



# NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –  
November 2018



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Hello and welcome to November'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 colleagues PC 20127 Steven Norris and PC 2901 Jason Eastwood.

### Beat Surgeries

Please come and meet us, in December 2018 we will be at –

**The Trusty Servant in Minstead** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

**St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am.

**Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane** on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am.

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

**Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

**Bartley Post Office** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

**The Village News at Beaulieu** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9am.

**At Spencers on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am.

**The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst** on 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am.

**Lyndhurst Baptist Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.30am.

Every six months we ask for your help in setting our Policing Priorities, and I would like to thank all of you who took the time to complete our latest survey. The results show that the crimes and issues that you feel affect you the most here in the New Forest are -

- 1- Residential and non-residential burglaries
- 2- Criminal damage
- 3- Vehicle crime, specifically thefts from the car parks in the New Forest.

Almost half of those who completed the survey said they wanted to see more visible Policing so PC NORRIS, PC EASTWOOD and myself will be attempting to spend as much time as possible on foot on our Beats, hopefully you will see more of us. Speeding was also mentioned by many of you and again I would encourage you to join one of the Speed Watch teams that are now operating in the New Forest. They really are helping to slow the traffic in your community down.

If you would like to discuss the findings of the survey in more detail and hear about how we intend to tackle your top three priorities then please email me.

**Burglaries:** No homes have been broken into in November but 23 sheds, garages and other outbuildings have been burgled. The areas targeted this month were Winsor, Bartley, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, Minstead, Bartley, Newbridge, Tatchbury, Copythorne, Lyndhurst, Woodlands, Cadnam Ower and Brook. Again mostly power and garden tools have been stolen but also this month a set of handmade long bows have been stolen from a property at the top of Salisbury Road, some birds have been taken from an aviary in Copythorne and a motorbike is still missing after being stolen from a barn at Brook. If you have any information about the whereabouts of any of these items please let me know.

If you would like advice on how to make your property more secure, the New Forest Heart Neighbourhood Policing team will be holding a crime prevention roadshow in the main car park in Lyndhurst. We will be available to answer as many questions as we can from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The good news this month is that a man has been arrested and charged with committing a non-residential burglary in Minstead and he will be appearing in court next month.

**Theft From Motor Vehicle:** 17 vehicles have been broken into this month in the Whitefield Moor, Puttles Bridge, Knightwood Oak, Fritham, Eyeworth Pond, Beechern Wood and Wilverly Plain car parks. Also another boat has been targeted in the Bucklers Hard area of Beaulieu. Operation KOEMAN is our response to these thefts, and PC NORRIS and myself with the help of Police cadets and Police volunteers, will be spending long periods of time in the New Forest car parks looking for offenders and explaining to drivers that they must take everything with them and that they should never leave anything on display inside their vehicle. Meanwhile a catalytic converter and fuel was stolen from a car parked in the Boltons Bench car park at Lyndhurst.

In other incidents two men have been arrested for being over the drink drive limit, they were stopped in Minstead and at Stoney Cross. Two copper tanks have been stolen from a farm at Beaulieu, 4 car batteries were taken from a car showroom in Brockenhurst, 3 men have been arrested for stealing clothes from a charity bin in Ashurst, bicycles have been stolen from the site of the Ashurst hospital and from outside the Drift public house at Beaulieu Road station and a man has stolen several bottles of spirits from the new Co Op at the Bartley cross roads. Four youths have been dealt with by PC NORRIS for causing damage to the public toilets in the main Lyndhurst car park, and a cannabis grow has been found at a property in Lyndhurst. It has been destroyed and the person responsible for the grow has been arrested and interviewed by the Police and is awaiting a disposal decision.

