

Hello and welcome to the December 2022 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team in the North of the Forest is PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In the New Year we will be holding the following meetings. At the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 3rd January, at Bramshaw Village Stores at 10am on Wednesday 4th January and at 11am on the same day we will be outside the Bartley Post Office. On Sunday 15th January join us at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst just after the morning service, so approximately 10.30am, and on Thursday 19th join us at the Open Door café at Minstead Church at 2pm. These Beat Surgeries are your chance to meet us in person and to ask us about issues you are having where you live. Alternatively you can always call or email us on the details below but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course if it's an emergency always call 999.

No homes have been burgled this month and only six outbuildings have been attacked. A ride on lawn mower was stolen from a garage in Beaulieu and lots of tools and camping equipment were taken from the Scout Camp at Wilverley and from two separate homes in Ower. Containers on the SSE site at Castle Malwood were also broken into this month.

At 05.30 on Monday 19th December, Haydon Tyres at Cadnam was broken into and several items were stolen. That investigation is still on going so please if you have any information that would help us find the offenders or if you were in the area at the time then please call us and quote the crime number 44220509235.

An attempt was made to steal a Quad Bike from a stable yard in Bramshaw but security lighting and an alarm in the outbuilding meant the thieves ran off and nothing was taken, but undeterred they then went to another property only a few houses up the road and tried to steal another vehicle. Luckily they were disturbed again and left empty handed. These incidents highlight how effective home security systems are and if you would like some target hardening advice for your home just email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk and we can give you some ideas.

Other thefts in the build up to Christmas included cars from Shrubbs Hill Road in Lyndhurst and Ash Road in Ashurst, a catalytic converter from a car on the roadside in Emery Down, a disc cutter from a van in Winsor and handbags from cars parked on the Ornamental Drive and in the Millyford Bridge and Parc Pale car parks.

Other incidents of note in December included a Jet Ski and a trailer that were set on fire for no apparent reason at a storage yard in Ashurst, parcels that were taken from the doorsteps of houses in Ashurst and Brockenhurst and several gas bottles that were stolen overnight from outside the Bramshaw Village Stores. Unbelievably the lock on the Salvation Army charity bin in Ashurst has been cut off and the clothes that were inside stolen and a gate was also damaged at a property in Brook. Cars parked in Lyndhurst, Cadnam and at the Beaulieu Road Station were scratched, hit with a catapult and had their windscreens smashed respectively.

This month we joined forces with the New Forest District Council Dog Warden to resolve two separate incidents where out of control dogs attacked another dog and another dog walker, at Stoney Cross and Matley Wood. Thankfully the dog owner wasn't injured and the dog that was attacked is on the mend but

the owner of that dog has been given a Community Protection Warning Notice. This means he has to keep his dog under control at all times and comply with the conditions of the warning notice or he could end up in court. Please make sure that your dog is under your complete control at all time – thank you.

Thanks again to the numerous Speed Watch teams across the New Forest that have been busy this year. They include the Copythorne Speed Watch Team who have analysed their results for the whole of 2022. They went out on 74 surveys in total, it would have been more but some were cancelled due to weather conditions, and they monitored 19,113 vehicles and the majority of drivers were observing the speed limit. However, 2,703 drivers were recorded at 35 mph or more in 30 mph zones and received Police letters about their driving. Unfortunately, a total of 83 drivers were recorded at speeds in excess of 50 mph and they have all been contacted directly by the Police. As a reminder, please observe the speed limits for everyone's safety. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the local, friendly Speed Watch groups and would like to experience a survey, contact Richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk for more information.

Finally well done Maia, Albie, Hermione and Aven who are the winners of this year's Christmas colouring Competition – you can see their winning pictures on our Facebook Page, New Forest Heart Cops. They were chosen out of over a one hundred entries by Donna Jones the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the IOW. Thanks to everyone that entered you all did a really great job.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police last month 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 PCSO WILLIAMS directly.

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