



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In July we will be holding the following meetings -

This month's public meeting with our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority, Country Watch and NFD OG is at 8am on Sunday 2nd July at Wilverley Inclosure and on Monday 3rd July at 8am we will be in the main car park at Godshill with the Community Safety Team from New Forest District Council.

This month's Beat Surgery at the Open Door café in Minstead Church is on Thursday 13th July at 2pm.

On Monday 17th July we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores at 8am and outside the Bartley Post Office at 9am.

Tuesday 18th July sees us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am.

And on Thursday 20th July we will be at - the village hall in the main car park in Beaulieu at 10.30am, then an hour later in the main car park in Brockenhurst from 11.30am and then at the East Boldre Village Hall at 12.30pm.

If you can't make any of these meetings 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.

Most of you will have heard about the break in to the Bartley Post Office at the beginning of the month. Investigations into this crime are still ongoing so if you have any information that would help us identify those responsible or if you saw or heard anything then please let us know by calling 101 and quoting the crime number 44230221453.

Other properties broken into this month were the Minstead Study Centre where a small tractor and power tools were stolen, a garage in Lyndhurst where the thieves made off with a trailer and camping equipment and a failed attempt was also made to break in to the Co Op in Brockenhurst. A ride on lawn mower was also stolen from an outbuilding in Minstead, thieves were disturbed by an alarm on a garage they were breaking into at Penn Common and a car was stolen from outside a house in Minstead.

Janesmoor, Rufus Stone, Whitemoor and Hazel Hill are the New Forest car parks that were targeted this month, with bags and wallets stolen from inside. Cars and vans were also broken into on the roadside in Bramshaw, Ower and on two separate occasions in Lyndhurst.

Also this month fourteen electric and high value bicycles were stolen – these were from Ashurst and Hollands Wood campsites and from the bike sheds at Brockenhurst College. Three garages in Emery Down were broken into and expensive bicycles stolen from two of them and another bike was taken from the rack onto of a car parked overnight at a hotel in Brockenhurst.

The message we want to get out to everyone, and you are going to hear this endlessly this summer, is that if you have a bicycle DO NOT LEAVE IT UNATTENDED even if it is locked. And if you can't keep it inside overnight please take a wheel off or the saddle or both. Also this month a bicycle and a scooter that had been left at Foxhills School in Ashurst were stolen.

Make stealing your bike as difficult as you can. In June a male was arrested for stealing a bike from the train station at Totton at lunchtime using a disc cutter so you need to make it as difficult for them as possible. Thank you.

And a date for your diary is Monday 24th July – on that day we will be holding two more of our bike marking sessions. The first will be between 9.30am and 11.30am in the main car park in Lyndhurst and the second will be outside Cycle Experience in Brockenhurst between 1pm and 3pm. Cycle Experience is on the Lymington side of the train station in the village.

The message is the same when you leave your vehicles unattended in the Forest, NEVER leave anything valuable inside and don't hide items in the boot either because you never know who is watching.

We have increased the number of patrols being carried out in the Forest, especially during the holiday season when the Forest is at its busiest but we do need your help so please spread the word and let as many people know what they can do to stop themselves from becoming a victim.

Another really successful OP MOUNTIE session this month. You'll know by now that this is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents on the roads across the New Forest and in June we held two sessions at the sites of the last two animal fatalities. They were also sites that residents had suggested to us and in total 16 vehicles were stopped on the road from Hatchet Pond to Lymington at Crockford Clump and on the road from Beaulieu Road station to Ipley Cross at Ferny Crofts. Of the 16 vehicles stopped 2 drivers were given tickets for driving at speeds of 51mph and 57mph and the other drivers were given advice and educational advice by our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads awareness Team.

Two Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) come into force on 1st July which mean that the lighting of fires of any kind is banned including BBQs and any outdoor cooking equipment, as well as throwing or dropping lit cigarettes. The second PSPO states that the feeding and petting of free roaming animals, such as ponies and donkeys, is also banned. For more information please go to the NPA website at www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

Finally, we have issued two Section 59 Warnings in June. These are given to motorists who take their vehicles, whatever they are, off road onto the open Forest and cause harassment, alarm and distress to the rest of us. Their actions also damage the Forest floor and cause considerable stress to the wildlife. A Section 59 Warning means that if the driver or their vehicle is caught being driven in this way again in the following 12 months, the vehicle will be seized by Police. If you ever see anyone off road on the Forest let us know and if you can please take a photograph and or the registration number but DON'T put yourselves in any danger doing so. Thanks

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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