

Ware Town Centre

Police Newsletter



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If you have any information that you feel could be included in our newsletter or any ideas on how to improve it. Please let me know either by email on adrian.pomfrett@herts.pnn.police.uk or by phone on 01992 533535.

Thanks

Good bye to PC Kelly

Just to inform all the residents of the town centre, PC Kelly is leaving the Community Team and the force to take up a new career outside of Policing.

On behalf of the whole Community Team I would like to thank PC Kelly for all his help and excellent work around the Town.

I have enjoyed working with Nick on different projects, and I feel his presence in the town has made a huge difference in reducing crime and anti social behaviour. Nick has also been a great help in setting up the town link between the shops and pubs. At present we are in the process of recruiting a new Ward Constable for the Town Centre.

I wish Nick all the best in his new job and the future.

CCTV Cameras

You may have noticed over the last couple of weeks the preparation being put into place for the installation of the six CCTV cameras around the town.

CCTV cameras are popping up across the East Herts area, thanks to a £500,000- plus investment in the district by East Herts Council. Cameras are being installed at 22 locations across the district – 13 in Bishop Stortford, 6 in Ware and 3 in Hertford.

All the cameras will be linked to the control room at Stevenage, where they will be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allowing operators to call emergency services if an incident arises.

The 22 cameras are being paid for through a £460,000 capital investment by East Herts Council and £20,000 from the East Herts Crime and Reduction Partnership {CDRP}. The ongoing running costs of around £80,000 a year will be met by East Herts Council, and the town Councils in Bishops Stortford and Ware. Hertford Town Council will remain to meet the running costs of its own 9 cameras.

Nicola Burdett, Executive Member for Community Safety, said the cameras had a huge part to play in helping to lower people's fear of crime as well as Crime itself.

Portable CCTV

Local residents reported to police and East Herts Council ongoing problems with youths behaving anti-socially in an area near the Ware High Street. A covert camera has been placed in a property that overlooks the area to try and identify those responsible. The evidence is being regularly reviewed and will hopefully lead to some enforcement or evidence for ABCs.

Crimes and Detections

In an attempt to keep local residents up to date with figures from our side I have put together some crime and detection figures for the Ware Christchurch Ward between 01/01/2006 – 30/08/2006, and they are as follows :

Burglary Dwelling - 8 crimes and 1 detection

Criminal Damage - 97 crimes and 12 detections

Violence Against the Person - 79 crimes and 44 detections

Violent Crime - 83 crimes and 47 detections

Dob a Yob

If you have witnessed or have been a target of anti social behaviour from groups of youths around Ware, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you know the names of the youths involved please let us know. Also any descriptions of the youths will help us identify them.

If you would like an anti social behaviour diaries to log down incidents send me an email with your address and I will drop some off.

Adrian.pomfrett@herts.pnn.police.uk

01992 533535

0845 33 00 222 – If an incident is occurring

Summer Safety

During June, July, August and early September the Constabulary has been running a Summer Safety campaign. The new campaign aims to reduce crime and incidents of disorder and improve public safety.

The initiative is targeting:

Burglary, Vehicle Crime, Garden Security, Graffiti & Criminal Damage, Robbery and Mini Motos.

For more information please visit www.herts.police.uk



BE STREETWISE - DON'T BE A VICTIM OF ROBBERY

Mobile phones, MP3 players, cash and jewellery are just a few of the items on a robber's shopping list. To stay safe this summer please follow these simple steps:



- Be aware of your surroundings
- Keep valuables safe and out of sight
- Always let someone know where you are going
- Avoid short cuts through deserted areas
- Keep to well-lit streets and paths
- Security mark your valuables with your postcode and house number

If you have any information about anyone you suspect or know is committing robbery, then please call the police on 0845 33 00 222 – all calls are handled in the strictest confidence.

LET'S KEEP CRIME DOWN



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Drugs Awareness Training

In partnership with Herts County Council we ran drugs awareness training for pubs/clubs around Ware. The training was taken by Nicci Andrews the county drugs officer. During the training Nicci explains various drugs and ways on how to spot if they are in use. She also has examples of the drugs and how they can be consumed.

The training sessions can be for pubs/shops or any type of group {youth or adult}. For more information on booking a training session please contact me via email Adrian.pomfrett@herts.pnn.police.uk or by phone on 01992 533535 and I will pass on your details to Nicci.



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Recent Incidents

If you have any information that could help us with the following crimes please either contact me via email or phone {adrian.pomfrett@herts.pnn.police.uk or 01992 533535} or contact crime stoppers with the crime reference number on **0800 555 111**

A1/06/2937 – Distraction Burglary – Lower Bourne Close

Around 17.40 hours on Thursday 03/08/2006 a white male aged between 25-30 years of slim build with blonde hair, wearing a white short sleeved shirt with brown cheques, light denim jeans and gave his name as “Duncan”. Whilst knocking at the injured party’s door the male said he was here to check the heating. When inside the house the offender has taken the IP’s purse and made off.

