



HERTFORDSHIRE
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Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Hertfordshire

Cottered – April 2017

Offence	No. In Parish	No. in East Herts
Burglary Residential	0	39
Burglary Business and Community	0	26
Criminal Damage	0	67
Vehicle Crime	1	80
Anti-Social Behaviour*	0	187

For more details on crime in your area please visit: 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 we (police) are jointly responsible with local councils for dealing with it. Recordable ASB includes neighbour disputes, noise nuisance and fly tipping etc.

Please note that there has been a change in the way burglary offences are recorded nationally. They are now classified as:

Burglary Residential – all buildings within the boundaries of a property, including sheds and garages
Burglary Business and Community – buildings that are solely for business purposes or are otherwise outside the classification of residential burglary, such as a sports club or place of worship.

Details

Overnight on Thursday April 27, a black Audi was stolen from outside a house in The Crescent.

Other News and events

Burglary and vehicle crime are still blighting our rural areas. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity with as much detail as you can. The constabulary has a special form to help you with this and it can be down loaded from the Herts Police website using this link:

http://www.herts.police.uk/pdf/reporting_an_incident.pdf

Sign Up for OWL

If you would like to receive our “Owl Messages” please email me at Karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk with your name, address (including postcode), email address and a contact number in case email fails. I will then add you to the system.

Useful information



You can follow your local team on Twitter @EHertsRrlPolice



Visit 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.

If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour please contact PCSO Karen Broad on 101 or by email: Karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk . Or if the matter is of a more serious nature, you can contact Sergeant Duncan Wallace when he is on duty, on his Airwave radio on 01707 354192. (In an emergency always use 999.)

Police and Crime Commissioner's Message

In centuries past, if you were trying to contact the first police officers, you would have to send a messenger to their offices to tell the investigators of a possible crime. So-called 'Thief-Takers' would then be despatched to go and apprehend the suspects, at a considerable fee to the victim. Times have fortunately changed, and this month saw the introduction of a much, much easier way of contacting Hertfordshire Constabulary.

You can now report non-urgent crime online and conduct live webchats with the Force Control Room via your computer, tablet or mobile phone. This is a significant expansion in the range of options available to the public and I strongly welcome it.

Many people have told me they would like the opportunity to contact the police digitally, as they can with most other services, and so I included this in my Community Safety and Criminal Justice plan. I am delighted to see such early progress in delivering it. Of course in an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, you must dial 999 immediately and for less urgent matters you can still, choose to , dial 101, but this is a great alternative allowing you to contact a number of different teams directly.

I was in the Force Control Room earlier this month and met people running the web chat team. They're the same people who answer 999 and 101 calls, so you will be speaking to the very same people you would be on the phone. Have a look at the site www.contacthertspolice.uk.

We are only at the start of the digital journey in terms of policing and the public so look out for more options and improvements in the months to come – including the launch of Hertfordshire Constabulary App for smartphones.

Each month I visit a different district in the county to meet with the communities and our partners. Recently I saw first-hand the effects that crimes can have on their victims when I met with a group of older residents who were being given advice from Constabulary Officers on ways to protect themselves against fraud, scams and pick-pocketing.

Victims of these crimes shouldn't feel embarrassed about what has happened to them and we must provide support and care and stop repeat victimisation. I also intend to campaign to encourage those who effectively facilitate scams to take their responsibility for preventing them.

If numerous or large transactions and withdrawals are being made out of bank accounts, action should be taken by the banks and financial institutions to monitor any suspicious activity.



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I have recently allocated funds from my annual budget towards the Community Safety Fund which was put in place to support the work of partners across Hertfordshire who help to keep communities safe.

A Cyber Crime and Business Scams Prevention Officer and an operation to prevent vulnerable people from becoming victims of crime are some of the most recent recipients of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Fund.

Partners from Community Safety Partnerships, the County Community Safety Unit, Hertfordshire County Council and other organisations, that provide crime reduction and intervention services for children and young people, were encouraged to apply to the grant.

The main criteria for the bids is to ensure that the funding provided fits with the aims of my new plan which sets out the strategy for protecting Hertfordshire.

These grants will ensure that the grant recipients' activities focus on the needs of the public - particularly victims of crime, ensuring that offenders make amends and pay back for the cost of crime.

A table of all the Community Safety Grant recipients for 2017/18 can be found here: <http://bit.ly/CSFgrants>