



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



Hello and welcome to the December 2025 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS, PC 27901 Stuart READHEAD and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In January 2026 we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and outside the Post Office in Bartley at 9am on Monday 12th and at the East Boldre Village stores on Thursday 15th

On Tuesday 27th January you can join us and the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team at the happy Cheese pub in Ashurst from 11am and then we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst from midday, just opposite Tesco.

Finally we will be in the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the back of the Community Centre on Wednesday 28th 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 are also holding another one of our Walking in Partnership events on Tuesday 20th January BUT WE HAVEN'T CHOSEN A TIME OR VENUE YET. These events are for solo walkers or for people who don't feel comfortable walking on their own in the New Forest and they are led by Forestry England. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we can let you know exactly when, where and what time please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Sheds and outbuildings in Stoney Cross, Beaulieu and at both the Minstead Trust and Minstead Study centre were broken into this month but luckily on most occasions the thieves left empty handed. We also had lots of reports of packages being stolen from doorsteps. If you have proof that the parcel was on your doorstep at one time then please report these to us using the online reporting tool at the Hampshire and IOW police website or by calling 101. But if you don't have that proof and there is the possibility that it just hasn't been delivered then contact the company you bought the parcel from and the delivery company they have used. One of the New Forest Heart Police team was told that some running shoes they ordered had been delivered but they hadn't so the company he bought them from were the ones to deal with the non-delivery of the parcel. Companies that sell lots of goods on line are geared up to deal with exactly this issue because if the parcel hasn't been delivered then they are the losers and not you. I'm sure that you will have seen in the media that a delivery driver was arrested just before Christmas and those investigations are still on going.

Copper piping and generator cables were also stolen from building sites in Calmore and Tatchbury and seven vehicles were broken into in December and various items of value stolen – tools were taken from two vans parked in the Premier Inn car park at Ower while cars parked in the Blackwater, Aldridge Hill, Boltons Bench, Brook and Puttles Bridge car parks were also targeted while their owners were off walking in the Forest.

There were three shopliftings in December, at the Tesco and Co Op in Brockenhurst and at the shop at the petrol station in Cadnam. Used cooking oil was also taken from the Bramshaw golf club, a battery from a site at Tatchbury and a motorbike was taken from the car park of a pub at Copythorne. The lock on a gate at Ower was stolen during an attempt to gain access to an industrial site but nothing was taken from any of the buildings in the area so it's likely that the thieves were disturbed.

Over the last couple of months we have seen an increase in the number of romance scams across the New Forest, this is where someone is befriended by someone either in person or online and a romantic relationship grows between the two very quickly. This is how it works, the criminals lie to gain your trust and build a relationship with you. They make everything about the romance feel normal but their aim is to get money or personal information. Romance fraudsters are experts at manipulating their victims. They will usually:

- create a story that sounds believable and start the relationship in a normal way
- gain your trust over time
- invent a problem or situation where you may feel like you want to send money or gifts to help them
- isolate you from friends or family

What to do if you or someone you know suspects they are becoming a victim

- If you're suspicious of someone, tell a friend or family member. Sometimes it's hard to see the truth when you are so close to it, and another perspective helps. Remember that fraudsters are experienced and want you to feel isolated. They may try to make you feel guilty for wanting to tell someone.
- Never send money or personal information. Never invest money, transfer money on their behalf, take out a loan for them, or send them gift cards. Do not send or receive parcels on their behalf, even if you know what's in them.

Finally on Saturday 10th January we will be giving one of our Scam and Fraud prevention talks at the Copythorne Community Café at 2pm. If you can't make that one and are a member of a local group or organisation that would appreciate a visit from the new Forest Heart team to discuss the latest Scams and Frauds email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

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