



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In December we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and outside the Post Office in Bartley at 9am on Monday 1st but if this is too short notice for you email PCSO Williams with any questions you might have. We will also be in the Lyndhurst Community Centre between 10am and midday on Saturday 6th December during the village's fun day and Tuesday 16th join us at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team from 11am and then opposite Tesco in Brockenhurst from midday. And finally you can join us in the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the back of the Community Centre on Wednesday 17th again 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

In the build up to Christmas we generally see an increase in the number of burglaries both to houses and sheds, garages and outbuildings and so far this month three houses have been targeted. Thieves managed to get into properties in Emery Down and Ashurst and stole several items, and an attempt was also made on a house in Minstead but on that occasion the thieves were caught in the act and fled. All three incidents happened during the day and in the case of the Minstead attempt the family was at home.

Seventeen sheds, garages and outbuildings were also targeted in November with Lyndhurst, East Boldre, Ower, Fletchwood lane, Ashurst Bridge and Woodlands the areas affected. Damage was also caused to a couple of other properties on Fletchwood lane where thieves tried and failed to get into a stable and container. Can we ask that you read through the following information, it's mostly common sense but it never hurts to have a refresher especially at this time of year when thieves are very active

When Shopping:

- Make sure your handbag is closed so a pickpocket would find it difficult to get into without you knowing.
- Never leave a bag unattended in a trolley, even if for a couple of seconds.
- Try to keep wallets in an inside pocket and out of sight from a potential pickpocket.
- Keep your PIN number confidential.
- When entering your PIN number at a terminal ensure no one can see you enter it.
- Try to pay for items on a debit card rather than carrying large amounts of cash. If this is not possible keep cash to a minimum.
- Before you leave your car, ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked.

- Avoid leaving your purchases and presents in your vehicle. If you must make sure they are not on display, store in the boot, and make sure the car is locked.
- Park your car in a well-lit car park, preferably one that's attended or that displays the Park Mark logo.
- Think about the item you are buying someone, are there any security products you could purchase to help them keep it safe? i.e. If buying a bike think about also giving an accredited D lock.

At Home:

- Don't leave Christmas presents in view of a window.
- If you are buying or receiving valuable gifts such as bikes, mobiles or electrical items register them for free at www.immobilise.com in doing so you will assist the police in returning your property should it be lost or stolen.
- Dispose of present packaging carefully as empty boxes left outside can advertise that you have goods inside.
- Refrain from keeping large amounts of cash at home.
- A secure home will reduce the chance of a burglary. Make sure windows and doors are locked every time you leave the house.
- Avoid leaving tools and ladders lying around that could assist someone get into your home.
- When you go out at night make it appear that someone is home. Draw the curtains, and leave a light on. You could always put a lamp or radio on a timer switch.
- Never allow people into your home unless you are expecting them or have made arrangements with the company beforehand.
- Never buy goods and services at the door or give away personal information.

If you are going away:

- Check you have locked all doors, windows and skylights. If you have an alarm, ensure it is activated.
- Inform trusted neighbours and ask if they will keep an eye on your property for you and collect your post.
- Use timer switches on lamps and radios so it looks as though you are home. Signs of occupation help deter intruders.
- Remember to cancel any deliveries such as milk and newspapers.
- Don't mention you are away from your home on social media, post photos once you get back home.

Other thefts this month included a car and a motorbike from Woodlands, a Polaris ATV from Winsor and three expensive bicycles from garages in Emery Down and Ashurst Bridge. An electric bike was also taken from the back of a camper van in Lyndhurst, diesel from the vans being used to resurface the A35 at Ashurst, tools were stolen from a van in East Boldre and a purse from a car parked in the Millyford Bridge car park.

This month's Op Mountie session was another really quiet one. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the Forest and sadly this year there has been a rise in the number of animal accidents across the Forest. But at this month's session at Matley Wood and then Kings Hat we issued only one ticket to the driver of a works van for travelling at 51mph. The other three drivers we stopped were spoken to by our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team about why the limit in the Forest is 40mph.

The Safer Roads Unit held its first speed enforcement session in the New Forest in November and the figures make very interesting reading. On the B3056 Lyndhurst to Beaulieu Road Station they stopped 3 vehicles with a disappointing 56 mph being the top speed. Then on the B3055 Stockley Cottage to Hatchet Pond Road they stopped 10 vehicles for exceeding the 40 mph limit and the top speed was a very disappointing 62mph !!!!! The Safer Roads Unit is committed to reducing speed across Hampshire and the Thames valley and its great news that they are now helping us in the New Forest.

Stay Safe everyone and Merry Christmas

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