

Neighbourhood Policing Report JUNE 2026

*NO RECORDED CRIMES – Does not include reports for domestic incidents, mental health, 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 Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm – 1x Suspect identified, victim unsupportive.
- 1x Common Assault – 1x Suspect identified.

BUCKLAND

- 1x Theft (Other) – Items recovered, victim unsupportive.

BUNTINGFORD

- 1x Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress – 1x Suspect interviewed, Community Resolution.
- 1x Possession Class B (Cannabis) - 1x Suspect interviewed, Community Resolution.
- 2x Harassment – 1x Neighbour dispute resolved, 1x under investigation.
- 1x Public Order Offence - 1x Neighbour dispute resolved.
- 6x Common Assault – 3x Youth suspect identified and interviewed, 2x Vehicle identified ongoing investigation, 1x No evidence, victim unsupportive.
- 5x Theft from Shops – 3x Youth suspect identified and 1x interviewed, 2x suspects identified and wanted on warrant.
- 1x Possession of an Offensive Weapon/1x Threaten with an Offensive Weapon - 1x Youth suspect arrested and interviewed both offences.
- 1x Criminal Damage – 1x No suspects identified, no evidence damage was criminal.
- 2x Arson – 2x Investigation to be concluded by Fire Brigade, no criminal evidence at this time.
- 1x Robbery – 2x Youth suspect identified and 1x interviewed.
- 4x Theft from Motor Vehicle – 4x No suspects identified.
- 2x Interference with Motor Vehicle – 2x No suspects identified.
- 1x Theft of Parcel – 1x Under investigation.
- 1x Attempted Theft – 1x Under investigation.

CHIPPING

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

PUCKERIDGE

- 1x Common Assault – 1x Suspect identified.
- 1x Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1x Civil dispute.
- 2x Theft – 2x Under investigation.
- 2x Criminal Damage – 2x No suspects identified.

STANDON

- 2x Public Order Offence – 2x related, no suspects identified.

THROCKING

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

WYDDIAL

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

Other news and updates:

As can be seen from this report and last months, it's been another busy month for the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Several suspects for the various incidents have either been identified, arrested, and/or interviewed. This includes some of those involved in Youth ASB in Buntingford town centre. One of the more prolific young people, who does not live locally, now has conditions banning him from the town.

Officers from the team played a key role in responding to and investigating a dangerous dog incident in Westmill back in March. We are pleased to report that the dog that was attacked, after several life-saving surgeries, is well on the road to recovery and happily back at home. The owner responsible for the dangerous dog will be dealt with by the courts this month.

Whilst out looking for a couple of nuisance electric motorbikes in Buntingford, two suspicious males and their vehicle caught officer's eyes. A search soon revealed a stash of NOS canisters (27 of them... "personal use," apparently), a bit of cannabis, and some other suspicious bits – including a bag of balloons and a chip & pin device. A very clever way of selling illegal substances and not having large amounts of cash on your person. Both individuals were arrested for Possession With Intent To Supply Class C, Taking a vehicle Without Consent, and Possession of Cannabis. A very late finish on a Sunday for the officers concerned, but a great result!

On one of the hottest days of the year, the team carried out Op Agrarian, a tactical operation to stop vehicles of interest to ensure they are road-worthy, properly insured, and to detect and disrupt criminal activity. A total of 22 vehicles were checked, resulting in:-

- 2x vehicles seized for No Insurance
- 2x arrests for immigration offences

5 Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) issued:

- 2 × No Insurance
- 2 × Driving without due care
- 1 × Dangerous condition of a vehicle

Also 2x Vehicle Defect Rectification Schemes (VDRS) issued for minor defects.

There has been a spate of interferences with and/or thefts from motor vehicles across East Herts. One suspect has already been identified and is now marked as "Wanted" by police. The typical modus operandi for these offences is an individual, sometimes two people, operating on foot in the early hours of the morning. They generally do not break into

vehicles, but try door handles, looking for any that are unlocked. When they find an unlocked vehicle, they will make a quick, often messy search of the glovebox and front of the vehicle, taking anything that may be of value. We would ask you to encourage residents to always lock their vehicles, and secure windows, when unattended, and to never leave valuables inside the vehicle. Astonishingly, some items that have been stolen having been left in unlocked cars overnight have included wallets, purses, laptops and mobile phones.

We recently had a “rogue trader” try to intimidate an elderly resident into paying £1500 for some alleged roofing work. The team have liaised with the resident and his family, gathering evidence to identify the trader. This has been passed onto Trading Standards for further investigation and potential action. We would advise everyone to not employ “cold-callers” for this type of work, and if they are threatening or intimidating in any way, to call 999. If anyone has been the victim of fraud or a targeted scam, they can report the incident using the Report Fraud service: <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

From next month, we are looking to refresh the presentation of our monthly crime reports, which will include all areas covered by the East Herts Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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>