

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

In October come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our area. At 11am on Tuesday 11th October we will be at the weekly Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst and then on the following day, Wednesday 12th October, you will find us at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and at the Bartley Post Office at 9am. On Thursday 20th October we will be at the Open Door café in Minstead Church from 2pm and on Sunday 23rd join us at approximately 10.30am at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst. At these last two meetings we will have specific information about Hate Crime Awareness Week so if you have any specific questions about this subject then please join us at one of those sessions. All of our Beat Surgeries give you the opportunity to meet your local Police team and to talk to us about the issues and problems that you are having in your community. But 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 about anything please use the details below.

A house on Woodlands Road was burgled while the owners were on holiday in September. Jewellery was stolen sometime between 2nd and 9th of the month. If you live in the area of Woodlands Road by the bend that takes you towards the Gamekeeper pub from Netley Marsh and saw anything suspicious or have CCTV that covers the area please let us know by calling 101 and quoting the crime number 44220367431.

Also, an unsuccessful attempt was made to break into the Bramshaw Village Stores in the early hours of Saturday 17th September. CCTV is limited in that area but if you have some can you see if it shows anything suspicious in the area. It's also a busy road through the village so if you saw anything unusual again please let us know by calling 101 and quoting the crime number 44220379109.

Twelve sheds, garages and outbuildings have been broken into this month including several containers on a utilities site at Ower and a stable block in Emery Down where £15,000 worth of livery were stolen. Bikes were taken from a shed, garage, summer house and greenhouse in Brockenhurst and attempts were made at other properties in Ashurst, Lyndhurst, Woodlands, Penn Common, Minstead and Bramshaw. Also in Bramshaw a motorhome was stolen off the driveway of a house in the middle of the night. The home owner went out to challenge the thieves and was punched by one of them, breaking his nose.

Other thefts this month include a mini digger from a compound in Exbury, two bicycles from outside two different pubs in Brockenhurst, a flatbed truck from outside a house at Cadnam and a roller from Woodlands. Two motorbikes have also stolen one from a house in Brockenhurst and the other from Brockenhurst train station.

Vehicles broken into during September were parked on the road in Brockenhurst, Newbridge and Cadnam and in pub and restaurant car parks in Copythorne and Emery Down. There has been a rise in the number of cars targeted in New Forest car parks with Fritham, Whitefield Moor, Knightwood Oak, Shatterford, Denny Wood, James Hill, Hichelsea and Wilverley Pit the car parks affected. We are planning more of our proactive patrols of the car parks in response to this increase and remember if you would like one of our NO VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE cards email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Two cars parked at a pub in Swan Green just outside Lyndhurst also had their catalytic converters stolen on the same night and another catalytic converter was cut off a car parked at Paultons Park.

Two cars parked on different roads in Ashurst had their windscreens smashed on the same night and for no apparent reason and also in September a house in Lyndhurst was egged by three young people. So can we please ask you to talk to your children about what not to do, especially at this time of year. Other things we would ask you to consider in and around Halloween night are

- Make sure that your children go out in a group accompanied by an adult,
- Carry a torch and mobile telephone with you
- Consider road safety at all times
- Remind your children NOT to enter anyone's house or accept lifts from strangers and ask them to look out for our NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE signs and respect those people's wishes. And please be respectful of other people's property. If someone doesn't answer the door, playing a trick on them could get children into trouble and could be a criminal offence.

If you would like one of our NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE posters then again email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

We've had more reports of a naked man walking in the woods that run parallel to the A35 between Lyndhurst and Ashurst. We've been looking for him and carrying out reassurance patrols but if you see him don't approach him, call us immediately.

During August and September combined, the Copythorne Community Speed Watch Team went out on survey for a total of 14 hours in the Cadnam/Copythorne area. They monitored a total of almost 3,000 vehicles. Fortunately, the majority were observing the 30 Mph speed limit but a total of 421 drivers were driving too fast so will have a letter from the Police reminding them to observe the speed limit. It should be noted that 7 drivers were observed driving in excess of 50 Mph and they can expect direct Police contact and the driver doing 84 Mph was seen by a traffic Police Officer about their reckless driving. Observing speed limits helps save lives.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in September about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. Please keep those calls coming. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PCSO WILLIAMS directly. If there is no answer then that means he is on a rest day, so either leave a message or send an email. And remember if you are telling us about a vehicle, the most useful information you can give us is the registration number. You are our eyes and ears in your community and we value any information you can give us that will help us keep the places where you live safe.

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