

NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report – September 2020

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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 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

The "rule of six" which has stopped any social gatherings of more than six people means that we are still unable to resume any of our face to face Beat surgeries. But we will be using our Facebook page, NEW FOREST HEART COPS, to hold an online event so that you can ask us any questions you might have. That is taking place between 6pm and 7pm on Wednesday 21st October 2020. But again, our contact details are listed below so please feel to contact any of us directly if you any queries or concerns.

Two houses in Brockenhurst were burgled on the same day at the beginning of the month. Luckily one of the intruders was disturbed and ran off before taking anything from the house. Investigations into both break ins are ongoing so if you have any information that might help us identify those responsible then please call 101 and quote the crime number 44200342330. Another house, this time an empty property in Copythorne was also targeted this month but the thieves didn't manage to get inside. 6 outbuildings have been broken into in September, 3 of them in Beaulieu on the same night. The other sheds and garages were in Winsor and Brockenhurst and power and garden tools were taken. Also, this month a group of people were disturbed trying to break into the garages at the Balmer Lawn hotel in Brockenhurst.

Other thefts this month include a concrete mixer from outside a house in Bartley, a flat packed shed from a field at Longdown, and a trailer has been taken from outside a house in Cadnam.

Only one bicycle was stolen in September even though it was locked to the back of a car parked at the Balmer Lawn hotel in Brockenhurst.

There have been twelve thefts from vehicles parked in the Forest this month, these include one that was in a pub car park in Winsor, another outside the schools in Ashurst and two in Fritham car park. Attempts were made to break into 3 vans parked overnight in a pub car park in Lyndhurst while tools were taken from a van also parked in the village. And on a different night but also in Lyndhurst a catalytic converter was stolen from a car parked in a residential area of the village. Two cars in Brook were also damaged during attempted thefts.

Also, this month the red telephone boxes in Newbridge and Winsor have had windows smashed, that's the third one in the last six months in Newbridge and the first in Winsor. We think someone is using a catapult to break the windows so if you know anything about that could help us put a stop to it then please email PCSO Williams.

You may have seen the Copythorne Speed Watch team back in action in the Copythorne and Cadnam areas. On 17th August the team went out on their first survey since the Lockdown began and they have completed 4 surveys in August and 8 in September. In August they monitored 1,493 vehicles and 178 drivers were found to be exceeding the speed limit, and in September 2,365 vehicles went through their survey point and 311 drivers were speeding. All of them will be receiving letters from the Police warning them about their driving. The most staggering statistic though is that in September 13 drivers were caught doing over 50 mph in a 30 mph limit !!!!!

When the rule of six is eased we will be looking to set up new Speed Watch teams in Netley Marsh and Ashurst so if you would like to get involved in those areas or where you live just let us know.

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

