



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

Before Christmas come and see us on Tuesday 5th December at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, the Bartley Post Office at 9am and then at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am where we will again be joined by one of the village's Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

Sunday 17th December sees us outside the visitors centre in the main car park in Lyndhurst from 10am and on Thursday 21st we will be at the last Open Door Community Café of the year at the Church in Minstead.

Finally on Saturday 23rd December join us at our multi agency meeting in Deerleap car park from 8am. The National Park Authority, Forestry England and New Forest DOG will be there as well so if you have any questions for any of us bring them with you – and maybe some mince pies.

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.

Seven outbuildings were broken into last month, two in Bramshaw and the rest in Brook, Copythorne, Ipley and Brockenhurst with a ride on garden tractor, a motorbike and power tools stolen. Arrests have been made for several burglaries and thefts across the New Forest including those in Brook, Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst – we can't go into too much detail at the moment but these arrests are the result of some excellent team work by the Lyndhurst based New Forest Priority Crime Team, the New Forest Neighbourhood Enforcement Team and the New Forest Heart Police team.

Only three vehicles were targeted in November, one was a van at Swan Green just outside Lyndhurst, one was on the roadside in Penn Common and the other was in the car park at the Premier Inn at Ower. November also saw number plates taken from cars in Brook and Copythorne, tyres were removed from a van in Brockenhurst and an attempt was made to break into another van in the car park at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross.

Other thefts include copper cabling from manholes along the A36 at Ower and in Ashurst, scrap metal from homes in Cadnam and East End, a bicycle from outside a flat in Brockenhurst and solar lights and garden sacks from a property in Cadnam

With Christmas only weeks away can we again remind you of some really useful advice that will help stop you from becoming a victim over the festive season – burglaries often increase at this time so please take extra precautions to keep your home safe – here are some useful tips from our crime prevention team

- Leave it until the last minute to put Christmas presents out under the tree and don't leave them in view of a window
- Don't keep large amounts of cash in the house
- Dispose of packaging carefully by breaking it down before putting it in the bin – empty boxes left outside are an advert that you have something worth stealing inside
- A secure home will reduce the chance of a burglary so make sure that you keep all windows and doors locked and keep house keys out of sight every time you leave home

- When you do go out make it appear that someone is still at home. Maybe leave a radio on or install a timer so that the TV and lights come on
- Think about installing a CCTV camera that sends notifications to your phone – that way you can always see who is calling at your house even when you are out.

Finally November's Op Mountie, our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest was one of the busiest and wettest ever. We spent two hours on the road out of Lyndhurst at Matley Wood and stopped 17 vehicles and issued 6 drivers with tickets for travelling at 50mph and above. This included one driver who we stopped for the second time during one of our Op Mountie sessions this year. Thanks to Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team who spoke to, advised and educated the other drivers we stopped.

Mark and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for all your support in 2023

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