



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

In November come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our area. At 8am on Monday 7th November we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores and then at 9am on the same day we will be at the Bartley Post Office. The next day, Tuesday 8th November at 11am we will be at the weekly Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst, on Thursday 17th at 2pm join us in Minstead Church at their Open Door café and on Sunday 20th we will be at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst after their morning service, so at about 10.30.

You might also want to join us as we support our colleagues at Forestry England and the National Park Authority at their Responsible Dog Owner event at Deerleap Inclosure between 8.30am and 10.30am on Sunday 27th November.

There have again been a number of thefts from cars and vans across the New Forest, with sixteen targeted on the roadside and on driveways in Brockenhurst, Ower, Bartley, Ashurst, Winsor and Lyndhurst and in the following New Forest car parks - Lords Oak, Whitefield Moor, Wilverley Pit, Fritham, James Hill, Longcross and on the Ornamental drive. Number plates have also been stolen from cars in Stoney Cross and Ower and catalytic converter have been cut off cars in Copythorne and Winsor. A Quad Bike was stolen from a house in Ashurst but has now been recovered.

No houses were burgled in October but twenty sheds, garages and outbuildings in Winsor, Ower, Colbury and Lyndhurst have been broken into. Four were targeted on the same night on Balmer Lawn Road in Brockenhurst and another four were then broken into on a different road in the village. Three motorbikes were stolen from a shed on the main Lyndhurst Road at Ashurst. The theft took place overnight on Sunday 23rd into Monday 24th October so if you saw anything or have any information about where the bikes are now call us and quote the crime number 44220431957.

Officers investigating a series of thefts across the New Forest charged Myles Filose, aged 41, of no fixed abode with theft from a shop, theft of a pedal cycle, burglary dwelling with intent to steal and going equipped for theft. The charges came after a number of thefts occurred from a supermarket on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst between 28th August and 5th October, whilst a bike had been allegedly stolen from the Lyndhurst Road area of Brockenhurst in July.

Pickpockets were active during half term, with two incidents reported to us from separate attractions across the Forest. One victim described being "bumped into" and then his wallet was gone. Please make sure you know where your valuables are at all times and report anyone acting suspiciously immediately.

Also this month criminal damage was caused to a car parked on a driveway on Queens Road in Lyndhurst - the tyres were slashed, something was scratched into the paintwork and paint was thrown at the house. The incident happened overnight from Friday 14th October into Saturday 15th October. If you have any information about who might have been responsible for this then please contact us and quote the crime number 44220419397.

Also in October after an accident on Winsor Road a driver failed a roadside breath test and was arrested for drink driving.

This month's OP MOUNTIE session was held on 11th October and produced our fastest speed so far – 70mph on the 40 mph road between Beaulieu and Ipley Cross at Kings Hat. Hopefully you know by now that OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reduce the number of animal deaths and the speed of traffic across the Forest. As well as the driver caught doing 70mph, another two drivers were given tickets for recording speeds of 57mph and 55mph on the Lyndhurst to Beaulieu Road at Matley Wood and a further 14 drivers, including the one in the 7.5 ton lorry, were spoken to and given educational advice by Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. OP MOUNTIE celebrates its first birthday on November 1st and in its second year we will be targeting roads across the New Forest. Thanks to all the drivers we see that do stick to the speed limit.

During October the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team conducted 9 surveys, spending a combined total of 42 hours standing at the roadside monitoring the traffic in the Cadnam/Copythorne/Bartley area. Their machine recorded 2393 vehicles passing by, with most drivers observing the 30mph speed limit. However, 339 drivers were recorded driving above the allowed speed and will receive a letter from the Police and 9 drivers were recorded at speeds in excess of 50 Mph so will have direct Police contact. Please keep our roads safe by observing the speed limits.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in October 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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