NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

New Forest Heart Beat Report

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

In September our Beat Surgeries resume so if you have any questions or queries for us please come and join us.

On Saturday 7th September between 8am and 9am we will be in the Longslade Bottom car park where we will be joined by our partners at New Forest DOG, the National Park Authority and Forestry England for our monthly multi agency meeting. On Tuesday 24th September join us at 8am at the Bramshaw Village Stores, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and at 11am in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst where we will also be joined by members of the Ashurst Neighbourhood Watch team. On Thursday 26th September we will be at the Brockenhurst Parish Council Office in the village from 12.30 and then at the East Boldre Village shop between 2pm and 2.30pm on the same day.

As we always say 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.

25 high value bicycles were stolen in August with eleven of them taken from the Hollands Wood campsite. Four were stolen from the campsite at Ashurst, one from Round Hill campsite and another from outside the parade of shops in Ashurst. The others were removed from vehicles and bike sheds in three hotels in Brockenhurst. One of those hotels has CCTV which we hope will help us identify a suspect – we will let you know if we are successful.

Three shopliftings have been reported to us this month from the same antiques shop on the High Street in Lyndhurst. A 27 year old man from Portsmouth has also been arrested on suspicion of the theft of a watch, valued at £1,187.50 from the same shop. He has been released on Police bail pending further enquires.

Two shopliftings have also been reported by Tesco and Co Op in Brockenhurst.

On Monday 19th August between 10.55pm and 23.30pm the Co Op in Ashurst was broken into and cigarettes stolen – if you have any information that could help us identify those responsible please contact us and quote the crime number 44240356784.

Other thefts this month include cash from an ice cream seller at the New Forest Show, eggs and cash from outside a house in Winsor, a digger from a building site in Boldre, lead from the roof of a large house on the outskirts of Lyndhurst, a motorbike from the Hollands Wood campsite and the battery from a caravan at Ocknell camp site.

Only three vehicles were broken into this month. One was parked overnight in a hotel car park in Emery Down, one at a campsite just outside Lyndhurst and the other was during the day at Fritham car park.

No homes have been burgled in August but three sheds and outbuildings have been targeted. They were an ice cream hut at a hotel in Bartley, a quad bike from a farm at Winsor and a shed in Emery Down where nothing was stolen. The shop attached to the petrol station at Cadam has been broken into again this month with thousands of pounds worth of cigarettes stolen.

For this month's Op Mountie session we went to those roads you told us needed our attention. Our first stop was the main road from Hatchet Pond to Lymington where a donkey had been by a car and died the night before. Then we went to Vereley car park on the C10 from the A31 to Burley. The good news is that we only stopped ten vehicles for speeding and only one ticket was given to a driver for exceeding 50mph. The other nine drivers were spoken to by our partners @ForestryEngland, @NewForestNPA and @NewForestRoadsAwareness. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speeding and raising awareness of animal safety on #NewForest roads. As always thanks to the vast majority of drivers who struck to the speed limit – we (and the wildlife) really appreciate your help in making the roads in the New Forest safer for everyone.

Finally can you help us identify the people responsible for the damage to the children's playground at the Copythorne Community Centre? The damage is mindless vandalism, especially to the baby swing which is now out of action. There is CCTV in the area which is now being viewed but if you have any information that would help us identify those responsible please contact richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk The playground was paid for by money raised by the community and is used regularly by people throughout the area. If you can help please get in touch. Thank you.

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