



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

# New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

Our first Beat Surgeries and Public meetings of the New Year will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and then at the Bartley Post Office at 9am.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> join us in the main car park in Beaulieu at 10.30am, outside East Boldre Village Hall at 11.30am and opposite Tesco in Brockenhurst at 12.30pm.

We will then be at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January where we will again be joined by one of the village's Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and finally, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January sees us outside the visitors centre in the main car park in Lyndhurst from 10am

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.

67 vehicles were stopped on Lyndhurst High Street at the beginning of the month and pulled into the main car park where checks were carried out by the Roads Policing Unit from Totton, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the Enforcement Team from New Forest District Council. The results were quite interesting, although some would say worrying –

2 vehicles were seized for having no MOT and because one driver didn't have a valid licence

7 vehicles were prohibited for being in a dangerous condition, 3 bald tyres had to be replaced on site, 1 van didn't have a working hand brake, and others didn't have brake lights, headlights or rear lights

Another 7 vehicles were stopped for having insecure loads, 1 had the wrong number plate on its trailer, 5 drivers weren't wearing seatbelts and other tickets were issued for no MOT and no insurance.

2 drivers who were carrying waste didn't have the correct licences and will have to report back to NFDC when they have got them.

During December, seven sheds, garages and other outbuildings were broken into in Setley just outside Brockenhurst, Copythorne, Bramshaw, Brockenhurst, Woodlands and on Fletchwood Lane. Power tools, garden machinery and an expensive bicycle were again the items stolen. Also taken last month was used cooking oil from a restaurant in Brockenhurst, copper cabling from sites across the Beat, a wheelbarrow and poo picker from Ipley and a watch from a hotel in Brockenhurst. Tools were also stolen from a van parked in the car park of the Travelodge at Stoney Cross

Two motorbikes, from Woodlands and Lyndhurst, and vans in Brockenhurst and Ashurst were stolen in December and the number plates from vehicles in Emery Down and Cadnam have also been removed. If this happens to you please let us know because thieves commit crime using vehicles on false number plates.

Criminal damage was also caused to the noticeboard outside the Scout Hut in Copythorne and to a car parked on a road in Lyndhurst where the paint work was scratched. Finally this month's Op Mountie

session, where we work with our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team in a bid to reduce speed and animal deaths across the New Forest, took place on the Roger Penny Way at Bramble Hill Walk car park. This was the site of an accident that saw the death of a donkey that was hit by a car during the previous week. In total five vehicles were stopped between 6.30am and 8.30am and three of them were given tickets for speeds of 53, 60 and 67mph in a 40mph zone. Of course that does mean that the vast majority of drivers were sticking to the speed limit so our grateful thanks to them.

**Have a Happy and safe 2024.**

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