



# NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –  
February 2020



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Hello and welcome to February'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, PC 2901 Jason Eastwood and PCSO 14215 Vicki Pressey.

### Beat Surgeries

**At 7pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March join us at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst for our latest POLICING IN YOUR COMMUNITY meeting. Police Inspector Helen Andrews will give you an update on policing in the New Forest and there will also be an opportunity to ask her questions. We will be giving out details on how to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area and a vulnerability manager from one of the major utility companies will be talking about the SCAMS that are still doing the rounds and handing out some excellent advice. The meeting will last for about an hour and a half and tea and coffee will be available. See you there.**

Also in March the New Forest Heart Cops in be at –

**Bramshaw Village Shop** on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8am.

**Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop** on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am.

**Bartley Post Office** on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am.

**East Boldre Post Office** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

**Outside SPENCERS on Brookley Road at Brockenhurst** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am.

**Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane** on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

**The Community café in Minstead Church** on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm.

**The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the New Forest Heritage Centre in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am.

**Lyndhurst Roman Catholic Church** on Empress Road on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.00am

**Lyndhurst Baptist Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at midday

**We will also be holding an online Beat Surgery at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Just go to our Facebook page NEW FOREST HEART COPS and you'll be able to ask us questions without leaving the house.**

**Burglaries:** One home has been broken into in February. Thieves got into the conservatory of a house in Brockenhurst but failed to break their way into the main house and nothing appears to have been stolen. The burglary happened between 5pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and 1.30pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February and if you have any information that might help us contact us via 101 and quote the crime number 4200058875.

At 2.55am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> a car workshop in Ashurst was broken into. Again if you have any information the crime number to quote when you call is 44200059518. And the clubhouse at Paultons Cricket Club has been broken into and the till stolen. It was empty though so the thieves didn't get away with anything.

16 outbuildings have been targeted, although nothing was stolen from most of them. That is largely down to the excellent security measures they had in place which again highlights the importance of checking your sheds and garages and seeing if there is anything you can do to make them less "attractive" to a thief. Below is our **Home Security Survey Checklist** and by working through it you will be able to identify where you need to take some action. When carrying out remedial action you should start from the furthest point outside your property and work inwards, it's a process called the "Onion Peeling Method". This is the way that most burglars see your property.

Tick the appropriate answer to the questions listed on the form below. Where you tick NO you should consider taking steps to reduce the risks

**REMEMBER** when considering any home security measures you must always give priority to fire escape needs. And please dispose of this survey securely once completed.

<b>PERIMETER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Is your front fence, wall or hedge, low enough to allow passers-by a clear view of the front of your home?			
Do you have a rear fence/wall or hedge? Would a fit person find it difficult to climb over your rear fence? (Consider a trellis topping to a fence/wall or planting prickly hedge).			

<b>GARDEN</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
If you have a gate leading from the front of your home to the rear garden is it locked?			
If you have a garden shed is it kept locked with good locks at the top and bottom of the door?			
Are shed windows covered with a net curtain or similar so you cannot see in?			
Have you removed any tools or scrap materials from your garden which may assist a burglar to break in?			
Are any valuable plants or ornaments post-coded or photographed?			

<b>THE SHELL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Do you have external lighting round the whole exterior of the home?			
Is your exterior lighting activated by a day/night sensor?			
Do you have lighting covering the front and back doors?			

Are your doors fitted with at least 5 lever mortice locks that have the BS 3621 Kite mark on, or a multi- point locking system?			
If you are not able to fit in a 5 lever mortice lock are your rim locks (Yale type) fitted with a deadlock facility?			
Do you have a door chain/door bar fitted to the main door? (For fire safety reasons these should only be used when answering the door)			
Do you have a door viewer fitted?			
Do you have window locks on all opening ground floor windows and upper floor windows that are accessible (except those needed for fire escape)?			
Are any patio doors fitted with anti-lift devices and patio door locks?			
If you have a PVCU multi-point locking door, do you lock it using the deadlock?			
Do you have an alarm fitted?			

If you have any further questions about making your property more secure then please email [richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) The properties targeted this month were in Brook, Minstead, Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Woodlands, Netley Marsh, Bramshaw and Ower. Exbury Gardens has also been broken into this month but the thieves were disturbed before they could steal anything.

**Theft From Motor Vehicle:** There have been 12 thefts from cars and vans this month, but only two were parked in New Forest car parks, they were Fritham and Boltons Bench. The others were parked either on driveways or on the roadside in Ashurst, Minstead, and Lyndhurst. Another van parked in the hotel on the A31 at Stoney Cross has also been broken into.

In other incidents a motorbike was stolen from the car park of Tatchbury Mount hospital site but was later recovered only a few hundred yards away, the flashing lights have been taken from the cones on the roadworks on the A36 at Ower, shoplifters have stolen meat from the Co Op in Lyndhurst and the Tesco express in Brockenhurst, a sheet of aluminium has been taken from a property in Cadnam and a man stopped in Ower has been arrested for driving his car whilst under the influence of drugs. There has also been a lot of criminal damage to the village hall, telephone box, allotments and a couple of road signs in East Boldre. If you have any idea who is responsible for any of this damage then please let us know.

During an overnight operation carried out by New Forest Heart Cops this month we arrested a wanted male, who was driving an uninsured car while being over the legal alcohol limit. He was recalled to prison and his vehicle was seized.

During February our Speed watch teams have been out surveying traffic, although the weather has meant that they haven't gone out as much as they would have liked. As the weather improves though expect to see the teams in Ashurst, Copythorne, Beaulieu and on the Roger Penny Way much much more. The Lyndhurst team monitored 1005 vehicles in February and of those 505, so 50%, were travelling over the 30mph limit. 97 drivers will be receiving warning letters from the Police. The top speed recorded was 50mph outside the Small School on Southampton Road. In Minstead 654 vehicles were surveyed on the Stoney Cross Road (C17) and 219 of them, 33%, were going over the 40mph limit. 42 drivers will be receiving warning letters and the top speed recorded was 64mph !!!!

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