



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
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Hello and welcome to August's Beat Report for the Northern New Forest Heart area. I am PCSO 14495 Richard Williams, one of the Beat Officers for this area, and I am based at Lyndhurst Police Station with my colleague PC 20127 Steven Norris.

Beat Surgeries

Please come and meet your Beat Officers, PC 20127 Steven NORRIS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS. In September and October we will be at

Bramshaw Village Shop on Wednesday 13th September at 8am.

Bartley Post Office on Wednesday 13th September at 9am.

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 23rd September at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 24th September at 10.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 1st October at 11.00am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 1st October at midday

Burglaries

In August there has been only one residential burglary reported to us. This took place sometime during the last six months in Ashurst and investigations are ongoing. August has also seen the number of non-residential burglaries drop to 2, these happened at a cricket club near Winsor and at a café in Lyndhurst. Meanwhile Robin Blackburn from Southampton has been found guilty of carrying out recent residential burglaries in Ashurst and Beaulieu and has been sentenced to 2 years and 21 weeks in prison.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

There have only been 3 thefts in August and none of them have taken place in New Forest car parks. I believe that this is largely due to the crime prevention advice that you have been helping us to spread to as many people as we can who have been using the Forest this summer, so thank you. But let's not get complacent. Please continue to tell everyone that they should never leave anything on show in their vehicle when it's unattended and that they should take everything valuable with them and NOT hide it in the boot. If you have passed this information on to anyone then please accept my grateful thanks. The 3 thefts that have happened saw one vehicle have its catalytic converter stolen while it was parked on a driveway in Cadnam, another car was broken into at Bramshaw while the owner was playing golf and tools were stolen overnight from a van parked in Cadnam. Elsewhere in Hampshire there has been an increase in the number of thefts from vehicles parked on driveways and on the road outside people's houses. In many cases these thefts have happened to vehicles that were left unlocked. In response to this myself and PC NORRIS will be patrolling the more residential areas in the New Forest looking for unlocked vehicles and offering their owners

crime prevention advice, but please make sure your vehicle is locked even when it's at your home.

Other Incidents of notes:

Another expensive bicycle has been stolen from Ashurst railway station, even though it was locked up. Unfortunately the thieves left the wheel that was locked to the railings and took the rest of the bike. I now take two locks with me and if I have to leave my bicycle unattended I use both of them. During September and August we will be working with the British Transport Police in a bid to make the train stations of the New Forest safer for cyclists.

In August 2 motorists were arrested just outside Lyndhurst for driving their cars while being double the drink drive limit. Also, 3 vehicles have been seized by the Police, 2 for having no insurance and 1 for not having any tax, and 12 drivers were caught speeding in the New Forest.

During August, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 260 vehicles travelling in and around the village and 93 of them, so 36%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 93, 23 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. One vehicle was recorded at 56 mph which is the highest speed recorded in Minstead this year. Meanwhile the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed 2361 vehicles in August and of those 1250, nearly 53% were travelling over the 30 mph speed limit. 117 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more.

Finally 3 cannabis warnings were given to a car full of men who had stopped at Stoney Cross on the A31 for a smoke.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in August about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PC NORRIS or myself PCSO WILLIAMS directly. If there is no answer then that means we are on a rest day, so either leave us a message or send us an email. And remember if you are telling us about a vehicle, the most useful information you can give us is the registration number. You are our eyes and ears in your community and we value any information you can give us that will help us keep the places where you live safe.

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