



BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH



DECEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR DOUBLE EDITION

NEWS



BEAT REPORT

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

In December come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our area. We will be at three different venues on Tuesday 6th December. At 8am join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores, at 9am at the Bartley Post Office and then at 11am at the Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst. Then later in the month we will be at the Open-Door café at Minstead Church at 2pm on Thursday 15th and at St Michael's and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst just after 10.30am on Sunday 18th December. 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.

Once again, no homes were burgled in November, but fifteen garages, sheds, barns and other outbuildings were. The usual items have been stolen from properties mostly in Brockenhurst but also in Lyndhurst, Stoney Cross, Ower, Brook, Bramshaw, Emery Down and Copythorne. The Tesco Express in Brockenhurst was also targeted again when just after 6am on Friday 18th November a man jumped over the counter to steal cigarettes. If you witnessed this theft or perhaps you have been offered some cheap cigarettes, then please call us and quote the crime number 44220468376.

Only one catalytic converter has been stolen and that was from a car parked at a garage in Copythorne. Seven other vehicles have been broken into, again mostly in Brockenhurst but there have also been thefts from Ashurst, Beaulieu and Ower.

Knightwood Oak was the only New Forest car park targeted this month.

Two vehicles had their windows smashed while they were parked in the Beaulieu Road station area and in the main car park at Lyndhurst and number plates have been taken from vans in Cadnam and on Woodlands Road.

A VW van was stolen from the car park of the New Forest Inn at Emery Down while the owner was inside having a meal and two vehicles were taken overnight from the same driveway of a house in Lyndhurst.

Other thefts this month include a phone that was stolen from a shop in Lyndhurst, a dummy watch from an exhibition at the Beaulieu Motor Museum and a Muntjac head that was on the wall inside Kings House at Lyndhurst.

Car windows have been smashed with ball bearings in Ashurst and on Stoney Cross and there has been an increase in fly tipping in November including several areas in Minstead where the remains of a cannabis grow were dumped. We will be holding joint operations with Forestry England, New Forest District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority to target those people who seem to think it is ok to dump their rubbish in the Forest.

On the 1st November we were joined by the Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones as we celebrated one year of Operation Mountie, our multi agency approach to reducing speed across the New Forest and the number of animal deaths. Operation Mountie focuses on education for motorists who are

driving a few miles an hour over the speed limit. Tickets are given to those who are going at higher speeds. There have been 17 operations over eight locations and these are the results so far 155 vehicles have been stopped.

- 145 given education by Partners
- 41 have been given enforcement.
- 29 drivers have been given tickets for speeding at 50 mph or over. The highest speed recorded is 70mph.
- Three drivers have been given tickets for having no insurance, having no business insurance and no MOT.
- Five drivers have had cars seized for a combination of no tax, no insurance or no licence.
- One driver failed a roadside drug test and was arrested.
- One driver was wanted for the theft of Fuel from several petrol stations across the county and was dealt with at the roadside.
- One driver was charged with Taking a Vehicle Without Consent.
- One ticket was issued for an incorrect number plate.

Operation Mountie is having a real affect in making the roads across the Forest safer for everyone but of course we need to keep it going so in 2023 expect to see us at various locations across the New Forest.

We have now launched our Christmas colouring competition for 2022. We are always looking at ways of including everyone in our community in what we do, so to get us all ready for the festive period we are having a colouring competition for anyone aged under 16. If you would like your children or grandchildren to take part, follow these simple steps click on this link <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/2020/06/11/colour-in-police-activities-for-children/>

choose your favourite police officer and colour them in, being as imaginative as possible, and include a festive message you'd like to share with your community.

Then email it to richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk, making sure you include know your name, age and where you live in the email. The top three will be chosen by the Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones and your prize is an exclusive tour of Lyndhurst Police Station. The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday 11th December 2022. Good luck

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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And all of us on the NEW FOREST HEART COPS TEAM wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



NFDC SUPPORTING FORMERLY HOMELESS PEOPLE INTO EMPLOYMENT

New Forest District Council (NFDC) has increased long term support for formerly homeless residents with a new employment scheme, funded by a grant under the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative, to end rough sleeping.

NFDC has partnered with Beam, a social enterprise and fundraising platform which helps homeless people find and maintain employment, to offer this support.

The scheme will initially support seven ex-homeless residents into jobs over a 12-month period. People are referred to the scheme by the council's housing service. Caseworkers are then assigned to the individual to support them into a stable job.

People involved in the employment scheme will be supported to raise funds that contribute towards training, childcare, travel costs and computer equipment.

The jobseekers will also be helped with CV writing, job interview preparation, and online job applications, and are then matched with employers.

