



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In March we will be holding the following meetings -

On Friday 3rd March we will be at the East Boldre Village Hall at 4pm, then on Wednesday 8th March join us at the village hall in the main car park in Beaulieu at 10.30am and then an hour later outside STREETS IRONMONGERS on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst from 11.30am.

At 2pm on Thursday 16th March will be at the Open Door Café in Minstead Church and then on Sunday 19th, Mother's Day, we are holding our monthly meeting where we join forces with Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and our Countrywatch team to answer any questions you might have about life in the New Forest. This month we will be at Longslade Bottom car park from 8am. At 10.30 on the same day, Sunday 19th, we will be at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst just after their morning service.

At the end of the month we will be at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 27th March, and at 9am on the same day we will be outside the Bartley Post Office. On Tuesday 28th February join us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. 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.

Eight sheds and outbuildings have been broken into this month but again no homes have been targeted. Motorbikes were taken from a garage in Bramshaw, a quad bike from a locked garage in Brook, three expensive bicycles were stolen from two separate sheds in Brockenhurst, and a large number of bottles of vodka went from a locked container in Brockenhurst.

Other sheds targeted were in Winsor, Emery Down and Lyndhurst. Also this month the allotments in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst have been targeted and a van was stolen from the car park of a pub in Bartley while the owner was inside having a drink.

Thefts in February included five expensive bicycles from homes in Brockenhurst – as we start using our bikes as the weather improves thieves will be out in the Forest looking to steal them. Please don't leave your bikes unattended, even if they are locked, because thieves will cut through even the most secure locks and in broad daylight. The New Forest Heart Police team is holding a bike marking day on Saturday 25th March where we will security mark your bicycle for free.

We will be in the main car park in Lyndhurst between 10am and 11.30am and then outside the bicycle shop by the train gates in Brockenhurst from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Also stolen in February was a plant pot from Brockenhurst (yes people will take anything), diesel from a site in Bartley, a catalytic converter from a vehicle in Lyndhurst, a customer's phone from a shop in Brockenhurst and lead from roofs in Brockenhurst and Sowley.

Quad bikes have also been taken from a house in Bartley and a hotel on Rhinefield Ornamental Drive, and cars have been stolen from addresses in Bank and Lyndhurst as well as from Kings House in Lyndhurst

where a Forestry England van was taken and then burnt out in Sluifers Inclosure, but not before the engine had been removed.

Other vehicles were broken into in February whilst parked in a farm yard in Winsor and in hotel car parks in Ower and Lyndhurst. No cars parked in New Forest car parks have been targeted but two cars left overnight and in the early morning in Stoney Cross and Puttles Bridge car parks were severely damaged and criminal damage has also been caused to pub windows in Netley Marsh. Another two vehicles were seized at Cadnam and Lyndhurst for having no insurance and because one of the drivers failed a roadside breath test. Drugs were also seized from drivers and passengers in vehicles parked in Boltons Bench and Park Pale car parks.

Damage has also been caused this month to the telecoms site at East Boldre. The barbed wire fence was cut and then other items were damaged inside.

Our Op Mountie sessions in February were held at both ends of the month and in total five drivers received speeding tickets with the top speed being 62 mph. Two drivers were also reported for having no insurance. A reminder that Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the Forest and as always we were joined by Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team who gave the other speeding drivers educational advice. Our colleague on the Roads Policing Team at Totton also held several speed enforcement session on the A35 in Ashurst and stopped one driver for travelling at 79 mph in a 30 mph limit.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police last month about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. Please keep those calls coming. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PC ROBERTS or PCSO WILLIAMS directly.

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