



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the April 2025 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In May please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries –

On Tuesday 6th May we will be with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am and then an hour later at midday we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst opposite Tesco.

On Friday 9th May we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley.

Our next Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery will be at 6pm on Monday 19th May at DIBDEN INCLOSURE – the What3Words are ///maybe.hoot.thus The walk will again take a circular route of approximately 3 miles and will be on gravel paths and is later in the day in the hope that we get to see the sun set. Forestry England host guided walks throughout the Forest and this is the third time we have joined them for these events that are aimed at encouraging solo walkers and those people who don't feel comfortable walking alone. We hold several Beat Surgeries every month and they are your opportunity to ask us about Policing in your area and they give us the chance to share with you the latest safety and crime prevention advice. If you want more information, please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Finally we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Office in the main car park at 11am on Thursday 22nd

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to any of these meetings you can always call or email us, but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course if it's an emergency always call 999.

Shoplifting was the most reported crime last month, with nine at the Co Op in Brockenhurst and one each at the Tesco and petrol station in the village. Suspects have already been identified for half of them and we are still working on the other half. Investigations are also underway into the theft of food from a restaurant in Brockenhurst where a male has eaten his meal and then just left without paying.

Over the bank holiday weekend 7 high value bicycles were stolen from campsites in the New Forest – 6 from Hollands Wood and 1 from Ashurst. One of them was valued at £5,500. 3 of them were secured to camper vans but the locks were been cut off overnight while the owners were asleep inside. The campsite staff do a brilliant job of reminding people about not leaving their bicycles unattended and if possible keeping them inside, and some of the campsites have safe storage for bicycles too. Often when we talk to victims of crime who are visitors to the area they are surprised that thieves operate here, but of course thieves operate everywhere so please can you help us by spreading the word. We will continue our proactive patrols too and hopefully, if we all work together, we can stop more people becoming the victim of this type of crime.

Other thefts in April included cables from the electric charging points in the car park in Beaulieu, a wallet from a jacket at a Spa in Brockenhurst, a field roller from a farm in Woodlands and more used cooking oil,

this time from the back of a pub at Emery Down. A garage at a property in Bramshaw was also broken into and a chain saw stolen.

Four vehicles were stolen last month – a jet ski, Gator utility vehicle and a ride on lawn mower were taken from farms in Beaulieu and Bartley and are still missing, but a car that was taken from the driveway of a house in Brook has been recovered by the owners.

Only two vehicles were broken into in April – one was parked in the Bolderwood car park and a purse was stolen and the other was on a street in Brockenhurst - other attempts to enter several cars on a road in Brockenhurst were made on the same night but luckily the suspects didn't manage to get into any of them.

April's OP MOUNTIE session was a quiet one and the number of speeding drivers was low. So thanks again to the majority of drivers who stuck to the speed limit. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and this month we spent time outside the entrance to the ROUNDHILL CAMPSITE and PIG BUSH car park and only one driver was given a ticket for recording a speed of 54mph on a 40mph road.

The other two drivers were given educational advice by our partners @ForestryEngland @NewForestDistrictCouncil @NewForestNationalPark and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team.

After OP MOUNTIE finished PC 24091 ROBERTS went to the C17 STONEY CROSS PLAIN ROAD at Emery Down. This is one of the areas suggested by you as somewhere that needed some speed enforcement. We spent an hour on site and two delivery drivers were given tickets for exceeding 40mph – but again most people did drive within that limit so thanks again.

Elsewhere in April a group of four teenagers were caught by Police in the middle of the night in Lyndhurst. They had been running over rooftops and throwing items around in the entrance to St Michael's Church and three vehicles were stopped by our colleagues on the Roads Policing Unit based in Totton for doing stunts in the car park at Denny Wood – one of the cars was seized because the driver didn't have any insurance.

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