



NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report –
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Hello and welcome to March'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 we are responsible for Lyndhurst and the North of the Forest. PC 2901 Jason Eastwood and PCSO 14215 Vicki Pressey take care of the Forest south of Lyndhurst.

Beat Surgeries

I'm sure you won't be surprised by our first piece of news but in line with government advice and the latest information from Public Health England about keeping our communities and our staff safe, we have decided to postpone all of our Beat surgeries and public meetings for the foreseeable future.

However we are all still on duty and you can contact us via email, telephone or through our Facebook page. If you haven't already please like and share our Facebook page and get as many of your friends and family to do the same. It's an excellent way for us to keep you up to date with what we do and for us to be able to pass on important information to you immediately, especially during this difficult time. You can find us on Facebook at

NEW FOREST HEART COPS

We will also be holding two online Beat Surgeries in April. They will be 6.30pm on Wednesday 8th April and at 3pm on Wednesday 22nd April. Just go to our Facebook page **NEW FOREST HEART COPS** and you'll be able to ask us questions without leaving the house.

And please keep monitoring the Government website for all the latest on what we all need to be doing at this time. As police we will be out on patrol asking people to adhere to these guidelines because by staying home we keep everyone safe, and that's all that really matters at this time isn't it.

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Burglaries: One house has been burgled this month. It was a holiday let just outside Brockenhurst and although nothing was stolen quite a large amount of damage was done when the offenders broke in.

10 outbuildings, garages and sheds have been broken into in February so far. The worst saw over £6,000 worth of tools taken from a property on the outskirts of Lyndhurst and over £3,000 worth from another theft in Copythorne. Two large secure containers were targeted at Exbury

Gardens and other thefts took place in Minstead, Brockenhurst, Ashurst, Colbury and Woodlands.

A quad bike was stolen during a burglary at a hotel on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive, but because it had been fitted with a tracker it was easily recovered by us and returned to it's owners.

Theft From Motor Vehicle: 12 vehicles have been broken into this month and 3 of them have again been parked overnight at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross. If you know anyone who uses that hotel will you please tell them that it's regularly targeted by thieves. The other vehicles broken into were mostly work vans parked in Lyndhurst, Bartley, Minstead, East Boldre and Fritham. Only two vehicles parked in New Forest car parks were broken into this month they were in Millyford Bridge and Fritham.

A van was also stolen this month from an industrial unit at Ower. The vehicle was full of white goods but on a cycle patrol of the area the following day we found the van burnt out in a field not too far away but the white goods had been "hidden" nearby and are now back with their rightful owners.

Can you help us identify those responsible for a series of incidents in East Boldre. Over the past month there has been damage caused to the Village hall roof, the bus stop opposite the Post Office and some of the sheds on the allotments. One of the sheds was dragged into the village and set fire too. If you know who is responsible for these problems then let PC 2901 Jason Eastwood know so we can put an end to it. Thank you.

In other incidents 2 arrests have been made after two expensive bicycles were stolen from a shop in Brockenhurst and two other bikes were stolen but on separate occasions in Lyndhurst. 4 cars have been seized in the New Forest Heart area this month for either having no insurance, tax, MOT or all three and one was removed from a driver who failed a roadside drug test. Also two men were found with cannabis just outside Brockenhurst College.

Cyber criminals are exploiting people's interest in Coronavirus to steal login details and to download malware. This has increased as more people have become reliant on internet based services because they are working from home or in isolation. Please read and follow the current advice from the National Cyber Security Centre to avoid becoming a victim of a coronavirus related cyber-attack.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/cyber-experts-step-criminals-exploit-coronavirus>

These are different and difficult times for all of us so please look out and look after each other and if you think that any of us on the New Forest Heart Team can help then please don't hesitate to contact us.

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