



NORTHERN NEW FOREST

Monthly Beat Report – November 2016



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Hello and welcome to November'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 December we will be at

Bramshaw Village Shop on Monday 5th December at 8am.

Bartley Post Office on Monday 5th December at 9am.

Minstead Village Shop on Saturday 10th December at 10am.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 18th December at 10.30am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 18th December at 11.30am.

Summary of Police incidents

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

Burglaries and Non Dwelling Burglaries:

November has seen an increase in the number of burglaries to 6. These happened in Winsor, Ower, Lyndhurst, Ashurst, Newbridge and Cadnam. The number of non-dwelling burglaries reported to Police in November has also increased to 10, these happened in Fritham, Lyndhurst, Cadnam, Bartley, Ashurst, Ower and Copythorne. There is always a rise in these types of incident at this time of year, which is why we all need to be extra vigilant and take extra care to make sure our property is as secure as possible. 26 calls have been made to Police during November reporting suspicious activity which is excellent and a great help to us. If you see anything that makes you ask questions about what that person or vehicle is doing in your area then please call Police immediately on 999 or 101. Again PC NORRIS and I have been patrolling overnight in November and these will continue well into December. And although for operational reasons we can't go into too much detail, investigations that will

hopefully identify those responsible for some these crimes are well underway. 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.

Most of you will have seen in the local media that Bartley Post Office was the victim of an overnight raid again in November. Also the Mace store at the junction of Winsor Road opposite the Haywain public house was robbed this month. Again both incidents are currently being investigated with several lines of enquiry being followed up. Meanwhile an arrest has been made after the Fish and Chip shop on Lyndhurst High Street and the Chinese takeaway in Ashurst were broken into.

Other thefts this month include a sundial from a garden in Minstead and money from the visitor's box at a church in Emery Down.

Theft from vehicle:

12 cars have been broken into in November. 3 of the thefts took place within an hour and half in and around the Millyford Bridge car park on Bolderwood Road while 3 took place in the Fritham car park. Meanwhile a car that was parked and left unattended for only ten minutes in the Knightwood Oak car park was also broken into. Two vehicles had money and other items stolen while they were left unlocked but on their driveways in Lyndhurst and two other vehicles were broken into whilst parked in Ower and at the car park outside Copythorne School. Also a courier had his bag stolen from his van while he was delivering a parcel to a hotel in Lyndhurst.

Other Incidents of notes:

An expensive bicycle has been stolen from the Bicycle shop on the High Street in Lyndhurst. This happened on Saturday 26th November between 4 and 4.30pm while the shop was still open. If you were in Lyndhurst for the Christmas light switch on and you saw something that might help us identify the thief then please contact us. Also a bicycle worth almost £1,000 has been stolen from Ashurst Railway Station. It was locked with a chain, which the thieves cut. Bicycles are highly desirable to thieves, especially at this time of year because they are easy to sell on as Christmas presents. Please have a look at this advice, especially about the best lock for your bicycle.

- **Ensure you use an approved Sold Secure "D" lock to secure your bike. Visit www.soldsecure.com for more information.**
- **Always lock your bike through the frame to a solid structure that is fixed to the ground, preferably a dedicated bike rack.**
- **Park your bike in a well-lit busy area that is covered by CCTV.**
- **If you have any quick-release items on your bike, make sure you take them with you or lock them to the bike.**
- **And again please register your bike for free at www.immobilise.com. The police use this to reunite stolen or lost property with its rightful owner.**

In November 21 motorists have been caught speeding in the Lyndhurst, Cadnam, Ashurst, Brook and Winsor areas. One driver has been arrested for driving her car while being nearly 2 times over the legal limit.

