

Monthly Beat Report – February 2021

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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 colleague PC 20127 Steven Norris and we are responsible for Lyndhurst and the North of the Forest.

PC 2901 Jason Eastwood and PCSO 14215 Vicki Pressey take care of the Forest south of Lyndhurst.

Again at the time of writing this report we are all still part of the NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN and by now we should all be fully aware of what we can and cannot do. The latest information from the Government is promising and the end of the pandemic does appear to be insight BUT we all have to keep working together to make sure that we go forwards and not backwards. Fines have been issued to people visiting the New Forest on non-essential journeys and this type of enforcement will continue until the latest restrictions are lifted.

Please read the latest Government guidelines on their website (www.gov.uk). Thank you

## **Beat Surgeries**

We will be holding three more of our SAFE AT HOME EVENTS in March 2021. If you, or someone you know, needs our help and it is easier to visit us in person we will be

outside the CO OP in ASHURST at 11am on Wednesday 3rd March 2021

outside the CO OP in LYNDHURST at 10am on Saturday 13th March 2021

and outside the BARTLEY POST OFFICE at 10am on Wednesday 24th March 2021

Ashurst has been targeted by thieves on two separate nights this month with five garages and sheds on Foxhills Close and Knellers Lane broken into between 7 and 8am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The good news is that someone was arrested at the time of these burglaries and an investigation is well underway.

Earlier in the month, again in Ashurst two sheds were broken into as well as 10 vehicles on the same night, although it is believed that most if not all of the cars targeted had been left unlocked on their owners driveways. From the CCTV we have viewed from many of the residential cameras in Ashurst, it seems that the thieves have simply walked up and down several roads in the village trying car door handles and have stolen loose change and other small items from the ones they found unlocked.

A van parked on a driveway on Peterscroft Avenue in Ashurst was also broken into and thousands of pounds worth of tools taken.

Other outbuildings broken into this month were in Minstead, Lyndhurst, Brook, Bramshaw and Brockenhurst, and vans parked in Cadnam and Ower were also targeted and again tools were stolen.

If you would like a copy of our home security check list please email me on the details below. The advice is mostly all common sense but its good to make sure that you are doing all you can.

Three vehicles have also been stolen in February, one from Brockenhurst and the other two from Ashurst. All three have been recovered. One person has been arrested for one of the thefts and investigations into who stole the other two are ongoing.

Don't forget you can contact any of us on the New Forest Heart Police team on the details below but please use 999, 101 or the on line reporting page on the Hampshire Police website to record crimes or incidents of anti-social behaviour

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