



# NEW FOREST HEART Monthly Beat Report – May 2017



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Hello and welcome to May's Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. I am PCSO 14495 Richard Williams, one of the Beat Officers for this area, and I am based at Lyndhurst Police Station with my colleague PC 20127 Steven Norris.

### Beat Surgeries

Please come and meet your Beat Officers, PC 20127 Steven NORRIS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS. In June we will be at

**Bramshaw Village Shop** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8am.

**Bartley Post Office** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.

**Minstead Village Shop** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

**St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.

**Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane in Colbury** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11.45am.

### Burglaries

So far in May there has been 1 residential burglary. This happened overnight in Woodlands while the residents were asleep upstairs. This type of burglary is extremely rare, most happen during the daytime when houses are empty. It is worth noting that on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May just outside our Beat area, 3 houses in Brockenhurst, Beaulieu and East Boldre were burgled during the day. These houses were mostly in remote areas and were empty at the time. Please continue to be vigilant and if you see anyone acting suspiciously in and around your home or that of your neighbour then please call the Police immediately, and if you think that you are witnessing a burglary then call 999. Also in May, 2 pubs in Ashurst and Brook were burgled and there have been 3 non residential burglaries where sheds and outbuildings were broken into overnight in Ashurst and Lyndhurst. Investigations into all of these incidents continue.

### Theft From Motor Vehicle

There have been 15 thefts so far in May. 3 of these involved vehicles that it's believed were left unlocked on driveways in Ashurst and Lyndhurst and 1 took place in a pub car park in Brook. 7 happened while cars were left in Andrews Mare, Knightwood Oak, Bramshaw Wood, Holmhill Inclosure, and Swan Green car parks in the New Forest and one car was broken into while it was parked on the side of the road at Penn Common. A considerable amount of crime prevention work is being carried out to let visitors to the New Forest know that when they park their car **anywhere** they have to take all of their valuables with them. Thieves will often hide in and around the car parks and watch as you hide your handbags and wallets in the boot or under the seats, **so you have to take everything with you**. Myself and some of the New Forest Police cadets are again spending time in the car parks during half term encouraging everyone to do this, but if you have family and friends who use the New Forest please pass the

message on to them, and if you are someone who uses the Forest regularly yourself please spread the word when you are out and about.

Another crime that is on the increase is the theft of bicycles from either the back of vehicles or from outside tents on campsites. We have had bicycles taken from the Hollands Wood and Ashurst campsites and on three occasions they have been cut off the rack attaching them to vehicles. You can now buy alarmed locks for your bikes which you can use to secure them together or to the back of your vehicle. I found several on line for as little as £25. Bicycles these days are very expensive and are therefore very attractive to thieves. My advice would be keep your bicycle inside your vehicle or tent if possible, or fix an alarm to your bicycle locks. The New Forest campsites are all aware of this issue and are working closely with the Police to make sure this problem is kept under control. Two bicycles were also stolen from outside a café on Lyndhurst High Street. This was on a busy Sunday morning when the High Street was full but both bicycles were left unlocked and were therefore easy targets for the opportunist thief. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LOCK AND SECURE EVERYTHING WHEN YOU LEAVE IT UNATTENDED.** Two bicycles have also been stolen from Ashurst train station. In May and again in June, we will be holding bicycle safety meetings with the British Transport Police at train stations in the New Forest. I'll let you know as soon as we have confirmed dates and venues.

**Other Incidents of notes:**

Do you recognise these men?



We would like to speak to them in connection with a robbery at Bartley Post Office on Chinham Road in Bartley at about 2.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Two men went into the Post Office and while one of them spoke to the staff the other one stole cash from behind the counter. The man wearing the black t-shirt is described as having no front teeth. If you have any information relating to this incident, please call 101 quoting the reference number 44170195480, or contact crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

So far in May 15 motorists have been caught speeding, 4 vehicles have been seized because the drivers didn't have any insurance, and 3 drivers who were stopped in Bartley and Ower have been arrested and charged with being over the drink drive limit. During April and May, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 173 vehicles travelling in and around the village and 50 of them, so just over 34%, were caught exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Of those 50, 20 vehicles were travelling at more than 36mph and have received warning letters from the Police. Meanwhile the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed 4546 vehicles in April and May and of those 1921, just over 42%, were travelling over the 30mph speed limit. 253 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of over 36mph and sadly several drivers have been visited by Police for driving a staggering 20mph over the 30mph limit. The highest speed recorded was 57 mph!!!

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in May about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. There have again been over 40 this month so far and the information you give us is extremely useful so please keep those calls coming. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PC NORRIS or myself PCSO WILLIAMS directly. If there is no answer then that means we are on a rest day, so either leave us a message or send us an email. And remember if you are telling us about a vehicle, the most useful information you can give us is the registration number. You are our eyes and ears in your community and we value any information you can give us that will help us keep the places where you live safe.

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