



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the August 2023 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In September our Beat Surgeries return to normal which means we will be holding the following meetings -

This month's public meeting with our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority, Country Watch and NFDog is at 8am on Sunday 24th September at Deerleap Inclosure and we will be in the following car parks at 8am with the Community Safety Team from New Forest District Council on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Monday 25th of September.

On Tuesday 12th September join us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am and on Thursday 14th September we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores at 8am and outside the Bartley Post Office at 9am and the following day,

And on Wednesday 27th September we will be at - the village hall in the main car park in Beaulieu at 10.30am, then an hour later in the main car park in Brockenhurst from 11.30am and then at the East Boldre Village Hall at 12.30pm.

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.

Seven sheds, garages and outbuildings have been broken into this month. These were on a farm in Minstead where a separate garage in the village was also broken into on the same night. Fuel was taken from a storage unit in Copythorne and three sheds were broken into in Brockenhurst and power tools and garden equipment taken. A storage area at Paultons Park was also targeted and lots of tools and equipment stolen.

Seven bicycles have been stolen this month and all of them from campsites in the Forest – three from Ashurst, two from Hollands Wood and two from Roundhill. Please remind anyone you know with bicycles to keep them inside if they can and if they can't then to take off a wheel, or the saddle as well as locking them. The seven bikes stolen were all locked to vehicles or each other when they were stolen.

Other thefts this month include a stone elephant from outside a restaurant in Lyndhurst, 100's of apples from the allotments at Lyndhurst, diesel from the tank of a van parked in a layby on the A31 and cash from an honesty box at the end of a drive in Fritham.

There has been a rise in the number of vehicles broken into. This is a seasonal crime and always increases at this time of year because there are more visitors using the Forest. But the good news is that the number is still low with ten cars and vans targeted in Longslade, Rufus Stone, Swan Green and North Gate car parks as well as on the roadside in Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Ower and at Paultons Park. A van from Bartley and a motorbike from a pub car park just outside Lyndhurst were also stolen on the same night but both have now been recovered by Police. Sadly two other motorbikes have also been stolen and are still missing – they were taken from homes in Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst.

Criminal damage has been caused to three cars parked in Brockenhurst, two had their windscreens smashed and the other one was scratched and had its tyres slashed. The school field at East Boldre has also been damaged.

This month's Op Mountie session was another busy one and at the site of a recent animal fatality. In the last weekend of the month, a pony was killed by Crockford Clump car park on the road from Hatchet Pond to Lymington. In the hour that we spent surveying traffic on that road we stopped 8 drivers who were travelling at over 45mph on a 40mph road. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the Forest and one of our partners, Forestry England, have put together a really good video that explains why we do Op Mountie and what success we have had. You can see it by going to our Facebook page NEW FOREST HEART POLICE.

If you have any questions or queries about issues affecting you and your community please contact us and we will do our best to answer any questions you have.

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