



NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
March 2019



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Hello and welcome to March'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 April 2019 we will be at –

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 15th April at 8am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Monday 15th April at 10am.

Bartley Post Office on Monday 15th April at 11am.

The Trusty Servant in Minstead on Saturday 20th April at 4pm.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 21st April at 10.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 21st April at 11.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 21st April at midday

Village News at Beaulieu on Saturday 27th April at 9am.

Outside SPENCERS on Brookley Road at Brockenhurst on Saturday 27th April at 11am.

Burglaries: 2 homes have been burgled this month. The owners of the house in Ashurst were at work when someone went in through the back door and stole several items of jewellery. If you live in the ASH Road area of Ashurst and saw anything on 6th March 2019 that might help us with our enquiries, please call 101 and quote the crime number 44190079756. The other home targeted was on Loperwood Lane and thieves broke in during the day on 28th March and again please let us know if you have any information that can help with our enquiries, the crime number is 44190107953.

The series of break ins to sheds and other out buildings continues, with 20 attacked in March. 4 outbuildings were targeted on one night in Newbridge with the other areas affected being Lyndhurst, Woodlands, Netley Marsh, Lyndhurst, Winsor, Buckers Hard and Beaulieu. The allotments at Ashurst have also been targeted this month with many of the shed doors forced open and some tools stolen.

Of course these stolen tools are being sold on somewhere or they wouldn't be stolen in the first place. If you are offered a "bargain" then please let us know because if people stop buying stolen property then the thieves might just stop stealing. Also our County watch Team and the British Horse Society are holding a crime prevention event on Thursday 4th April between 6.30pm and 9.30pm at the Linden Hall in the Lyndhurst Community Centre. There will be a host of specialists on hand to give you the best advice on how to make your sheds, stables and other outbuildings as secure as possible.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: This month 15 vehicles have been broken into the New Forest Heart area. Millyford Bridge, Telegraph Hill, Highland Water, Fritham, Brock Hill, Eyeworth Pond, Puttles Bridge and Bolderwood being the car parks targeted. Can I ask again please that if you have people visiting you this Easter that you explain that they need to make sure they take everything valuable with them when they park their car in the Forest and remind them not to leave anything in the boot too because you never know who is watching. Cars parked in hotels at Stoney Cross and Rhinefield have also been broken into.

A car has also been stolen this month from a driveway in Ower. It has been recovered but the owner thinks they might have left the keys in the ignition.

8 separate thefts were reported to Police on the same day by students at Brockenhurst College. The good news is that arrests have already been made.

In other incidents horse rugs have been stolen from fields in Bramshaw and Lyndhurst, the wheels of a bicycle and a helmet were taken from Lyndhurst High Street, the post box has been stolen from Fritham and a mobile phone was taken from the bag of a visitor to Paultons Park. As an example of how there are some people who will steal anything, toilet roll has been taken from a cupboard that was forced open in St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst. 6 hanging baskets from outside a pub in Arters Lawn and copper from a garden in Clay Hill at Lyndhurst have also been stolen. Also this month a man was arrested and charged in the Ower area for driving his car whilst under the influence of drugs.

Another scam has been used in the Forest this month. Two people have become victims after being called by someone claiming to be from their bank. The victims were told that they were due to receive a new bank card and during the conversation the victim gave the caller his PIN code. Someone then went to the victims house and collected the card, swapping it for an envelope which felt like it had a new bank card inside it

Of course it wasn't a new bank card in the envelope at all, and before the victim could stop his old card from being used the thieves had stolen £500 from this victim and over £1000 from another victim.

Please remember that banks will never behave like this, they will never ask you for your PIN code and they will never send a courier to collect your old bank card. Please tell as many people as possible about his scam and if it happens to you or someone you know call the Police immediately. After Easter I am looking to visit as many of the more vulnerable people in our community to talk to them about being scammed and about how best to stop it. So if you know someone who would benefit from a visit and a chat then please email me at richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

During March the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 1087 vehicles and of those 523, so 48%, were travelling over the 30 mph limit. 107 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more, with one vehicle on Chapel Lane reaching 55 mph.

Also during March, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 535 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and 304 of the, so 57%, were exceeding the 30 mph limit. Of those 304, 71 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. One vehicle was travelling at 51 mph.

We are now allowed to survey 40 mph roads and the Minstead team managed to survey the C17 (Stoney Cross Road) in March and monitored 297 vehicles of which 118, 40%, were travelling above 40 mph and of those 118, 24 were travelling above the 46 mph limit and will receive warning letters from the Police. One vehicle was recorded travelling at 65 mph.

Did you know that you can now follow us on Twitter, just search for NewForestCops.

Please keep calling us if you see anything suspicious where you live and remember if you want to tell us about a vehicle then the most important information is the registration number.

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