



## Cottered and Throcking– May 2017

| Offence                         | No. In Parish | No. in East Herts |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Burglary Residential            | 0             | 51                |
| Burglary Business and Community | 0             | 29                |
| Criminal Damage                 | 0             | 87                |
| Vehicle Crime                   | 0             | 69                |
| Anti-Social Behaviour*          | 0             | 150               |

For more details on crime in your area please visit: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). Enter a postcode to see the ‘crime map’ for the local area.

\*ASB is not defined as ‘crime’ however it has been included in this table for your information as it can affect the wider community and we (police) are jointly responsible with local councils for dealing with it. Recordable ASB includes neighbour disputes, noise nuisance and fly tipping etc.

Please note that there has been a change in the way burglary offences are recorded nationally. They are now classified as:

**Burglary Residential** – all buildings within the boundaries of a property, including sheds and garages  
**Burglary Business and Community** – buildings that are solely for business purposes or are otherwise outside the classification of residential burglary, such as a sports club or place of worship.

### Other News and events

We have had some very hot weather recently and it is tempting to leave windows open whilst you are out. However burglary and vehicle crime are still blighting our rural areas. Please make sure you fully secure your property and vehicles before you leave them, even if you are only popping out for a short while. Stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity with as much detail as you can.

### Sign Up for OWL

If you would like to receive our “Owl Messages” please email me at [Karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk) with your name, address (including postcode), email address and a contact number in case email fails. I will then add you to the system.

### Useful information



You can follow your local team on Twitter @EHertsRrlPolice

Visit [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk) where you can find the latest police and crime news, crime prevention advice and people wanted by police.

Police non-emergency number 101. (In an emergency always use 999).

Contact Crimestoppers anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111.



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If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour please contact PCSO Karen Broad on 101 or by email: Karen.broad@herts.pnn.police.uk . Or if the matter is of a more serious nature, you can contact Sergeant Duncan Wallace when he is on duty, on his Airwave radio on 01707 354192. (In an emergency always use 999.)

### **Police and Crime Commissioner's Message**

We've made great strides in improving our online reporting methods. In May, we introduced online crime reporting.

We've now brought in an app for iPhone and Android devices and now it's possible to report those annoying incidents of anti-social behaviour.

From illegal motorbikes in parks or on pavements to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or driving whilst using a mobile device – you can now go to the online crime reporting section of the police website and report directly. Visit [www.contacthertspolice.uk](http://www.contacthertspolice.uk) for more details.

I was encouraged to learn that since we launched the online services last month, we've seen a significant increase in our web-chat and in crimes being reported online.

These services are available as an alternative to calling 101 for non-emergency matters. Please remember that you should always call 999 when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

We welcome any feedback from the public using our new services to help improve development in the future.

At a recent barn meet in St Albans, I listened to several landowners' concerns around fly-tipping. As well as the spoiling our countryside this despicable activity is having a real economic impact on farmers who can find their lanes blocked or themselves having to bear the cost of removing rubbish left on their land.

It is a problem I take very seriously and am asking the police and local authorities to work more closely together to stamp it out. I have provided a grant of £80,000 to support this work and I am pleased to report that there is evidence of success.

In the period from April 2016 to early this year – 32 cases of fly-tipping offences were successfully prosecuted by Hertfordshire's boroughs and districts.

In St Albans district alone, there have been nine police prosecutions in the last six months.

Four arrests for fly-tipping offences were made recently and fines of £500-£3,500 were handed out to those who have been prosecuted. In addition to this, there are four cases waiting to go to court.

Community safety is a shared responsibility for us all and part of my role is to provide people with the opportunity to do their bit, both by working with the police and developing a wider volunteering agenda.

Currently we have around 400 volunteers that operate across schemes that are directly co-ordinated by my office, such as; Drivesafe, Independent Custody Visiting, the Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel and the Independent Dog Welfare Scheme.



There are always opportunities for volunteers across these schemes. You can get more information about volunteering opportunities within the OPCC and Hertfordshire Constabulary by visiting their [www.hertscommissioner.org](http://www.hertscommissioner.org) or [www.herts.police.uk/volunteers](http://www.herts.police.uk/volunteers)

You may not be able to commit to a volunteering role, but simply being eyes and ears in your community can help assist in crime reduction.