



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In August, because of holidays and officer abstractions due to the increased workload across the Forest (and the whole of Hampshire) we hold fewer Beat Surgeries than normal. But remember if you need to speak to us you can always call or email us, but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go to the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course if it's an emergency always call 999.

We are holding another security bike marking session on Wednesday 20th August at 10am outside the East Boldre Chapel Stores, Chapel lane, East Boldre, SO42 7WP. If you would like us to mark your bike and add it to the national Bike Register for free bring it along and we will do it for you.

On Thursday 21st August join us at the Open Door Café in the church at Minstead at 2pm and a week later on 28th we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores at 8am.

Normal service will be resumed in September

Thanks to everyone who came to our Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery event at Holmsley in July - these events are aimed at solo walkers and people who don't feel comfortable walking in the Forest on their own. The walks are led by Forestry England. If you would like to know when and where our next Walking in Partnership is being held email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk and we will add you to our mailing list. And if you know someone who would benefit from joining us at one of these events then encourage them to get in touch too.

In July one bike was stolen and one car broken into. The bike was locked to a railing opposite the Fire station in Lyndhurst and the car was parked in the Telegraph Hill car park on the Roger Penny Way. As we enter the school holidays please tell everyone you know that if possible they should never leave their bicycles unattended because the thieves will just cut through the locks. And if they leave their car unattended tell them to take all of their valuables with them and not to hide them in the boot because you never know who is watching you. We increase our patrols throughout the school holidays but we need to work together to stop people becoming victims of these crimes.

Two motorbikes have been stolen from properties on Deerleap lane and Woodlands Road while other thefts in July included number plates from a car parked at Bucklers Hard, a blue badge from a car in Bramshaw and a cast iron bath from a house being renovated in Brockenhurst.

Six tenders, dinghies and RIBs were stolen from the marina at Bucklers Hard this month, tools were taken overnight from a van parked up in Emery Down, attempts were made on three occasions to take golf buggies from Bramshaw Golf Club and the tips jar at a pub in Brook was also stolen. There have been eight shopliftings at the Co Op in Brockenhurst and the Tesco in Lyndhurst and four sheds, outbuildings and garages were also broken into on the same night in the Bartley and Woodlands Road areas.

Also this month we have had a couple of reports of kids doing “knock door run” to properties in Lyndhurst. The houses they have chosen to target are homes to people who are frightened by it so if you know who they are please let us know or just tell them to stop.

You told us that three of the worst roads for speeding drivers in the New Forest are the Beaulieu Road at Matley Wood, the Brockenhurst Road at Hawk Hill and Northgate lane at Kings Hat. So this month the OP Mountie team was joined by members of the Roads Policing Unit (RPU) based at Totton and this allowed us to do all three sites at the same time. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest and between 6.30 and 9am on 16th July we stopped 24 vehicles and 8 tickets were issued to drivers for recording speeds of 50, 51, 53, 60, 61 and 67mph - remember the limit is only 40mph. All but two tickets were issued to people living in and around the New Forest. The others drivers stopped were spoken to by our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team who explained why the roads in the Forest are so unique and why we all need to take extra care when we use them. A big thank you to the Roads Policing Unit and the Neighbourhood Police Team in Totton for their help and support and please let us know where YOU would like us to go next time.

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