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Hello and welcome to January's Beat Report for the Northern New Forest. 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 Steven Norris.

Hampshire Alerts

Hampshire Alerts can help communities play a vital role in working with the Police to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information between the community and police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe. To register please go to:

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Beat Surgeries

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

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 27th February at 8am.

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Bartley Post Office on Monday 27th February at 9am.

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 11th February at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 12th February at 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 12th February at 11.30am.

Lyndhurst Roman Catholic Church on Sunday 19th February at 10.00am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane in Colbury on Sunday 19th February at 11.00am.

Since our last report we have had the following incidents reported to us.

Burglaries and Non Dwelling Burglaries:

In January there have been 5 burglaries, and again all of them have taken place during the daytime when the targeted properties were empty. Two of these burglaries happened on the same day on Loperwood Lane on the outskirts of Calmore, while the other three were in Bramshaw, Copythorne and on the Totton end of Fletchwood Lane. There have also been 5 non-dwelling burglaries this month, where sheds and other outbuildings have been broken into. These were in Fritham, Ower, Copythorne, Winsor and Cadnam. Again garden machinery and power tools were stolen and will now be up for sale either on the internet, at a car boot sale or even from the back of a van. It's worth remembering that if you are offered an item at a price that appears too good to be true then it's probably stolen, and by purchasing it you are encouraging the seller to go out and steal again. And of course the next time they could target your property.

One of the best ways to stop thieves getting into your shed or outbuilding is to use an alarmed padlock. As soon as the lock is tampered with the alarm goes off which deters most thieves. These padlocks cost as little as £10 and are now available from reception at the New Forest District Council Offices at Appletree Court in Lyndhurst.

We've taken over 20 calls from members of the public this month reporting suspicious vehicles and people, and the information these calls gives us, especially vehicle registrations, helps us build a picture of who is where and when. So if you ever see a car or a van behaving suspiciously in your area, try and take its registration number and then let us know. Thank you. And again can I ask that you register the details of all of your valuable property for free on www.immobilise.com. Hopefully you will never become the victim of a crime, but if you do and your property is stolen then immobilise can help us return it to you.

Theft from vehicle:

5 cars were broken into in January. 3 of them were parked in the Fritham car park, 1 at Stoney Cross and the other again saw fuel taken from the same tractor that was targeted in Winsor in December. Meanwhile a car was stolen from the Andrews Mare Car Park while the owner walked their dogs. This happened in the evening when it was dark.

Other Incidents of notes:

Other thefts that have happened this month again show that there are some people who will steal anything and from anywhere. The money from one of the collection boxes at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst has been taken. 2 tins of creosote were stolen from the driveway of a house in Cadnam, horse feed and a dustbin have gone from a home in Winsor and decorative stones from the wall at a property in Emery Down have also been stolen. Also this month a cannabis warning was issued to a young man who was found having a smoke in his car at Ashurst Bridge. In January 24 motorists have been caught speeding mostly in Lyndhurst but also in Ashurst and Brook. One driver was arrested in Lyndhurst for being twice over the drink drive limit, and 3 untaxed and un insured cars were seized in Brook and Lyndhurst.

Last month I asked for your help in dealing with the problem of cars and motorbikes being used in and around the car parks in the New Forest. I'm pleased to be able to report that a Section 59 warning has been issued to a man who was using his motorbike off road by the Janesmoor Pond car park up at Stoney Cross. A Section 59 Warning means that if that man uses that or any other vehicle in this way again within the next 12 months it will be seized by the Police. So again if you see anyone using a vehicle of any sort in a way that is dangerous, reckless, careless, or is causing damage to the Forest them please let us know. If you can provide us with the registration number of the vehicle involved then we can deal with the owner of that vehicle and put an end to this type of behaviour. If you can take photos of the vehicles involved then that provides us with excellent evidence but please don't put yourself at risk by taking photos or videos.

Finally the Police and Crime Commissioner is holding a series of conferences across the county in February. Our closest venue is the New Forest Outdoor Centre at Minstead. If you would like more information or to book your place at any of the events, follow the link shown below.



Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in January 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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