



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In October we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the back of the Community Centre on Wednesday 15th at 11am and on Tuesday 21st we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, outside the Post Office in Bartley at 9am and at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team from 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.

Are you a member of a local group or organisation that would appreciate a visit from the new Forest Heart team to discuss the latest Scams and Frauds that are doing the rounds and how to best avoid becoming a victim. We've put together a 45 minute talk with some great advice and hints and tips so if you would like us to come and visit you and your group email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Eight sheds, garages and other outbuildings were broken into this month and the usual mix of power tools and garden and sporting equipment stolen. The areas affected were Winsor, Bartley, Lyndhurst, Ashurst, Brockenhurst and Minstead. We've also had six vehicles, including a motorhome and two mopeds, stolen from driveways and roads in Bucklers Hard, Cadnam, Woodlands and Ower. Also stolen this month was the electric cabling from an EV charger outside a house in Lyndhurst.

The total number of vehicles broken into this month was seven, with four of them being vans parked in hotel car parks in Ower and Lyndhurst. The other cars were in Ashurst, Minstead and Brockenhurst.

Last month we told you about several thefts from boats moored on the Beaulieu River and in the Marina. This month we had a couple more reported to us but an arrest has been made and the investigation into those thefts is ongoing.

Two more shopliftings were reported this month again at the Co Op in Brockenhurst. A teenage boy from Hythe has been sentenced to a six month Detention and Training Order after admitting six offences including theft and assault. His crimes included a shoplifting offence and a common assault at the Co Op in Brockenhurst at the beginning of the month.

Vintage car badges were also stolen from a stall at the Beaulieu Auto Jumble and an expensive vintage car was also deliberately scratch at the same event. An air conditioning unit was stolen from a building site in Brockenhurst and finally one expensive bicycle was stolen in September – it was attached to a camper van at the Ashurst campsite and was taken during the night and thieves entered the maintenance area at Paultons Park and stole thousands of pounds worth of tools and machinery.

A 45 year old male was arrested this month in connection with handling stolen goods after the theft of tools from a van parked in Portsmouth. As well as the arrest, a large number of tools were also seized, suspected to be stolen, and further enquiries are underway to determine this.

We held three Op Mountie sessions in September. After the deaths of three animals in just over one week on the Roger Penny Way between Godshill and Telegraph Hill we took the Op Mountie team to the area and during the operation we stopped four vehicles and gave two tickets to drivers for recording speeds of 54 and 55mph on a 40mph road – the other two drivers were spoken to by our partners.

OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and for every operation we are joined by our partners @ForestryEngland @NewForestNationalPark and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team who educate drivers stopped on why the roads in the Forest are so special and why we all need to take so much extra care.

Earlier in the month we held two operations at the same locations but two days apart. On Monday 8th we spent two hours between 6.30am and 8.30am at both Crockford Clump and Hawkhill car parks and then did exactly the same two days later. The figures make interesting reading in that over the four sessions on both days we only stopped 12 vehicles for exceeding the 40 mph limit. Eight drivers were given educational advice by our partners @ForestryEngland @NewForestNationalPark and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team and four were given tickets for speeds of 51, 53, 53 and a very disappointing 62mph. And sadly three of the four drivers given tickets were locals living in or on the outskirts of the Forest. But again, as always, thank you to all the drivers who did stick to the limit – we really do appreciate it.

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