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HERTFORDSHIRE CRIME LEVELS CONTINUE TO FALL

NATIONAL crime statistics released this month show that overall recorded crime between April and June 2009 fell in Hertfordshire compared with the previous year and that crime rates remain lower and are falling more than national levels. Whilst burglary and robbery rose nationally they have fallen in Hertfordshire.

For the three month period, overall recorded crime in Hertfordshire fell by 5%, domestic burglary fell by 14%, violent crime fell by 7%, robbery fell by 11% and motor vehicle crime fell by 13%.

Nationally overall crime fell by 4%, domestic burglary rose by 3%, violent crime fell by 1%, robbery rose by 1% and motor vehicle crime fell by 12%.

Stuart Nagler, Chair of Herts Police Authority said: "These are good figures for Hertfordshire and it reinforces our view that Hertfordshire is one of the safest counties in Hertfordshire."

Chief Constable Frank Whiteley said: "These figures are encouraging and whilst they reflect the excellent commitment of Constabulary officers and staff, they are also the result of good joint working with our partners in local authorities across Hertfordshire. We shall be working even more closely with them over the coming months to drive down crime further."

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Notes for Editors: "Crime in England and Wales Quarterly update to June 2009 is on the Home Office web site. <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs09/hosb1509.pdf>

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