During October and November the Minstead Community Speedwatch team checked a total of 172 vehicles in and around the village and just over 30% of them (52 vehicles) were exceeding

the speed limit. Meanwhile during August, September, October and November the Lyndhurst team checked a total of 5741 vehicles and of those nearly 47% (2695 vehicles) were exceeding the 30mph limit. Of those, 364 were exceeding 35mph, 84 recorded speeds of 40mph or more and 7 vehicles were travelling at over 50mph, with the highest recorded speed of 50 mph. The work carried out by the Lyndhurst and Minstead Speedwatch teams makes a real difference to the speeds on the roads in and around their villages and makes them safer places to live. We are currently trying to recruit new members to both teams and to set up a new scheme in Ashurst and Colbury. If you think you would like to help and would like more information just let me know.

As I have already explained, crime increases at this time of the year. People see Christmas, and the build up to it, as an opportunity to steal from our homes, gardens, cars, bank accounts and so on. Please have a look at the advice below that has been provide by Hampshire Constabulary in the hope that it will keep you safe this Christmas.



- Park your car in a well-lit car park, preferably one that's attended or is displaying the Park Mark logo.
- Before you leave your car, ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked. Check it is locked by lifting the handle.
- Avoid leaving shopping and presents in your vehicle. If you have to, keep them out of sight and not on display. Don't hide them under coats or blankets.
- Make sure your handbag is closed or your wallet is in an inside pocket.
- Don't leave a handbag or purse unattended in a trolley, even if it's only for a couple of seconds.
- Keep the PIN for your bank cards confidential, and shield your card whenever entering your PIN at a terminal.
- Try to pay for your Christmas shopping with a card rather than carrying large amounts of cash around with you.



- If you see someone suspicious hanging around cancel the transaction and use another cashpoint.
- Before inserting your card have a look at the machine to make sure it looks normal and hasn't been tampered with.
- When entering your PIN number make sure you shield the numbers by covering the keypad with your hand. Make sure that others around you can't see you entering your PIN.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Put your money and your card away safely before leaving the machine.

AT HOME

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- Leave it until the last minute to put Christmas presents under the tree and don't leave them so that they can be seen from the outside through a window.
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home.
- A secure home reduces the chance of a burglary. Make sure windows and doors are locked and remove keys from sight every time you leave the house.
- When you go out at night make it appear that someone is still at home. Draw the curtains and leave a light on. You could always put a lamp or radio on a timer switch.
- Empty boxes left outside the house can advertise that you have nice new valuable goods inside. Dispose of all packaging carefully by breaking it down before putting it in the bin.
- If you are buying or receiving valuable gifts register them for free at www.immobilise.com
Doing this can help the police return your property to you should it be stolen.
- If you receive any Apple products, familiarise yourself with the Find My iPhone app. This can help you locate your item if they are lost or stolen.

GOING AWAY

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- Check you have locked all doors and windows then remove the keys from sight. If you have an alarm, turn it on.
- Let trusted neighbours know that you are away and ask them to keep an eye on your property and collect your post.
- Use timer switches on lamps and radios to make it look as though you are home.
- Cancel any deliveries such as milk and newspapers.

GOING OUT

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- Drink sensibly and stay with your friends.
- Plan how you are getting home in advance.
- Save the number of a licensed taxi firm in your mobile telephone. Always check the driver's identification and never get into an unlicensed taxi.
- Don't accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended.
- If there's trouble while you're out stay well clear of it.
- Whether you are male or female, avoid walking alone and never take short cuts through dark alleys or large open spaces.
- Keep your belongings with you and your valuables out of sight. Never leave your bag hanging over a chair and don't leave any other personal items unattended.

- Don't drink and drive. And remember you may still be over the limit the morning after a big night out.



- Consider where your deliveries will be left, don't ask for parcels to be left on doorsteps, in porches or behind bins.
- Think about what you write on social media about what you have been buying and where you are going. Be careful not to advertise that you are out partying or that you are away for Christmas.
- When shopping on line, or using a website where you need to enter your personal details, make sure the site is secure. Look for the padlock being displayed in the browser and that the web address starts with https.
- Remember that financial institutions will never ask for your online banking details by email, and they will never ask you to give them your PIN.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in November 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 we are on a rest day, so either leave us a message or send us 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 PC Steven Norris and myself would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, happy and crime free 2017.

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But remember always dial 999 in an emergency.

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