



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In October please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries – on Saturday 5th October we will be at the Village stores in East Boldre at 9.30am, on Wednesday 16th October from 8am at the Bramshaw Village Stores and then on the same day but at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley. The next day, Thursday 17th October, come and see us from 2pm at the Church in Minstead for their Open Door café and on Tuesday 22nd October we will again be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team at St Joseph's on Whartons Lane in Ashurst from 7pm. Finally on Thursday 24th from 12.30pm we will be at the Parish Council offices on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst.

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to 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.

We start with the news of a man arrested for a burglary in Ashurst. 27 year old Frankie Hunt of an address in Southampton was arrested by PD BLAZE (and his handler) in the early hours of Monday 9th September and was charged with the offence of burglary other than a dwelling when he appeared at Southampton Magistrates' Court. HUNT was remanded on conditional bail until a further hearing at the same court on Friday 8th November. Nine other sheds, garages and outbuildings have been broken into this month. Three of them were in Beaulieu and the others were in Brockenhurst, Ashurst, Brook, Bramshaw and Lyndhurst. Garden machinery and tools were again stolen.

Also stolen this month was a bicycle that was locked up at Brockenhurst railway station and another that was left unlocked in the front garden of a house also in Brockenhurst.

Vehicles stolen this month include two mini diggers that were on hire to sites in Newbridge and Lyndhurst, a van from a driveway in Woodlands, a motorbike from a garage in Copythorne, a Range Rover from Newbridge and a Toyota Hilux from Ower.

"THANKS FOR THE REMINDER" - That's what one driver told us during this month's Op Mountie sessions. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and part of the operation is for drivers to receive advice and information from our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. Drivers are reminded about why it is so important to stick to the speed limit, especially across the Forest. The good news is that this was one of the quietest operations we have ever held – we spent time at Bramble Hill Walk on the Roger Penny Way, Goatspen on the road leaving Burley and at Horseshoe Bottom by Sethorns campsite and only seven vehicles were stopped. Six drivers were spoken to for recording speeds under 50mph and one received a ticket for travelling at 51mph – and that was our first motorbike. Thanks to everyone that stuck to the speed limit and if you have any suggestions about where we should go next let us know. An update on the man who was arrested for failing a drug wipe at an Op Mountie session back in February. He was stopped at Kings Hat on the Ipley to Beaulieu Road and has been disqualified from driving for 12 months, received a £371 fine and was ordered to pay over £200 in costs.

Eight shopliftings have been reported to us in September, five of them from the Co Op in Brockenhurst and the other three from Tesco in Brockenhurst. CCTV has been collected and hopefully suspects will be identified soon. Earlier this month a man who was caught stealing two bottles of alcohol from the Co Op in Brockenhurst back in May was jailed for seven days.

It was an early start for us on Monday 9th September when we joined forces with our partners to carry out spot check on vehicles driving in the New Forest in an effort to reduce fly-tipping and improve road safety. We've been running these events for over 2 years and this latest session was the first time that ALL of the vehicles stopped had the right licences that allowed them to carry waste. We also spoke to many drivers we'd stopped during previous operations and it was really encouraging to see that the message about responsible waste disposal is having an impact. In total, 88 different vehicles were checked and tickets were issued to 13 drivers and passengers for not wearing a seat belt, four for using a mobile phone, one for having no insurance, one for displaying an illegal number plate, four for having an insecure load, one for not having a number plate on their trailer, one for not having an MOT and seven drivers had illegal tyres on their vehicles and had to get them changed before they could continue their journey. Three tickets were also issued to people for driving without due care and attention. One was rolling a cigarette, one was driving inappropriately in the car park and the other was on a moped going the wrong way up the High Street. Thanks to Forestry England, New Forest District Council, the New Forest National Park Authority, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the Hampshire Constabulary Road Policing Unit from Totton for their help and support.

Finally three vehicles have been broken into this month. Two were vans parked in Lyndhurst and the other was a car left in the Knightwood Oak car park while the owners went for a walk.

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