



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

Royston Rural Watch, December 2018

PC Mark Ellwood 371 & PCSO 6531 Penny Tomsett,
PCSO Chris Brabrook 6522

Sgt Guy Westwood 1604



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

On the Beat -

Festive Message from the Team -

This year's Festive Safety message is to stay safe whilst shopping, partying, at home or on the roads. We provide some important information to help you stay safe this Festive Period.

Shopping Safety



Stay safe on the high street this Christmas with our Shop Safe tips and information.

The festive period is traditionally the busiest time of the year for shopping and unfortunately, there are those who exploit the festive period for the wrong reasons but it only takes a few simple preventative measures to discourage criminals and stay safe.

Keep Safe Online this Christmas with our online safety tips and information. More and more people use online shopping to purchase their Christmas presents as well as taking advantage of sales and events like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It's important to take a couple of precautionary steps when purchasing goods online to keep

safe and avoid being targeted by criminals.

It is also important that people understand the dangers of social media and that what you post online, stays online. You can find more information about online safety in the PDF at the bottom of this page.

Party Safety

With the festive season, many people will be out celebrating in pubs and clubs and their Christmas nights out so we want to provide you with some key information to help you stay safe.

Make sure to stay with friends, stick to your plans, have travel arranged and be careful of what you drink. Don't leave drinks unattended and stay away from drugs, new psychoactive substances or other controlled substances.

Home Safety

Keep your home safe this Christmas with our Home safety tips and information.

A few simple steps such as leaving a light on when you're out, keeping presents and valuables out of sight, opening and closing curtains at the appropriate time of day and not advertising on social media when you are out helps to keep criminals away.

Road Safety

During the winter months ensure your car is ready for the season change in weather - are tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows free from defects and clean?

Be aware of changing road conditions, don't put yourself and others at risk.

Drink driving – don't risk it, if you are out partying be aware of your alcohol consumption.

Beware the morning after: you could still be over the limit the day after drinking. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help you to sober up – time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system. There is no excuse for drink driving: alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging speed and distance more difficult, and slows your reactions so that it takes longer to stop. 'Only going down the road' is not an excuse: a large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey

Neighbourhood Watch membership up to 140,000 in Hertfordshire

With more than 140,000 households in Hertfordshire having already signed up to receive emails about crimes in their local area – why don't you join them?

The emails are sent by local policing teams to residents signed up to Neighbourhood Watch via the Online Watch Link

Chair of Herts Watch (the umbrella organisation for NHW across Hertfordshire) Sue Thompson, said: "Residents don't have to do anything other than act on any crime prevention advice sent to them, which range from burglaries or thefts in their local area to details of missing people, and encourages them to report any suspicious incidents or behaviour that they may have seen."



She said: "We think we have the largest NHW membership in the country, and have recently increased membership to 140,000 Hertfordshire homes. But we want to encourage even more people to sign up and benefit from being part of NHW. The OWL system has brought NHW into the 21st century and makes it harder for criminals to operate as well as helping to improve community spirit across the county."

There are many examples of NHW keeping residents safer. NHW prevented a pensioner from being scammed – he was close to sending £15,000 of his life savings to a convincing con artist pretending to be from his bank – but thought twice after seeing an email message from Neighbourhood Watch warning him about the scam.

Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd said: "The scheme promotes community spirit and ultimately makes the county safer, supporting the ethos behind my Community Safety and Criminal Justice plan - keeping neighbourhoods safe is everybody's business.

"I want to continue to ensure that we make the most of our links with the various watch schemes that operate across Hertfordshire and look for opportunities to continue the technology of OWL to drive forward the prevention of crimes."

Simply sign up to NHW via New window OWL or speak to your local PCSO.

Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Theft from Motor Vehicle, Hinxworth - Overnight on 1st to 2nd November number plates were stolen from a vehicle parked in Francis Road, Hinxworth. 41/52169/18 Refers

Theft from Motor Vehicle, Hinxworth - Overnight on 6th to 7th November front and rear number plates were stolen from a private car park in the Maltings, Green Lane, Ashwell. 41/53870/18

Burglary, Ashwell - On 9th November between 10.40 – 10.52 a house in Station Road, Ashwell was targeted. The offenders smashed the rear patio door, once inside the offenders removed jewellery and made off. 41/54461/18 Refers

Attempted Burglary, Newnham - Between 10th and 12th November there was an Attempted Burglary at Hullock pit, Newnham. Offenders have tried to jemmy a lock but were unsuccessful leaving a metal bar discarded on the floor. 41/55285/18 Refers

Theft, Newnham - Overnight 17th to 18th November a caravan was stolen from a driveway in Newnham. The offenders has reversed onto a drive, hitched the caravan onto a vehicle and driven away. 41/57252/18

Burglary, Bygrave - On 21st November between 12.30 and 13.15 the victim left the home to walk the dog, during this time the offender smashed a front window and entered the property. The offender took the keys to a Landrover Discovery and drove off in the vehicle. The offender for this was arrested in 41/58280/18 Refers

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

Burglary, Therfield - On 8th November between 0700 and 1730hr a house was burgled in Meadow Way, Therfield. The offenders forced a rear patio door and gained entry. Once inside the offenders found cash and removed this. 41/54219/18 Refers

Attempted Theft, Therfield - At 11.10 on 30th November a man was caught outside the front of a house in Church Lane, Therfield. The offender had opened the victims van door that was parked nearby. The man was disturbed, got into a white Astra van displaying a false number plate and made off without stealing items. 41/61166/18 Refers

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Theft of Motor Vehicle, Weston - Overnight from the 1st to 2nd November a car was left locked and secured on the drive. The vehicle was driven away but found at the side of the road between Weston and Great Ashby on 2nd November. 41/52118/18 Refers

Theft from Motor Vehicles, Weston - Between 12th November and 15th November we had a spate of vehicles broken into all around Weston Village. Reported to Police were 11 crimes most of which had no signs forced entry.

The offender walked for car to car checking for un-locked vehicles and stealing items kept inside.

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