

NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report – February 2018

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Hello and welcome to February'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 us, in March 2018 we will be at -

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 10th March at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 11th March at 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 11th March at 11.30am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Friday 16th March at 2pm.

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 26th March at 8am.

Bartley Post Office on Monday 26th March at 9am.

<u>Burglaries:</u> In February there was one residential burglary. A house in Cadnam was broken into and again it happened during the day when the residents were away. There were also 9 non residential burglaries. Two men have been arrested and charged with one of the offences that took place in Copythorne, while the other areas targeted were Winsor where a hedge trimmer was stolen from a stable block, Hill Street at Calmore where a mini trailer and some car batteries were taken from a shed and in Lyndhurst where a garage on Beechen Lane was broken into but nothing was stolen. Two houses on Brockishill Road at Bartley had their sheds broken into and although nothing was stolen from one of the properties, the other saw an expensive bicycle taken. A stable in Cadnam was also targeted and a chainsaw and generator taken.

It was in March last year that there was a series of residential burglaries across the New Forest including several in Ashurst. This week David Adams a 33 year old from Poole was convicted of committing over 100 burglaries in the Forest and further afield. He has admitted to being responsible for some of the burglaries in Ashurst and has been sentenced to 5 years and 4 months in prison.

<u>Theft From Motor Vehicle:</u> 9 vehicles have been broken into in February. This included tools that were stolen from 4 vans that were targeted on the same night in Cadnam. These vans were parked either on the driveways of the owners homes or on the road directly outside. I know it's a lot to ask and can be time consuming but please try and take all of your tools out of your vans overnight. The New Forest car parks where vehicles were broken into this month were Bolderwood, Andrews Mare and Fritham. A van was also stolen while it was parked overnight on the outskirts of Lyndhurst. It has since been recovered in the West Midlands and investigations into who took it are still underway. Another van that was stolen from the outskirts

of Ashurst is still missing. And some number plates were stolen from a car parked at a pub in Copythorne.

Other Incidents of notes: We have had several reports of a man being offensive to people using the woods at the back of Beechen Lane in Lyndhurst. He hasn't been physically aggressive to anyone but he has been seen shouting abuse at people as they walk in the woods with either their dog or on their own. PC NORRIS and I have spent time in the woods looking for the man and the Forestry Commission who are working there at the moment are also keeping an eye out for him. But if you see him please let us know as soon as possible by calling 101, or in an emergency 999. Thank you.

Cash has been taken from a care home in Bartley and eggs have again been stolen from outside a house, this time 18 were taken from a house in Winsor.

10 people have been caught speeding in Lyndhurst, Cadnam and Bramshaw and 3 drivers stopped by Police in Cadnam, Ower and Ashurst have been arrested and charged with drink driving. During February, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 329 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and Lyndhurst Road and 228 of them, so 69%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 228, 95 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police, that's 29 %. One vehicle was travelling at 56 mph on Mill Lane and another was travelling at 50 mph. Meanwhile the Copythorne team monitored 1768 vehicles this month and 996 of them, so 55%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit and 4 of them travelling at 50 mph and over.

I'm still looking for volunteers for the Ashurst and Netley Marsh schemes that are about to start up. If you would like to help reduce the speed of vehicles in and around your community then please contact me at richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.polcie.uk. And it doesn't just have to be Ashurst or Netley Marsh. If you want to set up a scheme where you live then let me know.

Also this month two men were found smoking cannabis in a car parked in Minstead. They have both received cannabis warnings. And another man caught with cannabis on him in Ower has received a fine.

We've had some excellent calls from you in February reporting suspicious people and their vehicles. Please report anything suspicious that you see in your community to 101 or call myself or PC NORRIS directly. Thank you.

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