



# BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH



## DECEMBER 2021 – JANUARY 2022 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR DOUBLE EDITION

### NEWS



#### BEAT REPORT

In December we will holding Beat Surgeries across the New Forest Heart - see the Calendar of Events section for dates/times/venues.

We will have lots of information with us about how you can stop yourself from becoming a victim of Christmas crime. There's lots of things you can do around Christmas to keep your home safe, from turning on timer switches and leaving a light on to make your home appear to be occupied when you're out, to making sure presents aren't on display through your windows to opportunistic burglars. Also consider how you dispose of the packaging of high value items so that you're not advertising your presents to passers-by. We will have advice on how to stay safe online, and because it's Christmas we will have some mince pies with us too!!!!

No homes have been burgled this month but seven outbuildings in Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Beaulieu, Minstead and Copythorne have, and tools and a bicycle stolen. Attempts were also made to break into a property on Woodlands Road, but the intruders were disturbed. Elsewhere a small amount of cash was stolen during an overnight break in to Foxhills School, an attempt was made to gain access to a container at Exbury Gardens and three shops on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst were broken into on the same night and cash stolen.

A robbery took place just after 3 in the afternoon on Thursday 18th November at the Pharmacy opposite the Haywain in Bartley. Investigations are still on going and if you have any information that might help us identify the person responsible then call us on 101 and quote the crime number 44210463694.

Three catalytic converters have been stolen from cars parked in Brockenhurst, Minstead and Ashurst and another 30 vehicles have also targeted, and tools, handbags and money stolen from them. The New Forest car parks affected are Fritham, Vinney Ridge Inclosure and Longslade View. And cars and vans parked on the roadside, on driveways and in pub and hotel car parks in Lyndhurst, Winsor, Minstead, Brockenhurst, Emery Down, Stoney Cross and East Boldre have also been broken into. Also, a boat moored at Bucklers Hard was broken into and several items stolen.

In other incidents cars have been stolen from a driveway in Bartley and a farm in Winsor and a tractor was also stolen from a farm in Winsor. Criminal damage has been caused to the red telephone boxes in Brockenhurst and Winsor, cash was stolen from a charity box in Brockenhurst, and parcels have been taken from porches in Ashurst and Lyndhurst. This type of theft is likely to increase at this time of year, so if you are expecting parcels make sure they are left with neighbours or somewhere out of sight. Also, this month cannabis was seized from three people parked at Boltons Bench.

At this time of year, it's important that you do whatever you can to keep yourself safe online. Did you know that 28,049 victims lost a total of £15.4 million to online shopping fraud during last year's festive shopping season? Here are some tips on how to shop online safety this Christmas.

- If you are buying something from a website or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first. Look online for reviews before buying anything. Check the seller's feedback history first.
- Use a payment method that offers buyers protection such as a credit card. Most major credit card providers will help you get your money back if the item is faulty or damaged or never arrives.
- Use a strong and separate password for your email account. Criminals can use your email to access other online accounts, such as those you use for online shopping.
- You should also enable two-factor authentication (2FA) where possible. This gives your online account additional protection by double checking that you really are the person you claim to be, when logging in.

For further information about how to stay secure online visit the Cyber Aware website.

November also saw the launch of OP MOUNTIE, a police-led multi-agency approach to animal related injury and death and speeding along the Roger Penny Way and other areas covered by the New Forest Heart Team. On the 1st and 29th November, we were joined by Forestry England, the National Park Authority, New Forest District Council, and our colleagues on both the Roads Safety Team and the Roads Policing Unit. We aim to both educate and enforce drivers who are caught speeding, and in November alone the Safety Camera Van captured 100 speeding drivers, Police officers issued eight speeding tickets, one car was seized because it was being driven by someone with an out of date driving licence and another driver was reported for not having valid insurance. Educational advice on why it is important to stay under the speed limit in the Forest was given by our partner agencies to 25 speeding drivers.

These operations will continue into the New Year as we look to reduce speed throughout the New Forest Heart Beat area.

During November, the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored 1043 vehicles. Of those 552, so 53%, were travelling over the 30 mph limit and 72 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds above the threshold criteria, with one vehicle on Southampton Road recorded at 48 mph and another at Chapel Lane reaching 58 mph. Also in November, the Speed Watch team in Minstead surveyed the C17 at Stoney Cross and monitored 396 vehicles. Of those 110, so 28%, were travelling over the 40

mph limit and 25 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds above the threshold criteria, with one vehicle recorded at 62 mph.

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 online reporting page on the Hampshire Police website to record crimes or incidents of anti-social behaviour.

