



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the March 2026 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS, PC 27901 Stuart READHEAD and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

On Thursday 16th April we will be at the Community café in the church at Minstead at 2.30pm and at this meeting we will be discussing Scams and how best to avoid them. Then on Tuesday 21st at 11am we will be at the Happy Cheese Pub in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team and an hour later at midday on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst, just opposite Tesco.

The following day, Wednesday 22nd you can join us at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at 11am and then on Thursday 23rd we will be at the Bramshaw village store at 8am and then at Bartley Post Office at 9am.

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.

We also have security bike marking sessions planned for Saturday 4th April between 10am and midday outside the BOOST BIKE HUB in Brockenhurst, on Sunday 5th April again between 10am and midday in the Community Garden next to the Lyndhurst Community Centre in the main car park. We will also be at the PEDALL site in Ashurst on the site of the hospital opposite the birthing centre on Saturday 18th April again between 10am and midday. Bring your bike to us and we will security mark it for you and add it to the national Bike Register. The service is free thanks to new Forest District Council who have funded this initiative.

We are also holding another one of our Walking in Partnership events on Tuesday 14th April at 1pm but haven't chosen a venue yet. These events are for solo walkers or for people who don't feel comfortable walking on their own in the New Forest and they are led by Forestry England. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we can let you know exactly when, where and what time these events take place please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Twelve sheds, garages and outbuildings were broken into in March in Brockenhurst, Longdown, Winsor, Copythorne, Lyndhurst, Beaulieu, Cadnam and Ashurst where two expensive e bikes were stolen. At the other break-ins power tools and garden machinery were taken. An attempt was also made to get into the café at Bucklers Hard but the suspects ran off once the alarm sounded

Also stolen this month was a cast iron statue of a deer from outside a property in Lyndhurst, a wallet from the Tesco on the High Street in Lyndhurst and a car from outside a pub at Emery Down which also had an expensive bicycle locked to it.

One car was broken into whilst parked in a New Forest car park, which was Brock Hill on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive and five vehicles in Fritham and Calmore have had their catalytic converters stolen and a diesel particulate filter (DPF) was taken from a van parked on a site in Cadnam overnight.

Just two shopliftings in March, both were at the Tesco in Lyndhurst and a suspect has already been identified for one of them and will be dealt with soon.

Three cars were damaged deliberately just before midnight at the beginning of the month by two people who smashed all of the windows on all three cars. This happened at a property of the main A31 at Stoney Cross. We have CCTV footage of the offenders and if you have any other information that will help us identify those responsible please contact us quoting incident number 44260100369. And eggs and potatoes were thrown at a house in Brockenhurst on two separate occasions in the early hours of Friday 20th March. The crime number for that incident is 44260132194 so please let us know if you have information to help identify the people responsible for that one. Thank you.

Criminal damage was also caused to a car parked in Noel Close in Brockenhurst where the door was scratched for no apparent reason and to property on the site of Beaulieu Marina.

This month's Op Mountie took place at Hawkhill Inclosure – and in the two and half hours from 1.30pm we stopped 9 vehicles, 5 were given tickets for speeds of 58, 57, 52 twice and 50 and 4 were spoken to and given advice by our partners at the National Park Authority, Forestry England and on the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and is now in its 4th year. Please stick to the speed limit, especially across the Forest, and a massive thank you as always to the vast majority of drivers that always do. And the Safer Roads Unit motorbikes were also out again in March and had their busiest session in the Forest so far. On Roger Penny Way and the Beaulieu Road just outside Lyndhurst 34 offences were recorded in just two hours with 5 of those vehicles exceeding 50mph with one driver reaching 57mph on a 40mph road.

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