



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

# New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

This month's Beat Surgeries are listed below but remember if you can't make any of these meetings you can always call or email us, 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 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July join us and members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am and then on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July we will be at the Brockenhurst Parish Council Office on Brookley Road in the village at 12.30pm and then at the East Boldre Village shop between 2pm and 2.30pm on the same day.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores at 8am and then at the Post Office in Bartley at 9am. Finally on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July we will be holding another one of our joint agency meetings with Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and New Forest DOG. We will be in the Dibden Inclosure car park at 9am.

We will start with good news again this month with more thieves caught for shoplifting offences across the Forest. We were also fortunate to be able to return a water feature and statue that we taken from the garden centre in Beaulieu. Usually stolen property is sold on immediately but these items were still in the suspects' garden. There have been nine other thefts from shops this month, mostly from the Co Op and Tesco in Brockenhurst and one at the camping shop in Lyndhurst.

Other good news is that 21 year Dillon Cooper from Totton pleaded guilty to stealing thousands of pounds worth of camping equipment and tools from a vehicle parked in a car park on the Emery Down to Bolderwood road. The theft happened in June 2023 and Cooper will be sentenced in early September.

Also this month 33 year old James WOOD from Romsey was jailed for 15 months for several offences he committed in Hampshire and Dorset. These included the thefts in April in Emery Down of a bronze statue worth £4980, a pair of garden gloves and an electric bike worth £3,000.

Eleven high value bicycles were stolen in June – three from the main road in Brockenhurst, one from outside the shops in Ashurst and the rest from the campsites at Hollands Wood, Ashurst, Roundhill and Aldridge Hill. Please make a note and spread the word that we will be offering another free security bike marking session this month – join us on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July when we will be in the car park at Lyndhurst Police station between 9am and midday. Bring your bike and we will mark it up for you, it takes about ten minutes.

Garages and outbuildings broken into this month were on the same road and on the same night in Copythorne when bikes were stolen from one garage but nothing from the other. A garage in Bartley was also broken into and a jet wash stolen. An attempt was also made to enter an unoccupied house in Beaulieu in June but luckily the thieves were disturbed and they didn't get in.

The number of vans broken into this month is six – two were parked overnight at the Mortimer Arms in Ower, one in the Travelodge at Stoney Cross and the other three on roads and driveways in Woodlands, Winsor and Brockenhurst. Five vehicles have also been stolen from driveways in Ashurst, Lyndhurst, two

car parks in Bramshaw and from outside a hotel at New Park. Two boats were also stolen from the marina at Bucklers Hard at the end of the month.

This month we held two of our Op Mountie sessions and went further afield. Time was spent at Kings Hat on the Ipley Cross to Beaulieu Road, Pound lane and Forest Road in Burley and on the road to the A35 from Burley towards Holmsley at Goatspen car park. In total 21 drivers were stopped for speeding and 8 were given tickets for exceeding 50mph on a 40mph road. All of the other drivers were spoken to and hopefully educated as to why we all need to take as much care as possible when driving, especially on the Forest roads. In the coming months we will be holding these Op Mountie sessions at various locations across the Forest and at various times of the day and night.

Finally we are still appealing for witnesses after a serious collision in Lyndhurst on Friday 12th June. The incident happened on Gosport lane around 4.30pm when a silver Citroen C3 turned from the High Street and was in collision with a pedestrian, a woman in her 90's. We are keen to hear from anyone with information which may assist our investigation, in particular anyone with dash cam footage of the collision. If you can assist please call 101 and quote the incident number 44240261986. Thank you

Stay safe everyone.

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