



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
March 2018



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Hello and welcome to March'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 April 2018 we will be at -

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 7th April at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 8th April at 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 8th April at 11.30am.

The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the Lyndhurst Visitor's Centre on Sunday 15th April at 10am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane on Sunday 15th April at 11.00am.

Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop on Friday 20th April at 2pm.

Bramshaw Village Shop on Wednesday 18th April at 8am.

Burglaries: In March there were NO residential burglaries but 12 outbuildings in Cadnam, Ashurst, Woodlands, Bramshaw, Bartley and at Furzey Gardens have been broken into. Again these have happened overnight and again garden tools have been stolen. In fact 5 houses had their outbuildings broken into on the same night in Lyndhurst.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 8 vehicles have been broken into in March so far, with the majority of them happening on the grounds of Tatchbury Mount on the outskirts of Totton. We are working with the onsite security team to help put an end to these thefts but as always we would ask you to take certain precautions to make your vehicle less attractive to a thief

- When you leave your vehicle make sure the doors of your vehicle are locked and the windows and sunroof are shut, no matter how hot the weather is.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a busy area.
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle, including the boot. A jacket or coat left behind may be of very little value to you, but a thief may think it has been used to hide a laptop or handbag and will break into your vehicle to find out. The best way to keep your property safe is to take everything valuable with you. If you hide something in your boot someone could be watching you and will then know where your valuables are.
- Make sure you do not leave documents which have your name on in your vehicle.

- Do not leave your sat-nav or dash cam in your vehicle and don't forget to remove the cradle and if you can wipe the suction marks from your windscreen.

It is very rare that a thief will break into a vehicle if they can't see anything worth taking unless of course they have seen you hide something valuable.

If you are a business owner please be aware that fake Irish £50 notes and fake English £20 notes are being used in the Forest at the moment, with shop owners in Lyndhurst, Ringwood and Lymington suffering losses as a result.

23 people have been caught speeding in Lyndhurst, Bramshaw and Cadnam. During March, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 280 vehicles travelling along Mill Lane and Lyndhurst Road and 186 of them, so 66%, were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 186, 80 vehicles were traveling at 35 mph or more and have received warning letters from the Police. On Mill Lane one vehicle was recorded travelling at 64 mph and another at 58 mph !!!

Also in March the Copythorne Speed Watch team were active for 6 hours in the Parish, monitoring 1273 vehicles from tractors to heavy goods vehicles. 58% of those vehicles were recorded at travelling over the speed limit and on two occasions the speed was well over 50 mph. Police warning letters have been sent to them all.

We are still looking for volunteers wanting to start Speed watch schemes in the New Forest Heart area. If you would like to help reduce the speed of vehicles in and around your community then please contact me at richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

We've had some excellent calls from you in March 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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