

BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH



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NEWS



BEAT REPORT

Hello and welcome to the March 2023 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In April we will be holding the following meetings -

On Thursday 13th April we will be at the village hall in the main car park in Beaulieu at 10.30am, then an hour later outside STREETS IRONMONGERS on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst from 11.30am and then at the East Boldre Village Hall at 12.30pm.

On Thursday 20th April we will be at the Open Door café in Minstead Church and then at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 24th April, and at 9am on the same day we will be outside the Bartley Post Office. On Tuesday 25th April join us at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. If you can't make any of these meetings, 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.

We had reports that a house in Cadnam was broken into while the occupants were out shopping, nothing was stolen but damage was caused to the front door. There have been break ins to three sheds, containers and outbuildings in Cadnam and Bramshaw and an electric bicycle was stolen from a summer house at the bottom of a garden in Ashurst. At the end of the month another expensive bicycle was stolen from outside the Doctors surgery in Brockenhurst. Thanks to everyone who came to our security bike marking sessions in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst. These were a great success, not only because a security marked bike is easier to recover but also because the sessions helped raise awareness about making your bicycles as safe and secure as possible.

Garden items, including some furniture have been taken from homes in Brockenhurst and Cadnam and cars parked in Shepherds Gutter, Brock Hill, Sethorns Campsite and Janesmoor Pond car parks and on the roadside at Stoney Cross have been broken into and bags stolen.

Other thefts this month include clothing from the Salvation Army Charity bin in Ashurst and over 300 kilos of asparagus from a property on the outskirts of Beaulieu.

A Bournemouth man has been sentenced after admitting harassment against a woman from Ashurst. The court heard how between 18th December 2022 and 24th January 2023, Timothy O'Brien sent the victim 115 messages, 33 videos and 13 photos via Facebook messenger. The messages contained sexually explicit comments towards the victim and in some of the videos he appeared to be naked. O'Brien received seventeen weeks imprisonment and was given an indefinite restraining order. Speaking after the hearing, DC Lydia Davies said "We urge anyone who has been a victim of stalking or harassment to report it to us. We understand it may be difficult, but we take these crimes seriously and victims will be supported throughout. We will continue to work hard through Hampshire's Multi-Agency Stalking Clinic to ensure everything is being done to protect victims and stop this behaviour" To report an incident call 101 or go online to the Hampshire and IOW Police website. In an emergency though always call 999.

Also, this month we've had reports of anti-social behaviour in the New Inn Road and Shepherds Road areas of Bartley. This includes children using catapults to fire ball bearings at homes and cycling towards cars.

doing wheelies, which is obviously extremely dangerous. If you see anything like this happening or you know who the children are then please email Richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Catapults have also been used to fire ball bearings through car windows in Emery Down and on Penn Common, and damage has also been done to a building site at Emery Down and to a fence at the back of Rufus Gardens in Lyndhurst.

We recorded another disappointingly high speed during this month's OP MOUNTIE session. OP Mountie is our multi agency approach to slowing traffic and reducing animal deaths across the New Forest. On Friday 24th March we held sessions on Beaulieu Hill, Kings Hat car park and opposite Hawk Hill Inclosure and although most people once again stuck to the speed limit, two drivers were stopped and given tickets for speeds of 51mph and 60mph on a 40mph road.

Our partnership meeting in April will take place at Boltons Bench in Lyndhurst between 8am and 10am on Sunday 9th April. This is when we join forces with Forestry England, the New Forest National Park Authority, the New Forest Dog Owners Group and our Countrywatch team to answer any questions you might have about life in the New Forest.

The New Forest High Harm Team was launched in the middle of March and already they've been getting stuck into making the New Forest a safer place to live and more hostile for those who commit crime. Five offenders have been arrested including:-

- a man wanted for the theft of over £800 worth of electrical items and who had failed to attend court.
- a man in breach of his community order who had gone on to commit a further eight theft and public order offences
- and two people were arrested after a report of a theft of nearly £10,000 worth of horse tack and riding equipment in the Fordingbridge area.

If you have any questions or queries about issues affecting you and your community please contact us and we will do our best to answer any questions you have.

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New Forest District Council (NFDC) has installed six new community recycling banks across the district where residents can take food and drink cartons, and other paper-based containers.

The new carton banks are in public car parks in Hythe, New Milton, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Ringwood, and Totton.

This brings the number of these recycling banks in the district to seven, following a trial in Fordingbridge.

Cllr Steve Davies, portfolio holder for environment and coastal services, said "We're excited to be introducing more recycling banks for food and drink cartons, and other paper-based containers as currently, these types of containers cannot be added to the clear recycling sacks we collect from households. This is all a part of our commitment to make it easier for residents to reduce waste and recycle more, and I really hope people find the new recycling banks useful."

"From 2025, we're planning to collect more recyclable items from residents' homes, including food and drink cartons. In the meantime, these banks provide us with a positive solution to increase recycling and be more sustainable."

Cllr Ann Sevier, NFDC councillor for Fordingbridge, said "The food and drink carton bank in Fordingbridge has been a great success, with 6.6 tonnes collected since it was implemented. It has received fantastic support from local community groups and residents, and I'm delighted that we are making this resource available for more residents with extra carton recycling banks across the district."

Items which can be put into the recycling banks includes food and drink cartons and paper-based containers with metal ends, such as tubes used for crisps, gravy, and hot chocolate, and dough paper containers.

Each site will have images displayed of what can be added to the banks so people know they are not contaminating the recycling being collected. A full list is available on NFDC's website at <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/recyclingbanks>

To accommodate the new carton recycling banks, some of the mixed recycling banks at Elm Avenue car park in New Milton and Cannon Street car park in Lymington have been removed. Residents can recycle these materials at home, or at nearby sites, which includes Tesco Superstore car park for New Milton, and St Thomas Street car park for Lymington.

Residents can find out about more about recycling in the district, and future changes to recycling and rubbish collections, on the council's website at [newforest.gov.uk/recyclingandrubbish](https://www.newforest.gov.uk/recyclingandrubbish)



PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

Following public consultation, New Forest District Council's Cabinet has approved bringing in new powers to ban the lighting of fires in the open Forest and the feeding and petting of Forest animals.

The proposals to make Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in respect of the lighting of fires and barbecues in the open Forest (PSPO1), and the feeding and petting of Forest animals (PSPO2), were agreed at the 5 April 2023 NFDC Cabinet meeting. <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&Mid=7515>

The consultation, carried out in December 2022 to January 2023, found that 95% agreed with the proposal to introduce PSPO1, and 91% agreed with the proposal to introduce PSPO2.

At the meeting it was agreed that, based on the evidence presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 2 November 2022 and the response to the consultation, the relevant legal tests have been met and it is appropriate to proceed with the making of the PSPOs.

PSPOs, if used proportionately and in the right circumstances, allow NFDC and their partners to counter unreasonable and persistent behaviour as they grant stronger enforcement powers and the ability to issue fixed penalties for breaches.

Although the vast majority of people enjoying the Forest do so with due regard to the New Forest Code, by making these PSPOs NFDC expect a reduction in anti-social behaviour associated with wildfires and barbecues on the Forest, and the feeding and petting of Forest animals, all of which are detrimental to the local community.

Formal enforcement will be used proportionately, and there will be information issued about these new restrictions and clear signage will be in place.

Anyone breaching the terms of the PSPOs, without reasonable excuse, will be committing a criminal offence, punishable by prosecution with a maximum fine of £1000, or by the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice, with a maximum penalty of £100.

The PSPOs are expected to come in to force on 1 July 2023.

NFDC and its partners will continue to work together both in readiness for the PSPOs to come into force and afterward to raise awareness and support the enforcement.



**NEWLY BUILT AFFORDABLE HOMES TAKE COUNCIL
A STEP CLOSER TO AMBITIOUS TARGET**



A New Forest District Council scheme of six energy efficient homes has completed in Hythe.

Situated in Ladycross Road and replacing 37 underused and empty garages, the development has transformed the site and enhanced the neighbourhood, also providing six affordable homes to meet local need.

Combining air source heat pumps, additional levels of insulation and photovoltaic roof panels, the homes include some of the latest technology to help address today's need for affordable warmth as well as contributing to longer term carbon reduction aims. Electric vehicle charging points have also been included in the communal parking area.

Cllr Edward Heron, portfolio holder for housing, said, "These very high-quality homes take us a step closer to the affordable housing target we set in our Housing Strategy five years ago".

"Since 2018 the district council has delivered 285 additional affordable homes across the New Forest from a variety of sources and to meet different needs. From securing homes with private developers to commissioning high-quality builds on our own land, our work to meet housing need has looked at every possible route.

"We have firm plans in our pipeline for another 144 homes for rent and for shared-ownership, and we're aiming to meet the highest viable energy and carbon reducing standards for those we build ourselves. Our very first Future Homes Standard [1] scheme is currently under construction in Totton and more are coming forward in New Milton and Hythe.

"But these are challenging times to be building affordable homes with multiple cost, market, and value constraints. We are having to act prudently which is why schemes like Ladycross Road - built on our land and with subsidy from central government - are so important to our programme".

The six homes have already been allocated and will soon be occupied by families from the district council's housing register.

For further information about New Forest District Council's housing strategy, and development programme of homes for rent and shared-ownership please visit <https://newforest.gov.uk/housing>



MAY 2023 ELECTIONS: PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT NOW LAW

New Forest residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of photo ID.

Showing a photo ID before being allowed to cast a vote is a new requirement at polling stations, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year.

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in local elections, Police and Crime Commissioner elections, UK parliamentary by-elections, and Recall petitions. From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

The new legislation does not affect the postal vote process and those who choose to vote by post will not be required to provide voter ID.

Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK or EEA drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

New Forest District Council are advising residents of the new law, what photo ID is suitable, and what to do if a voter does not have a suitable form of ID.

Kate Ryan, Returning Officer at New Forest District Council, said, "It is estimated that more than 95% of people already have a suitable photo ID and we have started to advise people of this new requirement so they are able to vote in May. We have information on our website, in our residents emails, on social media, and posters. And we will also be sending a leaflet to every household in March.

"Our staff are being trained in the new requirements and we will have more staff at every polling station to help people with this change."

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID can now apply for a free 'Voter Authority Certificate' at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form.

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate to be able to vote in the May 2023 elections is 5pm Tuesday 25 April.

New Forest District Council information offices at Lymington, New Milton, Hythe and Lyndhurst have trained staff to offer help filling in the application, including taking a photograph.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free voter ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

Ailsa Irvine, Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance at the Electoral Commission, said, "Anyone voting at a polling station in England this May will need to show photo ID before

they can be given their ballot paper. It's important that everyone understands what types of ID they can use, and how to apply for free ID if they need it. You can find information about the new requirement and what to expect at the polling station on the Electoral Commission's website."

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

To find that out, we're running a short survey across England and Wales for members and non-members alike. Your answers will be anonymous and help us identify positives we can build on and areas we need to improve. Additionally, you could be in for a chance to **win a £25 Amazon voucher by completing the survey.**

The survey will be open from 29th March to 21st April. Please spread the word - we would like to gain the broadest possible range of responses representing the diversity of England and Wales.

Please help us by sharing this survey link with your friends, family and networks. Forward this email or post this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5VZ6XB7> to your WhatsApp or social media groups.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



KING'S CORONATION - SAT 06 MAY 2023

The National Association of Civic Officers have published information about the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th May and provided details about some of the national events that will be taking place over that weekend.

The coronation itself will take place at Westminster Abbey on the morning of Saturday 6th May. Sunday 7th May will be the day for a Coronation Concert staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle and a Coronation Big Lunch will take place on the same day. The Big Lunch is being organised by the Eden Project and downloadable resources will be available from www.coronationbiglunch.com.

The bank holiday on Monday 8th May will be focusing on volunteering and The Big Help Out is aimed at encouraging people to try volunteering in their local area.

Further details can be found using the links below, and we will publish updates in our newsletters/member emails:

<https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64349942>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



13 APRIL

10:30am

VILLAGE HALL MAIN
CAR PARK
BEAULIEU

13 APRIL

11:30am

OUTSIDE
IRONMONGERS
BROOKLEY ROAD
BROCKENHURST

13 APRIL

12:30pm

EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE
HALL

20 APRIL

2pm

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ
MINSTEAD CHURCH

24 APRIL

8am

BRAMSHAW VILLAGE
STORES

24 APRIL

9am

BARTLEY POST OFFICE

25 APRIL

11am

POST OFFICE, HAPPY
CHEESE, ASHURST

BEAT SURGERIES

These Beat Surgeries are your chance to meet us in person and to ask us about issues you are having where you live.

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	<p><u>11 APRIL</u> BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY : SPRING SHOW</p> <p>For further information contact Sue Yandell: 023 8081 2994</p>
	<p>3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW & DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY</p> <p>Raffle every film evening, to win a free ticket to the next showing Come and enjoy a glass of wine before the start of the film Annual Membership £3 - Guest Membership £1 - Attendance £4 per evening</p>
	<p><u>18 APRIL</u> 7:30pm Bramshaw Village Hall</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>Here's a link to view the Agenda (once it's been published) on the Parish Council's website Agendas and Minutes</p>

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