



NORTHERN NEW FOREST

Monthly Beat Report – August 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.

Hampshire Alerts

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 Beat Officers, PC 20127 Steven NORRIS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS. In September we will be at

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 25th 10.15am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 25th at 11.15am.

Minstead Village Shop on Monday 12th September at 4pm

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 12th September at 5pm

Mace Store, Bartley cross roads on Monday 12th September 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 August there have been no burglaries in the Northern New Forest, but there have been 5 non-dwelling burglaries. These saw money stolen overnight from a restaurant on the High Street in Lyndhurst, fuel taken from vehicles at the Paulton's Golf Centre and garden tools and machinery stolen from a house on the outskirts of Lyndhurst and a farm in Winsor. Although the number of burglaries and non dwelling burglaries is down again this month, please stay vigilante. Lock everything away and make sure all of your outbuildings are locked tight. 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

PC NORRIS and I have changed our shifts in the build up to Christmas so that we can carry out High Visibility and Covert patrols over night; please help us by reporting anything suspicious that you see at any time of the day or the night. During August 24 suspicious

incidents were reported to us and these calls help us to target the areas most at risk from those people who are “up to no good”. And remember if you see someone committing a crime you should always call 999.

Theft from vehicle:

7 vehicles were broken into in August. Interestingly 1 of these took place while the owner’s car was left in a car park at work. This only goes to show that thieves will target vehicles wherever they are parked, so please make sure your vehicle is locked at all times and that nothing is ever left on display. Three of the vehicles were broken into while they were parked in the Andrews Mare car park at Stoney Cross. Two handbags and purses that were “hidden” were stolen from both of those cars. And on another occasion, a foreign visitor to the Millyford Car Park on Bolderwood Road at Emery Down left all of his personal possessions in bags on the back seat of his car, and when he returned to it approximately an hour later everything had been stolen. One method used by thieves who target cars is to watch from the woods or from another car. Once they see where you have “hidden” your valuables they will wait until the coast is clear and then break into your car. So once please please please take everything with you.

Last month I drew your attention to the increase in the number of cars and motorbikes being used off road in the New Forest. The car parks that are being misused the most are Janesmoor Pond and Cadmans Pool. I’m pleased to say that the two Section 59 warnings have been issued this month already. That means that if those drivers or their vehicles are found driving irresponsibly again within the next 12 months their vehicles will be seized. These warnings were only issued because of information giving to me by members of the public. So if you see anyone driving in an irresponsible way then write down their registration number and contact me and I will do the rest.

Other Incidents of notes:

There have been 13 thefts this month so far. These range from a dog stolen from kennels in Winsor, a mechanical digger in Woodlands, and a beehive in Lyndhurst. Two mobile telephones have been stolen after being left on tables in pubs and coffee houses so please keep these with you at all times. The good news is that 3 arrests have been made for 4 thefts from 2 shops, one in Ashurst and the other in Lyndhurst. The three men arrested have been charged with theft and will appear in court shortly. Unfortunately in the week leading up to the Bank Holiday a group of two or three families have been stealing from many of the shops on Lyndhurst High Street, as well as the shop at the Visitor’s Centre in the main car park. These families have stolen hundreds of pounds worth of goods and although investigations are underway to try and identify them, we would ask that if you own or work in a shop and you have people stealing from you, make them aware that you know what they are up to. In most cases the thieves will leave the shop immediately. If they don’t, and you feel threatened or intimidated by them call 999.

Unusually in Lyndhurst during the last week of August, two car owners have reported having the badges from their cars stolen. If you know who has decided to start a collection like this then please let us know.

Two caravans were also stolen from the Ocknell Park camp site. These caravans didn’t have trackers in them, and as yet the caravans have not been recovered and no suspects have been identified.

It's worth noting that another scam is "doing the rounds" at the moment. This involves someone calling businesses in the area and offering crime prevention advice and then asking for payment for it and for equipment they want to sell you. On one occasion the caller became very abusive when the business owner said they didn't want any advice. Here is some legitimate crime prevention advice from Hampshire Constabulary, and if you would like any more advice on anything then please contact me.

- **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.**
- **If you think something is wrong, hang up the phone.**

In August so far 17 motorists have been caught speeding in the Lyndhurst, Cadnam, Brook and Bramshaw areas. Also the excellent work carried out by the Lyndhurst Community Speedwatch team continues. On one day every week a group of volunteers who live in the village stand by the side of a different road in the village and monitor the speed of traffic, and anyone travelling above the speed limit receives a warning letter from Hampshire Police. In June and July the team checked 1846 vehicles and of those 844 (just over 45 %) were exceeding the speed limit of 30mph and 136 (just over 7%) were exceeding 35 mph. Of those 136 vehicles 24 were travelling at over 40mph and one was caught doing 48mph. All of the drivers of those vehicles have received a letter warning them that if they continue to speed they receive a visit from the Police. The work that the Lyndhurst Community Speedwatch team does is, in my opinion priceless. We have just set up a new group for Minstead and we are hopeful that volunteers will soon be found so that we can do the same in Copythorne. If you would like to set up a Community Speedwatch Scheme in your area then contact me and I can let you have all the details.

3 vehicles, 2 cars and a motorbike, have been seized by Police in August because they didn't have any tax.

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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