



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In January please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries – We will be at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 14th and we will again be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team, and an hour later we will be opposite Tesco on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst. On Saturday 25th January we will be at the Village stores in East Boldre at 9.30am and on Monday 27th January join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and then at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the Community Centre at 11am.

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.

Twelve sheds, garages and other out buildings were broken into in December with Quad bikes, garden tools, and a couple of bicycles stolen. The areas affected were Ashurst, Brockenhurst, Brook, Bramshaw, Stoney Cross and Minstead. A shed at Foxhills School in Ashurst was also targeted in December.

Other thefts included a delivery van whilst on its rounds in Copythorne, a trailer from a works site at Denny Wood campsite, some solar panels from another building site just outside Lyndhurst, a bicycle from Brockenhurst College and some stable doors from Fritham.

Vehicles parked in Brock Hill and Yew Tree Heath car parks in the New Forest and at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross and on a driveway in Ashurst were broken into in December and number plates stolen from cars parked in Ower, Winsor and Cadnam.

December saw five shopliftings reported to us at the petrol station at Cadnam, the Co Op in Ashurst and at Fairweathers Garden centre in Beaulieu – all are still under investigation.

The last Op Mountie session of 2024 saw us return to where it all began 3 years ago – Bramble Hill Walk car park on the Roger Penny Way. And unlike 3 years ago we only stopped 3 drivers for exceeding the speed limit which is a vast improvement, so thank you to the majority of drivers who stick to the speed limit across the Forest. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest.

During 2024, our Speed watch teams in Ashurst, Beaulieu, East Boldre, Brockenhurst and Netley Marsh were busier than ever and made a real difference to the speed of vehicles in their communities. Our busiest team is the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team. They went out on 48 roadside surveys, but another 33 surveys were cancelled mostly due to the weather! A total of 13,094 vehicles went by during the surveys with 4,636, which is 35.4%, travelling above the 30 Mph speed limit. A total of 1,771 letters were sent out to drivers who were recorded at 35+ Mph and of those, 67 were in excess of 50 Mph in a 30 Mph zone and had direct Police contact.

If you could spare a couple of hours a month and would like to join any of our Speed Watch teams please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Finally well done to Frankie DOVEY, Daisy REYNOLDS, Ava ROBERTS and Oscar STONE who were the winners of this year's Christmas Colouring competition. They were chosen by the retiring Headteacher of Bartley School Karen Stonehouse, who leaves the school at Easter after 25 years as Headteacher. We of course wish her a very long and happy retirement.

Stay safe everyone and Happy New Year.

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