



NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
February 2019



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Hello and welcome to February'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 March 2019 we will be at –

The Trusty Servant in Minstead on Saturday 16th March at 11am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 17th March at 10.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 17th March at 11.30am.

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 18th March at 8am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Monday 18th March at 10am.

Bartley Post Office on Monday 18th March at 11am.

The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst on Sunday 24th March at 10am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 24th March at 11.30am.

Village News at Beaulieu on Saturday 23rd March at 9am.

Outside SPENCERS on Brookley Road at Brockenhurst on Saturday 23rd March at 11am.

Burglaries: 2 homes have been burgled this month. One was a flat above a restaurant in Brockenhurst and the other a house by the college also in Brockenhurst. In February, 17 sheds, outbuildings and building sites have also been burgled. The targeted addresses were in East Boldre, East Wellow, East End, Bank, Winsor, Woodlands, Bartley, Cadnam and Beaulieu. Chainsaws, strimmers and other garden tools as well as a can of fuel were taken. Some criminal damage has also been caused to a fence on the border of a property in Winsor but no access to the property was gained.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 16 vehicles have been broken into this month, with Andrews Mare, Fritham, Puttles Bridge and the Rhinefield Ornamental drive the areas most affected. Myself and the New Forest Police Cadets and Police Volunteers have carried out three crime prevention operations already this month and the message is being spread, but please help us by passing this information on to everyone you know. So far this month handbags have been taken from under a coat on the back seat of a car and from the boots of three cars so whenever you leave your vehicle you must take everything with you and not hide anything valuable inside because you don't know who is watching you. Our crime prevention operations stop people from becoming victims, but with thousands of new visitors every week coming to the New Forest it is a message we need to keep passing on, so please tell everyone. Thank you.

It's also worth noting that another two vehicles have been broken into while parked at a hotel on the A31 at Stoney Cross. Again if you are parked up for the night then remove everything valuable from inside.

In other incidents batteries were stolen from temporary traffic lights at Ower, wheels and a helmet were stolen from a locked bicycle on Lyndhurst High Street, a horse trailer has been taken from Lyndhurst Fire Station, and parcels left on a doorstep in Cadnam and milk outside a house in Lyndhurst have also have been stolen.

A man has been arrested for drug driving at Stoney Cross, criminal damage was caused to a car parked in Ashurst when someone threw a brick through its windscreen, and a lady from the Netley Marsh area was scammed into giving her bank card to someone calling at her home. She was told that her bank account had been compromised and that she needed a new card. She handed over her card and then money was stolen from her account. NO ONE will ever call at your home and ask you to do this. Again this is information that needs to be passed on, especially to the vulnerable members of our community.

We have also seen an increase in the number of people going door to door this month. On one night at the beginning of February we received several calls from people living in the Cadnam, Winsor and Barrow Hill Road areas saying that men had been knocking on their doors and were trying to sell them household goods. Many people don't mind buying from people on their doorstep but a lot of residents were upset by what they said was unpleasant and rude behaviour by the men. PC NORRIS and I spoke to them and they left the area. What they are doing isn't illegal so if you don't want to speak to them the best advice I can give you is to not answer your door. Look out of a window or, if you have one a spy hole and if you don't want to answer their knocking then you don't have to.

If you would like more advice on this or anything else then please email me at richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

During February the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 1112 vehicles and of those 481, so 43%, were travelling over the 30mph limit. 83 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35mph or more, with one vehicle on Southampton Road reaching 54 mph and another 61 mph !!!!!

Finally some excellent news about the many Speed Watch schemes in our part of the New Forest. We are now able to use our Speed Watch equipment on roads where the speed limit is 40 mph. This means that we can survey those roads in the Forest where speeding is at its worst. So if you would like to start a scheme where you are and would like to start slowing the traffic down on the 40 mph roads in your community then get in touch.

Please keep calling us if you see anything suspicious where you live and remember if you want to tell us about a vehicle then the most important information is the registration number.

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