At the October Copythorne Parish Council meeting I met a member of the Cadnam Community First Responders. If you have a medical emergency and dial 999, the chances are that they will be the first people to arrive. In Cadnam there is a team of five volunteers who spend their free time waiting to help those in need of immediate medical attention. Community First Responders only respond to emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes and because they live in the area they serve they can often start lifesaving treatment before an ambulance arrives. They operate with the full backing of the NHS South Central Ambulance Service and are in need of more volunteers. So if you have a minimum of 20 hours a month that you can give as a Community First Responder then please



email [cadnamcfr@sca-charity.org.uk](mailto:cadnamcfr@sca-charity.org.uk) You really would be helping your local community because you will only be attending incidents within a 5 minute radius of your home.

During November, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 374 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and Lyndhurst Road and 199 of them, so 53%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 374, 74 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph and have received warning letters from the Police. One vehicle was travelling at 60 mph on Mill Lane. The Lyndhurst Speed watch team surveyed various roads throughout the village and monitored 1709 vehicles. Of those 768, so 45%, were travelling over the 30 mph limit. 84 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35mph or more, with one vehicle on Chapel Lane reaching 51 mph.

The Copythorne Speed Watch team went out on 5 surveys in November and monitored 1751 vehicles and 1138 were travelling over the 30 mph limit. 136 drivers will be receiving warning letters from the Police for travelling over 35 mph and three vehicles were found travelling between 50 and 60 mph.

The Beaulieu Speed watch team went out twice in November and in the two hours they spent on Palace Lane they recorded 58 vehicles travelling at 35mph or over. The Ashurst team also went out twice in November and found 17 vehicles travelling at over 35 mph on Woodlands Road and Whartons Lane.

Finally, crime increases at this time of the year. People see Christmas, and the build up to it, as an opportunity to steal from our homes, gardens, cars, bank accounts and so on. Please have a look at the advice below that has been provide by Hampshire Constabulary in the hope that it will keep you safe this Christmas.



- Avoid leaving shopping and presents in your vehicle. If you have to, keep them out of sight and not on display. Don't hide them under coats or blankets.
- Make sure your handbag is closed or your wallet is in an inside pocket.
- Don't leave a handbag or purse unattended in a trolley, even if it's only for a couple of seconds.
- Keep the PIN for your bank cards confidential, and shield your card whenever entering your PIN at a terminal and don't carry large amounts of cash around with you.



- If you see someone suspicious hanging around cancel the transaction and use another cashpoint.

- Before inserting your card have a look at the machine to make sure it looks normal and hasn't been tampered with.
- When entering your PIN number make sure you shield the numbers by covering the keypad with your hand. Make sure that others around you can't see you entering your PIN.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and put your money and your card away safely before leaving the machine.



- Leave it until the last minute to put Christmas presents under the tree and don't leave them so that they can be seen from the outside through a window.
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home.
- Empty boxes left outside the house can advertise that you have nice new valuable goods inside. Dispose of all packaging carefully by breaking it down before putting it in the bin.
- If you are buying or receiving valuable gifts register them for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Doing this can help the police return your property to you should it be stolen.



- Drink sensibly and stay with your friends.
- Plan how you are getting home in advance.
- Save the number of a licensed taxi firm in your mobile telephone. Always check the driver's identification and never get into an unlicensed taxi.
- Don't accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended.
- If there's trouble while you're out stay well clear of it.
- Whether you are male or female, avoid walking alone and never take short cuts through dark alleys or large open spaces.
- Keep your belongings with you and your valuables out of sight. Never leave your bag hanging over a chair and don't leave any other personal items unattended.
- Don't drink and drive. And remember you may still be over the limit the morning after a big night out.



- Consider where your deliveries will be left, don't ask for parcels to be left on doorsteps, in porches or behind bins.

- Think about what you write on social media about what you have been buying and where you are going. Be careful not to advertise that you are out partying or that you are away for Christmas.
- When shopping on line, or using a website where you need to enter your personal details, make sure the site is secure. Look for the padlock being displayed in the browser and that the web address starts with https.
- Remember that financial institutions will never ask for your online banking details by email, and they will never ask you to give them your PIN.

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

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and crime free New Year.

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