NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report

Hello and welcome to the May 2024 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

This month's Beat Surgeries are listed below but remember if you can't make 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.

On Thursday 6th June we will be at the Brockenhurst Parish Council Office on Brookley Road in the village at 12.30pm and then at the East Boldre Village shop between 2pm and 2.30pm on the same day.

On Tuesday 11th June we will be at St Joseph's on Whartons Lane in Ashurst with one of the local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators from 7pm to 7.30pm. We will be outside the Tesco on the High Street in Lyndhurst on Sunday 16th June and then on Monday 17th June we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores at 8am and then at the Post Office in Bartley at 9am.

Let's start with some good news, last month we told you about an electric bike and a statue that were stolen from two gardens in Emery Down. Well this month we can report that 33 year old James WOOD of Romsey has been charged with theft, burglary and criminal damage and will next appear in court on Saturday 27th July.

This month ten outbuildings, sheds and garages have been broken into with eight of them in Brockenhurst. Five garages in the same road were targeted on one night and another three garages on a different road were entered on a different night. Bicycles and power tools were again the items stolen, which was also the case for the sheds in Winsor and Ashurst that were targeted in May.

Thieves have also gone into the derelict section of the Ashurst Hospital and stolen the reminder of the copper piping from the site.

Bicycles have been stolen from Brockenhurst station, the bike shed of the Rhinefield Hotel and from the Ashurst and Holland Woods campsites. ALL of these bikes were locked up so please if you are ever leave them unattended take either a wheel or a saddle with you so that they are less attractive to thieves - sadly locking them alone isn't enough.

Vehicles have been stolen from driveways in Ashurst and Lyndhurst and from a car park on Bolderwood Drive. A van was broken into in the car park of the Travelodge at Stoney Cross, a car had its number plates stolen while it was in the lay by outside Copythorne School, a car on the site of the Ocknell campsite was also broken into and some expensive camera equipment taken, some scientific monitoring equipment was taken from a car parked just up the road from the Bolderwood car park and a holiday maker staying at a hotel in Emery Down had all of her possessions, including suitcases full of clothes and some medical equipment, stolen from her car overnight.

This month's "yes people really will steal anything" moments involve the theft of eggs and money from honesty boxes in Woodlands and in Winsor.

Eleven shopliftings have been reported to us this month – one each from the Tesco at Brockenhurst, the Co Op in Lyndhurst, Fairweathers Garden Centre in Beaulieu and the petrol station at Stoney Cross. There

have been two thefts from the camping shop in Lyndhurst and four from the Co Op at Brockenhurst. We have lines of enquiry for all of them that we are following up so hopefully we will have some good news for you next month.

At this month's Op Mountie session another driver was arrested for failing a drug wipe, that's the second one this year. He was stopped at the Hawkhill Inclosure for exceeding the speed limit and tested positive for cannabis and cocaine. His vehicle and the trailer he was pulling were also seized because he wasn't insured and only had a provisional licence. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the Forest and we were supported as always by Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. 16 vehicles in total were stopped this month and tickets were given to five drivers for recording speeds of 60, 55, 52, 51 and 50mph. The other drivers were spoken to by our partners in a bid to change the way they drive and to slow them down.

Finally, in response to lots of complaints about Fly Tipping across the New Forest, Forestry England has made this film about the work we do together to tackle the issue. We know that it is a problem that upsets lots of residents and visitors which is why we hold these operations on a regular basis – this video was filmed in the main car park in Lyndhurst in March 2024. Either click on it or copy this link into your browser and it should spring to life - https://youtu.be/XM7p6WO8B5w

Stay safe everyone.

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