



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report



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

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

Our next Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery will be at 9am on Sunday 6th April at the WILVERLEY INCLOSURE Car Park (BH25 5TZ) or the What3Words are strange.kebab.outhouse 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. This Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery also means you get to enjoy the New Forest. The walk will take a circular route of approximately 3 miles and will be on gravel paths. If you want more information please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Other Beat Surgeries in April will be with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 8th and then an hour later at midday we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst opposite Tesco.

On Friday 18th April (Good Friday) 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 Dibden Inclosure car park when we will be joined by Forestry England, the National Park Authority and New Forest DOG.

On Tuesday 22nd join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and then on Wednesday 30th 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.

This month seven outbuildings and sheds have been broken into at Culverley, Hill Top, Beaulieu, Lyndhurst, Ashurst and Bramshaw and various items stolen. Although a golf buggy and tools taken from the site at Hilltop have been recovered and returned to their owner. Also this month vehicles have been stolen from the Longslade car park area of the Forest and from a repair and body shop in Cadnam. A large off road ATV has also been taken from a holding in Stoney Cross, and agricultural machinery was stolen from a site at Ower while an attempt was also made to break into some outbuildings on an estate in Cadnam.

So far this month only one car parked in one of our beauty spot car parks in the Forest has been broken into and that was at Brock Hill on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive but two bicycles have been stolen from outside a pub at Emery Down. The bikes were locked up but that didn't put the thieves off.

Elsewhere criminal damage was caused to a van parked on a driveway in East Boldre and several complaints have been made by the Brockenhurst Speed Watch team about the abuse they have received

while carrying out their surveys. We will be following up these complaints and taking action against anyone we can identify.

Eleven shopliftings have been reported to us this month, nine of them from the Co Op and one from the Tesco in Brockenhurst and another from the camping shop in Lyndhurst and both used and new cooking oil has been stolen from a pub at Cadnam and a Care Home in Lyndhurst.

Finally this month's excuses during OP MOUNTIE on the 40 mph stretch between Hatchet Pond and Brockenhurst at the HawkHill Inclosure were -

"I'm late and need to drop my child off at the bus stop" – driver recorded doing 56 mph

"I'm late and need to drop my child off at the train station" – recorded doing 59 mph

"I'm off to play golf" – recorded doing 58mph.

We also stopped a motorcyclist who was doing 50mph to get round a bus because it was going too slowly.

OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the Forest and as well as the four tickets that were issued for the speeds over 50mph another four drivers were spoken to by our colleagues at Forestry England and on the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. Again this does mean that, as always, the vast majority of drivers did stick to the limit for which we are all extremely grateful.

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