



NORTHERN NEW FOREST Monthly Beat Report – September 2016

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Hello and welcome to September'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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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

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 10th October at 8am.

Mace Store, Bartley cross roads on Monday 10th October at 9am.

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 22nd October at 8.30am.

Christ Church in Emery Down on Sunday 23rd October at 9.30am

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 23rd 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 23rd October at 11.30am.

Roman Catholic Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 30th October at 9.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap lane in Colbury on Sunday 30th October at 10.45am

Summary of Police incidents

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

Burglaries and Non Dwelling Burglaries:

There have been 2 burglaries in the Northern New Forest in September, but in both incidents

the offenders failed to get inside the targeted houses. This was because an alarm went off at one of the houses and at the other the offenders tried and failed to get through a large plate glass window. September saw 5 non-dwelling burglaries reported to Police, the same number as in August. All five reports happened overnight in Winsor, Cadnam, Lyndhurst, Minstead and Bartley and on all occasions sheds were broken into and power tools, garden machinery and in one case a quad bike were stolen. Stopping these burglaries is one of our priorities and PC NORRIS and I are carrying out both covert and high visibility patrols overnight in the areas that are being targeted. But again we need your help. Please report anything that you believe to be suspicious, and at the time that it is happening. If you see someone or a vehicle behaving in a way that makes you ask the question "what are they doing" please call either 999 or 101 immediately. Many of you have called us during September to report suspicious incidents and they are a vital aid to us as we try and stop these offenders from stealing your property. And once please 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

Theft from vehicle:

September saw an increase in the number of vehicles that were broken into from 7 to 10. Three of these thefts took place on the same night in the car park of the Travel Lodge at Stoney Cross. This again highlights the importance of never leaving anything valuable in your vehicle, even if you are in what you think is a busy and well lit car park. Another example of this is a theft that took place from a vehicle parked in the car park at the Bramshaw Golf Club. Meanwhile another vehicle was broken into at Shave Wood car park on the edge of Minstead where £4,000 worth of goods were stolen from a camper van left unattended while the owner went for a walk in the woods. Please remember to take everything with you when you leave your vehicle unattended and never leave anything on display. Also this month, a car parked on a driveway in Ashurst had its number plates stolen. This is quite a frequent occurrence as they can be used to change the identity of another car that might then be used in crime. If you can, please screw your number plates on rather than just using the double sided tape. Special kits for screwing number plates onto cars are available from all motoring shops and they should keep them safe

On a positive note a man was arrested in Bartley at the end of the month for tampering with vehicles. He had been seen trying car door handles and going into people's gardens.

Other Incidents of notes:

The latest scam that has come to our attention involves a woman pretending to be a nurse. She has gone into shops on Lyndhurst High Street and asked to borrow money for petrol saying that she will definitely return with the money. Of course she doesn't. It's difficult to refuse to help someone who appears to be in need of your assistance but please be careful who you give money too. If you have any doubts at all about someone who has asked you for money, or if your sixth sense tells you that something isn't right, then go with your instincts and ignore their pleas.

We also have some very unpleasant people conning elderly people in our area out of hundreds of pounds. In one case a gentleman in his 80's answered his door to two men who claimed he needed some work done in his garden. The gentleman said he didn't but they did the work anyway and then demanded cash from him. If you know someone who is elderly or who lives on their own, please keep an eye on them and make them aware that if a "workman" turns up to carry out work on their house or garden they should call Police immediately. Thank you.

Something else to look out for this month is £10 and £20 notes with dye stains on them. The dye means that they have probably been stolen and we would like to know who is using them. If you come across any of these notes please let us know on 101.

Again this month the Forestry Commission has reported the use of motorbikes off road and causing damage to the Forest floor. The latest incident took place in the Andrews Mare car

park up by Stoney Cross. These riders will now be given a Section 59 Warning which under the Road Traffic Act means that if they are caught driving in the same way again within the next 12 months, their vehicle will be seized by the Police. These warnings generally work so please if you see any vehicle being used irresponsibly, take the registration number and call the Police.

In September 21 motorists have been caught speeding in the Lyndhurst, Cadnam, Ashurst and Winsor areas. 5 vehicles were seized by Police, 4 for not having any insurance and one for having no tax, mot or insurance. And three people were arrested in Minstead for exceeding the drink drive limit.

The newly reformed Minstead Community Speedwatch group is now up and running and during August and September they checked 296 vehicles, and of those nearly 42% (123) were exceeding the 40mph. Nearly 19% (55) were exceeding 46 mph or more and the drivers were sent warning letters. Of those 55 vehicles 17 were exceeding 50mph and 3 were recorded at over 60mph, with one vehicle travelling at 68mph. That driver will be receiving a visit from the Police. Community Speedwatch is an excellent way of helping to control the traffic in your area, and we are currently looking for volunteers to operate a Speedwatch scheme in Ashurst and Colbury. If you think you would like to help and would like more information just let me know.

October is WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH and I'm delighted to say that two of our schools are taking part. The aim is to encourage parents to drop their children off at least 5 minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way. This stops the parking issues that every school in the country experiences at the being and end of the day. The schools taking part are Bartley Junior school on Tuesday 18th October and both Foxhills Junior and Infant schools in Ashurst on Wednesday 5th October.

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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