



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

# New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the April 2024 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

This month's Beat Surgeries are listed below but remember if you can't make any of these meetings you can always call or email us 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.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May we will be at the recently opened East Boldre Village shop between 2pm and 2.30pm and on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May you can join us at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst for 30 minutes from 11am when we will again be joined by one of the local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

The first of our Beat Surgeries at the Brockenhurst Parish Council office on Brookley Road in the village is at 12.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April you can join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and then outside the Post Office at Bartley at 9am.

Lastly we will be at the BLUE LIGHT DAY at Gang Warily Recreation Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We will be there all day with lots of our colleagues from other emergency services based here in the New Forest, so please come and say hello.

Nine vehicles were broken into this month. Three of them were vans parked overnight in the car parks at the Premier Inn at Ower and the Travelodge at Stoney Cross. The others were parked in car parks at the Deerleap Inclosure, Stockley and Setthorns while two vehicles on separate days have been broken into on the side of Black Hill Road in Furzely. Again these vehicles were targeted because bags and coats and other items had been left on display inside the vehicle while it was left unattended. Please make sure you take everything with you.

Solar panels from a Forestry England generator were also stolen this month from the Wilverly Plain car park.

An attempt was made to break into a home in Acres Down, thankfully the security measures in place were strong enough to stop them getting in. Nine outbuildings have been broken into and bikes, copper wiring, a ride on lawn mower, hedge trimmer and other power tools stolen. The areas targeted were the site of the old Ashurst hospital, Boldre, four garages on the same road in Brockenhurst, Woodlands and Penn Common. A Volvo and Range Rover were stolen overnight from driveways in Bartley and Ashurst.

Also this month fires have been started by children on the site of the Brockenhurst Primary School and in a barn at the back of the Coles Mead Play Park in Lyndhurst. Both incidents are still being investigated and it is important that we identify those responsible. On these occasions the fires have been extinguished before they have caused too much damage but the dangers are obvious, so if you have any information that would help us identify those responsible please email [richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk)

An electric bike has been stolen from a front garden in Emery Down. The bike was locked and quite well hidden from view but the thieves still found it and were able to take it away. If you can please keep your bikes inside and locked at all times. On the same day a bronze statue has been stolen from a garden in Emery Down – it's a young girls and her pony and there is huge sentimental value attached to it. If you know of its whereabouts please call 101 and quote the crime number 44240169875. Thank you.

The Co Op in Ashurst and the Budgens at Cadnam and both the Co Op and Tesco in Brockenhurst have reported several shopliftings to us this month. We have identified and dealt with some of the offenders and are in the process of trying to identify the others.

Finally this month's Op Mountie session took place on the Stoney Cross Plain Road which is the main road from the A31 down through Minstead and into Emery Down. This was the scene of the last animal fatality and was also requested at the recent Minstead Parish Council AGM. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the Forest and we were supported as always by Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness. In the hour and half we were on scene we stopped three vehicles and two were given tickets for recording speeds of 51mph and 54mph in a 40mph area. The good news is that, as always, the majority of drivers were sticking to the limit and when we moved to the Parc Pale car park on the road from Lyndhurst to Beaulieu everyone that went passed us was doing 40mph or less, so thank you.

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