

NEW FOREST HEART POLICING REPORT

Fewer burglaries and crimes overall in the last year – I think this is as a result of more Police patrols in rural areas and more Police teams at work in the New Forest like CID, the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team and the Priority Crime Team. BUT there have also been some significant arrests which have clearly made a difference. Scenes of Crime Officers are also being sent to collect evidence from many more burglaries which is having a real impact.

We have also been working in partnership with New Forest District Council who have given us DNA security marking kits. These allow us to return stolen items to their owners. The kits are free and if you want one please let the clerk know and he will pass on your details and I will be in touch.

We encourage people to sign up to **LETS TALK**, this lets us email you directly with the latest crime and scam updates and every three months we ask you complete a survey about what you would like us to focus on. The top three priorities from the latest survey are

- **BURGLARY**
- **SPEEDING** – Op Mountie is now in its 4th year – this is our multi agency operation aimed at reducing animal deaths and speed across the Forest and it does seem to be having an effect.
- **FLY TIPPING** – Forestry England spends tens of thousands of pounds clearing the Forest every year so we are increasing our support for them with more operations where we stop vehicles and check what they are carrying and whether or not they have the correct paperwork.

I'm sure that most people are aware that a man was recently arrested after a series of animal deaths in the New Forest. Carcasses of lambs and deer have been left at various locations including Totton, Lyndhurst, Emery Down and Bramshaw. All I can say about that at the moment is that those investigations are ongoing but an update will be provided when there is one.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible

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Copythorne Community Speed Watch Report for the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May 2025

Last year, 2024, was another busy year for the Copythorne Speed Watch team. They conducted a total of 48 roadside surveys but would have done another 33 if the weather had been kinder! In total, the combined team hours amounted to about 300 hours.

The Speed Indicating Device, known as 'Sid' is a robust machine which clearly shows drivers their speed and a green 'thank you' lights up if they are not exceeding the speed limit. However, for those who exceed the speed limit, the sign lights up in red with the words 'slow down'. You may have seen the Sid on your travels in the Parish. The radar has a range of approximately 150 metres, so it is too late if you slow down on passing the Sid!

Last year the Sid recorded over 13,000 vehicles during the surveys, with 1,771 breaking the 30 Mph speed limit, which is just over 13%. All those drivers will have received a police letter which also explains the distress it causes especially to local residents.

67 drivers were recorded at speeds in excess of 50 Mph in 30 Mph zones. All of these excessive speeders will have had direct police contact, usually as a personal visit from the Road policing Team.

During August there were 17 Excessive speeders, which was the worst month, followed by early September. This was possibly due to extra holiday traffic.

A total of 33 surveys took place on Romsey Road and 15 on Southampton Road. Speeding vehicles were in greater numbers on Romsey Road so more effort was focussed there.

The Speed Watch team consists of a small handful of very friendly, local volunteers. They would welcome anyone who would like to join them to see how it all works. If you could spare 1½ hours or more per month to help then please see the Clerk after the meeting or contact him via e-mail parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk or phone 02381 120150.

The Copythorne CSW Team