

Neighbourhood Policing Report AUGUST 2025

*NO RECORDED CRIMES – Does not include reports for domestic incidents, child protection investigations, or sexual offences. Not all reported incidents end up being recorded as crimes and will therefore not appear on the report.

ASPENDEN

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BRAUGHING

- 1x Theft of Number Plates – No suspects identified.
- 1x Public Order - No suspects identified, investigations ongoing.
- 1x Criminal Damage – 1x suspect identified as part of ongoing harassment investigation.

BUCKLAND

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BUNTINGFORD

- 1x Suspected Drug Supply - Class A – 1x suspect arrested and interviewed.
- 3x Common Assaults – 3x NFA.
- 2x Theft from Motor Vehicle – No suspects identified, investigations ongoing.
- 6x Interference with a Motor Vehicle - No suspects identified, investigations ongoing.
- 1x Public Order – Youth suspects identified, being dealt with by Children & Young Persons Team.
- 2x Criminal Damage – No suspects identified, investigations ongoing.
- 1x Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B – Cannabis - Suspect identified, investigations ongoing.
- 1x Harassment – Ongoing neighbour dispute.
- 1x Driving Whilst Disqualified – Driver reported, vehicle seized.
- 1x Fraud - No suspects identified, investigations ongoing.
- 1x Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control injuring any person or assistance dog - Suspect identified, Community Resolution to be issued.
- 1x Theft of Mail - No suspects identified, investigations ongoing.

CHIPPING

- 1x Theft of Motor Vehicle – Vehicle recovered, no suspects identified.

THROCKING

- 1x Theft of Mobile Phone - No suspects or lines of enquiry identified.

WYDDIAL

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Other news and updates:

There has been a noticeable increase in vehicle crime across the east of the county, particularly with offenders trying car doors to see if they are unlocked. We encourage all residents to ensure that their vehicle is locked and secured, with nothing valuable left

inside. Where vehicles have keyless entry, we recommend using a Faraday pouch for added security.

Following the identification of various offenders, there has been a significant drop in recorded shoplifting offences in Buntingford for August. One of the larger retailers now employs a security guard, with another of our local retailers issuing banning letters to repeat offenders. The local policing team continue to work with local businesses to keep these incidents to a minimum.

Before the start of the school holidays, there was an increase in youth related ASB in Buntingford. This was one of the Local Policing Priorities from May to August 2025 for Norfolk Road Recreational ground and bike track in Buntingford. Proactive work with potential offenders and improved security at the Nevetts building has seen a decrease in incidents. However, there have been some reports in other areas of the town, so we have now included all town centre parks in the new Local Policing Priority for Buntingford September to December 2025.

The East Herts Rural Team have continued to conduct late night operations over the past few months for rural crime. Shifts have been changed and rest days cancelled in order to provide better coverage particularly during late evening and early morning. Hare Coursing season has begun as the harvest has started slightly earlier due to the dry weather. Please report any suspicious activity that you may see in the fields. Hare coursing and poaching for rural areas is now one of the Local Policing Priorities (LPP) for East Herts Rurals September to December 2025.

In addition, the team have continued to host events this month for local residents to speak with members of the team:-

These have included:

- Priority setting street meets at Datchworth, Buntingford and Standon & Puckeridge.
- Aston Community coffee event to speak with residents on Herts Connected and crime prevention.
- Business crime prevention meeting/presentation in Broxbourne.
- Brent Pelham Herts & Essex Fayre.
- Walkern County Fayre & Dog show.
- East Herts Rural Vehicle Operation – 50x vehicles stopped with 4x traffic offences reported, 3x vehicle defects issued and 1x vehicle seizure.
- Speed monitoring in Cottered, Dassels and Hare Street Road.

The East Herts Rural Team have:

- Located a stolen motorbike in Cole Green.
- Stopped a vehicle for no insurance in Buntingford town.
- Reported a vehicle for an insecure load in Buntingford.
- Stopped and seized a Sur-ron bike whilst providing cover in Bishops Stortford.

- Proactive stop! – 3 males detained from intelligence on a vehicle selling stolen mobile phones and other devices, including outstanding speeding offences. A search discovered 20+ counterfeit iPhones, airpods and smart watches, that were seized.
- Proactive stop! – 4 males detained after crashing a vehicle and leaving the scene. They were arrested for going equipped to commit offences and carrying an offensive weapon.

If you need to report a crime in progress, please call 999, for all others please use 101 or online reporting <https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

The Herts Connected system delivers Hertfordshire police's crime alerts. Registered local residents can receive the latest crime or emergency updates and alerts, as well as information about policing events in your area. Local residents can get involved in helping to make their local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in their area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe, and tell us what matters are causing local communities harm.

The more residents that register, the better informed and safer our communities will be. We would be most grateful if you could continue to share the link below in any parish communications, and especially on social media, to encourage as many local residents as possible to sign up.

<https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Additional Crime Prevention Advice can be found via this link:
<https://www.herts.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> Thank you

East Herts Rural Highlights Video 2024-25
<https://youtu.be/bnf6PE4uuvvc?feature=shared>