



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

# New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the March 2024 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we have two meetings that you are more than welcome to join us at – the first is at 8.30am when we will be in the MOONHILLS car park on the way to Exbury with our partners at the National Park Authority, Forestry England and New Forest Dog and then between 1pm and 1.30pm we will be holding the first of our Beat Surgeries at the East Boldre Village shop.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April we will be at another new venue – join us between 7pm to 7.30pm at St Josephs in Ashurst when we will again be joined by one of the local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April sees us at the New Forest Hotel in Ashurst, that's the one by the train station. The Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team is holding another public meeting and we will be there to answer any questions you might have. The evening starts at 7pm and we will be on stage from 7.30pm.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April join us in the main car park at Beaulieu at 11.30am and at the Parish Council Office on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst at 12.30pm. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> we will be holding another one of our bike marking events, this time outside WOODS CYCLERY on the High Street in Lyndhurst between 10am and midday. Come and get your bike security marked for free and if you have any questions for us we can answer them too.

Finally on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and then outside the Post Office at Bartley at 9am.

If you can't make any of these meetings you can always call or email us on the details below but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course if it's an emergency always call 999.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March we held another one of our Fly Tipping Operations in the main car park in Lyndhurst. We were joined by the Roads Policing Team based at Totton, the Country Watch team from Lyndhurst and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency and in total 51 vehicles were stopped and examined. These are the results and they make interesting reading. Twelve vehicles were prohibited for various reasons, four drivers were issued tickets for not wearing a seatbelt, one for using a mobile phone while driving and another one for not being in proper control of their vehicle. Other offences included five vehicles that needed tyres replacing on site, four drivers didn't have the correct insurance, two had defective lights, one had an insecure load, one failed to display a rear number plate and one had no tax. One driver was also arrested for driving whilst over the prescribed limit for cannabis – his vehicle was also seized for no insurance. Thanks as always to our partners at Forestry England and the New Forest National Park Authority for their help on the day. It's these organisations that spend thousands of pounds a year clearing up the rubbish that gets dumped across the New Forest.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, just before half past one in the morning, the BUDGENS store at the Courtesy Filling Station at Cadnam was broken into and enquiries are still on going as we try to identify those responsible. So if you have any information that would help us or if you have CCTV or even dash cam

footage if you were in the area in the early morning on that day then please let us know and quote the crime number 44240117148. Thank you

There were five reports of shoplifting last month at the Tesco and CO OP stores in Brockenhurst and at DOBBIES garden centre at Cadnam. All of them are still under investigation.

Five outbuildings were broken into in March, two in Ashurst on Foxhills and Ashdene Road, one on the site of New Park on the outskirts of Brockenhurst, and the other two were on the grounds of the Ashurst hospital and the Happy Cheese pub also in Ashurst.

Another Quad Bike was stolen last month, this time from an address in Bartley where on the same night and on the same road, two other vehicles were broken into and some keys stolen. Others thefts include a digger from a farm just off junction two of the M27, a length of copper cabling from along the A35 in Ashurst, some scrap metal from a garden in Woodlands and several lockers at a hotel in Brockenhurst were broken into while the guests were using the facilities.

The holiday season has now started and with the increase in visitors to the Forest we are likely to see a rise in the number of thefts from motor vehicles. Two were broken into in March and both were parked on the roadside in the Bramshaw area. The message is a simple one NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING ON DISPLAY INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE and DON'T HIDE ANYTHING THE BOOT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHO IS WATCHING YOU. And if you would like one of our NO VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE CARDS email [richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk)

Over the Bank Holiday weekend a child was injured after it got too close to one of the wild ponies grazing on the New Forest – luckily she wasn't seriously hurt but it is a timely reminder of why it's now an offence to pet or feed ponies and donkeys. Forestry England Rangers have spoken to many people over the Easter weekend to share this important message. For more information follow this link which explains everything

[Forestry England media release: Visitors asked please look but don't touch New Forest ponies - New Forest District Council](#)

Please remember that these are wild animals and they will bite and kick so please if you are coming to the New Forest look, but don't touch

Finally this month's Op Mountie session was really wet, again. As you probably know by now, Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the Forest and is now in its third year. On 12<sup>th</sup> March we stopped twelve vehicles on the Lyndhurst to Beaulieu road at Matley for exceeding the 40mph speed limit. All of those drivers were spoken to by Rangers working with Forestry England and the NPA as well as members of the New Forest Roads Awareness team. Op Mountie aims to educate drivers about why it is so important to always stick to the speed limit, especially on the Forest roads. Tickets are issued to those drivers exceeding 50mph but on this occasion there weren't any which is great news. And thanks as always to the vast majority of drivers who always stick to the speed limit, we really do appreciate it.

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