



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
July 2018



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Hello and welcome to July's Beat Report for the Northern 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 us, in August 2018 we will be at -
Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Monday 13th August at 10am.
Bartley Post Office on Monday 13th August at 11am.
Bramshaw Village Shop on Wednesday 15th August at 8am.
The village green in Minstead on Saturday 25th August at 10am.
St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 26th August at 10.30am.
Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 26th August at 11.30am.

Burglaries: No homes have been burgled during July but 9 outbuildings have been broken into. 3 sheds in Ower were targeted and tools and scrap metal stolen. The cellar at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst was entered but nothing was stolen, a large amount of wine was taken from a marquee in Bramshaw where a wedding was due to be held and a motorbike was stolen from a garage in Lyndhurst. This has since been found burnt out in Southampton city centre. Other outbuildings in Bramshaw and Bartley have also been entered in July, and another garage in Lyndhurst was broken into but nothing was stolen.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 10 vehicles have been broken into this month so far with Eyeworth Pond and Fritham the car parks targeted in the New Forest. Meanwhile thieves have been stealing tow bars and spare wheels from high end vehicles parked across the Forest including Paulton's Park. So far 4 Land Rover Discoverys and 1 Range Rover have had either tow bars or spare wheels stolen. So if you see anyone acting suspiciously around a vehicle, even if they are wearing what looks like the appropriate clothes, then question what they are doing and call the Police.

There has been only 2 bicycle thefts in our area this month, and that was from the Ashurst campsite BUT 14 bicycles have been stolen from the Roundhill and Holland Wood campsites. Again if you know a cyclist who uses the New Forest make them aware that if they don't take care of their bicycle there are people who will take it from them.

In other incidents, graffiti has started to appear at various locations throughout Lyndhurst. It's always the same graffiti so if you know who is responsible please let me know, and a FIAT car badge has been stolen from a car parked in Ashurst.

Can I ask that you keep a close eye on your vulnerable neighbours? This month we have received reports of men calling on the homes of the elderly and the vulnerable and persuading them to give them cash for work that they say needs doing but doesn't. In some cases these men have taken bank cards from the house and used them to withdraw large amounts of cash or to try and buy expensive goods. So please if you have a relative or a neighbour who you think could fall victim to this type of crime tell them not to answer the door to ANYONE they don't know. And if you see someone outside their house please call the Police immediately. These criminals only target the vulnerable and they need to be stopped. Thank you.

National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

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ABOUT TO PURCHASE AN iTUNES VOUCHER?

Sadly criminals are scamming people by telling them to purchase iTunes vouchers in connection with various situations

Do any of these apply to your purchase?

 A COMPUTER FIX	 LOAN
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If yes, STOP... you are about to lose your money
iTunes vouchers should only be redeemed by YOU via your iTunes account

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Another scam on the increase involves iTunes vouchers. Criminals are persuading people to buy iTunes vouchers to pay off all sorts of debts. The criminals have pretended to be from the utility companies, from the tax office, even from local and county councils. People are told to buy iTunes vouchers instead of sending cash. The victim reads off the number of the iTunes voucher to the fraudster who can then use it on line to buy whatever they want. The message is again a simple one NEVER buy an iTunes voucher, or any other type of voucher, in this way. Reputable companies will only want you to pay their bills with cash NOT vouchers. Again please pass this on, thank you.

In July, the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team was out and about in the parish and monitored a total of 1047 vehicles. 768 were travelling over the 30 mph speed limit, with the highest recorded speed being 58 mph. 6 other vehicles were recorded travelling at over 50 mph and a total of 141 letters have been sent by the Police to drivers warning them about their behaviour. During July, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 2544 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and 1315 of them, so nearly 52%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those, 312 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police At least 6 vehicles were recorded at speeds of more than 50 mph with the highest being 57 mph. Meanwhile the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 1815 vehicles in July and of those, 1033, so 57%, were travelling over

the 30 mph speed limit. 131 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more, with one vehicle in Southampton Road reaching 53 mph.

If you would like to set up a scheme where you live just let me know. It's best to email me on richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

We've had some excellent calls from you in July reporting suspicious people and their vehicles. Please report anything suspicious that you see in your community to 101 or call myself or PC NORRIS directly. Thank you.

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