



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the July 2023 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In August, annual leave and operational commitments means that we won't be holding any of our regular Beat Surgeries but remember you can always call or email us on the details below. 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.

This month's public meeting with our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority, Country Watch and NFDog does go ahead though. It is at 8am on Sunday 27th August at Boltons Bench in Lyndhurst.

Ten vehicles have been broken into in July. Two of them were vans targeted on the same night in the car park of the Travelodge at Stoney Cross and a large amount of tools were taken from both of them. Other vehicles targetted were parked in the main park car in Lyndhurst and on the roadside in Bramshaw and at Sluffers Inclosure which is on the road between the Milkham and Bratley View car parks. Number plates were also stolen from a vehicle in Copythorne and tools from vans parked on private properties in Minstead and at Cadnam. Another van was targeted in the Shepherds Gutter car park, and cars were broken into at James Hill and Pipers Wait car parks.

Two high value bicycles have been stolen this month from Ashurst and Hollands Wood campsites, but bikes have also been taken during burglaries to sheds, garages and outbuildings in Cadnam, Minstead and Brockenhurst. In total, eleven properties have had outbuildings broken into with Minstead, Lyndhurst, Bramshaw, Beaulieu and Brockenhurst the other areas targeted and items including a jet ski, copper piping, a quad bike and a trailer stolen.

Two men were arrested at the end of the month after officers responded to a burglary in the Copythorne area. The owner of an outbuilding attended an address between Barrow Hill Road and Winsor Road just before 6.20pm on Saturday 29th July after being notified that their CCTV was off line. On arrival the victim found two men at the scene having caused significant damage to the property with attempts to pull out pipe work and copper wiring. Officers found two men nearby who were detained and arrested. A 28 year old man from Pennington was arrested on suspicion of burglary with intent to steal and a 33 year old man from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of burglary with intent to steal, handling stolen goods and possession of a Class A drug. They have both been released on conditional bail until 29th October while police enquiries continue.

This month a van has been stolen from a hotel car park in Stoney Cross and a motorbike from another hotel this time in Lyndhurst. We've seen an increase in keyless thefts in the New Forest recently where thieves only need to be within a few metres of your vehicles' keys to capture the signal which then allows them to gain access to your vehicle and steal it. Please keep your keys out of sight but also well away from doors and windows or consider storing your keys in a signal blocking pouch, a faraday pouch, so that your key fob doesn't transmit its code to your vehicle.

Finally, this month's OP MOUNTIE session took place on Wednesday 12th July at Bramble Hill Walk on the Roger Penny Way and at Kings Hat on the road from Ipley Cross to Beaulieu. Op Mountie is dedicated to

reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest and this month we stopped ten drivers in two hours who were travelling over the speed limit. Three of them were given tickets for exceeding 50mph on a 40mph while the others were spoken to and given some educational advice by our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness team.

As the holiday season gets into full swing the New Forest Heart Police Team will be out on patrol across the summer but to keep crime down in the area we need your help. Please make sure you keep yourself and your property safe. Don't leave anything valuable unattended, including your bicycles, even if they are locked up. And if you see or hear anything suspicious or become the victim of a crime call us immediately on 999 if it's an emergency or call 101 or go online to the Hampshire and IOW Police website.

If you have any questions or queries about issues affecting you and your community please contact us and we will do our best to answer any questions you have.

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