



NORTHERN NEW FOREST

Monthly Beat Report – October 2016



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Hello and welcome to October'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 November we will be at

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 7th November at 8am.

Bartley Post Office on Monday 7th November at 9am.

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 19th November at 8.30am.

Christ Church in Emery Down on Sunday 20th November at 9.30am

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 20th November 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 20th November at 11.30am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap lane in Colbury on Sunday 27th November at 11.00am

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 October, one on Shaggs Meadow in Lyndhurst and one at Copythorne Common. It's thought that both properties had been left unlocked for a short time, making it easier for the thieves. No one would ever blame someone for leaving their doors unlocked but sadly we live in a world where we have to keep ourselves and our property as safe and secure as possible at all times. Unfortunately there are people who will always take advantage of any weakness they can, and who have no respect for anyone or anyone's belongings.

The Bartley Post Office and Village Shop has also been broken into during October. At approximately 1.30am on Sunday 23rd October at least two men have smashed through the main front door of the Post Office and stolen cigarettes and some cash from inside. If you saw or heard anything that might help us identify those responsible for this theft then please call us on 101 and quote the crime number 44160400066.

There have been 7 non-dwelling burglaries reported to Police in October. On the same night in Minstead two sheds were broken into and although nothing was taken from one of them, three expensive bicycles were stolen from the other. However the good news is that an arrest has been made in connection with that non dwelling burglary. In Winsor, flower pots were taken from one house and in Fritham a chainsaw was taken from another, whilst thousands of pounds worth of gardening equipment and other tools have been stolen from a house in Cadnam. These three incidents highlight the fact that some people will steal anything, so please lock as much as you can away, and again an alarmed padlock is an excellent deterrent, as is CCTV. Other non-dwelling burglaries saw a high value theft from a storage site in Copythorne and Lyndhurst Golf Club was broken into and cash and frozen food stolen.

Again in November PC NORRIS and I will be conducting 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. Call either 999 or 101 immediately. And don't forget to register the details of all of your valuable property for free on www.immobilise.com. If you become a victim and your property is stolen, immobilise can help us return it to you.

Theft from vehicle:

In October four cars have been broken into. Two of them were parked in the Andrews Mare car park by Stoney Cross and one of the thefts involved a handbag that had been covered by a coat and then hidden underneath the passenger's seat. Another theft happened when a man's bag was stolen from under his front seat while his vehicle was parked in a layby in Ower, and the fourth car was broken into while it was parked at the side of the road in Emery Down and a handbag that was left in the passenger's side foot well was taken. It's worth reminding you that car thieves sometimes hide in the woods around car parks like Andrews Mare and watch where you hide your valuables before going for your walk. Once you have gone they break into your car and take whatever they want. The best way to protect your property is to never leave it in your car. Please don't leave anything on display when you leave your vehicle unattended.

Other Incidents of notes:

There were a number of thefts during October which again highlight the fact that some people will steal anything. From two gardens in Winsor a metal bath was taken from one and 2 wagon wheels were stolen from the other, and in Minstead a garden seat and other ornaments were taken. Also an unlocked bicycle was stolen from outside the Coach and Horses pub in Cadnam.

Last month I highlighted that a number of £10 and £20 notes with dye stains on them were being used in the area, and in October some more of them turned up in the change machines at Paulton's Park. It's worth remembering that if you are offered a note which has dye on it then it is probably stolen.

Also a small amount of cannabis was seized from a car that was stopped late at night in Ower.

In October so far 13 motorists have been caught speeding in the Lyndhurst, Cadnam, Ashurst and Winsor areas, and 3 cars have been seized because none of them had any tax, insurance or a current MOT. And one driver has been arrested for driving his car while being nearly 4 times over the legal limit. Luckily he was stopped at the Ower services. And can I once again make a request for volunteers to help run a Community Speed watch scheme in Ashurst and Colbury. If you think you would like to help and would like more information just let me know.

This is the time of year when many of us will be either going to or holding our own firework parties and I have been visiting as many schools in this area as I can asking the children to stay as safe as possible during the firework and Halloween period. By the time you read this Beat Report, Halloween will have been and gone but it is worth reiterating that if you are celebrating at this time of year please be as careful as you can and try and understand that some of your neighbours might not enjoy this time of year as much as you do. There are also concerns about the current craze that involves people dressing up as clowns and frightening strangers. Please can you also make people aware that if they are planning to behave in this way there will be consequences. During the Halloween period lots of people dress up in scary costumes but don't let anyone you know get themselves into trouble for what they think is just a prank. Please think before you act

These pranks can have serious or even tragic endings so please don't use Halloween as an excuse, the police will take these matters seriously and if you plan to dress up as a clown and act in a threatening way there will be consequences. For instance you could be arrested, the person you jump out on could take matters into their own hands and you could end up getting hurt or injured and recording these incidents and posting them on social media could provide the police with evidence of your actions.

If you see a clown don't take matters into your own hands, call the police. Shout and scream to alert others to your situation and if you see something suspicious and you are at a safe distance, note as much detail as you can and call the police.

Finally the clocks have now gone back and the darker evenings mean that we need to think about how best we can protect our homes from burglars. Houses can often be left in darkness during the early mornings and late afternoons when we are at work and this tells the thief that there is probably no one at home. Here's some advice on how best to keep your house safe and secure

- **Use timer switches, available from most D.I.Y stores, to switch on lights and perhaps radios while you are away from the house to make it look and sound occupied.**
- **Ensure you shut and lock windows and doors when you return home and settle down for the evening.**
- **Ensure you have used padlocks on the side gates to deny access to the rear of your property.**
- **Ensure your outside lighting is in working order and consider low level ambient light on a dusk to dawn sensor. This will activate even when you are not at home.**

- After the summer, put your garden tools and garden equipment in a locked and alarmed shed or garage for the winter so that they cannot be used to gain entry to your home.
- Mark your property with your house number and postcode, and keep a list of any makes, models and serial numbers. Take photos of jewellery. Register your items for free at www.immobilise.com. Using this service will help the police in returning your property to you should it be stolen.

This is a good time to address your security, fit extra door and window locks. If you are feeling vulnerable or are elderly, ask for a free home safety and security survey by the Bobby Trust or call 0300 777 0157 for an appointment

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in October 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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