



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

# New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In April we will be holding the following meetings -

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April we will 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.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April we will be at the Open Door café in Minstead Church and then at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, and at 9am on the same day we will be outside the Bartley Post Office. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April join us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. 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.

We had reports that a house in Cadnam was broken into while the occupants were out shopping, nothing was stolen but damage was caused to the front door. There have been break ins to three sheds, containers and outbuildings in Cadnam and Bramshaw and an electric bicycle was stolen from a summer house at the bottom of a garden in Ashurst. At the end of the month another expensive bicycle was stolen from outside the Doctors surgery in Brockenhurst. Thanks to everyone who came to our security bike marking sessions in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst. These were a great success, not only because a security marked bike is easier to recover but also because the sessions helped raise awareness about making your bicycles as safe and secure as possible.

Garden items, including some furniture have been taken from homes in Brockenhurst and Cadnam and cars parked in Shepherds Gutter, Brock Hill, Sethorns Campsite and Janesmoor Pond car parks and on the road side at Stoney Cross have been broken into and bags stolen.

Other thefts this month include clothing from the Salvation Army Charity bin in Ashurst and over 300 kilos of asparagus from a property on the outskirts of Beaulieu.

A Bournemouth man has been sentenced after admitting harassment against a woman from Ashurst. The court heard how between 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Timothy O'Brien sent the victim 115 messages, 33 videos and 13 photos via Facebook messenger. The messages contained sexually explicit comments towards the victim and in some of the videos he appeared to be naked. O'Brien received seventeen weeks imprisonment and was given an indefinite restraining order. Speaking after the hearing, DC Lydia Davies said "We urge anyone who has been a victim of stalking or harassment to report it to us. We understand it may be difficult, but we take these crimes seriously and victims will be supported throughout. We will continue to work hard through Hampshire's Multi-Agency Stalking Clinic to ensure everything is being done to protect victims and stop this behaviour" To report an incident call 101 or go online to the Hampshire and IOW Police website. In an emergency though always call 999.

Also this month we've had reports of anti-social behaviour in the New Inn Road and Shepherds Road areas of Bartley. This includes children using catapults to fire ball bearings at homes and cycling towards cars

doing wheelies, which is obviously extremely dangerous. If you see anything like this happening or you know who the children are then please email [Richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:Richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk)

Catapults have also been used to fire ball bearings through car windows in Emery Down and on Penn Common, and damage has also been done to a building site at Emery Down and to a fence at the back of Rufus Gardens in Lyndhurst.

We recorded another disappointingly high speed during this month's OP MOUNTIE session. OP Mountie is our multi agency approach to slowing traffic and reducing animal deaths across the New Forest. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we held sessions on Beaulieu Hill, Kings Hat car park and opposite Hawk Hill Inclosure and although most people once again stuck to the speed limit, two drivers were stopped and given tickets for speeds of 51mph and 60mph on a 40mph road.

Our partnership meeting in April will take place at Boltons Bench in Lyndhurst between 8am and 10am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. This is when we join forces with Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority, the New Forest Dog Owners Group and our Countrywatch team to answer any questions you might have about life in the New Forest.

The New Forest High Harm Team was launched in the middle of March and already they've been getting stuck into making the New Forest a safer place to live and more hostile for those who commit crime. Five offenders have been arrested including

- a man wanted for the theft of over £800 worth of electrical items and who had failed to attend court.
- a man in breach of his community order who had gone on to commit a further eight theft and public order offences
- and two people were arrested after a report of a theft of nearly £10,000 worth of horse tack and riding equipment in the Fordingbridge area.

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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