



NORTHERN NEW FOREST

Monthly Beat Report – June 2016

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Hampshire Alerts can help communities play a vital role in working with the Police to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information between the community and police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe. To register please go to:

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Beat Surgeries

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

Emery Down Church at Emery Down on Sunday 3rd July at 10am.

Colbury Church on Sunday 3rd July at 10.45am.

Minstead Village Shop on Monday 18th July at 4pm

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 18th July at 5pm

Mace Store, Bartley cross roads on Monday 18th July at 6pm

Summary of Police incidents

Since our last report we have had the following incidents reported. Please can I also remind people to report any incidents that occur via 101 or in an emergency 999. Even if we are unable to investigate the matter it will assist in Police establishing crime patterns and targeting patrols. Please also do not assume that the matter has been reported just because it is being discussed on social media!

Burglaries and Non Dwelling Burglaries:

During June there were 4 burglaries in the Northern New Forest. One of these was a distraction burglary where one person tricked their way into a house and kept the resident occupied while another person went around the house stealing money and jewellery. This type of burglary is particularly disturbing so please read through the advice below and make sure you don't become their next victim. And if you know someone who you think is vulnerable to this type of crime then please go through the advice with them, thank you.

- **If you don't know who someone is DON'T let them into your house.**
- **Always use the door chain when answering the door, if you are not sure do not open the door.**

- **Always check the credentials of unknown callers. Do not phone the number on the ID card, use a phone book or a bill.**
- **Never employ cold-calling doorstep traders or engage with cold callers on the phone.**
- **Do not keep substantial sums of money in the home.**
- **Always keep front and back doors locked.**
- **LOCK STOP CHAIN and CHECK - if unsure do not open the door.**
- **Consider joining or setting up a No Cold Calling Zone or Neighbourhood Watch scheme.**
- **Report any suspicious callers or activity to the police immediately.**
- **Keep an eye on elderly or vulnerable neighbours, friends and family.**
- **Please call 101 to advise of any unexpected callers - this gives Police a better chance at building a picture of where potential criminals are operating.**

June has seen an increase in the number of non-dwelling burglaries to 14. Of these 6 were in the Bartley, Woodlands and Winsor areas, 4 in Ashurst and 2 in Cadnam. Motorbikes, electric bikes and bicycles have all been taken during the last month, but the majority of these burglaries have seen garden machinery, especially chain saws, stolen. Again please ensure your shed, garages and other outbuildings are as secure as you can make them. You can now buy alarmed padlocks which let out a loud wailing noise as soon as they are tampered with. CCTV is also a great deterrent and an excellent way of helping us catch those who are responsible for these crimes. And again mark all items with your postcode and record serial numbers using UV pens or forensic marking kits. Register the details for free on www.immobilise.com

Theft from vehicle:

As we explained in last month's Beat Report, it is now that time of year when more vehicles are broken into while parked in New Forest car parks than at any other time, and in June there have been 7. It is so important to make sure that nothing is left on display in your car when you leave it, even if it is locked. All 7 vehicles broken into had valuables stolen from bags that had been "hidden under the passenger seat" or "under a coat". Please make sure you remove all valuables from your vehicle and leave nothing on display. And if you are in a New Forest car park and you see someone acting suspiciously then please call the Police immediately either on 101 or if you see a crime in progress use 999. And the most useful information you can give us is the registration number of any vehicle that you think is "up to no good". Also please make sure you lock your vehicle. 3 cars have this month had money stolen from them while they were left un locked on their driveways.

Other Incidents of notes:

June has seen the arrival of a new SCAM that mostly targets the elderly. We have visited several elderly residents of the Northern New Forest who have received either a telephone call or an email from someone pretending to be from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

(HMRC) The resident is told that they owe HMRC money in un paid tax and that if they don't pay up immediately they will be prosecuted. I'm delighted to say that everyone we have spoken to has done exactly the right thing, NOTHING. This is of course a SCAM and should be ignored. It's a depressing thought but there are people who will quite happily target the elderly and the vulnerable so please have a look at the advice below and share it with anyone you think might benefit from it.

- **Scam by Email:**
 - **Never reply to any email you are unsure of.**
 - **Visit Bank Safe Online to report all suspicious banking emails.**
 - **Report suspicious PayPal emails to spoof@paypal.co.uk.**
 - **Report suspicious ebay scams or emails to spoof@ebay.co.uk.**
- **Scam by telephone:**
 - **Never accept offers over the phone "if they sound too good to be true, they usually are".**
 - **Never give personal details over the phone.**
 - **Report any suspicious phone calls to your phone company.**
 - **Consider registering your number with Telephone Preference Service (TPS Online) or 0845 070 0707.**
 - **Most telephone providers will block anonymous callers.**
 - **Never give your credit or bank card PIN number out over the phone. This information is never requested legitimately by your bank or the police.**

Most importantly, if you think something is wrong, hang up the telephone.

If you are not sure if you or someone you know is a victim of a SCAM please call 101 or contact PC Steven NORRIS or PCSO Richard WILLIAMS on the details below.

Work is still being carried out at Shave Wood car park just outside Minstead. We are still receiving reports of anti-social behaviour in the car park during the day so specialist officers will continue to patrol the area until the end of July. Hazel Hill car park will stay closed, also until the end of next month.

Finally we would like to mention the excellent work done by the Lyndhurst Community Speed Watch Team. This team of Police volunteers spend at least an hour every week on a road side in Lyndhurst monitoring the speed of passing traffic and recording the details. The registered owner of any vehicle caught speeding then receives a letter from the Police, and although Speed Watch is not an enforcement programme it's vital in educating motorists about the dangers of speeding. During April and May 2016 the Lyndhurst team checked a total of 1814 vehicles and of those just over 893 (49%) were exceeding the 30 mph limit. The highest recorded speed was 49 mph. Hopefully by the end of the summer we will have other Speed Watch schemes up and running in other parts of the Northern New Forest and if you'd like to become a volunteer then please email PCSO Richard Williams for more information.

Also in June two motorists were arrested for drunk driving offences. One has received a 20 month ban and the other is in Court soon. 8 motorists were caught speeding and 4 cars have been seized for having no tax and or insurance.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in June about the suspicious people and vehicles you have seen in the Northern New Forest. Please keep those calls coming. You can call 101 or if you prefer you can call PC NORRIS or PCSO WILLIAMS directly. If there is no answer then that means they are on a rest day, so either leave them a message or send them 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.

Finally your new Beat Officers are PC 20127 Steven NORRIS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS. If you have any queries or questions for us please contact us on the details below. But remember always dial 999 in an emergency.

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