

NEW FOREST HEART

Monthly Beat Report – November 2020

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Hello and welcome to November'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 colleague 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

Our face-to-face Beat Surgeries are still on hold as we enter December so again we encourage you to contact us if you need our help in any way, if we can help then we will. You can contact us via email, telephone or through our Facebook page which is NEW FOREST HEART COPS. If you need to speak to one of us in person because you or someone you know isn't feeling safe at home then please come to one of our SAFE AT HOME events. We have seen a rise in domestic abuse during 2020 because of the Coronavirus pandemic, so if you need our help and it's easier to visit us in person we will be at the BARTLEY POST OFFICE between 11am and midday on Friday 11th December and outside the LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE between 2 and 3pm on Christmas Eve.

The Government's website is always the best place to go to found out what is and isn't allowed under the current restrictions. It is always being updated and very easy to understand and most importantly it gives you the absolute answers to what is and isn't lawful at this time and how best to stay safe. The address is www.gov.uk and follow the links to the coronavirus updates.

We are asking for your help after a house on Woodlands Road in Woodlands was broken into this month. The burglary took place between 1pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 5th November and several items were stolen. If you have any information that will help us with our enquiries then please contact us and quote the crime number 44200429790. Some good news this month is that a man was after bicycles were stolen during a burglary at a shop in Brockenhurst. Meanwhile two sheds and garages in Lyndhurst and one in Brockenhurst have been broken into in November, as has a yard in Cadnam

Other thefts this month include two boats from moorings on the Beaulieu River, two mobile phones from shops in Lyndhurst and Ashurst, a battery and energiser from a yard in Cadnam and lead from the roof of the Filly pub on the Brockenhurst to Lymington road.

November has seen an increase in the number of motorbikes being ridden off road on the Forest floor, especially at the Beaulieu Heath car park. It is often difficult for us to get to these

vehicles at the time, but if we have photographs of them on the forest and their registration numbers then we can deal with them after the event. If you are able to get any details for us, and please do not put yourself at risk doing it, then send the information to us via email. Thank you.

The second national lockdown has seen more people travel to the Forest to walk their dogs or take exercise and sadly that means that the thieves are back too. In November, 10 vehicles have been targeted, including a boat on the Beaulieu river, cars in Brockenhurst and Brook that had their number plates stolen, two vans parked in the car park at the Premier Inn at Ower and another in the car park at the Travel Lodge at Stoney Cross. The other four thefts have all been visitors to the Forest who have again left handbags or rucksacks on display inside their cars and when they have returned those bags have been stolen. PLEASE TAKE EVERYTHING WITH YOU because you don't know who is watching you while you "hide" items under the seat or in the boot. And please don't leave anything valuable on display.

In other incidents, a cat was shot at and hit by a ball bearing during an attack in Bartley on Friday 27th November. The cat lost an eye but is recovering well now. If you know who did this then please call us and let us know and quote the crime number 44200461683.

Two cars in Lyndhurst and Ower have had their windows damaged, possibly by someone using a catapult and a shop window in Brockenhurst has been smashed. A man was arrested for drug driving after he was seen driving badly around Lyndhurst and two motorbikes have been driven off road on the pitch at Calmore cricket club. Finally, a group of four was removed from the Forest after setting up camp in the Knightwood Oak car park which is of course not allowed.

Because of the second national lockdown none of our Community Speed Watch teams have been active in November but they will be returning to action as soon as they can. And remember we are looking for new members for the Netley Marsh and Ashurst teams. Email PCSO Richard Williams if you are interested in signing up.

Another consequence of the second lockdown has been the increase in online shopping and because of that we have seen an increase in people being scammed. The link below takes you to some excellent advice on how best to stay say online from our partners at Action Fraud

https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/shoponlinesafely

If you cannot get the link to work then email PCSO Williams and he will send you a copy of the advice.

Don't forget you can contact any of us on the New Forest Heart Police team on the details below but please use 999, 101 or the on line reporting page on the Hampshire Police website to record crimes or incidents of anti-social behaviour

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Stay safe everyone and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