Councillor Jill Cleary, Housing and Homelessness Portfolio holder, said: "We have over 50 temporary accommodation sites and employ a team of workers to help homeless people with their tenancies. The project takes our existing work to the next stage with a package to help previously homeless people into employment and long-term accommodation."

"Ever since the launch of our Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy in 2019, we have very much wanted to support our ex-homeless clients into employment. Having now laid the

foundation, it is the right time to launch this initiative. I look forward to some positive outcomes from the service over the coming months.”

Seb Barker, co-founder and chief operating officer of Beam, said: “It’s more important than ever that we’re supporting at-risk groups into quality employment that they can sustain. We’re delighted that the New Forest is the first council in Hampshire to partner with Beam and we look forward to working with local employers.”

If residents are concerned about becoming homeless, or are in this position already, the council have ways to help. Refer online through the Housing Assistance Referral Portal as early as possible on the NFDC website: www.newforest.gov.uk/homeless



NFDC WORK TO ADDRESS INCREASED DEMAND ON HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

A report to NFDC’s cabinet (2 November) has asked for additional resources to address increased demand for the homelessness service for people who live in the district.

The authority has approved an additional £1.3m to supplement existing homelessness budgets, and the appointment of two additional homelessness officers.

Since the Covid pandemic, single person homelessness has remained high but with more families now facing homelessness costs have increased significantly. NFDC has seen a 23% increase* of households who are, or may be facing, homelessness, and the use of emergency accommodation has increased 35%*.

The use of temporary accommodation is predicted to have risen 25% across the country according to government statistics. The New Forest has a lower-than-average sized private rented sector and in recent months an increasing number of landlords are selling their properties, are converting to holiday lets, or wish to raise rents beyond the affordability of their current tenants. Homelessness due to the end of a private rented tenancy is up 118%* across the district.

Cllr Jill Cleary said, "We are now supporting around 40 families from the New Forest in emergency accommodation at any one time. As quickly as we secure housing for one of these families another unfortunately loses their current home. I know my housing officers are doing all they can, and it is the right time to increase the resources we have available. This will ensure we can support our officers to give the time each homelessness case requires, but with that comes additional costs.

"We already have an enhanced and robust action plan in place to continue to meet our statutory duties, to ensure we reduce the use of emergency accommodation over time, to improve access still further to the private rented sector and to provide early intervention wherever possible."

Richard Knott, service manager for housing options, said, "We've introduced a number of additional initiatives to tackle the recent local increase in homelessness, including providing 43 new units of temporary accommodation, with more planned across the district. Plus, we plan to offer a guarantor facility very soon, to those households facing difficulty securing new private rented accommodation. We encourage landlords to approach the Council before taking possession action to assess what support we may be able to provide. We are always keen to work with new landlords to accommodate the households we work with, providing support to both landlord and tenant throughout the life of their tenancy.

"We know this is a very stressful and difficult time for many of the households who approach us, but we have trained officers visiting people who are at threat of homelessness to provide early help, support and mediation to keep their current accommodation arrangements where possible."

"If you are facing homelessness, please use our online form at <https://newforest.gov.uk/housing> as soon as possible so we can start your assessment and provide you with realistic housing options.

Further information on homelessness can be found at <https://newforest.gov.uk/housing>

Information and support for the cost-of-living crisis can also be found on the NFDC website <https://newforest.gov.uk/costofliving>



NFDC CONSULT ON PROPOSALS TO PREVENT BBQs AND WILD ANIMAL PETTING IN THE NEW FOREST

At their Cabinet meeting this morning (Wednesday 2 November), New Forest District Council approved, in principle, two Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) for public consultation.

The proposed orders look to ban the lighting of fires and use of BBQs principally on the Crown Lands, managed by Forestry England, and the feeding and petting of ponies, horses, mules, and donkeys in the open areas of the New Forest.

Although there is already a byelaw that bans lighting fires, and the feeding of Commoners animals, a PSPO is a legal classification that gives wider enforcement powers, including administering Fixed Penalty Notices for breaches. If approved, the PSPOs would allow Fixed Penalty Notices to be issued with penalties of up to £100, or up to £1,000 with a Magistrates' Court prosecution.

New Forest District Council will now seek the views of members of the public during a period of consultation beginning in December, and officers will report back findings to Cabinet meeting in Spring 2023.

The proposal of the two new PSPOs comes after ongoing discussions with the New Forest Recreation Management Strategy Steering Group. As part of the group, the Council have been involved in talks about how to deal with certain anti-social behaviours within the New Forest.



CLLR JILL CLEARY ELECTED AS LEADER OF NFDC



Cllr Jill Cleary has been elected as the Leader of New Forest District Council (NFDC) at the Council meeting of 14 November 2022, **“My ultimate aspiration is to see NFDC thrive and be able to continue, in these challenging times, to offer excellent frontline**

services our residents want to see.

