



NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
October 2019



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Hello and welcome to October'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 November 2019 we will be at –

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 3rd November at 11.30am.

East Boldre Post Office on Saturday 9th November at 9am.

Outside SPENCERS on Brookley Road at Brockenhurst on Saturday 9th November at 11am.

Bramshaw Village Shop on Tuesday 12th November at 8am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Tuesday 12th November at 10am.

Bartley Post Office on Tuesday 12th November at 11am.

Community Café in Minstead Church on Thursday 21st November at 2pm

The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the New Forest Heritage Centre in Lyndhurst on Sunday 24th November at 10am.

Lyndhurst Roman Catholic Church on Empress Road on Sunday 24th November at 10.00am

Lyndhurst Baptist Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 24th November at midday

We are also holding an on line Beat Surgery on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm. You can join in and ask your questions by visiting our Facebook page, New Forest Heart Cops.

Burglaries: No homes have been burgled in October but 11 outbuildings have been broken into and garden tools, power tools and a whacker plate stolen. The areas targeted were Exbury, Minstead, Emery Down, Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, Netley Marsh, Brockenhurst, Brook, Bucklers Hard and Cadnam.



Now that British Summer Time is over it is even more important for us to protect our homes because an empty house is much easier for a burglar to spot in the dark. So here's some advice

- Leave lights on to make your home look occupied
- Invest in timers that will automatic switch lamps and devices on and off
- Gadgets are available that turn your main lights on and off
- Help lower your bills with energy saving bulbs
- Thieves target homes that look empty
- Shut and lock all windows and doors when going out
- Only tell people you trust when going away
- Now you've protected your home, share our advice with family and friends

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 10 vehicles have been broken into the New Forest Heart area in October. The Forest car parks involved were Fritham, Andrews Mare, Ocknell Plain, Eyeworth Pond and Puttles Bridge. One of the reports to police said that **“someone has smashed my car window and have stolen her bag which was on the seat of the car”**. I know I go on and on about it but please tell people that unfortunately if valuables are left on display they could get stolen. Vehicles parked on the roadside in Minstead, Ashurst, Emery Down and Brockenhurst were also targeted. One had its number plates stolen while another had its exhaust removed in an attempt to steal the catalytic convertor. Luckily the thieves were disturbed and left empty handed.

Meanwhile a van stolen from outside an address in Lyndhurst has been found and returned to its owner but a tractor taken from the Bramshaw Golf Club is still missing.

Also this month a safe has been stolen from a hotel in Woodlands, several statues and sculptures have gone from a house in Minstead, gin was stolen from a garage in Sway and 2 people have been arrested after the Tesco in Brockenhurst was broken into in the early hours of Tuesday 1st October. In other incidents, a large amount of scrap metal has been stolen from a garden in Ashurst and several fake £50 notes have been used across the New Forest. I'm pleased to say that most people recognised that they were fakes and didn't part with any money. If you are someone who works with money, the Bank of England website has some really good advice on how to spot a fake note. Also this month a five bar gate was damaged in Brook and a caravan being stored on a site in Cadnam had its windows broken and some of its metal trim removed.

During October the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 771 vehicles and of those 429, so 55 %, were travelling over the 30 mph limit. 84 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 51 mph.

The Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 565 vehicles travelling along the Stoney Cross Road (C17) and 211 of them, so 37%, were exceeding the 40 mph speed limit. Of those 211, 69 vehicles were travelling at 46 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. One vehicle was recorded at 61 mph. The Speed Watch team in Minstead also monitored 175 vehicles travelling along the Mill Lane, Blackwater (U139) and 104 of them, so 59%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 104, 29 vehicles were travelling at 35

mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. One vehicle was recorded at 49 mph.

October was a somewhat wet month which hampered the Copythorne Speed Watch Team. However, they were able to go out on 4 surveys in both 30 & 40 mph areas. 1317 vehicles were surveyed with 739 travelling over the speed limit. The highest recorded speed in a 30 mph area was 56 mph !!!!

In total, the Police have sent out 124 letters to vehicle owners for offences in October. It's also worth noting that there are fewer speeding vehicles in the 40 mph areas, just 18 during the 1.5 hour survey.

Please like and share out new Facebook page. It's an excellent way for us to keep you up to date with what we do and for us to be able to pass on important information to you immediately. You can find us on Facebook at **NEW FOREST HEART COPS**.

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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