

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

Because of annual leave and other operational commitments the only Beat Surgeries we will be holding in August will be on Wednesday 24th August at 2pm at the Bramshaw Village Stores and at 3pm outside the Bartley Post Office. On Saturday 27th August we will be outside the Community Centre in the main car park at Lyndhurst at 10am.

The number of bicycle thefts in July is ten, with none stolen from the New Forest's campsites. Those that have been taken have gone from sheds and garages in Lyndhurst, outside Brockenhurst train station, a pub in the village and also the war memorial. One was also stolen from the roof rack of a car parked at a hotel in Brook. Thanks to everyone that attended one of our bike marking sessions and thanks to all of you who are spreading the word that the best advice is to never leave your bicycle unattended even if it is locked.

After a burglary at a bike shop in Brockenhurst earlier this month two 16 year old boys were arrested and have since been released while investigations continue. One of the boys who is from Andover was arrested after a short foot chance at the scene, while the other boy, who is from Totton, was later found in undergrowth near Ashurst campsite by a police dog.

Eight sheds and outbuildings in Lyndhurst, East Boldre and Copythorne have been broken into and as well as the bikes that were stolen some more power tools and garden equipment were also taken. These breakins include those to a container on the site of a property that is being re developed and to a building site both in Emery Down.

Other thefts this month include a large number of tools from a storage container at a hotel in Brockenhurst and from the Paultons Golf Centre, beer and soft drinks from a pub in Brockenhurst and scrap metal from a house being renovated in Ashurst

A motorbike was taken from a yard in bank, garden ornaments have been stolen from a home in Lyndhurst and while the site was being prepared in Brockenhurst for the New Forest Show a large amount of copper cabling was stolen and then stripped in the Bratley View car park. Two cars have also been stolen overnight from roads in Ashurst.

Cars parked in the Ivy Wood, Bratley View, Bramshaw Wood and James Hill car parks have been broken into in July as well as a car parked in a pub car park at Cadnam. A wheel has also been stolen from a car parked in Lyndhurst and two cars left on a gravel track at Cadam while their owners went for a walk have also had bags stolen from inside.

Six catalytic converter has been stolen this month, one was cut off a camper van that was parked on a driveway in Cadnam and the other from a car parked at the New Forest Wildlife Park on Dearleap Lane. Four were stolen from the car park at Paultons Park on the same day.

Another three drivers have been issued with section 59 warning for driving on the Forest floor and doing stunts in the car park at Beaulieu Aerodrome. This means that should they or their vehicles be seen to be taking part in such activity or behaviour again, then we have the power to seize the vehicle.

This month's OP MOUNTIE session was held on Wednesday 6th July. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing the speed of traffic and animal deaths across the New Forest but especially on the Roger Penny Way. This month three drivers were given tickets for travelling at 51, 52 and 61mph on Northgate lane opposite the Kings Hat car park. That site was chosen because two ponies died after being hit by a car and a motorbike during the previous 7 days. During the day though it was noticeable that most drivers were sticking to the speed limit so thank you.

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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