



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In May we will be holding the following meetings -

On Thursday 11th May we will again be at the village hall in the main car park in Beaulieu at 10.30am, then an hour later outside STREETS IRONMONGERS on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst from 11.30am and then at the East Boldre Village Hall at 12.30pm. This month's public meeting with our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority, Country Watch and NFDog is at 8am on Sunday 14th May at Janesmoor Pond car park so if you are up and about early on that day, perhaps walking the dog, do come and say hello.

The meeting at the Open Door café in Minstead Church is on Thursday 18th May at 2pm and then we will be at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 22nd and at 9am on the same day we will be outside the Bartley Post Office. Finally on Tuesday 23rd May join us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. As we say every month, 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.

Once again April has seen no houses burgled in the New Forest Heart Beat Area, and only six outbuildings have been broken into. Two of those were attempts at a construction site outside Emery Down and an empty and derelict shop storage area in Cadnam. Two of the garages that were entered this month were targeted on the same night in Ashurst and four expensive bicycles were stolen. Thankfully we have been able to reunite all of the bicycles with their owners. The other garages broken into were in Minstead and Exbury.

Thefts this month included gas bottles from petrol station forecourts in Stoney Cross and Cadnam, the contents of a small tent at Denny Wood, number plates from two cars in Copythorne and a rug that was taken from a pony in Newbridge.

In April we launched this year's SaferNewForest campaign to tackle seasonal crime on our Beat. We will be joining forces with our colleagues at Forestry England and the New Forest National Park Authority and patrolling as much of the Forest as we can looking for suspicious people and vehicles and handing out crime prevention advice aimed at stopping people from becoming the victims of crime. In the holiday season we see an increase in the number of vehicles broken into whilst they are parked in our beauty spot car parks and in April there haven't been any, which is great news. Unfortunately a van parked in a hotel car park in Ower was targeted and lots of cycling equipment was stolen and bags were stolen from a layby on the A31 while the owners went for a walk. If you would like one of our NO VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE cards email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

The other big issue during the holiday season is the theft of bicycles so please if you are bringing yours to the Forest this year NEVER LEAVE IT UNATTENDED – last year the thieves were cutting locks in broad daylight and stealing bikes so please take yours with you, or lock it inside your vehicle or take the wheel off and maybe the saddle too. The New Forest Heart Police Team is full of bicycle owners and we never leave them on their own but if we have to, we take a wheel and sometimes the saddle with us.

This month's Op Mountie session, where we work together with our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team to reduce speed and animal deaths across the Forest, took us back to Bramble Hill Walk on Roger Penny Way where the campaign started nearly a year and a half ago. In total 8 vehicles were stopped in the two hours that we were there, six drivers were given advice from our partners about why they should stick to the speed limit and two were given tickets for recording speeds of 51mph and 55mph.

During April, the Copythorne Speed Watch team spent 7 hours out on survey. Unfortunately, several surveys were called off due to the weather. They monitored 1395 vehicles in that time and most drivers were driving within the speed limit. However, 228 drivers were driving over the speed limit and will all be receiving a Police letter to remind them of the importance of observing speed limits. There were also 6 drivers who will have direct Police contact as they were monitored at speeds in excess of 50 Mph in 30 Mph zones. Please remember to stay within the speed limits for everyone's safety plus across the Forest, foals and other young are being born and they have no road sense.

Also this month, after reports from local residents, the newly formed NEW FOREST HIGH HARM TEAM seized drugs from people in a block of flats in Lyndhurst and from Boltons Bench and Parc Pale car parks. If you know where drugs are being used in your community and you would like us to do something about it then please let us know.

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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