“Housing will always be a passion of mine and my commitment to making a difference when we are most needed is what motivates me as a councillor. I am excited to be able to take my drive for housing services and apply that to the bigger remit I now have as Leader. My focus is rooted in local communities, solving problems and being forward thinking. I want my cabinet to have that approach across all council services.

“Keeping our district a vibrant and special place is not something we can or should do alone. I will work with our towns and parishes, the county council, partners, businesses, voluntary sector organisations and local groups. If everyone is at the table we can get the job done with far better results than working alone.

“I will build on the work underway to ensure that NFDC is listening to what people want and need and I have already started asking councillors to take me around their wards so I can understand all the different areas. We are undertaking a residents survey and my commitment is that we will be open to what communities tell us. I will encourage the whole organisation to be a listening organisation, to hear what matters to people.

“The challenges we face are significant, including the cost of living and responding to the climate and nature emergency, but I will champion our work together to find those innovative approaches that will mean we are able to change people’s lives for the better whilst protecting and enhancing our amazing New Forest.”

Cllr Cleary confirmed her Cabinet will remain as currently, with the exception that the housing portfolio will move to Cllr Edward Heron.

Cllr Diane Andrews is the new Deputy Leader.

<https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=133>

At the Council meeting Cllr Cleary said,

"I would like to thank the Council for their support in electing me the new Leader. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Edward Heron for his service and achievements as the previous leader. He has championed us being a more responsive council with a commitment to improving communications, and he has worked to ensure that as a council we have more influence on regional matters, always with the benefit of our local residents in mind. He has worked tirelessly to bring the Solent Freeport this far and I have asked him to continue with this really important task until May 2023.

"I would like to thank the Cabinet for their dedication and the role that they have working as a team to lead this council in making significant progress with the corporate plan and maintaining the focus on delivery and moving forward. Therefore, I do not want to make huge changes to the Cabinet and I have huge pleasure in announcing Cllr Diane Andrews will be my deputy, Cllr Edward Heron will now be responsible for the housing services portfolio, cllrs Steve Davies, David Russell, Michael Harris, Jeremy Heron, Geoff Blunden will remain my cabinet."



PREPARE TO STOP FOR FOREST ANIMALS



November and December are the deadliest months for New Forest livestock with most accidents taking place between 5pm and 10pm on weekdays and involving local commuters.

Accidents can happen at any speed and cause untold suffering to the unfortunate animal, can result in injuries to people in the car and may result in a badly damaged vehicle. By slowing down in the dark, especially when oncoming vehicles approach, drivers, their passengers and the animals will be much safer.

If you do have an accident involving a pony, cow, donkey, pig, or sheep you are required by law to report it to the police by ringing 999 as soon as possible.

How drivers can help:

- Be ready to stop – animals can step out even when they've seen you approaching.

- Drive slowly, especially in the dark – there is a pool of darkness behind the headlights of approaching cars and an animal may be standing in it.
- Give animals grazing by the side of the road a wide berth – cross to the other side of the road and be prepared to STOP if there is on-coming traffic.
- Grazing animals on both sides of the road? Take extra care – they may cross to join their friends.
- One animal by the roadside means there are others close by – be aware.
- Bends and tops of hills need more care – animals may be standing in the road just out of sight.
- Reflective collars worn by some ponies may help you see them in the dark – but be aware that not all ponies have them.
- Deer can easily jump the fences alongside roads such as the A337, A31 and A35 – and when there is one deer more will usually follow.
- Be animal aware at all times.

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HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT
CONSTABULARY

WITNESS APPEAL

We are appealing for witnesses following an initial Hare Coursing incident, however the dog then got into a field which proceeded to kill a lamb and injury another Ewe. This happened at Clare Park Farm in Farnham on the afternoon of Tuesday 22nd November between 1500-1530.

The incident was given an emergency response by Police and with the help of the farmer the dog was tracked and located. The dog has now been seized by police and is being well looked after.

We believe there were dog walkers in the area at the time and potentially passing vehicles with dash cam footage which has captured other vehicle activity in the area. This vital information is required to assist us in our ongoing enquiries and investigation.

Police are appealing for any information relating to a Red Subaru Forester registration VN52 KYO. The dog is a black and white Lurcher breed.

Anyone with information please contact us via DISC, 101, or Online - [Report a crime | Hampshire Constabulary](#) quoting reference number 44220474471.

Thank you for your assistance

Country Watch Team – Hampshire Police



NFDC CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR RECYCLING AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS

Most household recycling and rubbish collections in the New Forest district will go ahead as usual over the Christmas and New Year bank holidays.

There will be some changes to collections:

Clear recycling sacks and black rubbish sacks

Collections due on Monday 26 December 2022 will be collected on Monday 2 January 2023. New Forest District Council (NFDC) will collect extra recycling and rubbish from affected households on Monday 2 January 2023.

