



# NEW FOREST HEART Monthly Beat Report – April 2017



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Hello and welcome to April'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 May we will be at

**Bramshaw Village Shop** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 8am.

**Bartley Post Office** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9am.

**Minstead Village Shop** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

**St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

**Lyndhurst Baptist Church** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am.

### Burglaries

There has been 1 residential burglary in April. This happened at a house in Bartley and a shopping trolley appears to be the only thing that was stolen. Investigations are continuing into who might be responsible. There have also been 5 burglaries to garages, sheds and other outbuildings. These took place in Winsor, Bramshaw, Emery Down and Bartley, and power tools, chainsaws, leaf blowers and other garden machinery were stolen. And there were 5 burglaries in businesses in the New Forest Heart area, with Ower and Cadnam the areas most affected. Again this month I would ask you to report anything you consider to be suspicious because it is a real help to us as we attempt to catch those people responsible for crime in this area. 27 people called the Police in April reporting suspicious activity where they live and work.

This month I discovered another excellent crime prevention tool that could help to keep your house safe. If you have access to the internet search for FAKETV and you'll find details of a box that sits under your TV but which throws out light intermittently so that it looks like your TV is on. Your home is most vulnerable when you are out and when it is empty. This FAKE TV is another way of making it look occupied.

I'm sure you will have seen in the press that two men tried to steal money from the service station on the Romsey Road at Cadnam. This took place at approximately 5.30am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The two men were wearing hoods, had their faces covered and were very aggressive towards the staff at the service station. If you have any information that might help us to identify the men responsible please call 101 and quote the crime number 44170151884 or you can call Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

I'm sure that some of you have also seen the car that was left burnt out in the Brockishill Inclosure. We believe that the car had been stolen and then used to commit crime outside of the New Forest and was driven to Brockishill, dumped and then burnt.

### **Theft From Motor Vehicle**

April has seen 10 vehicles targeted and items stolen from them. 3 vehicles were targeted overnight on the same night in Winsor and in Bartley. High value items were stolen from a couple of those vehicles that were parked on their owners driveway. That also happened to another car while it was parked overnight on a driveway in Lyndhurst, however this car was left unlocked so please try and make sure your vehicle is secure at all times. Another 2 cars were broken into while they were parked on the road outside people's homes in Ashurst and 4 cars were attacked while they were parked in Fritham, Andrews Mare, Clayhill Heath and Knightwood Oak car parks in the New Forest. Over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April myself and some of our Police cadets visited every car park in this part of the New Forest and gave out crime prevention advice and leaflets. The weekend was a great success and will be repeated in July in the build up to the main summer holidays. But please stay vigilant at all times and make sure that whenever you leave your vehicle unattended that it is locked, that nothing has been left on show inside and that you take all of your valuables with you.

As a result of the latest survey carried out by Hampshire Police, the residents of the New Forest Heart area have highlighted all burglaries and theft from motor vehicles as their main concerns and therefore these are the main priorities for the New Forest Heart Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### **Other Incidents of notes:**

The Easter holidays signalled the start of the tourist season and unfortunately that means that we have to be even more careful with our property when we are out and about enjoying ourselves. Two mobile phones and two bicycles have been stolen from a campsite in Ashurst, a handbag was stolen from a pub in Lyndhurst and another handbag was taken from a family enjoying a day out at Paultons Park. Please make sure you keep everything with you at all times and never leave anything valuable unattended, even for a moment. And some garden ornaments have been stolen from a house in Ashurst.

Since the turn of the year there has been an increase in the amount of fly tipping, especially in the remote areas of our region. In April PC NORRIS and myself carried out a joint operation with the Environmental Enforcement Officer for New Forest District Council and spent time stopping vans and checking them for any illegal waste they might have been carrying. PC NORRIS has also been working with the Environment Agency as they look to crack down on people who are either dumping rubbish at the road side or burning it on private and public land. These joint operations will continue for the foreseeable future.

Finally, in April only 4 motorists have been caught speeding and one vehicle was seized because the driver didn't have any insurance.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in April about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. 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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