



# NEW FOREST HEART Monthly Beat Report – June 2017



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**Hello and welcome to June'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.**

### **Beat Surgeries**

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

**Lyndhurst Baptist Church** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.30am.

**St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am.

**Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane in Colbury** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11.45am.

**Bramshaw Village Shop** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 8am.

**Bartley Post Office** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

**Minstead Village Shop** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am.

### **Burglaries**

In June there were 5 residential burglaries. The properties broken into were in Woodlands, Ashurst and Lyndhurst and were all targeted during the day when they were empty. The good news is that two arrests have been made for 3 of the burglaries. Also in June there were 16 non residential burglaries in Cadnam, Winsor, Bank, Bartley, Ashurst, Lyndhurst, Woodlands, Ower and Minstead. This included a break in at the chip shop in Ashurst, but again it has mostly been sheds and outbuildings that have been broken into overnight and power tools, garden machinery and in one case paint were stolen. PC NORRIS and I have been working overnight in June and hope to do the same in July so that we can monitor and disrupt those criminals who target sheds, garages and outbuildings in the early hours.

Of course the improvement in the weather means our homes and out buildings can be even more vulnerable, especially when we are away on holiday. Please have a read through the crime prevention advice below. It's mostly common sense but sometimes we all need a reminder.

- Make your home look like someone is living in it. Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights or a radio on when it becomes dark. Some timers have a built-in random programme to prevent lights coming on at the same time every day. And you can now buy a device that makes it look like your TV is on, it's called faketyv.
- Remember to cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.

- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence from home.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that cover windows and doors or places where people could hide.
- Uncollected mail is a sign that you are away. Ask a neighbour or friend to collect it for you or consider using the Royal Mail Keep Safe service.
- Store valuable documents or items in a safe. Alternatively consider leaving them with a family member, friend or a bank.
- If you normally leave valuable pedal cycles or similar in your shed, consider putting them in the house.
- Make sure that you've locked all windows and doors, and if you have an alarm, use it.
- Consider getting a relative, friend or neighbour to park on your drive if you have one, open and close curtains, collect the post and water the garden.
- Make sure valuable items such as laptops, games consoles, and so on are not on view from outside.
- Property mark belongings with your house number and postcode, keep a list of any makes, models and serial numbers. Take photos of jewellery. Register your items for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Using this service will assist the police in returning property to the rightful owner should it be stolen.
- Make sure that you have up-to-date building and contents insurance and check for any specific requirements relating to security.
- Lock tools and ladders away so that they cannot be used to gain entry to your home.
- Consider fitting PIR or low-level lighting and, where necessary, extra window and door locks.
- Be mindful of what write on social media which could identify you as being away on holiday.

Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property and leave a contact number so they can get in contact with you if anything happens. Don't get them to just look through the window. Ask them to go inside and make the house look lived in.

### **Theft From Motor Vehicle**

There have only been 7 thefts in June, with two of them involving cars left un locked on people's driveways, so please check that your car is secure at all times. The New Forest car parks targeted were Andrews Mare on 2 occasions and Millyford Bridge, although thieves are also breaking into vehicles parked in laybys at the side of the road in the Forest, so please remember to take everything with you. In the other incident some number plates were stolen from a car in Minstead. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July we will once again be joining forces with the New Forest police cadets to visit as many car parks in the Forest as possible. We will be handing out crime prevention advice and leaflets so hopefully we will see some of you then.

## Other Incidents of notes:

Another example of how careful we have to be and an illustration of what people will steal is the theft of a parcel that had been left for the postman to collect from the doorstep of a house in Cadnam. Also it's believed that a dog has been taken from the garden of a house in Winsor, and a baby changing bag has been stolen from a mother's pushchair while she was enjoying a day out at Paultons Park.

In June 10 motorists have been caught speeding, and 3 drivers who were stopped in Ashurst and Lyndhurst have been arrested and charged with being over the drink drive limit. During June, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 170 vehicles travelling in and around the village and 96 of them, so just over 56%, were caught exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Of those 96, 34 vehicles were travelling at more than 35mph and have received warning letters from the Police. Meanwhile the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed 1439 vehicles in June and of those 683, just over 47%, were travelling over the 30mph speed limit. 105 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of over 35mph.

It's the summer and as a result we have seen an increase in wild camping. This is where people pitch a tent on land that isn't designated as an official New Forest campsite. The problem with this type of camping is that it damages the Forest floor and any litter that is left behind can be dangerous to the Forest animals. If you see anyone camping anywhere other than on an official camp site please let the Forestry Commission know. You can call them on 0300 067 4601 or email them on [enquiries.southern@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.southern@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

And finally, thanks to your help a man has been arrested and charged with the robbery at the Bartley Post Office on Chinham Road in Bartley.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in June 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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