



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

As always in August, because of high demand, operational commitments and annual leave there will be no scheduled Beat Surgeries this month. But if you need to contact us about anything please call or email us. Remember 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.

This month we start with our Op Mountie Update – Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest. We work with our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team on educating drivers about why Forest roads are so unique, and we hold sessions at least once a month across the Forest. On 1st July we recorded our fastest ever speed when we stopped a driver who was travelling at 76 mph on a 40mph road. The driver was also arrested because he failed a drug wipe. In total we stopped 30 vehicles at both Kings Hat and Hawk Hill Inclosures and gave tickets to another 9 drivers for speeds of 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 57 and 58mph. The other drivers we stopped were spoken to and given advice about their driving, and especially their speed, by our partners. If you know of a road in the Forest that would benefit from a visit from the Op Mountie team let us know.

Two homes have been burgled this month but on both occasions nothing was stolen. These thefts happened in Tatchbury and Ashurst and investigations are still being carried out to determine what happened and why. Also this month the Budgens shop at the petrol station at Cadnam was attacked and cigarettes and vapes stolen and again investigations are still on going.

Thirteen sheds, garages and outbuildings were broken into in July. They were in Emery Down, Colbury, Beaulieu, Lyndhurst, Bramshaw, East Boldre, Brockenhurst, Minstead and Newbridge. The usual mix of tools and bicycles were stolen. In total twelve bicycles have been taken this month including from the back of camper vans on the Roundhill campsite. Three vehicles were also stolen, one was a Land Rover from Lyndhurst, one from Minstead and the other a motorbike from Newbridge.

Five vehicles have been broken into, including two vans parked on driveways in East Boldre and Minstead. Other venues targeted were a layby on the A35 by Holmsley, the pub car park in Emery Down and the Kings Hat and Bolderwood car parks. Number plates were also stolen from a car left outside the parade of shops in Cadnam. Garden furniture was also stolen from a house in Beaulieu and criminal damage has been caused to garden gates in Brockenhurst and Cadnam, a garage door in Lyndhurst and a car parked also in Lyndhurst.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe everyone.

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