

Hello and welcome to the December 2022 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In February we will be holding the following meetings.

On Thursday 9th February we would love to see you at the YARN IN A BARN EVENT at Lyndhurst Community Centre from 6pm to 9pm. This is a social, information and support event for the farming community. It is free to attend but you do need to register either by going on line at bit.ly/3ZDLQYt or emailing sallyfield.fcn@gmail.com

On Sunday 12th we will be with our colleagues from Forestry England and the National Park Authority at their Responsible Dog Owner event, this month at MOONHILLS car park at 8.30am. Then on the same day we will be at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst just after the morning service, so approximately 10.30am.

At the end of the month we will be at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 27th February and at 9am on the same day we will be outside the Bartley Post Office. On Tuesday 28th February join us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. These Beat Surgeries are your chance to meet us in person and to ask us about issues you are having where you live. Alternatively you can always call or email us on the details below 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.

A robbery took place on Southampton Road at Cadnam, near to the Dobbies Garden Centre just after 8pm on Thursday 5th January. This investigation is still ongoing and we are looking for anyone who was in the area at the time who saw a vehicle or person acting suspiciously to contact us. If you have any information or perhaps some dashcam or CCTV footage please call us and quote the crime number 44230006175.

Nine outbuildings were broken into in January. They were on the SSE site at Castle Malwood, at two farms in Minstead and in Brockenhurst, Woodlands, Winsor and Emery Down. Other thefts this month include a bronze statue from a garden in Beaulieu, an excavator from a site in Bramshaw and a car that was stolen from the car park of the Travelodge at Stoney Cross.

On Wednesday 11th January we helped our colleagues on the Country Watch team with OP WOLF, a police led operation to target rogue traders, fly tippers and vehicles that shouldn't be on the road. 50 vehicles were stopped and 7 were given prohibition notices, 2 were seized for not having any insurance, 2 drivers were given fines for transporting dangerous goods in an inappropriate manner, 1 had no MOT, 3 had no TAX and 1 was reported for not having a waste carriers licence. Since that operation we have seized another car that was dumped at Boltons Bench and we believe has been used in crime across the New Forest and we are also investigating a fly tip that started at Denny Wood and ended up by Parc Pale car park at Lyndhurst. We will update you on both of those investigations next month.

Eight cars and vans were broken into in January– they were parked in Rams Wood, Blackwater, Longcross and Highland Water car parks as well as at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross and on driveways in Lyndhurst and Winsor. Number plates were also taken from a car in Winsor and damage was caused to a car parked overnight in the main car park at Lyndhurst.

January has seen two vehicles dumped and then burnt out in Minstead and Busketts Lawn and two drivers were arrested for failing drugs wipes on the A31 at Stoney Cross and in Wilverley plain car park.

We started the New Year with another early morning Op Mountie session on Roger Penny Way and at Kings Hat car park. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speeds and animal deaths across the New Forest. Between 6.30am and 8.30am on 2nd January we issued tickets to 4 drivers who recorded speeds of 50, 53, 57 and 58mph.

The Copythorne Community Speed Watch team went out on 9 surveys in January, despite the cold weather, spending a combined total of 35½ hours at the roadside. They monitored over 1,600 vehicles during the surveys and the majority of drivers were driving with care. However, 216 drivers were monitored driving over the 30 Mph speed limit and will be receiving a Police letter and 1 individual driver was accelerating past the radar at over 50 Mph, so will have direct Police contact. Please keep within the speed limits for everyone's safety. If you would like to 'have a go' and join the friendly Copythorne Speed Watch team on a survey, let me know

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police last month about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. Please keep those calls coming. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PC ROBERTS or PCSO WILLIAMS directly.

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