



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

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

we will be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 11th and then an hour later at midday we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst opposite the newly refurbished TESCO.

On Saturday 22nd March we will be holding one of our partner agency meetings in one of the New Forest's many car parks. From 8am for an hour come and see us at the MOONHILLS car park on the way to Exbury when we will be joined by Forestry England, the National Park Authority and New Forest DOG.

On Monday 24th join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and then at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the Community Centre at 11am.

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.

We will also be holding another of our WALKING IN PARTNERSHIP events with Forestry England and as soon as we know the date we will let you know.

There has been a sharp increase in thefts from cars parked across the New Forest since Christmas. In February nine vehicles left locked and secure at Beaulieu Road, Bolderwood, Wilverley Inclosure, Rufus Stone, James Hill, Knightwood Oak and Blackwater car parks were broken into and handbags, rucksacks and purses stolen. Another car was broken into at the car park at the pub in Swan Green just outside Lyndhurst and tools were stolen from a van parked on a driveway on Deerleap Lane.. Please take all of your valuables with you and never hide anything in the boot because you don't know who is watching you. And please tell your friends and family. Thank you.

Four bicycles were also been stolen in February, two from a garden in Lyndhurst and two from a shed in Brockenhurst.

Timber has been stolen from stacks of logs at a site on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive and Forestry England have asked us to remind you that it is an offence to take any wood from the Forest. Other thefts include heating oil from a tank in Beaulieu, a caravan and gas bottles from Setthorns campsite, a camera and photographic equipment from Denny Wood car park and several motorbikes from the Balmer Lawn garage in Brockenhurst.

There were six shopliftings in February, four at the Tesco in Lyndhurst, one from the camping shop in Lyndhurst and one from the petrol station at Cadnam. We have some excellent CCTV from all of them and are hopeful that the offenders will be identified soon. We are also investigating the theft of petrol from that same petrol station, we call it making off without payment.

Seven sheds and outbuildings were broken into in February in Woodlands, Winsor, Exbury, Colbury and at Ocknell Park and the allotments in Ashurst have also been targeted.

This month's Op Mountie session was one of our quietest – Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest where we regularly join forces with our colleagues at Forestry England, the NPA and NFDC. January was a disappointing month with 13 animal accidents reported, compared to only 2 in January 2024. We held sessions at Matley Wood and Kings Hat for three hours between 6am and 9am and only stopped four cars for recording speeds above the 40mph. One driver was given a speeding ticket for doing 52mph and the others were spoken to by our partners about why the roads in the New Forest are so unique. Of course that means that the vast majority of drivers did stick to the speed limit for which we are extremely grateful.

Stay safe everyone.

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