



## Chorleywood – January 2017

### January 2017 crime & ASB figures\*

Offence	No. In Parish	No. in Three Rivers
Dwelling Burglary	5	36
Burglary Other	0	18
Criminal Damage	7	47
Vehicle Crime	11	57
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents*	7	130

### Further details/Other crime/Outcomes

January saw an increase in burglaries across Three Rivers; however in Chorleywood we recorded the same number of incidents as last month.

- Between 29<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January a house was broken into on Woodland Lane. Offender(s) gained entry to the property by smashing the downstairs rear windows and patio doors.
- On the 17<sup>th</sup> January a property was broken into on South Cottage Drive. Offender(s) smashed the patio doors at the rear of the property. A selection of jewellery and bank notes were taken. Enquiries are continuing.

Unfortunately Chorleywood saw an increase in criminal damage and vehicle crime in January.

- Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> January several vehicles were damaged. The vehicles all had the driver's side quarter light window smashed. Some of these vehicles were parked on Furze view, Bullsland Gardens and Quickley Lane.
- On the 7<sup>th</sup> January number plates were stolen from two Mercedes parked on Hillside Road and Quickley lane. All lines of enquiry have been followed to date.

Advice on how you can keep your property more secure is available on our website at [http://www.herts.police.uk/advice/crime\\_prevention-1.aspx](http://www.herts.police.uk/advice/crime_prevention-1.aspx)

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 and noise nuisance, as well as issues such as regular rowdy behaviour in public places.

### Useful information



You can follow your local team on Twitter @RickmansPolice

Chorleywood Parish Council area is covered by Police beat code C2D and E. The allocated officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, for this area are PCSO Jessica Hill and PCSO Lauren Maberly.



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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 Crime stoppers anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111.

### **Sergeant's Message**

If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour please contact PCSO Jessica Hill or PCSO Lauren Maberly on 101 or by email [Jessica.hill@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jessica.hill@herts.pnn.police.uk) or [Lauren.maberly@herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lauren.maberly@herts.pnn.police.uk). (In an emergency always use 999.)

**Sgt Neil Canning**

Rickmansworth and District Safer Neighbourhood Team

### **Chief Inspector message**

In the past couple of weeks we have seen a rise in the number of phone scams reported to police.

The majority of the incidents have occurred across Three Rivers and have seen two victims lose thousands of pounds.

Traditionally phone scammers contact elderly residents and pretend to be a police officer or member of bank staff. They then tell the victim that their account has been compromised in some way and ask the victim to withdraw large sums of cash from the bank so it can be examined as part of their investigation. This cash is then collected by a courier under the pretence it will be returned at a later date.

Scammers may also ask victims to hand their bank cards over to a courier, along with their PIN details.

While many victims recognise it is a scam and refuse to hand over cash or bank details, other residents across the county have sadly lost their life savings thanks to the actions of these callous groups.

These fraudsters can be highly convincing and we want to remind people to remain vigilant around unexpected phone calls. We are doing all we can to get the message out about these scams and I would urge people to please speak with relatives, friends and neighbours, particularly the elderly, to warn them about the tactics these scammers employ.

Police and banks would **never** ask you to withdraw money and hand it over to a courier. They would also never ask you to divulge PIN details. If you receive a call you have suspicions about, do not hesitate to hang up and contact police.

Remember, when reporting a suspicious phone call to police, wait at least five minutes before attempting to make the call or use a mobile or neighbour's phone to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender.

Several arrests and convictions have already been made and our specialist investigation team within the Constabulary's Operation Manhunt unit is continuing to target fraudsters and bring them to justice. But, we need your help to keep spreading the word about these disgraceful scams to ensure that more people don't fall victim.

**Remember** - the police and banks would:

- **NEVER** ask for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone, so do not disclose these to anyone, no matter who they claim to be.
- **NEVER** ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, taxi or by any other means.



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- **NEVER** ask you to send your bank cards, or any other personal property, to them via courier, taxi or by any other means.
- **NEVER** ask you to transfer money from one account to another over the telephone.

For more information visit [www.herts.police.uk/PhoneScams](http://www.herts.police.uk/PhoneScams)

**Three Rivers Chief Inspector Deirdre Allen**

### **Police and Crime Commissioner Message**

Only a month into 2017 and several big landmark moments in the PCC calendar have already been reached.

My new draft Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan has been approved and is about to be published. The plan, which sets the priorities for policing Hertfordshire for the next five years, covers a wide range of crime and justice matters and is of relevance to everyone in the county.

The plan includes proposals to improve the experience of victims when going through court, a more joined-up approach to scammers who prey on the vulnerable and closer relationships with other emergency services, like the Fire Service.

A key part of the plan is the protection of local neighbourhood policing. This is really important for Hertfordshire and the basis of the way we protect the county. We have managed to keep these units in place when other areas of the country have removed their teams. This has been done through prudent savings in the Constabulary and by using reserves wisely. I've managed to do this without raising the amount you pay for the police in your council tax for six years.

However, the government has reduced the amount it grants the force, and in addition a delay to a collaborated IT project would have delivered significant savings this year. As a result, I've increased the council tax precept for 2017 – it equates to an additional £5 a year for the average household. I recognise nobody will want to pay more for their policing than they have to, which is why I have always made the force look for savings before asking the public. This year, I was told by the Chief Constable that the neighbourhood policing structure could not be funded through our reserves alone. I'm pleased we'll be able to keep those valuable services which the public tell me they value so much.

I'm also interested in your thoughts on how we oversee our fire service. Currently the service sits under the county council, but the government is asking PCCs to investigate taking responsibility for the governance of the service. I was at a speech recently by the Policing and Fire Minister who reminded the PCCs to look at this.

We're at the early stages in Hertfordshire of developing a business case to see if this is something which would benefit the two services and the people of the county.

There's more information about all of these issues at the website, [www.hertscommissioner.org](http://www.hertscommissioner.org), where you can find links to social media pages too.

**David Lloyd**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire**