

Hello and welcome to the August 2025 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In September we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the back of the Community Centre on Wednesday 3rd at midday and on 6th September we will be at the Ashurst Village Fete also from midday. This year the fete is being in the Colbury Memorial Hall on Main Road, SO40 7EL and the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team will be there too so if you have any questions for us come and say hello.

Our next Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery will be at 6pm on Friday 19th September at the Reptile Centre off the A35 just outside Lyndhurst. The post code is SO43 7GR and the What3Words are conductor.dignify.stung

It's a beautiful area and the walk should be one to remember. Again Forestry England will be hosting the walk which is aimed at encouraging solo walkers and those people who don't feel comfortable walking alone to spend time in the Forest in a safe and relaxed setting. The New Forest Heart Police team holds several Beat Surgeries every month and our Walking in Partnership events are another opportunity to ask us about Policing in your area and they give us the chance to share with you the latest safety and crime prevention advice. If you want more information please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

On Monday 22nd September join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, and at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and on Thursday 25th we will be at the East Boldre Village shop on Church lane at 3pm.

Finally on Saturday 27th September we will be offering security bike marking at the Pass the PEDALL festival at New Park, Brockenhurst. The day is described as a one day fundraising community event all about cycling for everyone, regardless of ability. We will be on site from 10.30 so hopefully we will see you there. Again if you want any more information email PCSO Williams

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to any of these meetings you can always call or email us, 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.

This month has seen a slight rise in the number of sheds, garages and outbuildings that have been broken into. Ten properties in all have been targeted in Bartley, Woodlands, Winsor, Stoney Cross, by the Setthorns campsite, Brockenhurst and East Boldre. The usual items have been stolen.

The saw mill in Bartley has also been targeted this month on two separate occasions.

Other thefts in September include several inflatable boats, tenders, outboards and dinghies from the Marina at Bucklers Hard in Beaulieu. Investigations into all of those thefts are well underway and we hope to have some good news for you soon. Eight shopliftings have been reported to us in September, seven of them from the Co Op in Brockenhurst and one from the shop at Ocknell campsite.

Two honesty boxes were also targeted in Winsor this month, with money and goods stolen.

There have been 12 thefts from vehicles in the New Forest Heart area in September – two were vans that was broken into while parked on driveways in Winsor and Bartley while four cars were broken into on the same night in East Boldre. The others cars broken into were parked left in a James Hill, Shepherds Gutter, Brock Hill, Holmsley and Pipers wait car park in the Forest. All of those vehicles had left bags and valuables on display so please remember to take all of your valuables with you whenever you leave your vehicle unattended and don't hide anything in the boot because you never know who is watching.

Three expensive bicycles were stolen in September. One was taken from a driveway in Brockenhurst and two worth £4,000 each were stolen from the bicycle rack outside a hotel on the outskirts of Brockenhurst. They were locked to the rack but the thieves still took them. Please use this link to get some excellent advice on how to keep your bikes safe https://orlo.uk/oxU0b

Also in August attempts were made to steal two golf buggies from the course at Bramshaw, the tips jar was taken from a pub in the same village and a generator was stolen from Copythorne.

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