

NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report – August 2020

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Hello and welcome to August'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 and we are responsible for Lyndhurst and the North of the Forest.

PC 2901 Jason Eastwood and PCSO 14215 Vicki Pressey take care of the Forest south of Lyndhurst.

Beat Surgeries

Still no news on when we can resume our Beat Surgeries but we are hoping it will be soon. In the meantime the usual advice applies, if you need Police in an emergency use 999 if not then either call 101 or use our new on line reporting service which you will find on the Hampshire Police website.

Also, you will see our contact details are at the end of this report so if you want to speak to one of us either email or call.

We will be holding one of our SAFE AT HOME events this month and will be in the main car park in Lyndhurst, just outside the Community Centre. That will be on Wednesday 16th September between 10 and 11am. And we will also be holding an on line Beat Surgery via our Facebook page. The Sergeant responsible for the Police teams in Totton and our area, New Forest Heart, will be available to answer your questions on line between 6 and 7pm on Wednesday 23rd September.

One house has been burgled this month. It was on Sway Road in Brockenhurst and although an untidy search was carried out nothing was stolen. 7 outbuildings have been broken into this month. A hotel in Bartley and a garage on a farm in Ower had garages broken into and tools stolen from inside and an attempt was made to do the same at a property in Stoney Cross but the thieves were disturbed and left before they could steal anything. Bicycles have also been stolen from garages in Ashurst and Cadnam.

Thefts have increased this month and it seems that pick pockets have been active in both Brockenhurst and at the amusement park at Ower. 3 rucksacks were targeted at the amusement park while in Brockenhurst one of the thefts included a watch that the owner thinks was taken by a pick pocket. Other items stolen this month include scrap metal from a garden in Winsor, 30 old batteries from Bucklers Hard marina, logs from a garden in Bramshaw and amazingly a couple of garden waste bags from homes in Cadnam. Two bicycles have also been stolen from a camp site in Brockenhurst and one from outside a pub also in Brockenhurst.

The biggest increase this month has been in the number of thefts from motor vehicles, there have been 26 with only four of them happening in a New Forest car parks, that's was at Fritham and Eyeworth Pond. The others have happened all over the New Forest Heart area including on the same night when 3 vehicles parked at Caste Malwood Lodge in Minstead and two at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross were broken into. The vehicles targeted have been either parked on driveways or on the road side. We have increased patrols of the most targeted areas and you will have seen that a man has been arrested as a result of these patrols.

But please have a read of the advice below which sounds obvious but a thief will only steal from a vehicle where there is something worth taking. And if you would like one of our NO VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE cards then email richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk and we will send you one.

- When leaving your car, close all windows and lock your car.
- Upon locking your vehicle try your car door to ensure it is actually locked.
- When parking at home, use your garage. If you don't have a garage, park in a well-lit area if possible.
- Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle.
- · Take all your personal possessions with you.
- Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside.
- Fit an alarm or immobiliser to your car.
- Record the details of your property on the Immobilise website
- · Do not store your car's documents in the car.

In other incidents we have seen an increase in the number of motorbikes being ridden off road in the Forest. This is of course completely unacceptable and this month we have issued 6 Section 59 warnings which means that if those motorbikes or the riders are seen behaving in this way again in the next twelve months they will be seized by the Police. One man had 18 tyres on 5 of his vehicles slashed while they were parked on a farm in Netley Marsh and two people have been arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol this month. One was a woman who was caught in Bramshaw and the other, a man, was stopped on the A35 by Bank.

We are delighted to say that our Community Speed Watch Teams are now back in action. So if you've seen an increase in the speed of traffic where you live and would like to start up your own scheme to help slow it down email richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk for more information.

Don't forget you can contact any of us on the New Forest Heart Police team on the details below but please use 999, 101 or the on line reporting page on the Hampshire Police website to record crimes or incidents of anti-social behaviour

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Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you in person again soon

