



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In February will be at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 26th and then outside the Post Office at Bartley at 9am, and on Wednesday 21st February join us in the main car park at Beaulieu at 11.30am and opposite Tesco in Brockenhurst at 12.30pm.

On Saturday 24th February we will be holding the first of this year's public meetings with our partners at the National Park Authority, Forestry England and New Forest Dog. We will be in the Blackwater car park on the Ornamental Drive at 08.30am.

Finally on Sunday 25th February at 10am join us on Lyndhurst High Street outside Tesco.

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.

Six outbuildings were burgled in January and again the thieves stole mostly power tools and garden equipment. The premises targeted were on the outskirts of Brockenhurst, Cadnam, Bramshaw, Copythorne and in a residential area by junction 2 of the M27. If you would like some help in making your outbuildings more secure then please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk and we will pass on some tips.

Seven vehicles have been stolen in January but thankfully three of them have been recovered, they were a tractor taken from Fritham, a car from Ashurst and a horse box from Beaulieu. Sadly two diggers were stolen on the same night from a works yard on the outskirts of Minstead and are still missing as are two others cars stolen from Lyndhurst and Ashurst.

Five vans parked at the Premier Inn at Ower were broken into at the same time at the beginning of the month as well as two cars that were parked on a driveway and on a side street in Cadnam. We have also had the first of this year's thefts from vehicles parked in New Forest car parks – Blackwater and Bramshaw Wood car parks were targeted and a wallet and rucksack were stolen. Please make sure you take all of your valuables with you when you leave your vehicle unattended.

Some good news this month is that a man has been charged with stealing from a vehicle parked in the Whitemoor car park on the Emery Down to Bolderwood Road. The theft happened on the 25th June last year and following extensive enquiries 20 year old Dillon Cooper of Burnt House Lane in Bransgore has been charged with theft from a motor vehicle. He has been bailed with conditions to appear at Southampton Magistrates' Court on 13th February.

During 2023, the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team went out for a total of 63 surveys, spending a combined total of 287 hours at the roadside. For various reasons, 26 surveys had to be cancelled. Most of the surveys were on the Romsey Road and Southampton Road. They monitored 17,065 vehicles in total, most of which were within the speed limit. 4,286 drivers exceeded the speed limit and they all received a letter from the Police. Please observe the speed limits for everyone's safety.

Finally 36 year old Carly Louise Hamilton and 42 year old Colin James Wood, both from Southampton, have been charged with shoplifting from the Tesco in Lyndhurst. They will appear in court later this month.

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