



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
May 2018



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Hello and welcome to May'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 us, in June 2018 we will be at -

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 9th June at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 3rd June at 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 3rd June at 11.30am.

The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst on Sunday 10th June at 10am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 10th June at 11.00am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Monday 4th June at 10am.

Bramshaw Village Shop on Wednesday 20th June at 8am.

Copythorne Parish Hall on Thursday 21st June at 3.30pm.

Every six months we ask for your help in setting our Policing Priorities, those are the crimes and issues that you feel affect you the most here in the New Forest. The results of our latest survey have just been published and again the top three crimes that you see as your priorities are -

- 1- Residential burglaries
- 2- Vehicle crime
- 3- Non-residential burglaries

Once again we will be concentrating on catching the offenders responsible for these crimes in this area and passing on the crime prevention advice that aims at stopping you and your friends and family from becoming their victims. The survey also shows that 77% of you don't see Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) as a problem in the Forest. If you would like to discuss the findings of the survey in more detail and hear about how we intend to tackle your top three priorities then please email me.

Burglaries: There were two residential burglaries in May. One happened in Winsor, sometime between the end of January and the middle of May this year. There is some confusion over what has actually happened and investigations are continuing. The other one happened on the main road through Ashurst again during the day while the house was empty. Three non-residential burglaries have also happened in May. Two were in Lyndhurst where nothing was stolen when a stable was broken into but tools were taken from a shed that was entered

overnight. The other incident saw a caravan on the Longbeech campsite entered but again nothing was stolen.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 10 vehicles have been broken into this month and 7 of them have been parked on the roadside outside people's homes, these were in Lyndhurst, Emery Down, Cadnam and Ashurst. The New Forest car parks targeted this month were Fritham, Knightwood Oak and Millyford Bridge. Several of these vehicles belonged to visitors to our area so again can I ask that if you have friends spending time with you in the Forest this summer make sure they know that they shouldn't leave anything valuable in their vehicle when they leave it unattended.

The major issue this month has been the theft of bicycles. 8 have been stolen from Ashurst, Hollands Wood and Roundhill campsites in May and ALL OF THEM have been locked either to each other or to the back of a vehicle. The bicycles that are being stolen are the really expensive ones ranging from hundreds of pounds to £6,000. We will be spending a considerable amount of time in the car parks this summer handing out crime prevention advice and security marking the ones that we can but again we need your help. If you or a friend are using your bicycles this summer have a read of the information below thank you.

- Lock your bike at all times. Thieves are using bolt cutters to cut through the wires that most people use so make sure that your lock is bolt cutter proof. A D lock or a bulky chain or both will help deter anyone trying to steal the bike.
- Create as many barriers for the thief as possible. Use a combination of locks like a chain, some cable ties, and some ratchet straps. And you can buy alarmed locks which would also help.
- Can you take the wheels off your bike and put them inside your vehicle, or tent or caravan.
- Can you put your entire bike inside your vehicle? This is what I do and so far it seems to be working.
- Always secure your bicycle to a stand if available or some other solid static object. This makes it harder for a thief to just pick it up and take it away.
- Quick release accessories are vulnerable so remove anything yourself before a thief does.
- Register your bicycle on www.immobilise.com along with a photo and serial number.

Our bikes cost us hundreds and sometimes thousands of pounds these days so it's probably worth buying the best protection we can to keep them safe.

The summer always brings with it people who think it is acceptable to ride their motorbikes and drive their cars off road on the Forest floor. In May we have had reports of motorbikes off road by Matley Wood and a car off road at Janesmoor Pond. Last year we were successful in issuing several SECTION 59 warnings to those who were caught doing this. The warning means that if they drive in an anti-social way again within the next 12 months they will have whatever vehicle they are driving or riding seized. The Section 59 warning is an excellent way of stopping this type of offence so if you see anyone doing it take their registration number and if you can do so without putting yourself in danger a picture or video of them "off road". Then contact me. Thank you.

May has seen a memorial bench stolen from the graveyard at Colbury Church, drinkers at two pubs in the New Forest have had their handbags and mobile phone stolen and a handbag was stolen from the back of a push chair at a local family attraction. Apparently all of them had left their items unattended for only a minute and they were taken. Again please keep all of your valuables with you at all times.

All of our Community Speed Watch Teams have been active this month with some excellent results. During May, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 878 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and 481 of them so almost 55% were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those, 107 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. At least 2 vehicles were recorded at speeds of more than 50 mph. Also in Minstead on Lyndhurst Road, 124 vehicles were monitored and 65 of them, so just over 52% were exceeding the 30 mph limit and 18 of those vehicles were travelling at more than 35 mph or more and they too have received warning letters from the Police. The highest speed was 45 mph.

The Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village throughout May and monitored 1920 vehicles. 1186 of them, so almost 62% were travelling over the 30 mph limit and 109 have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more. The highest speed was 49 mph recorded on Southampton Road.

The Copythorne Speed Watch Team was out on four occasions in May, covering roads in Cadnam, Bartley and of course Copythorne. A total of 1506 vehicles were monitored with 61% traveling at over 30 mph and Police warning letters have been sent to 134 of them for exceeding 35mph.

The newly formed Ashurst Speed Watch team has been active in the village on 4 occasions in May and has caught speeding traffic on Whartons Lane, Woodlands Road and the main A35. I'll have some figures for you next month.

I'm still looking for more volunteers to start a scheme in Netley Marsh so that we can survey the main road through the village as well as Woodlands Road. If you can spare some of your time please contact me at richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

We've had some excellent calls from you in May reporting suspicious people and their vehicles. Please report anything suspicious that you see in your community to 101 or call myself or PC NORRIS directly. Thank you.

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