For Lyndhurst and the north of the Forest its

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## HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY'S SUPPORT TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY

Hampshire Constabulary is delighted to announce that six new Police Approved Interpreters and translators (PAIT) are now able to support members of the deaf community who come into contact with our officers in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight.

The PAIT scheme was introduced in October 2020 by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and compliments the work of the twenty-one Police Link Officers for Deaf people (PLOD officers) who already work across the force.

The six interpreters utilised by the force are provided by Gosport based company Lipspeaker UK. The NRCPD (National Registers of Communications Professionals working with Deaf and Deafblind people) registered, vetted, and independent professionals will assist victims, witnesses, and suspects from the deaf community.

British Sign Language (BSL) and English Interpreters are hearing people who interpret from spoken English to BSL and vice versa. BSL is the first or preferred language of an estimated 70,000 Deaf people in the UK and BSL was recognised by the Government as a language in its own right in March 2003. BSL is a visual-gestural language, with its own grammar and syntax, which are completely different from the grammatical structure of English.

In addition, two of the six interpreters are also Lipspeakers - hearing people who have been professionally trained to be easy to lipread. Lipspeakers reproduce clearly the shapes of the words and the natural rhythm and stress used by the speaker. They also use facial expression, gesture and, if requested, finger spelling, to aid the lipreader's understanding. This practice is known as 'Lipspeaking'.

Lipspeakers are used to support deaf people who do not use British Sign Language and who lipread as their primary means of communication.

Detective Chief Inspector Gabe Snuggs, force lead for Deaf Access said: "I'm delighted that the service that we provide to the deaf community when they come into contact with our officers is being enhanced even further. We're already really lucky to have the expertise of our twenty-one Link officers who, as well as providing communication support for deaf people when reporting matters to police, can advise our investigators and other teams like Response and Patrol as to when an approved interpreter may be able to help someone that they have come into contact with.

"Having a local provider to work in partnership with is also important as the interpreters will be aware of challenges that the deaf community may be facing in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight, which will ensure that the support we offer is bespoke to our residents.

"Inclusion is vitally important for Hampshire Constabulary and our officers and staff are working hard to provide the best service that we can to our diverse communities".

Lesley Weatherston, Director of Lipspeaker UK said: "We are delighted to be providing the first cohort of PAIT accredited British Sign Language/English interpreters in the UK. This shows our commitment to improving the standard of interpreting across the police setting. Working with Hampshire Constabulary we have shown how a specialist deaf led agency can improve the provision of language service professionals and after passing our annual audit inspection we are well placed to continue our first-class service into 2022. I am personally proud to be the first BSL/English interpreter to be PAIT registered".

James Pusey

(Police, Senior Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight)





## DRINK AND DRUG DRIVING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN HAMPSHIRE



The Joint Operations Roads Policing Unit of Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police has launched its annual drink and drug driving campaign, Operation Holly.

Running from 1 December until 1 January 2022, the campaign combines educational and enforcement activity in the run up to Christmas and New Year to tackle drink and drug driving.

Driving while impaired through drink or drugs can increase the chances of road users being killed or seriously injured in a road traffic collision.

Sergeant Dave Hazlett, of the Joint Operations Roads Policing Unit, said: "Every year we run Op Holly and every year we find that people still take to the roads having drunk too much alcohol or having taken drugs that will impair their driving.

"It is important to plan how you are going to get home after a Christmas party or a night out. Consider using public transport, taxis or have a designated driver, especially if going out in groups.

Think carefully about the morning after. It's highly likely that you will still be over the limit the next morning as it can take hours for alcohol and drugs to leave your system.

"Even the slightest amount of alcohol or drugs in your system has the ability to effect the way you drive; increasing the risk of serious harm to either yourself or other road users.

"Therefore, this festive season, plan your journeys, think about how you are going to get home as this can reduce the chances of families facing Christmas and the future without their loved ones.

"Our message is simple. Don't drink or drug drive – it's not worth the risk.

"If you know of anyone who is drink or drug driving call 999 in an emergency, 101 with information or report via Crimestoppers."





## 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. **A reward of up to £5,000 is offered for information leading to the successful conviction of drivers prosecuted for failing to stop and report an accident involving a Forest animal.**

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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## LOTTERY FRAUD

Criminals will contact unsuspecting victims informing them they have won a lottery or prize draw. The victim is then informed that they will need to pay an advance fee in order to receive their winnings. In reality, the winnings are non-existent and it is an attempt to steal the victim's money, personal or financial information.