Glass box

Collections due on Monday 26 December 2022 will be collected on Saturday 31 December 2022.

Garden waste

There will be no garden waste collections between Monday 26 December 2022 and Friday 6 January 2023. Garden waste collections will resume as usual from Monday 9 January 2023.

All other collection days will stay the same.

Reusing and recycling Christmas waste

NFDC are reminding residents to add empty aerosols, plastic bottles, tins, cans, card and paper to their clear recycling sacks. If not reused, greeting cards and plain brown gift wrap can be added to clear recycling sacks, but any embellishments such as ribbons or sticky tape need to be removed first. The majority of gift wrap is not suitable for recycling in Hampshire as it contains a mixture of plastic and foil.

Christmas tree recycling

NFDC's Christmas tree recycling drop-off points are returning from Saturday 31 December 2022 to Sunday 15 January 2023.

Residents can drop their real Christmas trees off at selected sites across the district, and the council will recycle the trees by chipping them to create mulch. The mulch will be used locally.

Last year, over 6,000 Christmas trees were dropped off at the sites for recycling.

List of Christmas tree drop off locations:

Blackfield: Gang Warily Community Centre Car Park , SO45 1GA

Brockenhurst : Brookley Road Car Park , SO42 7RA

Burley: Burley Coach Park, BH24 4AA

Fordingbridge: A338 Slip Road Car Park, SP6 1AW

Hythe: New Road Car Park, SO45 6BP

Lymington: Bath Road Car Park, SO41 3SE

Lyndhurst: Village Centre Car Park, SO43 7BF

Milford on Sea: Hurst Road East Overflow Car Park (by Sturt Pond), SO41 0PY

New Milton: Crossmead Avenue Car Park, BH25 6NF

Ringwood: Furlong Long Stay Car Park - follow signs to designated area, BH24 1AT

Totton: Rumbridge Street Car Park, SO40 9EA

Residents are asked to remove decorations from trees before taking it to a drop-off point. Trees must be left in designated fenced bays only and placed at the back to avoid blocking the entrance for others. Trees left in car parks and other locations not designated for Christmas tree recycling, will be counted as fly-tipping.

Customers who subscribe to NFDC's garden waste collection service can recycle real Christmas trees under 6ft, as long as trees are chopped up to fit in garden waste sacks, and to not exceed the 20kg weight limit for sacks.

Residents can read more information online at newforest.gov.uk/christmasrecycling.



FREE PARKING DAYS IN RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS

The council can now confirm its intention to have 4 days this year (2022) when charges do not apply in our car parks to assist businesses.

This year free parking will be provided in our pay and display car parks on Saturday 3rd December to help promote 'Small Business Saturday' which is a national campaign to support local high streets and independent shops.



CHRISTMAS PUZZLES PAGE

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Bramshaw Parish Council

**extend their Good Wishes
to the Community for
Christmas 2022**



We sincerely hope that everyone, young and old,
will be able to spend a Happy and Joyful time
in the company of their loved ones,
in their own way and traditions.

We understand this Christmas may be
a challenging time for some.

Please remember to keep an eye out
for neighbours, particularly if they're
vulnerable and isolated.

A little bit of kindness goes a long way.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

From Councillor Mark Medley, Chair Bramshaw Parish Council



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>06 DEC</u> 8am BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>06 DEC</u> 9am BARTLEY POST OFFICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>06 DEC</u> 11am HAPPY CHEESE, ASHURST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>15 DEC</u> 2pm OPEN-DOOR CAFÉ, MINSTEAD CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>18 DEC</u> 10:30am ST.MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, LYNDHURST</p> | <p>BEAT SURGERIES</p> <p>If you, or someone you know, needs our help and it is easier to visit us in person.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>13 DEC</u> 7.00 for 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p> | <p>BRAMSHAW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</p> <p>Jill Robinson: Practical Eve – Festive table decorations and décor hangings.</p> <p>BHS meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.00 for 7.30pm. For further information contact Sue Yandell: 023 8081 2994</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p> | <p>BRAMSHAW & DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY</p> <p>16th December - Members Free evening "The Courier" AND a Christmas party. Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet food to share.</p> |

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|  | <p>11 DEC ASHCROFT ARTS CENTRE, FAREHAM</p> <p>Doors open at 2pm, show starts at 3pm.</p> | <p>DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS CONCERT</p> <p>Tickets are now on sale at Ashcroft Box Office on 01329 223100 or online at https://www.ashcroft.org.uk/event/sound-christmas</p> |
|  | <p>05 JAN BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL 2:12pm</p> | <p>BRAMSHAW WI Speaker Mr Robbie Sprague - Poetry written by Junior children I have taught. Visitors always welcome.</p> |

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