



NORTHERN NEW FOREST

Monthly Beat Report – July 2016

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Hello and welcome to July's Beat Report for the Northern New Forest. 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 Steven Norris.

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Beat Surgeries

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

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 28th at 10am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 28th August at 11.15am.

Minstead Village Shop on Monday 15th August at 4pm

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 15th August at 5pm

Mace Store, Bartley cross roads on Monday 15th August at 6pm

Summary of Police incidents

Since our last report we have had the following incidents reported to us.

Burglaries and Non Dwelling Burglaries:

During July there was only 1 burglary in the Northern New Forest. This was at a hotel in Lyndhurst and investigations are still underway to find out exactly what happened. We are delighted to say that July has seen a fall in the number of non-dwelling burglaries from 14 to 4. Interestingly 2 of these were at the same property in Bramshaw that is currently being renovated. One saw tools stolen from a farm in the Deer Leap area and the other involved a break in at the pavilion at a cricket club near Cadnam. It's really encouraging to see such a large fall in the number of non-dwelling burglaries, but it's important to remember that we all need to stay as vigilant as ever. Myself and PC NORRIS will continue to patrol those areas most at risk when we are on duty, but please make sure that you keep your outbuildings as secure as possible. Lock everything away and lock all doors and windows, making it as difficult as possible for a thief. One of the best ways to secure your garage is to park your car as close to the door as possible. 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:

4 vehicles were broken into in July and all of them had been left in New Forest car parks with valuable items on display or “hidden” under the passenger seat. In one incident a couple on holiday from Europe lost all of their money, credit cards, passports and other travel documents. The bag containing all of those items as well as mobile telephones and tablets was “hidden” by the couple under the passenger’s seat. Thieves who steal from cars know what to look for, so never leave anything valuable in your car. Also at this time of year the temptation is to leave a window open just a little bit so that your car isn’t too hot when you return to it. One of the 4 thefts this month happened because a window had been left open only a fraction, but it was still enough for the thief to get into the car. Criminal damage has also been caused to two other cars left in Forest car parks with valuables on display. On both of those occasions nothing was stolen but lots of damage was caused to both cars. Here again is some advice on how to keep your valuables safe when you are enjoying the New Forest

- **When leaving your car, close all windows and lock your car.**
- **When locking your vehicle try your car door to ensure it is actually locked.**
- **Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle. 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 something valuable and will break into your vehicle to find out.**
- **Take all your personal possessions with you rather than locking them in the boot. You can't be sure who has seen you.**
- **Remove sat nav holders and visible sat nav ring marks from windscreens.**
- **Leave the glove box open to show there's nothing inside.**
- **Fit an alarm or immobiliser to your car.**
- **Record the details of your property on the Immobilise website**
- **Do not store your car's documents in the car.**

On a positive note, this month saw the trial take place of a man from Southampton who has made a career out of stealing from cars parked in the New Forest, as well as other sites across the south of England. He has been found guilty of several offences and is now in prison and will be sentenced shortly.

Towards the end of the month 3 vehicles parked in the car park at Paultons Park had their catalytic converters stolen. These are underneath every vehicle and it would takes at least 2 people to remove them. So if you see anyone, probably wearing high visibility fluorescent jackets, acting suspiciously around cars or vans that are unattended, then please call the Police immediately. Thank you.

Also this month there has been an increase in the number of cars and motorbikes being used off road in the New Forest. This is of course illegal and causes considerable damage to the New Forest. Can I ask that if you ever see anyone behaving in this way please report it immediately by calling myself or PC NORRIS directly using the numbers below, or 101 if we are not on duty. Thank you.

Other Incidents of notes:

Three purses and handbags have been stolen from two of the many leisure facilities and attractions scattered throughout the New Forest. This type of thief chooses busy places where lots of people are gathered and when the time is right they will steal your purse or wallet from your bag or your pocket and you won't know it's gone until you next need it. Please keep all of your valuables with you, preferably in a bag that can be closed with a zip or buttons.

Two bicycles were stolen from Ashurst campsite in July, both were left insecure. So please if you are enjoying the Forest this summer keep an eye on everything and never leave anything un locked or secure, not even for a minute.

Two caravans and a trailer have also been stolen in July. The trailer was taken from an address in Woodlands and the caravans from a site close to Ocknell Park. The good news is that, after some excellent detective work by the owner of the trailer, it has been recovered. And one of the caravans that was stolen had a tracker fitted to it and was stopped by Police only minutes after it was stolen and a man was arrested. He has since been charged with the theft and will be appearing in court shortly. This theft highlights the value of fitting trackers to property like caravans and these days they are quite reasonably priced.

In July there were 5 road traffic collisions in the New Forest that involved vehicles hitting either ponies or donkeys. Please drive as carefully as you can and never exceed the speed limit, which is in place to protect you and the wildlife. There are also more cyclists on the roads during the summer months too, so please drive considerately when overtaking them. **In July 22 motorists were caught speeding in and around Lyndhurst alone.**

4 vehicles were also seized by Police in July, 2 didn't have any tax and the drivers of the other 2 didn't think THEY needed any insurance.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in July 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 myself 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 Beat Officers are PC 20127 Steven NORRIS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS. You can contact us on the details below.
But remember always dial 999 in an emergency.**

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