

## NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report – March 2021

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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 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.

Once again, at the time of writing, we are still under COVID-19 restrictions. The best way to keep up to date with all the latest news on the Government's roadmap out of lockdown is to read the latest on their website (www.gov.uk). Thank you

Several fines were issued to those breaking the COVID-19 regulations in March. They included a family of four who had driven to Boltons Bench from Dorset, a professional hairdresser who was still working from home in Woodlands, a man who had driven from Dorset to Hythe to visit his family and another two familes who had driven from Poole to go for a walk at Denny Wood and the Canadian War Memorial.

## **Beat Surgeries**

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

outside the COMMUNITY CENTRE in LYDHURST at 3pm on Tuesday 6th April 2021

outside the CO OP in ASHURST at 10am on Wednesday 21st April 2021

and outside the BARTLEY POST OFFICE at 2pm on Friday 30th April 2021

Seven sheds, garages and outbuildings were broken into during March with Bramshaw, Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Bartley, Fletchwood Lane and Emery Down the areas targeted. At one property, a Quad bike and other high value items were stolen, and at the other addresses tools, a lawnmower and expensive bicycles were taken.

A man has been arrested and charged with stealing a Quad bike from a house in Ashurst. The Quad bike has also been returned to the owner.

Thirteen vehicles were broken into last month, with the two car parks targeted being Wilverly Inclosure and the one attached to the Premier Inn at Ower where three vans were attacked on the same night. Other vehicles that had various items stolen, including two catalytic converters

and a spare wheel, were parked on the roadside in Bartley, Minstead, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Cadnam and Ashurst.

After receiving reports of a man attempting to get undressed and acting suspiciously in the woods between Ashurst and Lyndhurst, just after 8.30am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March we detained a 49 year old man from Bournemouth and he has been reported for summons to court for being in possession of an offensive weapon.

In other incidents, criminal damage was caused to the back window of a car parked in Bartley, probably by a catapult, six people have been found smoking cannabis in Ashurst and Brockenhurst, the kebab van in the layby at Bartley crossroads was broken into and garden furniture was taken from a house in Lyndhurst. Also in Lyndhurst a leaf blower was stolen from outside the fire station while work was being carried in the garden at the back, and a fire fighter has his car window smashed outside another New Forest station while he was on a job. A tender was also stolen in March from a boat in Beaulieu, and two bus shelters in Lyndhurst were deliberately damaged and investigations to identify those responsible are still active.

March has also seen an increase in the number of motorbikes being ridden off road on the Forest floor. The most popular locations have been Beaulieu Heath, Hatchet Pond, the Marchwood and Dibden Inclosures and Cadmans Pool. If you see anyone using a vehicle off road in the Forest and you can get a registration number, photograph or video of the offence then let us know. With this evidence we can issue section 59 warnings to the offenders which can then lead to their vehicles being seized and crushed. But please don't put yourselves at risk when collecting that evidence. Please send the details to PCSO 14495 Richard Williams. Thank you.

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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