**Hertingfordbury – July 2015 (June crime & ASB figures)**

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| **Offence** | **No. In Parish** | **No. in East Herts Rural District** |
| Dwelling Burglary | 0 | 35 |
| Burglary Other | 0 | 33 |
| Criminal Damage | 0 | 75 |
| Vehicle Crime | 0 | 80 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents\* | 0 | 249 |

**Other crime**

* Police are investigating a report of offenders making off without paying from a pub in Cole Green. CCTV inquiries are currently being made in order to trace the vehicle used by them.
* Officers are investigating a report of a dog dangerously out of control in a public place in Archers Green.

For more details on crime in your area please visit [**www.police.uk**](http://www.police.uk). Enter a postcode to see the ‘crime map’ for the local area.

\*ASB is not defined as ‘crime’ however it has been included in this table for your information as it can affect the wider community and Hertfordshire Constabulary is jointly responsible with local councils for dealing with it. Recordable ASB includes neighbour disputes, noise nuisance and fly tipping, as well as issues such as regular rowdy behaviour in public places.

**Useful information**

* You can follow your local team on Twitter @EHertsRrlPolice

Visit [**www.herts.police.uk**](http://www.herts.police.uk) where you can find the latest police and crime news, crime prevention advice and people wanted by police.

Police non-emergency number 101. (In an emergency always use 999).

Contact Crimestoppers anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111.

**Sergeant’s message**

The school summer holidays are upon us but the reduction in activity around schools can provide the potential for criminal activity and anti-social behaviour to increase.

Schools are more vulnerable to targeting by criminals who want to steal computers and other valuable school equipment and even lead from the roofs of older buildings. These thefts affect the whole community and the lost or damaged equipment has to be replaced or repaired, at great cost.

So we need extra help from local people during the school holidays to help protect local schools. We ask people who live near schools to becoming additional eyes and ears for us, reporting any strange or unusual activity, alarms ringing or actual criminal activity, including vandalism, and to let us know if they see anyone they think is trespassing.

We would ask anyone who witnesses any suspicious behaviour on or around school premises during this time to report it to police via the non-emergency number 101. Or dial 999 if you believe a crime is in progress.

If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour please contact PCSO Sally Brooks on 101 or by email [snteasthertsrural@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:snteasthertsrural@herts.pnn.police.uk)  or you can contact me, if the matter is of a more serious nature, on my Airwave radio when I am on duty on 01707 354192. (In an emergency always use 999.)

**Sgt Duncan Wallace**

East Herts Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team

**Message from your Police and Crime Commissioner**

As you may know I have ensured, unlike in many other police force areas, that Hertfordshire retains its vital local policing teams, including your own Safer Neighbourhood Team.  Both the Chief Constable and I consider ‘local policing’ as the cornerstone for keeping crime down and communities safe.

And keeping local people up-to-date with what’s happening locally, including this monthly Parish Update, is one small part of the valuable work they do.

I have made this pledge to protect local policing teams in setting this year’s police budget (in which I was able once again to keep the council tax precept for policing at the same level it has been since 2010-11) and in my refreshed five-year Police and Crime Plan, [Everybody’s Business 2015-18](http://www.hertscommissioner.org/police-and-crime-plan-herts-pcc).

In the Plan, I put victims at the centre of policing and crime reduction and, as part of that, you will know that I have put in place a new service to support victims of crime, called Beacon.  I would appreciate any help you can give us in promoting the service to those who might need it as it is especially important to enable victims of crime to access help and support when they have not reported the crime to police.  Those who report their crime are referred automatically to Beacon but those who do not feel they can contact the police, for whatever reason, might need advice, counselling, even practical help, just as much (if not more) than those who have had the confidence to report their crime.  Anyone can ask for help by calling the Beacon Victim Care Centre on 0300 011 5555 (7am to 10pm daily) or visit the website [www.hertfordshirebeacon.org](http://www.hertfordshirebeacon.org).

On the subject of enhanced services, you may also already be aware of the new service I put in place at the beginning of the year to help reunite lost and found property with its rightful owners:  [www.hertsreunited.co.uk](http://www.hertsreunited.co.uk). Again, please share the details of this online facility that is already proving very popular and extremely helpful.

One final plea from me is that we encourage as many people as possible to take an active role in keeping their communities safe.  After all, it is everybody’s business! Volunteering is incredibly rewarding for the individual as well as being of great help to society as a whole.

Ways to volunteer can range from being quietly involved behind the scenes as a member of Neighbourhood Watch where you live, to taking an active role – as a Police Community Volunteer at a police station, monitoring excessive speed as part Community DriveSafe or even becoming a fully-fledged Special Constable.  Find about more about volunteering on: [www.herts.police.uk/volunteers](http://www.herts.police.uk/volunteers)

**David Lloyd,** Police and Crime Commissioner