



HERTFORDSHIRE

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## ***Royston Rural Watch, September 2025***

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6522 Chris Brabrook



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

### **On the Beat**

#### **Royston and Royston Rural**

Rural Crime, specifically plant theft in Royston Rural areas  
Continued daily patrols have meant your local NPT remain visible across this vast area. Crime levels remain low, and this is testament to the continued engagement between local police, landowners and local businesses. We find that these relationships, as well as attendance at Barn Meets and Rural Working Groups mean that we are able to address any issues raised in a timely and effective manner.

#### **Speeding in Therfield village**

You may have seen your local NPT conducting speed checks in Therfield village over the summer months. These activities continue to contribute to ensuring our road network is as safe as possible for all users. We have even given educational talks at the local primary school to improve road safety awareness.

#### **Mopeds and off-road motorbikes being ridden in an anti-social manner around Royston**

The use of E-scooters, mopeds and off-road bikes being used in an anti-social manner across the area has been one of the local NPT's priorities over the summer. As a result of patrols in locations identified by local communities, we

have been able to seize multiple E-scooters and motorbikes, with riders being reported for related offences where appropriate.

The following priorities have now been agreed for the coming three months:

**Speeding – Baldock Road, Royston.**

**ASB – Hedera Gardens, Royston.**

**Hare Coursing – Royston Rural.**

Whilst there will be a focus on the local priorities, officers will continue to respond to daily business as usual, as well as forcewide priorities and any emerging issues which require more immediate action.

Alongside the NPT, North Herts is also policed by officers who respond to emergency calls, a team of detectives who investigate crimes such as burglary, robbery and assault, and specialist units who work to tackle issues such as acquisitive crime and domestic abuse. In addition, they can call on officers from central teams which work countywide.

## **Road safety was the focus for PCSO Chris Brabrook**

PCSO Chris Brabrook attended to teach Years 4 and 5 pupils level 1 bikeability on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Sandon is a very rural part of Hertfordshire and children in the village use bikes to visit friends at other nearby locations.

PCSO Brabrook has identified this as a safety issue for children and attended the school to talk about road safety and educate children to plan and complete safe journeys by bicycle.



## Equine Crime Prevention

PCSO Hannah Moss teamed up with colleagues from the Rural Operational Support Team (ROST) in Royston Rural to support our equine community by distributing SelectaDNA kits to local horse owners.

These kits use a unique DNA formula, UV tracer, and microdots to invisibly mark saddlery, trailers, horse boxes, and other valuable equipment — making them harder to steal and easier to trace.

By marking your tack and tools, you're helping to deter rural crime and protect your property.



### Free Selecta DNA Kits for Rural Businesses – Farming & Equestrian Events in October

Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team, in partnership with the Rural Operational Support Team, is offering free SelectaDNA property marking kits to rural businesses as part of our ongoing efforts to prevent burglary and acquisitive crime.

Police will be holding two dedicated events for the Royston / Baldock area:

**Wednesday 1st October – Farming Community**

**Wednesday 8th October – Stable Yards & Equestrian Businesses**

These kits are designed to help safeguard valuable equipment such as plant machinery, hand tools, tack, and other high-value items. Each kit, normally priced at £59.50, can mark up to 50 items and is being provided free of charge to eligible residents and businesses in targeted rural locations across the county.

Property marked with Selecta DNA will be less attractive to thieves knowing that the property is traceable and more difficult to sell on. The stolen property if recovered by Police will easily be returned to its rightful owner.

If you would like to receive a kit officer will be able to attend your farm / stable yard. Please get in touch to book an appointment for either date. If those dates aren't suitable, alternative arrangements may be possible depending on interest and operational needs.

Email – [Royston@herts.police.uk](mailto:Royston@herts.police.uk) for more information or to book an appointment for the above dates.

For more information about SelectaDNA, please visit:  
<https://www.selectadna.co.uk>

## **Local Crime**

### **Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote**

**Day Poaching, Northfields Road, Ashwell** – On 29<sup>th</sup> August a Silver Subaru was seen on Northfields Road a male was with a lurcher type dog. On seeing the Police the male returned to his vehicle and made off. Extensive search completed by officers from Herts and Cambs. Unfortunately the vehicle escaped 41/82116/25 Refers

### **Barley, Barkway, Reed, Therfield, Kelshall and Nuthampstead**

**Theft of Motor Vehicle, Therfield** – On 1<sup>st</sup> August a landrover was stolen from a drive in Therfield village. Glass was left on the drive from where the offenders gained entry. The offenders started the vehicle by unknown means and made off direction unknown. 41/77025/26

**Shed / Outbuilding burglaries, Barley** – On 7<sup>th</sup> August two outbuildings were broken into in the village. A shed was burgled, and gardening tools were taken. A second burglary took place on Shaftenhoe end, a garage was targeted but nothing was stolen. 4178054/25 Refers

**Outbuilding Burglary, London Road, Barkway** – On 18<sup>th</sup> August an outbuild was targeted at a stables in the village. The offender gained entry to a stables and removed gardening power tools. 41/78054/25 Refers

### **Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston**

**Damage, Bygrave Lodge, Wallington** – On 4<sup>th</sup> August a gate was taken off its hinges for a vehicle to enter a field. The offenders entered the land and drove over farmland in pursuit of Hares. 41/73449/25 refers.

**Damage, Cat Ditch Lane, Wallington** – On 29<sup>th</sup> August a padlock was smashed off a gate to gain access to the farmland. The offenders gained entry in order to poach on the land. 41/82039/25 Refers

### **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/>

**Royston Rural Neighbourhood Team Tel – 01438 757935**