



HERTFORDSHIRE

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*Royston Rural
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On the Beat -

New image released of missing William Taylor



Officers have released a new image of William Taylor who will have been missing from his home for a month tomorrow.

70 year old William Taylor was last seen at his home in Gosmore, North Herts, at around 9pm on Sunday, June 3.

William is described as white and around 5ft 11in tall. He is of a medium build and has short grey hair. He was last seen wearing a baby blue-coloured shirt, jeans and black wellies. It is believed that William may be wearing a navy blue boiler suit.

Last Monday (June 25), North Herts Chief Inspector Julie Wheatley made a public appeal, from William's home, for information on his whereabouts.

She said: "This is an unbearable situation for his family who are incredibly worried.

"William has turned 70 since he has been missing and his family have not been able to celebrate this happy occasion with him.

"I am appealing to anyone who might have seen William or anyone who has information on his whereabouts to get in touch with us.

"We are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare and any information you have, no matter how small it might seem, could be vital in us finding William."

If you have seen William Taylor since he went missing or have information about his whereabouts please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary via the non-emergency number 101. If you believe you are with William or have seen him in the last few moments please call 999.

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Partner agencies meet to discuss Rural Crime in North Herts

- Partner agencies and local farmers meet to discuss rural issues at Royston Barn Meet.
- Chief Constable Charlie Hall addresses attendees.
- Police and Crime Commissioner pledges continued support for fly-tipping problems.



A host of agencies came together yesterday (Wednesday June 27) to discuss rural crime at the North Herts Annual Barn Meet at Thrift Farm in Royston.

Local farmers and landowners met with officers from their local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team, The Rural Operational Support Police Team, Herts Fire and Rescue Service, the National Farmers Union, representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and local and County Council officers.

Chief Constable Charlie Hall also attended the event along with Dr Amie Birkhamshaw from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. The subjects discussed included fly-tipping with Amie giving an overview of the current situation in Hertfordshire, some of the successful prosecutions and new initiatives.

The Chief Constable talked about how the force tackles rural crime and the fire service spoke about ways farmers can protect themselves against crime and new ways to help emergency services find remote locations quickly.

"The barn meet is a popular event which enables the rural communities of North Herts to meet with police and partner agencies to discuss issues which affect them on a daily basis," explained Sergeant Guy Westwood.

"It is also a chance for partner agencies to catch up and learn about new rural initiatives to tackle not only crime but any rural issue. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask questions.

"Our rural communities are very important to us and we understand that they have specific policing needs. It was great to see so many people at the event."

Dr Aimie Birkhamshaw added: "The barn meet is a good opportunity for partner agencies to come together to discuss the issues that affect rural communities.

"The Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, takes these matters very seriously and in 2017 ring-fenced £400,000 of Proceeds of Crime Act funds towards a Local Partnership Fund, which gives councils the opportunity through matched funding to help support local solutions to address issues such as fly-tipping, fly-grazing and anti-social behaviour.

"Over £132,000 of the fund has so far been spent in funding anti fly-tipping initiatives including the purchase of new cameras for deployment at fly-tipping hotspots across the county.

"We recognise that there remains a lot more work to be done and we will continue to encourage and work with the Constabulary and other partners on tackling these challenges."

Hare coursing man's car to be crushed

- A man found guilty of hare coursing in Hertfordshire has been fined, received points on his driving licence and will have his car crushed by police.

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A man found guilty of hare coursing in Hertfordshire has been fined, received three points on his driving licence and will have his car crushed by police.

Patrick McDonagh, aged 47, of Three Cherry Trees Lane in Hemel Hempstead, pleaded not guilty to hare coursing on December 20, 2017 but was convicted on Wednesday June 13 at St Albans Magistrates Court.

Rural and Wildlife Officer, PC Jane Flemons, said: "A member of the public reported seeing a Lurcher dog chasing a hare across the field. McDonagh was found with two Lurchers, two German Shepherds and a Springer Spaniel along with his Ford Mondeo."

His vehicle was seized by police and he was reported for the offence of 'trespassing on land in pursuit of game, contrary to Section 30 of the Game Act 1831.' He was further reported for driving offences including having a bald tyre and having no car tax.

McDonagh denied hare coursing but was found guilty. He pleaded guilty to the driving offences and was fined £60, ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £30, and court costs of £620, totalling £830. He also received three points on his licence for the driving offences.

St Albans Chief Inspector Stuart Cheek said: "We've made a commitment to the rural community that we will work with farmers and landowners to reduce crime. We know hare coursing can have a damaging effect on farmers and landowners and we will use our powers, including crushing criminals' vehicles, to make it hard for them to operate. Without his car, McDonagh will struggle to cause further harm to our rural communities."

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Local Crime Information

G4E - Ashwell, Hinxworth, Bygrave, Newnham and Caldecote

No reported crime for this area in June

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

Outbuilding Burglary, Barkway – Overnight on May 31st offenders have gained access to a building in Royston Road, Barkway. They have used a crow bar to gain entry and stole tools and a generator. 41/3129/18 refers

Attempted Burglary, Kelshall – Between 30th May to 1st June a barn that is situated between Kelshall and Sandon was targeted by offenders. The offenders have used a crowbar or similar to remove a padlock off a gate. The offenders have driven along a track to the barn and a crowbar was used to pull away wood cladding, no entry gained. 41/3150/18 refers

G3C - Sandon, Wallington, Rushden, Clothall and Weston

Damage, Clothall - On 24th June at 17.30 at Quickswood farm, Clothall three off road motorcycles were seen driving across fields. On inspection the motorbikes had caused damage to the crops. 41/10699/18 refers

Damage, Sandon – Overnight on 9th June a house sign was ripped out at the end of a drive on Roe Green causing damage. 41/6223/18 refers

Public Order, Sandon – On 10th June at 12.15am a local residents was verbally abused by a reveller leaving a music festival. 41/6230/18 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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