



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
December 2017



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Hello and welcome to December'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 January 2018 we will be at -
Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 13th January at 10am.
St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 14th January at 10.00am.
Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 14th January at 11.30am.
Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 15th January at 8am.
Bartley Post Office on Monday 15th January at 9am.
Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Friday 19th January at 2pm.
The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the Lyndhurst Visitor's Centre on Sunday 21st January 10am.
Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 21st January at 11.00am.

Burglaries

In December there were 3 residential burglaries. Two happened on the same night on the same road in Bartley. Fortunately one of the offenders was detained by one of the home owners at the time and he has since been arrested and charged for both offences. The other happened in Emery Down while the occupants were out but thankfully the offenders weren't able to get into the house so nothing was stolen.

There were 4 non-residential burglaries in December. Two outbuildings belonging to the same resident were broken into in Lyndhurst and a collection of hedge trimmers and chain saws were stolen, meat was also stolen from the external freezers of a pub in Bartley, and some hay was taken from a barn in Newbridge. Another barn was broken into in Colbury but nothing was taken.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

In December so far there have been 11 thefts from motor vehicles. Three New Forest car parks were targeted, they were Shepherds Gutter, Millyford Bridge and Fritham car parks where 2 cars were broken into on the same day. The number plates were stolen from a car parked on Empress Road in Lyndhurst while each of the other vehicles involved were parked on the side of the road in Ashurst Bridge, Ashurst and Cadnam.

Other Incidents of notes:

A purse was stolen from a shopper in Lyndhurst, some horse rugs have been taken from a field close to the Coach and Horses Pub in Cadnam, some meat was stolen from the Budgens store on Lyndhurst High Street, almost £500 worth of diesel was taken from the Ower services and two cars were damaged in Bartley on the same night. One had its rear window smashed and the other had its tyres punctured.

During December, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 55 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and 39 of them, so nearly 71%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 39, 17 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. Meanwhile the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed 636 vehicles in December and of those 350, nearly 55%, were travelling over the 30 mph speed limit. 46 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more.

The newly re-formed Community Speed Watch team in Copythorne monitored 1628 vehicles travelling in and around the Parish and 818 of them, so 50%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 818, 145 vehicles were travelling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. The highest recorded speed was 51 mph!!! If you would like to give up just 3 or more hours a month to support the Copythorne team, please email cke8163@gmail.com or call the Parish Clerk on 01590 681228 for more information.

In 2018 I will hopefully be setting up two new Speed Watch teams in Netley Marsh and Ashurst. If you are concerned about the speed of vehicles in your area and would like to do something about it then please contact me by telephone or email and I can give you more details.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in 2017 about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. Keep those calls coming 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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