



HERTFORDSHIRE

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Royston Rural Watch, June 2018

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***Our Non -
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On the Beat -



This month has been a productive month for the team. The team secured funding for Shed alarms and Selector DNA kits that have been made available free of charge for members of public and previous victims of crime.

The team arranged three Tool Marking events targeting the villages and Royston Town. The purpose of the event was to target harden residents who may become a victim of crime. The initiative has been a particular successful for those concerned with van breaks, shed and out building burglary.

I have attached a link below to a youtube video that explains a little more about Selecta DNA as a product. Essentially, it's a glue that contains a microchip that has a unique reference number. If you are unfortunate enough to have items stolen and Police are to recover the property. Using the microchip, Police will be able to identify where the property has been stolen from and then return the property to its owner.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDOTmlaKZik>

The team will be hosting more Tool Marking Events in the upcoming months. If you would like more information on these events or would like an Alarm / Selecta DNA kit, please get in touch.

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Update to appeal following fatal incident in Royston

Police have established that there was no third party involvement in the death of a cyclist who was found on the A505 near Therfield on Bank Holiday Monday (May 7).

The man aged in his 50s was found at around 11.45am and appeared to have come off his bicycle. He was sadly pronounced dead at the scene.

Sergeant James Wood from the Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and Cambridgeshire Road Policing Unit said: "Through our enquiries we have established that there was no third party involved in the death of this man. His family have been updated and the case has now been passed to the coroner for Hertfordshire.

"The family of the man would like to thank all those who stopped to help their loved one and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank members of the public who came forward following our appeal for information."

Police reminder to remain vigilant when using selling sites

- Three sellers have been victims of theft in Hertfordshire.
- Mobile phones were stolen on each occasion.
- Officers are advising people to meet potential buyers in a public place.

Police are reminding people to remain vigilant when using internet selling sites following three reported incidents in Hertfordshire in recent weeks.

On each occasion, the victims were contacted by a buyer on Gumtree to purchase a mobile phone. The buyer then arranged to meet the victim in a private place to complete the sale. When the seller handed over the phone, the buyer ran off without paying.

The buyer's Gumtree profiles were found to have no username details so they could not be traced.

It is currently believed that the incidents are linked.

PCSO Chris Brabrook, from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: “Whilst we would not want to discourage people from using well-known selling sites we would always urge people to exercise caution when doing so, especially in circumstances where payment has not been made in advance.

“Make sure you look at the buyer’s profile to check their history and that they have genuine details. If you are arranging to meet someone to sell an item, always meet in a public place, preferably covered by CCTV, and take a friend with you if possible.

“If you have any suspicions or concerns about the person you are dealing with, walk away.”



Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Business Burglary, Newnham – Between Saturday 5th and Monday 7th May a transit style van was driven into the shutters of a business in Newnham village. The offender stole 4 tons of metals and caused a large amount of damage. G4/18/396 refers

Theft from Motor Vehicle, Ashwell – Between Tues 1st and Sunday 6th May number plates were stolen from a Silver Chevrolet parked in Hodwell. G4/18/398 Refers

Business Burglary, Slip End, A505 – Overnight on Thurs 17th May the offenders approached an out building storing fertiliser and pesticides. The offenders stole chemicals to the value of £5000. G4/18/427 Refers

Damage, Slip End, A505 – Overnight on 18th to 19th May, a banner advertising a local festival was slashed using an unknown implement. The offender made off direction unknown. 41/1838/18 Refers

Theft from Motor Vehicle, Ashwell – On 24th May money was stolen from a vehicle parked up in Ashwell. 41/784/18

Theft, Slip End, A505 – At approx. 22.34 on 26th May a banner advertising a local music festival was stolen. Local police has CCTV of the incident and are investigating the matter. 41/1809/18 Refers

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

Theft, Shaftenhoe End, Barley – Overnight 30th May a lorry approached a container situated on farmland. The container was placed into the lorry and stolen. Inside the container was a large amount of metal. G4/18/367 Refers

Theft, Tuthill Court, Therfield – Overnight 30th May allotments behind Tuthill Court were targeted. The offenders entered the site, stole garden power tools and hand tools. G4/18/375 Refers

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Damage, Hatch Lane, Weston – Overnight on Sunday 13th May a gate was damaged to gain entry to a farmer's field. The offender has driven across crops causing damage and has set a vehicle on fire. G3/18/280 Refers

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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