



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the April 2022 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team in the North of the Forest is PC 25169 Carl PEVERILL and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In May come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our Beat area. If you have any questions for us we will be outside the VISITORS CENTRE in the main car park at LYNDHURST at 4pm on Saturday 14th May, then you'll find us at the POST OFFICE in the HAPPY CHEESE in ASHURST at 11am on Thursday 26th May, at BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES at 8am on Monday 23rd May and then at 9am on the same day but at the BARTLEY POST OFFICE.

We will also be in the DEERLEAP INCLOSURE car park from 10am on Sunday 8th May where we will be supporting our colleagues at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and New Forest District Council at their RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP event, perhaps we will see you there.

On Good Friday we launched this year's OPERATION KOEMAN – this is where we target the areas most vulnerable to car crime and carry out high visibility patrols giving out crime prevention advice that you **MUST** take all of your valuables with you when you leave your vehicle unattended. And **DON'T HIDE** anything in the boot either because you never know who is watching. These OP KOEMAN patrols have seen this type of crime reduce by over a third in the last 5 years and this year we will be incorporating bicycle theft into these patrols. The message is never leave your bicycle unattended, take it with you if you can, if you have to take it with you remove a wheel or the saddle, and take an up to date photograph of it and record the serial number. Thieves are targeting high value bikes, especially the electric ones and locking them up on its own isn't enough. For instance last week thieves took a bike that was locked to the roof of a car that was parked on a driveway behind a closed and locked gate while the owners were at home. Please do what you can to keep your property safe.

This month has seen an increase in these thefts. Two expensive bikes have been stolen from either end of Woodlands Road and four electric bikes have been taken during break ins to sheds and garages in Lyndhurst and Cadnam. Two were stolen from Ashurst Campsite and a £3,500 gravel bike was taken from the Hollands Wood Campsite. Other bikes have been stolen from hotel car parks in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst as well as from sheds in both villages.

Overnight from Tuesday 26th April to Wednesday 27th April a house on Garden Close in Lyndhurst was broken into and a handbag and distinctive clock were stolen. We are still waiting to get a photograph of the clock but if you are offered one or have any other information that might help us identify those responsible then contact us on 101 and quote the crime number 44220164007.

Meanwhile 18 vehicles have been broken into this month while they were parked in Fritham, Bramshaw Wood and Puttles Bridge car parks and from the roadside in Beaulieu, Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Ower, Bramshaw and Cadnam. A catalytic converter was cut off a car in Ower and fuel was stolen from two lorries parked in a layby on the A31.

In total eleven outbuildings have been burgled in April in Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Minstead, Cadnam, Brook and Brockenhurst with power tools and garden machinery stolen. The Forestry England depot just outside Lyndhurst and a contractors shed at Bartley School have also been broken into.

Also this month copper has been stolen from the roof of St Peters church in Bramshaw, the Speed Indication Device (SID) was damaged and then taken from its post on the Southampton Road at Lyndhurst and a car was stolen from the driveway of a house in Brockenhurst.

Two unexploded World War Two bombs have been found by people out walking in the Forest this month. The first was in the woods behind the Hawkhill Inclosure and the second was just outside the Pig Bush car park. If you ever find anything that you think might be might be an unexploded shell or bomb then make a note of where you are and call Police immediately. We will let the military's bomb squad know what has been found and they will come and deal with it. The best way to pinpoint exactly where you are is by using the What3Words app. Whatever you do don't go digging around it, just leave it alone, make a note of where you are and call us.

Finally after 13 years as the Beat Officer for Beaulieu, Brockenhurst and New Forest Heart South, PC 2901 Jason EASTWOOD has left the New Forest Heart Cops team. Jason is starting a new role as a Professional Development Assessment Officer where he will be mentoring the latest recruits joining Hampshire Constabulary. Jason has made a real difference to the New Forest during his 13 years on the Beat and leaves it a much safer place for us all to live and work and we wish him all the very best in his new post.

Remember if you need Police assistance in an emergency always call 999, to report a crime or incident of anti-social behaviour that has already happened call 101 or use the online reporting section of the Hampshire Police website. If you would like to contact the New Forest Heart Cops team directly with any questions or queries please use the details below

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