



## Cottered and Throcking – March 2017

Offence	No. In Parish	No. in East Herts
Dwelling Burglary	0	37
Burglary Other	3	30
Criminal Damage	1	95
Vehicle Crime	1	45
Anti-Social Behaviour*	0	224

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 we (police) are jointly responsible with local councils for dealing with it. Recordable ASB includes neighbour disputes, noise nuisance and fly tipping etc.

### Details

Three sheds were broken into this month and a van parked on a drive in Peasecroft was broken into and power tools stolen.

### Other News and events

Now that spring is finally here, please remember if you do buy any new gardening equipment, that you take a note of the serial numbers and mark it with your post code with a permanent marker pen or an ultraviolet one. Then register your items for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This way if your property is lost or stolen, any recovered items can be returned to you. It is quick and easy to do and you can register any valuables on there.

Now we are enjoying some warmer weather, don’t forget to shut and lock windows and doors when you leave the house.

### Sign Up for OWL

If you would like to receive our “Owl Messages” please email me at [Karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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](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.

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](mailto: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**

Spring has arrived and I'm sure, like me, many of you look forward to the longer bright evenings that we can enjoy from now on into the summer months.

Farmers will be making use of this extra daylight as their busiest seasons creep up on them. Having met a group of farmers recently on a district day to East Herts, I was saddened to hear about the continued problem of fly-tipping that blights their land.

Building materials, broken glass, household waste and even asbestos are being dumped on their property - all of which cost the landowner a lot of money and time to clear up.

I am determined that we tackle the problem of fly-tipping in Hertfordshire. There are a number of on-going investigations and I put it to those that commit these offences that time is running out for them.

There has been some success too in catching some of these offenders— most recently when a vehicle was seized by police in connection with a suspected fly-tipping offence in Hemel Hempstead. In the period from April 2016 to January 2017, thirty-two cases of fly-tipping offences were successfully prosecuted by Hertfordshire's Boroughs and Districts.

I have provided a grant of more than £80,000 to help local authorities tackle fly-tipping across the county. This grant will be used to cover a wide spectrum of initiatives, including the purchase of new cameras for deployment at fly-tipping hotspots across Hertfordshire.

I am also investigating using funds generated from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) (the money confiscated from criminals) as way of compensating landowners who have been left with a hefty clearing-up bill.

Working together and keeping our eyes open will help ensure that offenders are brought to justice.

A brilliant example of partnership working in action is the mental health triage service that has been running in Hertfordshire since 2015, which has reported a significant drop in the number of people in mental health crisis being held under the Mental Health Act.

The service which began in the Force Control Room two years ago had a mental health specialist in place to give advice and information to police officers around proposed detentions under the Mental Health Act. This service then expanded to a clinician providing support on the ground through street triage.



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**Police and Crime  
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This partnership pilot between the police and the NHS is already delivering solid results – the addition of an ambulance to the service last December, which was supplied by the East of England Ambulance Services Trust (EEAST) avoided 43 people from going to A&E.

I'm now funding a full cost-benefit analysis of the scheme to see what the best model of street triage is for Hertfordshire and whether on that basis; it should be extended and made permanent.

The facility is reducing the demand on our public services, but far more importantly it is providing a much better and more appropriate service for people who find themselves in mental health crisis.

Our community measures us by how we look after the most vulnerable in our care, which is why I am proud of the effective Independent Custody Visitor Scheme that is managed by my office.

Through this programme, we have recruited almost 60 volunteers who are specifically trained to monitor the well-being of detainees in custody suites through unannounced visits, ensuring any issues relating to them or the suites are addressed.

To find out more about the scheme, you can watch a short film on my website - [www.hertscommissioner.org](http://www.hertscommissioner.org) and on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/hertspcc](https://www.facebook.com/hertspcc).

We are always looking for volunteers and would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested.