## Free fraud & cybercrime advice at your local library in 2025-2026!

- Know the warning signs of fraud and cybercrime.
- Know how to protect yourself by securing your accounts, data, and devices.
- Know how to report and recover from fraud and cybercrime.



Hertfordshire Police is working with Hertfordshire Libraries to provide the public with crime prevention advice. Join us for a series of informative talks\* by experts from Hertfordshire Police, Hertfordshire County Council's Shared Anti-Fraud Service, Trading Standards, and Beacon/Victim Care. There is a chance to ask the experts questions over a cup of tea or coffee.

In addition, sign up to Herts Connected, a free interactive messaging service from Hertfordshire Constabulary to keep up to date with crime prevention advice and what is happening in your local area such as these Cybercrime & Fraud Awareness events (with up-to-date schedule of talks). It's free and easy to sign up here: <a href="https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk">https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk</a>.

<sup>\*</sup>Schedule of talks are subject to change.

Letchworth - Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Letchworth Library Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3PF	Oxhey - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Oxhey Library Bridlington Road, Watford, WD19 7AG
10:45-11:00 - Event open to public 11:00-12:00 - Talk: Rogue Traders & Scams - Trading Standards 12:15-12:30 - Talk: Fraud against the Council - HCC SAFS 12:45-13:45 - Talk: Cybercrime & Fraud Prevention - Herts Police 14:00-15:00 - Talk: Scams & Victim Support - Beacon/Victim Care 15:30 - Finish	14:00-14:15 - Event open to public  14:15-15:15 - Talk: Cybercrime & Fraud Prevention - Herts Police  15:30 - Finish
Croxley Green - Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Hemel Hempstead - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025
Croxley Green Library Barton Way, Croxley Green, WD3 3HB	Hemel Hempstead Library The Forum, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1DN
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Hoddesdon - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	St Albans - Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Hoddesdon Library 98A High Street, Hoddesdon, EN11 8HD	St Albans Library Level 2, The Maltings, St Albans, AL1 3JQ
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Hitchin - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Borehamwood - Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Hitchin Library Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG5 1EW	Borehamwood Library 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB
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Hatfield - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Bishops Stortford - Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Hatfield Library White Lion Square, 26-32 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0LD	Bishop's Stortford Library The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford, M23 2EJ
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Ware - Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Watford - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026
Ware Library 41-45 High Street, Ware, SG12 9BA	Watford Central Library Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3EU
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Stevenage - Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	To be confirmed: Rickmansworth - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026
Stevenage Central Library Southgate, Stevenage, SG1 1HD	1st Rickmansworth Scout Headquarters 32 Ebury Way, Rickmansworth, WD3 1AY
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Lost money or responded to a suspicious message, email, phone call, social media advert or website?

- 1. Report to <a href="www.actionfraud.police.uk">www.actionfraud.police.uk</a> I 0300 123 2040,
- 2. Tell your bank, and
- 3. Tell other relevant organisations (i.e. energy provider, DVLA, social media platform).

If you've seen or received a suspicious email, phone call, message, social media advert or website, <u>but</u> you have not lost money or responded to it, here's how to report it: <a href="https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk">https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk</a>.

By reporting suspicious activity, you could help the authorities to remove it and prevent others from becoming a victim of fraud and cybercrime.