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***Royston Rural
Watch, May 2019***

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***Our Non -
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Witness appeal following fatal collision – Royston

- Did you witness a collision between a silver VW Golf and a silver Vauxhall Corsa on Baldock Road, Royston?
- Sadly the front seat passenger in the Corsa suffered serious injuries and passed away on April 22
- If you witnessed the collision, on March 30, and haven't yet spoken to police, please get in touch

Officers investigating a fatal collision in Royston are appealing for information and witnesses.

It happened on Baldock Road, close to McDonald's, at 12.20pm on March 30, when a silver VW Golf and a silver Vauxhall Corsa were in collision.

The front seat passenger in the Vauxhall Corsa, a woman in her 90s, suffered serious injuries.

Sadly, she later passed away on April 22. The driver of the VW, a woman in her 70s, was also treated for serious injuries. She has been released from hospital and is now recovering.

Sergeant Mark Dollard, from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Roads Policing Unit, said: “We are continuing to make enquiries in order to establish the circumstances around this collision.

“Sadly, this has now become a fatal collision investigation as the lady in the Vauxhall Corsa has passed away. Her next of kin are being supported by specially-trained liaison officers.

“We appreciate some time has passed but if you witnessed the collision and did not speak to us at the time, or saw the two vehicles in the lead up to the incident, please get in touch with us.”

Any witnesses or anyone with information should contact PC Carl Callan on carl.callan@herts.pnn.police.uk, report information online at www.herts.police.uk/Report or speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via online web chat, quoting Operation Stubbard.

Online web chat can be launched here: www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/About-us/Contact

You can also call the non-emergency number 101, and ask for Herts Police.

Have your say on rural crime and how it is policed



- A survey has been launched by Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd.
- Residents and businesses are being asked for their views on rural crime.
- The results will be used to formulate the PCC's updated Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan.

Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd has launched his first rural crime survey.

He is asking all residents and business owners for their views on how the countryside is being policed and where they want the priorities to be focused.

The results of the consultation will be used to formulate his updated Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan later this year.

Mr Lloyd, who last week attended a Barn Meeting at Samuels Farm, in Coleman Green Lane, Wheathampstead, said: "As I hold an elected role I represent everyone who lives in Hertfordshire. I am here to hear your views and concerns and to use them to inform the Chief Constable of your priorities.

"Rural communities are a really important part of the county for both residents and business. My job is to ensure that policing funds are spent efficiently and effectively to keep crime as low as possible."

"I have provided funding for extra officers plus other initiatives including covert cameras, dash cams and to clean-up fly tipping.

"I will continue to listen to ensure those issues which the public consistently tell me are of concern are listened to, and where appropriate, action is taken.

"This survey is the public's opportunity to help me make a real difference in how we reduce crime and the fear of crime in the more remote parts of the county."

The consultation can be completed online -

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/92LMX95

It is not just open to farmers, but also encouraged to take part are residents who live in or visit rural communities as well as other business owners.

Questions or topics include any crimes that have affected you, was it reported to the police, what police response did you receive and do you feel safe?

This year's average £2 a month Council Tax precept increase will be used to pay for 75 extra officers and the Commissioner has backed a scheme for Specials and volunteers who work just in rural areas.

Last month a pilot scheme to help victims of fly tipping including farmers and landowners was extended from two districts to four.

Landowners can apply for cash grants to clear up the rubbish left behind in St Albans and Welwyn Hatfield alongside existing members Broxbourne and Three Rivers.

His office has also funded 30 dash cameras for farmers to put in their vehicles, including tractors and all-terrain vehicles. They enable the drivers to report anything suspicious they see with video footage, and it also allows officers investigating crimes to visit them to see if they caught anything on camera around the time of the offence.

Mr Lloyd attended the Barn Meeting with Hertfordshire Chief Constable Charlie Hall and they heard how rural officers have given out their mobile numbers to farmers to improve communication.

NFU County Adviser Rosalind David said: "The NFU welcomes this survey and I would urge our members, and the wider rural community, to take the opportunity to comment on rural crime and policing in Hertfordshire.

"Rural crime is a major concern for farmers across the county. Whether its fly tipping, hare coursing, burglary or theft, it all impacts on the daily lives of farming families and businesses in far-reaching and costly ways.

"These survey results can help ensure that police resources are targeted in the right way, and that rural communities receive the level of service they expect and deserve."

What 3 words represent your house? Award-winning British app maps the entire planet using jumbled word combinations

What3words has mapped the entire planet into 57 trillion 3x3m grids and assigned a three-word designation to each - it means you'll never get lost again



Addresses aren't designed for 2019 .That's the view of British entrepreneur Chris Sheldrick who co-founded what3words - a company that's mapped the entire planet and come up with a unique new way of identifying locations .

It works by dividing up the planet's surface into grids measuring 3x3m and assigning a three word marker to each one. So, for example, a patch of shrub in the Sarangheti is designated

"magistrates.tortilla.whereby" while your back garden may well be something like "dog.chair.whistle".

