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Royston Rural Watch, March 2018

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On the Beat -

Free Tool Marking Event in Royston

- A free tool marking event is to be held in Royston as part of a crime prevention initiative launched by the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
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The event, which is taking place on Saturday, March 10 at Therfield Heath car park, has been organised in response to a rise in tool thefts across the county and will run from 10am until 2pm.

The Royston Safer Neighbourhood Team now has equipment which will allow officers to engrave tools free of charge to help make them more easily identifiable and less attractive to thieves. Officers will also be able to mark possessions with bright coloured paint or ultraviolet paint.

Police Community Support Officer Robyn Allen, who is organising the event said: “Unfortunately we have seen a rise in tool thefts from vehicles in Royston recently. We are working hard to tackle this type of crime and hope that people will take advantage of this free service to help deter would-be thieves.

“Engraving or marking your tools makes them less attractive to thieves and also easier to return if they are stolen and later recovered by police. The service has already proved extremely popular in other areas and we hope to see as many people as possible on the day.”

Further tool marking events are planned and officers will also continue to make proactive visits to anyone they think may benefit from the service.

If you cannot make the event but would like to get your tools marked, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01707 354192 or email.

Massive haul of stolen tools seized by police

Have you had power tools stolen in the last year? May be worth contacting Thames Valley Police

Four people from Milton Keynes have been arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods after a large number of tools were recovered from containers as part of a Thames Valley Police investigation. The items were recovered at locations in Milton Keynes and Aylesbury, and officers are now working to reunite owners with their property. One of those arrested, a 21-year-old man, has also been arrested on suspicion of theft by finding. A fifth person, a 16-year-old boy from Luton has also been arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods.

Read more at: <https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/massive-haul-of-stolen-tools-seized-by-police-1-8366925>



Superintendent Tim Metcalfe said: "The theft of tools is a serious and organised form of criminality that is on the increase. It impacts on the ability of honest tradespeople to work and, as a consequence, can undermine the reputation of individuals and businesses. "The seizure of stolen tools over the weekend presents an opportunity to bring those responsible to justice and return the items to their rightful owners. This will be made significantly easier in cases where the tools have been marked."We believe that a yellow van may be connected to these incidents and ask storage container businesses and members of the public to remain vigilant. If you have any information please call 101 quoting reference 43180036066."There are a few simple security measures you can take to help reduce your risk of theft and increase the chance of being reunited with your belongings including property marking and registering your property for free on the national property register Immobilise.

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Sheep worrying



With the Lambing season underway we do get an increase of sheep worrying. Please see the below information.

- If a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the person in charge of the dog is guilty of an offence.

Police are issuing a warning to dog owners following incidents of sheep worrying.

Since the beginning of February we have seen an increase of sheep worrying reports.

Under the New Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, if a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the person in charge of the dog is guilty of an offence.

It is crucial that you keep your dog on a lead around livestock, even if you can usually trust it to come when called. If you live in or near an agricultural area, you must make sure that your dog cannot escape from your property as it may find its way onto land containing sheep.

Anyone who witnesses any incidents is asked to contact police on the non-emergency number 101, noting descriptions of the dog involved and its owner. You can also report information online at <https://www.herts.police.uk/Report>

Alternatively, 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.

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Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

- Theft, Ashwell, Loves Lane – On Wednesday 7th February at 12.15 a vehicle drove onto a farm. The offender got out of a small white van and stole a chainsaw that was placed on a bench. G4/18/125 refers
- Theft from Motor Vehicle, Ashwell, Loves Lane – On Wednesday at 12.30 a vehicle was parked near to the nature reserve, the offender smashed a rear window and stole a chainsaw. G4/18/126
- Theft of metal, North Road, Baldock + Northfield Road, Ashwell - This month we have had a spate of cable thefts at the above locations. The offenders are selecting isolated locations and cutting large quantities of cable belonging to BT and Ericson. G4/18/145, 152, 165, 178 Refers
- Burglary, Ashwell High Street – Overnight on Tuesday 27th February a house that is being renovated was entered. The offenders stole power tools belonging to the builders working at the address. G4/18/182 Refers

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

- Shed Burglary, Barkway, Windmill Close – Overnight on Monday 12th February a shed was broken into in Barkway. The offender has entered the shed and stole power tools, hand tools, a generator and stereo equipment. G4/18/138 Refers
- Damage, Barkway, London Road – Between Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th February, the offender has approached a paddock and have cut an electric fence. G4/18/139 Refers
- Theft of Metal, Barley, Shaftenhoe End – Tuesday 13th February at 7.40am a van drove on to a driveway in Shaftenhoe End, Barley. Two offenders got out and loaded metal from the garden into a van. G4/18/146
- Damage, Therfield, Meadow Way – Over a period of a month an address in Meadow Way was targeted for damage. The offender on 3 occasions has approached vehicles parked on the drive and has slashed the tyres. G4/18/153, 154, 156, 173 Refer.

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

- Theft from Motor Vehicle, Halls Green, Weston – On Sunday 4th February between 2.30pm and 11.30pm, the offenders have removed all four wheels from a vehicle and have then smashed the rear window. G3/18/71 Refers
- Theft of heating Oil, Mill End, Sandon – Between Friday 9th and Saturday 17th February heating oil was stolen from an address in Mill End. The offender has approached the oil tank and syphoned oil from the tank and made off. G3/18/88 Refers
- Theft of plant machinery, Hitchin Road, Weston – Between Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th February a wacker plate was stolen from a garden in Hitchin Road, Weston. The offender forced a back gate into the garden and stole the property. G3/18/104 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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