



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

Royston Rural Watch, May 2018

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

On the Beat -

Tool Marking Events, Therfield / Ashwell

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team are running two Tool Marking Events this month. Traditionally, this time of year thieves target sheds, outbuildings and steal expensive garden power tools. The local area has suffered with spates of this in the past and last year a number of tools were taken from villages the team cover. To tackle this issue head on, the team are running two Tool Marking Events in the area. In running these events, the team hopes to raise awareness of this issue, and to help residents in better securing their Sheds and Outbuildings.

What's on Offer?

- The team are able to engrave tools with postcodes to make tools more identifiable if retrieved by Police if stolen.
- The team will have a limited stock of giveaway shed alarms for local residents.
- The team will have a limited supply of 'Smart Water' to put onto items and again make the items more identifiable to Police if recovered.

- Crime Prevention advice and Neighbourhood Watch sign up.

When / Where?

- Saturday 19th May – 10am – 1.30pm – Fordham Hall, Church Lane, Therfield
- Saturday 26th May – 1pm to 3pm – Sports Pavilion, Ashwell Rec, Lucas Lane, Ashwell

For more information contact the team on 01438 757935

Appeal after a fatal incident in Royston

Police are appealing for witnesses and information after a cyclist sadly passed away following an incident in Royston earlier today (May 7).

At approximately 11.45am, police were notified that a man in his fifties appeared to have come off his bike and was found lying in the road that runs towards the village of Therfield, close to McDonalds on the A505 and Therfield Heath car park. The cyclist appeared to have been heading southbound along this road.

The Ambulance Service was also called to the scene but the man was sadly pronounced dead a short while after.

“Investigating officer Sergeant James Wood of the Road Policing Unit said: “Our thoughts are with the cyclist’s family at this devastating time and we currently doing all that we can to piece together the circumstances that caused him to come off his bike.”

I am appealing to anyone who was in the area around the time and saw anything, or who saw a cyclist travelling along the road, to please get in contact as soon as possible. Any information you provide could prove to be vital in helping us to get to the bottom of what happened here.”

Anyone who can help should contact Sergeant Wood by emailing or by calling the non-emergency number 101, quoting reference 291 of May 7th. You can also report information online.”

Alternatively, you can contact the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through their Anonymous New windowOnline Form. No personal details are taken, information cannot be traced or recorded and you will never need to go to court.

Thefts from unlocked cars on the increase

- Police appeal for motorists to make sure their vehicles are locked.
- Valuables left on display are a green light for thieves.

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team are appealing to local residents to behave responsibly and lock their cars when they leave them unattended.

This time last year the local area had a spate of thefts from unlocked cars around the Ashwell area. The items taken include mobile phones, Sat Navs, lap tops, bank cards, designer sunglasses and clothes, watches, iPods and cash.

Sgt Guy Westwood, said: "I find it incredible that so many people not only leave their cars unlocked, but that they also leave valuable items in the vehicles as well. This kind of behaviour is just a green light to thieves. We are continually telling people not to leave anything valuable in their cars and some of the items stolen were even left on display.

"There is also a good chance that your car insurance will be invalid if your vehicle has been left insecure, meaning you would not be able to claim on your insurance for any of the items stolen and it could also affect your no claims policy.

"This type of crime takes up a huge amount of time and detracts re-sources away from other crime areas. Most of these thefts could have probably been prevented if the vehicles had been left properly secure. It is easy to accidentally press a key fob and re-open a car without realising or simply press the wrong button, so please double check you really have locked your vehicle when you leave it and remove all valuable items."

If you witness anyone behaving suspiciously around vehicles and you believe a crime maybe in progress call 999 immediately. Anyone other information should be reported via the non-emergency number 101, or online.

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Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Burglary, High Street, Ashwell – On Monday 2nd April overnight a hairdressers in the High Street, Ashwell was broken into. The offenders used an implement to force a rear door to gain entry. Small change taken from the till. G4/18/277

Burglary, Outbuilding, Ashwell – Between Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th April, power tools were stolen from an unlocked barn at a farm yard. G4/18/311

Burglary, Caravan, New Inn Roads, Hinxworth – At some point over the last few months a caravan stored at a property in Hinxworth. The offenders have broken a front window to gain entry to the caravan and stole items from within. G4/18/335

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

Damage, Fordham Terrace, Therfield – Overnight on Sunday 1st April a car that was parked in Fordham terrace was damaged. The offender has approached the car and had pulled off the aerial and wing mirror to the car before making off. G4/18/284

Theft from Motor Vehicle, Burrs Lane, Therfield – Overnight on Monday 23rd April the offender approached the wheel of a horsebox. The offender removed a hub cap and has made off direction unknown. The vehicle had not left the site and would have been stolen and not fallen off whilst driving. G4/18/344

Theft of metal, Shaftenhoe End, Barley – Overnight on Monday 30th April a container storing a large quantity of metal was stolen. The offender used a lorry with a large trailer to load the container onto. The offender has driven off direction unknown. G4/18/367

Damage to vehicle, Church Lane, Barkway - On Monday 30th April a wheel to a horse box was damaged. The offender has ripped metal to the hub cap in an attempt to steal the item. G4/18/369

Theft, Allotments, Therfield – Between Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May an offender entered an allotment at the rear of Tuthill Court by cutting a fence. Once in the allotment area the offender removed property on site. G4/18/375

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

No Reported Crime for April

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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