcome any feedback from the public using our new services to help improve development in the future.

Can You Help Your Community?

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is now one of the biggest and most successful community crime prevention initiatives. Involving more than 120,000 households in Hertfordshire, it is based on the simple idea that you and your neighbours can help to reduce crime and create a safer and better place to live, work and play.

In East Herts, NHW has grown to over 12,000 members, which equates to 20% coverage of the district and the plan is to grow this even further.

Neighbourhood Watch members receive regular updates and alerts from their local policing team

via email, or by telephone if preferred, using Hertfordshire's Online Watch Link (OWL) system.

The system is also used by the Police and Crime Commissioner for important 'calls to action' and for members' views on prominent issues.

"For the past couple of years we have been getting short of Local Coordinators for Neighbourhood Watches including Ward and Area coordinators for East Herts," explained Watch Liason Officer for Hertfordshire Constabulary, Terry Morris.

"This is not a time consuming or difficult role. Your local policing team will keep you informed about what is happening locally and how you can help, for example to look out for stolen property, suspicious activity or help find missing people.

"They will also tell you about local policing events, update you about crimes, incidents or concerning trends in your area, alert you to appeals for information or witnesses and keep you up-to-date with the latest crime prevention information and advice to share with your friends and neighbours to help you to keep yourselves and your property safe."

The watches are simply the road or part of the road you live in. The prime role of a local coordinator is as follows:

1. Being a good neighbour, you can help make your community more secure by looking out for your neighbours; keeping an eye on their homes when they are out; watching out for those who are elderly or vulnerable; and receiving and sharing crime prevention advice to help keep you and your neighbours safe and your homes and property secure.
2. To look out for residents and encourage them to sign on to OWL
3. To "manage" the OWL records for residents on your watch: to reflect changes in residency, or changes to faulty email addresses that OWL automatically detects and will tell you about.
4. Encourage members to take the initiative to dial 101 for non-emergency issues or if you see something that doesn't look quite right or 999 in an emergency

Support documentation and OWL training will be provided.

"If you know of anyone, including yourself, who would be interested in becoming a local coordinator, please contact Terry Morris, wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk or your District coordinator Keith Batchelor, keithbatchelor10@gmail.com "

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Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Between Friday 28th April and Saturday 3rd May there was an attempted burglary to a business in Caldecote nr Newnham. The offenders caused damage but failed to gain entry to the building.

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

A busy month again for this area –

Barkway – Between Saturday 3rd and Friday 9th June the village suffered a spate of crime.

Cambridge Road x 2 Outbuilding burglaries at a building site, Power tools were taken from the location, Sat 3rd to Sunday 4th May

High Street a property had its CCTV system damaged and wires pulled out. Saturday 3rd May

Townsend Close a house was burgled on Friday 5th May. The offenders smashed a rear patio door to gain entry. The offenders have stolen jewellery and have made off direction unknown.

White House Court, Sunglasses were stolen from a parked car in the street. Also, two bike were stolen from a garden in the street. Both crime occurred over nigh on Monday 8th to Tuesday 9th May.

Barley –

On Friday 19th May the black barn going from Barley to Royston was broken into. Nothing was taken but the side of the barn was damaged.

Thefield / Reed End –

Overnight on Sunday 8th May two properties in Therfield village were targeted for shed burglaries. The first was in Police Row and gardening power tools were stolen, the second was in Hoops Lane and a bike was stolen from a shed. CCTV was at the location but as it stands we have been unable to identify the offender.

Between Weds 26th April and Sunday 2nd May an outbuilding was broken into just off the A10 in the Reed End area. Batteries and a Lawnmower was stolen.

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Overnight on Saturday 6th May the Tennis pavilion on Weston Recreation ground was vandalised. The offenders have damage the door to the pavilion and have left the 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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