

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

In September come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our area. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will be at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese Pub in Ashurst from 11am, then the following day, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and then at the Bartley Post Office at 10am.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September you can join us at the Open Door Community Café in the church at Minstead from 2pm and then on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September come and meet us at St Michael's Church in Lyndhurst, we will be there at the end of the service at approximately 10.30.

In August twelve bicycles were stolen. The three taken from the Ashurst campsite at the beginning of the month were the first to be stolen from there in over six weeks which is thanks largely to the crime prevention work carried out by you and the staff at that and the other campsites across the Forest, So thank you. However the holiday season isn't over yet so please keep up the good work and tell everyone you know that if they are bringing their bicycle to the Forest they should not leave it unattended and if they have to then suggest they take a wheel or the saddle or both with them. Thieves will cut locks off bikes in broad daylight so please make sure you look after yours and make it as difficult as possible for thieves to steal it.

Other bikes stolen this month were taken from the front garden of a house in Ashurst, outside the Lyndhurst Fire station and from pub gardens in Brockenhurst and Emery Down.

Two men have been arrested and released under investigation in relation to a report of a burglary at an address on Shrubbs Hill in Lyndhurst. The incident took place in the early hours of Monday 29 August. If you have any information, please call us on 101 and quote the crime reference number 44220351139.

Thirteen outbuilding have been broken into this month in Emery Down, Winsor, Minstead, Bartley, Woodlands, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst and Cadnam. As usual power tools, bicycles and garden machinery have been stolen. At one of the break-ins the offenders were disturbed because the CCTV the residents had installed had an alarm that sent a signal to their mobile telephone. If you are planning to buy some CCTV it is worth looking at the cameras that not only record what is happening but also alert you to the fact that someone is on your property. An intruder was also disturbed during a burglary at a restaurant in Brockenhurst and he left empty handed.

Other thefts this month include one catalytic converter taken from a car parked in Lyndhurst, a disabled badge from a car at the Beaulieu Motor Museum and number plates from a car in Cadnam. Lead was also stolen from a house in Minstead, as were two cast iron jardinières from a garden in Cadnam and camping equipment from the awning of a caravan at the Roundhill camp site.

Eleven vehicles have been broken into that were parked on driveways and on the roadside in Brockenhurst, Bolderwood, Woodlands, Bramsahw and Ashurst, and Bratley View and Shepherds Gutter were the New Forest car parks targeted last month.

Several cars parked on Empress Road in Lyndhurst were scratched on the same night in August and all of them appear to have been damaged by the same person or group of people. If you have any information that might us help us identify who has caused the damage then please email Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

This month's OP MOUNTIE session took place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August, the last Bank holiday of the summer. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest and this month, with our partners at Forestry England and on the New Forest Roads Awareness team, we held sessions at Kings Hat on the road between Ipley crossroads and Beaulieu, Crockford Clump between Hatchet Pond and Lymington and on Roger Penny Way. One driver was reported for driving a vehicle without a valid licence, having no insurance and for taking a vehicle without consent. Several drivers were stopped and given educational advice for exceeding the limit but no one was reported for recording speeds over 50mph. Thankfully the vast majority of drivers stuck to the speed limit for which we are all very grateful, together we can make the Forest's roads safer for everyone.

Finally graffiti has been drawn on the noticeboard outside the Copythorne Community Centre and a car parked by the Ashurst train station had its rear window smashed for no apparent reason while the owner was walking in the Forest.

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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