



HERTFORDSHIRE

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Dear Resident

Nationally, there are always seasonal increases in certain crime types as the clocks change and evenings becoming darker that little bit earlier. Whilst Hertfordshire continues to be one of the safest counties to live and work, I wanted to contact local residents in the more rural parts of North Herts, as your Safer Neighbourhood Inspector, to ask for your support in driving down local crime.

I am aware of increases in burglary offences to homes and garden sheds, as well as vehicle crime, in recent weeks within North Herts.

The Chief Inspector, Detective Inspector and I use a variety of resources available to us in order to proactively identify offenders and bring them to justice as swiftly as possible. Over the coming weeks you will see police patrolling your neighbourhood and engaging with community groups, as working with you is vital in trying to catch the offenders.

Offences have been occurring throughout the daytime and evenings. It is likely offenders familiarise themselves with a neighbourhood prior to committing offences, often taking time to research the streets and levels of activity.

I would be grateful if, over the coming weeks and leading up to Christmas, you would be more vigilant as **you** are best placed to know when something looks out of place locally. If you suspect a person is in your neighbourhood to commit a crime or you see a vehicle in suspicious circumstances please don't hesitate to contact Police via **999** if a crime is in progress, or **101** to pass information, so officers can attend and determine whether the person/vehicle is there lawfully.

For more advice on protecting your property please visit our website at [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk)

Thank you in advance for your continued support and be rest assured your local officers strive to ensure those who commit crime are caught and put before the courts.

Yours faithfully

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