



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
September 2017



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Hello and welcome to September's Beat Report for the Northern 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.

Beat Surgeries

Please come and meet your Beat Officers, PC 20127 Steven NORRIS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS. In October we will be at

Bramshaw Village Shop on Thursday 12th October at 8am.

Bartley Post Office on Thursday 12th October at 9am.

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 21st October at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 22nd October at 10.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 29th October at 11.00am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 29th October at midday.

Firstly can I encourage you to go online and help us set our Policing Priorities. Our survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete and you'll be answering questions about what you think your local Police team should be focusing on for the next three months. Between now and October 31st we will be gathering information that will allow us to concentrate on the problems and concerns that most affect you here in the New Forest. Just go on line using the link below and have your say, and if possible ask your friends and neighbours to complete the survey too. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NQLKN9C>

Burglaries

In September there have been four residential burglaries. Two of them both took place within a few hours of each other on the same day. One happened in Winsor and the other on Loperwood Lane in Calmore and again both houses were empty at the time. The other two happened in Brook and in Lyndhurst and are still under investigation. September has also seen 5 non-residential burglaries. One happened at a stable block in Bramshaw, but the other 4 all took place in the Whartons Lane and Chestnut Drive area of Ashurst all on the same night. Tools and other items, including some gardening gloves, have been stolen from sheds in the area and again investigations are underway in the hope that we will be able to identify those responsible.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

Unfortunately the number of thefts in September has risen to 10, with the New Forest car parks targeted being Andrews Mare, Knightwood Oak and Fritham. The largest increase has again come in cars being broken into whilst they are parked on the roadside outside people's homes. These thefts have taken place in Woodlands, Emery Down, Ashurst and Bank. Can I please ask that you make sure that your vehicles are left locked and secure and EMPTY even when they are parked outside your home or even on the drive way. And once again tell your neighbours. In September myself and the student volunteers from Brockenhurst College have been looking for vehicles that have valuables on display and making their owners aware of just how vulnerable and how inviting they are to car thieves.

Other Incidents of notes:

A section 59 warning has been issued to the owner of a moped who was seen riding off road on the New Forest floor by Ocknell Pond. A section 59 warning means that if the rider or the moped are caught acting in a similar way within the next twelve months then the moped or whatever vehicle the rider is using will be seized by the Police.

Criminal damage has been caused to the skateboard ramps at the recreation ground in Lyndhurst. The youths responsible for causing the damage have been caught and a community resolution has been issued which means that the damage has been repaired. September has also seen a rise in the amount of fly tipping across the new Forest. We are working closely with New Forest District Council to identify and prosecute the people who do this so if you see anyone dumping rubbish where they shouldn't, then please try and take down the registration number of the vehicle involved and if you can take a photograph without putting yourself at risk that provides us with excellent evidence. Also during this month two remote control helicopters have been stolen from the Cadnam Garden Centre.

During September, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 279 vehicles travelling in and around the village and 126 of them, so 45%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 126, 44 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. Meanwhile the Speed watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed 1364 vehicles in September and of those 649, nearly 48%, were travelling over the 30 mph speed limit. 120 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more. And one individual was recorded at 55 mph !!!!

4 vehicles have been seized by the Police, all of them for having no insurance, 13 drivers were caught speeding in Ashurst, Brook, Cadnam and Lyndhurst and three drivers were arrested for being over the drink drive limit.

Can I also bring to your attention Older Driver Awareness Week which runs from **Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October**. There are currently just over 4.75 million people in the UK aged 70 and over driving on our roads and the expectation is that this will double if not treble in the next 20 years as we all live longer. The oldest person who holds a driving licence is a male aged 109 years. Hampshire is shown as having the highest number of older drivers outside London. We know that older motorists have a wealth of experience, confidence and tolerance. However, sight, hearing, reaction time and judgement of speed and distance may not be as sharp as it once was. Fragility increases with age, so injuries tend to be more serious and recovery takes much longer. Casualty rates do increase for car drivers aged over about 65, and the fatality rate increases significantly. That's where we come in. **The Older Drivers Forum** is about keeping mature motorists on the road safely for longer. Whether that's helping giving you practical and informative help and support to continue driving or pointing you in the right direction for an assessment to identify your driving needs – from wing mirror adapters to

an elevated driving seat – we're here to help. We're a not-for-profit organisation made up of experts in road safety from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – from representatives from the emergency services, to charities, local authorities and businesses specialising in keeping older people on the road. If you know an older driver, have contact with them regularly in your job or are perhaps just concerned for a friend or relative who is still driving then the Older Driver Forum may be able to help. Please visit their website www.olderdriversforum.com for more information.

From **Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October 2017**, and in support of Older Peoples Day (Oct 1st), the forum is holding an Older Driver Awareness Week offering advice and tips that will help older drivers continue to drive safely or help them to decide when to stop. We will be visiting 5 different venues throughout the week:

- **Monday, October 2nd** – Milford on Sea Community Centre, Milford on Sea, New Forest
- **Tuesday, October 3rd** – Haskins Garden Centre, West End, Southampton
- **Wednesday, October 4th** - Cascades Shopping Centre, Portsmouth
- **Thursday, October 5th** – Festival Place Shopping Centre, Basingstoke
- **Friday, October 6th** – St Thomas's Square and Newport Minister, Newport, Isle of Wight

The event is **free to attend** and open **between 9.30am to 3pm**, **no appointment is required and people can pop in anytime** during these hours. The events are aimed at anyone with an interest, from older drivers themselves, to friends and relatives.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in August about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PC NORRIS or myself PCSO WILLIAMS directly. If there is no answer then that means we are on a rest day, so either leave us a message or send us an email. And remember if you are telling us about a vehicle, the most useful information you can give us is the registration number. You are our eyes and ears in your community and we value any information you can give us that will help us keep the places where you live safe.

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