

Warning to off-road bikers in Little Hadham

Police in East Herts are issuing a warning to off-road bikers following numerous reports of dangerous and anti-social riding in Little Hadham.

PCSO Leon De Bruyn, from the East Herts Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: “In recent weeks there have been instances of scrambler bikes being ridden along byways and footpaths in the area, which poses a real danger to members of the public, as well as to the riders themselves. In addition, it also causes noise nuisance and damage to land.”

If you are caught riding illegally or anti-socially, police can issue a written ‘section 59’ warning under the Police Reform Act 2002. If you are caught again within the next 12 months, police have powers to seize your vehicle. If offenders do not subsequently reclaim them and pay storage or recovery fees, their vehicles can be crushed.

Riders can also be reported for traffic offences and/or be issued with Community Protection Warnings which set out conditions around their behaviour.

PC Jack Culverhouse, from the East Herts Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team said: “Officers are on the lookout for anyone riding in this manner and those caught will be dealt with robustly.

“However, we also need the public’s help. If you see anyone, or have any information about who might be responsible, please contact police straight away. Please try and get a good description of the rider and the colour of the helmet, if they are wearing one, and make a note of any registration numbers.”

You can report information online at herts.police.uk/report, speak to an operator in our Force Communications Room via our online web chat at herts.police.uk/contact or call the non-emergency number 101.

If you believe there is an immediate risk to members of the public, always dial 999.