



NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
September 2018



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Hello and welcome to September'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 colleagues PC 20127 Steven Norris and PC 2901 Jason Eastwood.

Beat Surgeries

Please come and meet us, in October 2018 we will be at –

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 8th October at 8am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Monday 8th October at 10am.

Bartley Post Office on Monday 8th October at 11am.

The Trusty Servant in Minstead on Saturday 20th October at 11am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 21st October at 10.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 21st October at 11.30am.

Burglaries: There have been two attempted burglaries to houses in Lyndhurst and Cadnam this month. On both occasions the offenders were disturbed before they could get inside and therefore nothing was stolen. However there have been 25 burglaries to sheds and other outbuildings this month, with Woodlands Road the area most affected but there have been 2 burglaries at Furzey Gardens in Minstead. Properties in Winsor, Bartley, Fritham, East Boldre, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst and Cadnam have also been targeted. Chainsaws, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers, saddles, mountain bikes, and electric bikes have all been stolen so please have another look at how secure your outbuildings are and do what you can to make it harder for a thief.

- Place all tools and garden equipment in locked sheds and garages but make sure your locks are substantial. Alarmed padlocks are a good idea and using more than one is also a good idea. Also think about putting barriers in front of the doors, like your car or some garden furniture.
- Secure your more expensive items like lawn mowers and bicycles to an anchor point inside your shed or garage.
- Think about installing CCTV on the outside of your house. It can be a great deterrent and can also help us during our investigations.
- Fit a shed alarm or use alarmed padlocks. Or install a laser that shines a beam across the entrance to your property and then sounds an alarm inside your house if the beam is broken.

- Mark all items with your postcode and record serial numbers. And register your items for free on www.immobilise.com
- Take photographs of items such as statues and garden furniture if they are unusual, for easy identification at a later date.
- Keep the structure in good repair, if your shed or stable is falling over or rotting then it makes access easier.
- Consider covering windows with curtains to obscure the view of the contents.
- Consider external lighting. This needs to be motion activated so that when it comes on it alerts you to the fact that someone is on your property.
- Ensure that the garden fences are in good repair between you and all of your neighbours so that it's harder for a thief to go from one garden to another.

PC NORRIS and I have made these burglaries our priority and are following up several lines of enquiry, and we would like your help. Wherever you live, if you have any private CCTV can you please let me know so that I can ask you to check your footage should any sheds or outbuildings near you get broken into.

Please send me your details to richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Thank you

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 9 vehicles have been broken into in September with only one car targeted whilst it was parked in a New Forest car park. Two cars parked at the hotel on the A31 at Stoney Cross had suitcases stolen from inside, so please don't ever leave anything valuable in your car, even if you think you are safe because you are parked in a public car park with lots of other vehicles around you.

The other vehicles broken into have been parked on the roadside in Lyndhurst, Beaulieu and Brockenhurst.

Although the camping season is coming to an end and the campsites in the New Forest will be closing at the end of September we all need to stay vigilant when we leave our bicycles unattended because they are still being stolen. In September 6 were taken from the Hollands Wood campsite, 5 from Ashurst and 4 from a secure shed at the Ballmer Lawn hotel.

In other incidents, a trailer has been stolen from a farm yard in Wooton, a land Rover was taken from a yard on Knellers Lane at Ashurst but that has since been recovered and 4 boats have had items stolen whilst moored in the marina at the Bucklers Hard Yatch Harbour.

3 people have been arrested for being drunk in charge of vehicles in Lyndhurst, Brook and Brockenhurst, and 3 vehicles have been siezed for having no tax and no insurance in Bramshaw, Ower and Minstead.

During September the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 862 vehicles. Of those 470 so nearly 55% were travelling over the 30mph speed limit. The registered owners of 82 of those 470 vehicles will receive warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35mph or more, with one vehicle on Chapel lane reaching 50 mph.

September was a very busy month for the Copythorne Speed Watch team. They conducted 7 surveys in the Parish, monitoring approximately 1400 vehicles and 233 owners received warning letters because they were travelling at 35mph or more. Several drivers were exceeding 50mph including a motor cyclist.

The Beaulieu team went out once this month and in under an hour 29 drivers were recorded travelling at 35mph or over on a road where the speed limit is 30 mph. And the Woodlands team carried out 3 surveys on Woodlands Road this month and 17 drivers will be receiving letters from the Police for travelling at 35mph or more.

Just a reminder that Halloween is nearly upon us and for some this is often a time when some of our neighbours can be frightened by trick or treaters. If you know someone who you feel would be best left alone over the Halloween period can you please pass on the advice below and if you would like one of the NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE signs then email me and I will send you a copy.

- Remember if you don't know who is calling at your house, you don't have to open the door and let them in
- Try to see who is at the door by looking through a spy hole or window before you go to the door
- If you have a chain on your door use it at all times
- If you feel threatened or frighten call the Police immediately
- And if you don't want anyone to come "Trick or Treating" at your home put one of our posters so that anyone coming to your door can see it

And if you are a parent and you are taking your children out "Trick or Treating" then please

- Carry a torch and consider road safety at all times
- Make sure your children go out in a group accompanied by an adult
- If they have one, make sure they have their mobile phone with them at all times
- Please make sure your children know not to enter anyone's house or to accept lifts from strangers
- Remind your children that not everyone appreciates trick or treaters turning up at their door. Tell them to look out for the "NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE" signs
- And please be respectful to others property. If someone doesn't answer their door, playing a trick on them could get children into trouble and could be a criminal offence.

Finally can I remind you about our latest Neighbourhood Policing Survey. This is your opportunity to tell us what the main issues are in your community, and what crimes and issues you would like to see us target. By completing the survey, which only takes a few minutes, you will be able to set the Policing Priorities for your area for the next six months. Just copy and paste the link below into your search engine and help us make sure that you receive the best service possible from your local Police. The survey closes at the end of October.

Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Newforestdistrictpriorities2018autumn>

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

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