



NORTHERN NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
July 2017



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Hello and welcome to July's Beat Report for the Northern New Forest Heart area. 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 20127 Steven Norris.

Beat Surgeries

Because of a combination of annual leave and operational commitments, I will only be holding the following Beat Surgeries in August. However if you want to contact either me or PC 20127 NORRIS you can call or email us using the details at the end of this report.

St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 6th August at 10.00am.

Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane in Colbury on Sunday 6th August at 11.00am.

Lyndhurst Baptist Church on Sunday 6th August at midday.

Burglaries

There have been NO residential burglaries this month but there have been 6 non residential burglaries of which 2 happened in OWER. The good news is that a man has been arrested and charged for one of those incidents and he will be appearing in court later this month. The other non-residential burglaries happened in Woodlands, Bartley and Bank. And thieves have tried to break into the groundsman's shed at Lyndhurst cricket club at Bolton's Bench, luckily they failed.

Others thefts that have been reported to the Police this month include the taking of 16 chickens from a farm in Bartley, a mobile telephone and a purse were stolen from visitors to the Netley Marsh Steam and Craft Show, a mobile telephone was taken from a woman who was having lunch at a pub in Bank and a lady had her purse stolen from her handbag while she was in the changing room at a charity shop in Lyndhurst.

Theft From Motor Vehicle

There have only been 5 thefts in July, with Knightwood Oak, Andrews Mare and Fritham the New Forest car parks in our area the ones targeted. Over the weekend of 21st and 22nd July myself and the New Forest Police Cadets once again visited as many of the car parks as we could passing on the message that you have to take everything valuable with you and that you can't hide your goods in the boot because someone could be watching you. All 5 thefts this month have been of handbags left either on view in the car or hidden in the boot or under the front seat. Please have another read of the crime prevention advice below and pass the information on to anyone you know who is visiting the New Forest this summer. Thanks.

- **Be cautious about parking your car in an isolated area. Thieves can be put off when other people are around.**
- **Do not leave anything 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 a laptop or handbag and will break into your vehicle to find out.**
- **Take items with you rather than locking them in the boot, you can't be sure who has seen you. Thieves will often watch you "hide" everything and then when you have left your car unattended, they will break in to it.**
- **Before you leave home, think about what you need and leave any unnecessary items of value at home.**
- **Make sure you do not leave documents which have your personal details on in your vehicle.**
- **Do not leave your sat-nav in your vehicle and don't forget to remove the cradle and wipe the sucker marks from your windscreen.**

Whilst enjoying the New Forest please make sure you keep your bag and possessions with you and tell your friends to do the same.

Other Incidents of notes:

Criminal damage has been caused to three of the stained glass windows at St Michaels and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst and a roof box has been stolen from a car while it was parked on the driveway of a house in Minstead.

In July only 9 motorists were caught speeding. These were in Brook, Bramshaw and Lyndhurst. 2 drivers were arrested and charged with being over the drink drive limit, and 2 cars were seized by the Police for having no tax and no insurance. During July, the Speed Watch team in Minstead monitored 376 vehicles travelling in and around the village and 205 of them, so just over 54%, were caught exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. Of those 205, 63 vehicles were travelling at more than 35 mph and have received warning letters from the Police. Meanwhile the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed 1346 vehicles in July and of those 585, just over 43%, were travelling over the 30 mph speed limit. 69 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds over 35 mph. One vehicle was recorded at 64 mph which is the highest speed recorded this year !

During July we have been working closely with the DVLA and have spent time in Cadnam and Ashurst clamping un taxed vehicles. We are hoping to make this a monthly operation but it's worth noting that the DVLA carry out regular visits to this part of the New Forest and will clamp any vehicle that is on the public highway and that has been un taxed for a certain period of time. If you know of a un taxed vehicle, please report it to the DVLA via their website because they do follow these reports up. However like all of us these days they are extremely busy so if nothing happens to that vehicle within a month, report it again and they will do their best to have it clamped.

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. 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.

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