

Hello and welcome to the May 2022 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team in the North of the Forest is PC 25169 Carl PEVERILL and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In June come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our Beat area.

If you have any questions for us we will be at Bolton's Bench in Lyndhurst with our partners at their RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP event from 9am on Sunday 5th June and at the Minstead Open Door café in the church in the village from 2pm on Thursday 16th June. Then you can join us at the Bramshaw Stores on Wednesday 22nd June at 8am and later that day at 10am at the BARTLEY POST OFFICE. We will also be at the POST OFFICE in the HAPPY CHEESE in ASHURST at 11am on the following Thursday, 23rd June.

A house on Goose Green in Lyndhurst was broken into between 10th May and 24th May and several items stolen. Extensive House to House enquiries have been carried out in the area but if you saw or heard anything suspicious in that area during those times please contact us on 101 and quote the crime number 44220206343. Thank you.

The fish and chip shop on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst has also been broken into this month with money stolen from the safe – again if you have any information can you please call us and quote the crime number 44220216830.

Thirteen garages, sheds, stables and outbuildings have been targeted in May, including at four separate properties on the road from Brook that goes up to the Rufus Stone. Other thefts happened in Minstead, Ower, Ashurst and at Emery Down and a safe was stolen from the Longdown Activity Farm and workshops at a farm on Woodlands Road, Woodlands were also targeted. Tools and other items were also stolen during a break in at a church in Brockenhurst.

The theft of expensive bicycles has continued this month with twenty four stolen in total. Eight of them were taken on the same night from the Hollands Wood campsite just outside Brockenhurst, another three from Roundhill campsite and one from the Ashurst campsite.

Other bikes have been stolen from racks attached to cars and vans in Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst and one has been taken from the sheds at Brockenhurst College. Again the advice is where possible keep your bicycle with you at all times. Most of the hotels we have spoken to have said they are happy for bikes to be stored inside but if that isn't possible take a wheel or the saddle, or both, off and lock the bicycle inside your car or van rather than just chaining it to it.

At 10am on Saturday 9th July we are a holding a bike marking event in the main car park at Lyndhurst so please put that date in your diary, in the meantime make sure you have your bicycles serial number and a recent photograph of it.

Other vehicles broken into this month where handbags, rucksacks and tools have been stolen were parked on the roadside in Brockenhurst, the Ornamental drive and the Wilverley Inclosure, as well as in pub and restaurant car parks in Newbridge and Emery Down.

Also this month a van has been stolen from an address in Ower, thieves took a JCB from the SSE site at Minstead, jewellery and other items were taken from a locker at a hotel in Brockenhurst, copper piping has been stolen from a house in Bartley and a quantity of beer was taken during an overnight break in at the Cadnam cricket club.

We have been surprised and disappointed by the number of open fires and BBQs we and our partners at Forestry England and the National Park Authority have had to put out across the Forest this month. Open fires and BBQs are banned everywhere in the Forest so if you could spread the word we would be grateful.

Remember if you need Police assistance in an emergency always call 999, to report a crime or incident of anti-social behaviour that has already happened call 101 or use the online reporting section of the Hampshire Police website. If you would like to contact the New Forest Heart Cops team directly with any questions or queries please use the details below

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