



# NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –  
August 2018



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Hello and welcome to August's Beat Report for the 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 colleagues PC 20127 Steven Norris and PC 2901 Jason Eastwood.

### Beat Surgeries

Please come and meet us, in September 2018 we will be at –

**Bramshaw Village Shop** on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 8am.

**Lyndhurst Parish Council Shop** on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

**Bartley Post Office** on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

**The Trusty Servant in Minstead** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 11am.

**St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.30am.

**Colbury Parish Church on Deer Leap Lane** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.30am.

**The Tip, Leaf and Bean café in the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

**Lyndhurst Baptist Church** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am.

Firstly can I encourage you to take part in our latest Neighbourhood Policing Survey. This is your opportunity to tell us what the main issues are in your community, and what crimes and issues you would like to see us target. By completing the survey, which only takes a few minutes, you will be able to set the Policing Priorities for your area for the next six months. Just copy and paste the link below into your search engine and help us make sure that you receive the best service possible from your local Police

Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Newforestdistrictpriorities2018autumn>

**Burglaries:** 4 homes have been burgled in August. 2 houses in Brockenhurst were entered through doors and windows that had been left open or unlocked because of the hot weather, and another house in Brockenhurst was burgled while the owners were away. Also this month the patio doors of a house in Minstead were smashed when the owners were out for the evening. Investigations into all four incidents are still on going. Meanwhile a large quantity of cigarettes were stolen in an overnight raid on Budgens on the High Street in Lyndhurst, and if you have any information that would help us identify the people responsible please call 101 quoting the crime number 44180299528.

There have been 16 burglaries to sheds and other outbuildings this month. 4 properties in Winsor were targeted on the same night and bicycles and power tools were stolen, while in separate incidents in Beaulieu, Exbury, Ower, Minstead, on the outskirts of Calmore and Brockenhurst power tools and fuel were taken. Attempts were also made to enter a shop in Ashurst and the Paulton's Golf Centre but both were unsuccessful.

**Theft From Motor Vehicle:** 11 vehicles have been broken into in August with Fritham, Millyford Bridge and Shatterford the car parks targeted in the New Forest. Two vehicles have been attacked whilst parked at hotels in Rhinefield and Stoney Cross.

There have been 20 bicycle thefts in our area this month, with 9 taken from the Hollands Wood campsite and 8 from the Roundhill campsite. The good news is that 2 men have been arrested for thefts from the Hollands Wood site and they are both still under investigation. However please stay vigilante and make sure your bicycle is as safe and secure as it can be.

In other incidents, 4 men in their early 20's have been charged with criminal damage at the Setley Ridge Vineyard outside Brockenhurst. Opportunist thieves have stolen a wallet, a pair of sunglasses, a camera and a mobile phone from shops, pubs and other public places while their owners have put them down for only a minute. Please don't leave anything valuable unattended, even for just a few seconds. And in August motorbikes have been seen riding off road in the New Forest at Deerleap, Stagbury Hill at Bramshaw, in the field behind Copythorne Community Centre and at Hatchett Pond. If you know anyone who rides their motorbike or drives their car off road in this way then please let me know.

During August, the Speed watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 803 vehicles. Of those, 351, so nearly 44% were travelling over the 30mph speed limit. The owners of 94 of those 351 vehicles will have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds of 35 mph or more with one vehicle on Chapel Lane reaching 47mph. The Speed Watch team in Minstead was unable to operate this month because of various roadworks and a traffic survey taking place in the village.

The Copythorne Parish Speed Watch team spent nearly 9 hours surveying roads in and around the village in August and monitored 1970 vehicles. Of those 69% were exceeding the 30mph limit and 254 drivers will be receiving warning letters from the Police for travelling at over 35mph, 6 of them were recorded at over 50mph !!!!! The Copythorne team is still looking for more volunteers so if you can spare 1½ hours a month please contact me for more details.

Elsewhere the Ashurst Speed Watch team went out 3 times in August and 34 vehicles were found to be speeding through the village and the Beaulieu team recorded 14 vehicles exceeding the 35mph limit going up the hill on Palace Lane towards Hill Top in just under one hour.

## **Older Driver Awareness Week** **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

There are currently just over 5.1 million people in the UK aged 70 and over driving on our roads and the expectation is that this will double if not treble in the next 20 years as we all live longer. The oldest person who holds a driving licence is a male aged 107 years. Hampshire is shown as having the highest number of older drivers outside London. We know that older motorists have a wealth of experience, confidence and tolerance. However, sight, hearing, reaction time and judgement of speed and distance may not be

as sharp as it once was. Fragility increases with age, so injuries tend to be more serious and recovery takes much longer. Casualty rates do increase for car drivers aged over about 65, and the fatality rate increases significantly.

That's where we come in. **The Older Drivers Forum** is about keeping mature motorists on the road safely for longer. Whether that's helping giving you practical and informative help and support to continue driving or pointing you in the right direction for an assessment to identify your driving needs – from wing mirror adapters to an elevated driving seat – we're here to help. We're a not-for-profit group made up of experts in road safety from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – from representatives from the emergency services, to charities, local authorities and businesses specialising in keeping older people on the road. If you know an older driver, have contact with them regularly in your job or are perhaps just concerned for a friend or relative who is still driving then the Older Driver Forum may be able to help. Please visit their website [www.olderdriversforum.com](http://www.olderdriversforum.com) for more information.

From **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**, and in support of Older Peoples Day (Oct 1<sup>st</sup>), the forum is holding an Older Driver Awareness Week offering advice and tips that will help older drivers continue to drive safely or help them to decide when to stop. We will be visiting 5 different venues throughout the week:

- **Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, Brockenhurst SO42 7RY
- **Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Haskins Garden Centre, West End, Southampton
- **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Waterlooville Community Centre, 10 Maurepas Way, Waterlooville PO7 7AY
- **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Festival Place Shopping Centre, Basingstoke
- **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** – St Thomas's Square and Newport Minister, Newport, Isle of Wight

The event is **free to attend** and open **between 9.30am to 3pm, no appointment is required and people can pop in anytime** during these hours. The events are aimed at anyone with an interest, from older drivers themselves, to friends and relatives.

Advice will be available on:

- brushing up your skills
- booking a driving assessment
- arranging a regular eyesight test
- getting advice on health and wellbeing issues that could affect driving ability
- renewing your licence at 70
- learning about road safety and consequences of not being fit to drive
- discover alternatives to being independent without a car

Safety is the top priority; it should be the most important thing older drivers consider when there is concern over driving ability. The best advice is don't become complacent

and wait for an accident or a near miss to convince a driver to stop, instead seek advice, support and help.

Let's help Older Drivers to carry on ***Driving Safely for Longer***

We've had some excellent calls from you in August reporting suspicious people and their vehicles. Please report anything suspicious that you see in your community to 101 or call myself, PC NORRIS or PC EASTWOOD directly. Thank you.

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