

Neighbourhood Policing Report MAY 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

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

BRAUGHING

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

BUCKLAND

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

BUNTINGFORD

- 5x Criminal Damage – 1x Suspect identified, under investigation. 1x Under investigation. 3x No suspects identified.
- 1x Theft from Shops – 1x Youth suspect identified and due for interview.
- 3x Business Burglary – 3x Youth suspects identified and linked to all three incidents. Due for arrest and interview.
- 1x Possession With Intent to Supply Class A – 1x Suspect arrested and interviewed.
- 1x Theft (Other) – No suspects identified.
- 1x Common Assault – Under investigation.
- 1x Possession Class B (Cannabis) – 1x Suspect arrested and interviewed.
- 1x Possession With Intent to Supply Class C (NOS) – 2x Suspects arrested and interviewed.
- 1x Taking a Vehicle Without Consent - 2x Suspects arrested and interviewed.
- 3x Assault Police – 1x Suspect arrested and charged.
- 1x Public Order Offence – Neighbour dispute.

CHIPPING

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

PUCKERIDGE

- 1x Criminal Damage – 1x Suspect arrested and interviewed.
- 1x Criminal Damage to Vehicle – No suspects identified.
- 3x Interference with Motor Vehicle - No suspects identified.
- 3x Theft from a Motor Vehicle - No suspects identified.
- 2x Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle - No suspects identified.

STANDON

- 1x Theft of Motor Vehicle - No suspects identified.
- 1x Business Burglary – No suspects identified.

THROCKING

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

WYDDIAL

*NO RECORDED CRIMES.

Other news and updates:

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have continued to address ongoing youth anti-social behaviour in Buntingford. The action of various housing associations, warning parents of the young people involved in ASB that they maybe in breach of their tenancy agreements, appears to have had an effect on some of the regular offenders. In addition, the team have hosted meetings with parents of children identified by CCTV and other images, to highlight their behaviour. This also appears to have had a positive effect in most cases. However, there have still been some incidents of young people trespassing on school premises and the roofs of empty buildings. Crime prevention measures are in the process of being applied to these locations. Local schools have been particularly helpful these past few weeks in identifying suspects in various incidents. These suspects have been, or are in the process of being, dealt with robustly.

Our targeted ASB patrols have led to the arrests of suspects in possession of various restricted substances, as well as helping to develop existing and new intelligence relating to illegal e-bike riders, and those involved in drug use and/or supply. A particular focus on reports related to drug use or dealing at the bottom of Church Street in Buntingford, has led to the identification of several people and vehicles of interest, along with positive stop and searches. The message seems to have gotten through and we have seen no activity there in the past fortnight or so.

The team recently located an uninsured and unregistered vehicle that had been witnessed driving anti-socially in Buntingford. The vehicle was seized and the related suspect has also been served with a Section 59 Warning Notice, meaning if they are caught driving any vehicle anti-socially in the next twelve months, it will be seized.

There has been a spate of vehicle related crimes in the Standon & Puckeridge area in the past month. On day shifts, the team have carried out community engagements to reassure residents and offer crime prevention advice, as well as signing people up to the Herts Connected system to keep them up-to-date. Evening shifts have focused on potential target areas as part of our regular patrols. We would ask you to please also encourage all local residents to not only sign up to Herts Connected (link at end of this report), but also never leave valuables in their vehicles and to ensure they are locked and secure when unattended, particularly overnight.

There have still been a couple of fly-tipping incidents in the East Herts Rural area which are being investigated, with several vehicles of interest being looked into. The team are looking at further crime prevention methods which we are hoping to implement in the coming weeks.

On social media, there have been a couple of posts about incidents demanding “police action”, that have even tagged in local councillors requesting that they ask why the police have “done nothing”. Once again, these incidents have NOT been reported to police. However, in one of the instances, the team had already pre-emptively gathered some CCTV footage that was potentially related. The victim was visited, but did not wish to report a crime, despite them being quite vocal on social media. Again, where you are able, please do

encourage residents to report any police matters via the 101 system or 999 where appropriate, so that any incidents can be properly dealt with and investigated.

Other incidents of note that the team have been involved in:-

- Whilst making enquiries in East London, officers encountered the aftermath of a road rage incident involving a large knife. This was safely seized and passed on to the Metropolitan Police.
- Thanks to the data provided by security trackers and information from police volunteers, the team recovered a stolen digger and a week or so later, an unrelated vehicle that had been stolen in London.
- While on patrol an eagle-eyed officer spotted a moped outside a shop with it's engine running, but no rider. Moments later, the owner appeared, wearing a balaclava. A quick chat established the rider had no licence and no insurance. He then requested to push the moped home – a request politely declined while further checks were carried out. At this point, the suspect jumped back on the moped and sped off without a helmet and failed to stop when requested. The address they provided was visited, where his partner delayed officers just long enough for him to make an exit via the back door, over the side gate, and off down the street. A search located the suspect in a field, and after a short foot chase, the male was detained and arrested.

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/bnf6PE4uuvc?feature=shared>