A1/06/2999 – Damage at Chadwell Springs Golf Club

Between 21.00 hours on Tuesday 08/08/2006 and 05.00 hours on Wednesday 09/08/2006 offender {s} have removed a golf flag and snapped it in half then made off in unknown direction.

A1/06/3116 – Theft from Motor Vehicle – Baldock Street

Between 16.00 hours on Wednesday 16/08/2006 and 09.00 hours on Saturday 19/08/2006 the vehicle was parked during the days of the week whilst the owner was at work. The vehicle was left locked and secure in the Baldock street car park, when offender {s} have removed the spare wheel from underneath the vehicle and made off in unknown direction.

A1/06/3109 – Theft of Pedal Cycle – High Street

Around 14.40 hours of Friday 18/08/2006 the injured party had left their bike chained to its self outside Martins on the High street. Offender {s} have then removed the same by unknown means and made off in unknown direction. The bike was described as being an Orange and Silver, ladies mountain bike.

A1/06/3132 – Theft of Pedal Cycle – Presdales Court

Between 20.00 hours on Saturday 19/08/2006 and 08.00 hours on Sunday 20/08/2006 the injured party’s bike was left insecure in the front garden, offender {s} have then removed the bike and made off in unknown direction. The bike was described as a boys Silver BMX.

A1/06/3228 – Damage to vehicle – Baldock Street

Between 14.45 hours and 16.00 hours on Monday 28/08/2006 the injured party’s vehicle was parked locked and secure in the Baldock Street car park. During the material times offender {s} have approached the vehicle and with an unknown implement have slashed all four tyres of the IP’s vehicle. Offender {s} have then made off in unknown direction.

“ County, district
and town councils
- who provides
each service? ”

Public meeting

on Thursday, September 14
at The Priory, Ware, 7.30 - 9pm

Who picks up your bins? Who
looks after the roads? At East
Herts Council's next
Community Voice meeting
you'll be able to clear up any
confusion.

For the first time at Community
Voice, town, district and county
councils will be there together
to answer your questions, so
you'll know exactly who to call
next time



To find out more contact
Catherine Whitbourn
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Mini-motos face the crush

Reckless drivers of mini-motos who disrupt and damage communities could receive points on their licence (even if they haven't yet got one), face a driving ban, a fine or even have their vehicles crushed, under new guidance published by the Respect Task Force today. It is illegal to ride an unregistered mini-motos and similar off-roading vehicles on pavements, in parks and on public highways. Due to increased complaints of misuse, the Respect Task Force has produced a guide to help inform people how to use these vehicles legally and help prevent anti-social behaviour in the community.

Speaking ahead of a visit to Manchester, the Home Secretary made it clear that those misusing mini-motos could have them seized and crushed by the police. In order to help police carry out enforcement, the Respect Task Force is giving £200,000 to 28 areas who are stepping up enforcement activity over the summer.

Part of this action is awareness-raising of the anti-social problems these vehicles can cause and the penalties for using mini-motos anywhere except on private land where permission has been granted.

As well as the prospect of having their vehicle crushed, offenders can expect to receive points on their licences, including children not old enough to hold one currently. If a child is awarded points on a future licence as a result of driving a mini-moto illegally, some insurance companies will refuse to insure them once they have passed their driving test. As a minimum, their insurance premium is likely to be vastly increased.

The Home Secretary John Reid said:

"Misuse of mini-motos is dangerous and is causing misery in too many of our local communities. We are working with police and local partners to promote safe and sensible use. These vehicles are not toys and I want to see irresponsible drivers stopped and if necessary their bikes crushed. I know people are experiencing increasing problems from the menace misused mini-motos. This must stop. It is not acceptable to ride these vehicles on our streets or in parks and the guidance we are giving to police and users is clear - irresponsible use will be punished."



For more information visit www.respect.gov.uk or www.herts.police.uk

Contacts

Hertfordshire Constabulary now has a number for all non-emergency calls

0845 3300 222

Write it down, programme it into your mobile phone, and keep it handy.

It's charged at a local rate from a landline wherever you call from (charges from mobile phones vary according to your service provider).

Use it for the following:

- To speak to a police officer or member of police staff
- For a general police enquiry, advice and information
- To report an incident or a crime that has happened (not an incident or crime in progress as this should be a 999 call)
- To report Nuisance youths or Anti Social Behaviour

In an emergency always dial 999

An emergency is when:

- There is a risk of injury to someone or a risk of serious damage to property
- You suspect a crime is *in progress*
- There is a serious incident which needs immediate police attendance

Your Local Community Contacts

- **PCSO Adrian Pomfrett** – 01992 533535 or email adrian.pomfrett@herts.pnn.police.uk
- **PC Nick Kelly** – 01992 533062 or email nicholas.kelly@herts.pnn.police.uk
- **Jill Dockley** – *Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator* – 01992 533043

