



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the January 2025 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In February please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries –

we will be at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Friday 7th and we will again be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team. On Saturday 22nd February we will be at the Village stores in East Boldre at 9.30am and on Monday 24th 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 next Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery will be at 9am on Sunday 23rd February in the Anderwood Car Park on the outskirts of Burley (BH24 4HS). Forestry England host regular guided walks throughout the Forest and this one is aimed at encouraging solo walkers and those people who don't feel comfortable walking alone to come and experience the unique beauty of the New Forest. As you know we hold several Beat Surgeries every month and they are your opportunity to ask us about Policing in your area and they give us the chance to share with you the latest safety and crime prevention advice. This Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery also means you get to enjoy the New Forest. The walk will take a circular route of approximately 3 miles and will be on gravel paths. If you want more information please email Richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

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.

At the beginning of the month New Forest Officers arrested four men at addresses in Burnt House Lane at Bransgore and Nutshalling Close in Calmore. A 48 year old man from Bransgore was arrested on suspicion of conspire to steal a motor vehicle / conspire to steal from a motor vehicle / conspire to commit a burglary with intent to steal / conspire to receive stolen goods / and participate in the criminal activities of an organised crime group. At the Calmore address a 21 year old man from Bransgore was arrested on suspicion of conspire to steal a motor vehicle / conspire to steal from a motor vehicle / conspire to commit a burglary with intent to steal / conspire to receive stolen goods / and participate in the criminal activities of an organised crime group. Also at the Calmore address a 22 year old man and 21 year old man, both from Bransgore, were arrested on suspicion of conspire to steal a motor vehicle / conspire to commit burglary dwelling with intent to steal and conspire to receive stolen goods. All four men are on bail while Police investigations continue.

In January twelve vehicles were broken into across the Forest – two were parked outside a pub in Emery Down, two on a roadside in Bramshaw and one at Stoney Cross. Three work vans were targeted while they were parked off road on the Ornamental drive and the others were in Brockhill, Beaulieu Road and Clayhill car parks. Other than the vans broken into, handbags, rucksacks and wallets were stolen so can we please remind you to take all of your valuables with you when you leave your car unattended. If thieves see something they think is worth stealing they will break in. Also this month a large digger was stolen from a building site in Ashurst, an expensive bicycle was taken whilst the owner was in a café on Lyndhurst High Street and number plates were removed from a car parked in Woodlands.

The PTA shed at Foxhills School was broken into again this month and crisps and drinks stolen and on the same night several sheds on the allotments at Ashurst were targeted. A quad bike has been taken from an outbuilding in Bramshaw and an electric motorbike was stolen from a shed near Brockenhurst.

Other thefts this month include Christmas decorations that were taken from outside a care home at Ower and eight shopliftings were reported to us in January, four at the Co Op in Brockenhurst and four at the Tesco in Lyndhurst. Two of those have been resolved already and we are close identifying the suspects for the other and we will let you know how we get on next month.

Signs at the entrance to Copythorne village have been damaged, as have window panes at the telephone box in Newbridge, a car was cratched on Auckland Avenue in Brockenhurst and a shop window was smashed at a café on Lyndhurst High Street. If you have any information about any of these incidents please let us know by emailing us on the addresses below.

Op Mountie is our multi agency proactive operation to reduce speed and animal deaths across the New Forest - with our partners @ForestryEngland @NewForestNationalPark and on the New Forest Roads Awareness Team we give drivers a mix of education and enforcement. This month we held sessions at Crockford Clump and Hawkhill Inclosure which are the sites of the most recent animal accidents. Three tickets were issued to drivers stopped for speeding at 50mph, 51mph and 61mph on those 40mph roads, the others were spoken to by our partners who explained why the roads across the Forest are so unique and need our extra care and attention. Thanks as always to the vast majority of drivers who stuck to the limit and drove according to the conditions – we appreciate it.

Stay safe everyone.

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