The idea is that it's more specific than postcodes, which were invented when posting letters was the main form of communication, and simpler than GPS co-ordinates, which are too complex for the average person to remember.

"Why don't we find a system where we can wrap up GPS into something that's idiot proof?" Mr Sheldrick told Mirror Online when explaining the system.

He says that it can be used, for example, to help emergency services find an exact location for an incident.

"Addresses and postcodes were invented a long time ago and they were used for sorting mail. Now we type them into smartphones."

Mr Sheldrick says the app has even been picked up by the UN who have used it to accurately specify locations that have been hit by natural disasters.

The idea for what3words was hatched by Sheldrick and mathematician Jack Waley-Cohen in 2013. They spent the next year developing the product and, so far, the company has raised about £5 million in funding from investors who can see the potential.

The app uses an algorithm to assign words to the 57 trillion squares across the globe while making sure not to use words that can cause confusion, or offence.

“More common words go into the population centres, but something like “here” which could be spelt “hear” and cause confusion if you’re saying it to somebody else - we take that out,” said Mr Sheldrick.

“There’s quite a lot of work that goes on the curation, and we tailor profanity out.”

And it's not just available in English, but other languages as well. At the moment, is being used in over 170 countries.

You also don't need to be online to access it. The algorithm lives inside the app on your phone and uses a gps connection to work - so even if you're in the middle of Glastonbury and can't get any bars, you can still find where you're supposed to go.

At the moment, what3words is concentrating on its mapping and navigation but Sheldrick says it plans to look at targeting the logistics industry and, in future, grow the amount of other apps it integrates with.

The team has already been recognised for its efforts, receiving an award for the Best British Startup at this year's Mobile World Conference trade event.

Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

Theft of metal – Overnight on 11th April the offenders have entered the victim's garden. The offenders have removed a large lead ornamental heron, the offenders made off direction unknown. 41/33260/19

Outbuilding Burglary's – Overnight on 12th April in Bennets Lane, Ashwell two outbuildings were targeted. The offenders cut padlocks to the sheds to gain entry, the offenders removed gardening power tools including chainsaws and strimmer's. 41/33506/19 – 41/33507/19

Theft of number plate – Between 12th and 15th April a vehicle was parked in a residential car park in Ashwell. The offender removed the number plate from the car and made off direction unknown. 41/34135/19

Outbuilding Burglary – Overnight on 15th April a shed was targeted in Hodwell, Ashwell. The offender approached the shed and removed the shed window. The offender then laid out the hand held gardening tools on the lawn and removed the power tools. 41/34466/19

Theft of motor vehicle – Overnight 22nd April a Range Rover Vogue was stolen from a drive in Slip End, Ashwell. The keys were stored outside near the vehicle and the offender used this key to steal the car. 41/36596/19

Attempted Burglary – Overnight on 23rd April the shutters to Ashwell stores were forced. The offenders pulled on the shutter causing damage in an attempt to gain entry to the shop. The offenders made off direction unknown. 41/36804/19 refers

G4D – Barley, Barkway, Reed, Therfield, Kelshall and Nuthampstead

Outbuilding Burglary – On 5th April at 4.30am a shed was cut from a shed in Kelshall, entry was gained and no property was removed. 41/31058/19 refers

Theft – Between 6th and 8th April a fence was cut on a building site in Barkway, The offenders approached a digger left on site and removed the property. 41/31910/19 refers

Garage Burglary, Therfield – Between 12th and 13th April the offenders have entered the garage by unknown means, gardening power tools taken from within. 41/33515/19

Number plate theft – Between 12th and 15th April a car was parked between Barley and Barkway village. The offender approached the vehicle and removed both sets of number plates. 41/34060/19

Theft of metal – On 16th April at 1.45pm the victim discovered a male and a female removing scrap metal from his yard in Barley. The offenders returned to the vehicle and drove away in a transit van containing stolen metals. 41/34488/19 refers

Shed Burglary – Overnight on 20th April a shed was targeted in Barkway. The offender approached the shed and cut the padlocks. The offender removed gardening power tools and made off direction unknown. 41/35948/19

Theft of metals – On the 25th April between 10am to 12.30pm in Reed village metals were stolen from a front drive in Reed village. The offenders loaded a table and chairs into a van or similar and made off. 41/37238/19 refers

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Shed Burglary - Overnight 2nd to 3rd April a shed was targeted in Mill End, Sandon. The shed door was forced and a rotary digger was stolen. 41/30242/19 refers

Theft of Motor Vehicle – Overnight on 10th to 11th April, the vehicle was parked on the victims drive and was stolen overnight. No glass was on the driveway and the victim had both sets of keys. The offenders possibly used a device to access the car. 41/38773/19 refers

Theft of metals – On the 25th April at 10.30am two males in a white transit van pulled onto the victim's driveway. The passenger got out of the vehicle and stole metals from the drive. The male returned to the vehicle and the males made off. 41/37187/19 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/>

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