Between April and October 2021, Action Fraud received 629 reports of lottery fraud, with 89 per cent of reports mentioning well-known prize draws. Impersonation of People's Postcode Lottery accounted for almost half (49 per cent) of all reports. Almost three quarters of victims (70 per cent) were aged over 50, with those aged over 65 accounting for 40 per cent of reports.

Fraudsters use gift cards as a form of payment as they can be easily redeemed and sold on. The criminals don't need the physical card to redeem the value as they ask the victims to share the serial code on the back of the card with them. In other instances, victims reported being asked for personal and financial information in order to obtain their alleged winnings. Some victims reported providing their bank details thinking they would be sent a small payment to verify the account. In reality, criminals will use these details to steal the victim's money.

### How to protect yourself

**Stop:** Unsolicited offers of large sums of money in return for a small upfront payment should always raise a red flag. Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

**Challenge:** Could it be fake? Remember, you can't win a prize in a competition you didn't enter. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**Protect:** If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to [Action Fraud](#) online at [actionfraud.police.uk](https://actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040. You can find further protection advice around lotteries and competition on the [Gambling Commission's website](#).

For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>

*Thanks for reading! If you found this information useful, please help us spread the word by forwarding this email to your friends.*

### **Message Sent By**

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)



## ONLINE SHOPPING SCAMS

**Cost shoppers £15.4 million over the Christmas period last year.**

New data from Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime, reveals that **28,049 shoppers were conned out of their money** when shopping online over the Christmas period last year – an increase of almost two thirds (61 per cent) when compared to the same period in the previous year. Action Fraud is warning the public to take extra care when shopping online as reports of online shopping fraud have continued to surge. Here are some simple tips to help you and your family enjoy a secure online shopping experience this festive season.

### Where to shop

Buying from an online store you haven't used before? Carry out some research first, or ask a friend or family member if they've used the site and about their experiences before completing the purchase.

### Your information

Only create an account if necessary or to save you effort if you're going to use that site a lot in the future. Be cautious if the website asks you for details that are not required for your purchase, such as your mother's maiden name or the name of your primary school.

### Payment method

When it's time to pay for your items, check there's a 'closed padlock' icon in the browser's address bar. Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases.

### Phishing

Some of the messages you receive about amazing offers may contain links to fake websites. If you're unsure about a link, don't use it – go separately to the website. Report suspicious emails you receive by forwarding them to: **report@phishing.gov.uk**. Report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to: **7726**.

### Email accounts:

Make sure that your really important accounts (such as your email account or online shopping accounts) are protected by strong passwords that you don't use anywhere else. Need help changing your email account password? You can use these links to find step by step instructions: [Gmail](#), [Yahoo! Mail](#), [Outlook](#), [BT](#), [AOL Mail](#).

### If things go wrong

If you've lost money to an online shopping scam, tell your bank and report it as a crime to [Action Fraud](#) (for England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or [Police Scotland](#) (for Scotland). By doing this, you'll be helping to prevent others becoming victims of cyber crime. *For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>*



## SPATE OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY TARGETING THE ELDERLY

Hampshire Constabulary is warning local residents across the whole of Hampshire to remain vigilant after an increase in incidents of courier fraud since the end of October and throughout November.

The crimes commonly involve an unexpected call from someone who purports to be a police officer or a staff member from their local bank, or an employee from an internet / phone provider.

They then tell the victim that their account has been subject to fraudulent activity, or is in danger of being closed and then request the victim assist them with the ongoing investigation, with this involving:

- a. being asked for detail about their financial accounts and bank cards,
- b. being sent to their bank to withdraw money, or being asked to buy high value goods, or
- c. grant the caller access to their computer or phone, by downloading an application.

In recent cases we have seen a 'courier' being sent to victims home address in order to collect the goods, cash or bank cards; but in some previous offences, victims have also been directed to send the items or money to a nominated address.

Hampshire Constabulary received six reports of suspected courier fraud between Tuesday 2 November and Tuesday 16 November from communities in Alton, Liphook, Petersfield and the surrounding areas, with those residents losing a combined £17,600 to fraudsters. The offences, which have been targeted at residents between the ages of 75 and 88 have resulted in the victims losing an average £3,000 each.

While there were a further seven reports at the end of October this year in which residents of Gosport, Hayling Island, Fareham, Portsmouth and Southampton lost a combined £17,500 to courier fraud scams.

**A Hampshire Constabulary spokesperson, said:** "The public are our first line of defence in offences of this nature. It is really important for them to understand that the police, government agencies such as HMRC and banks will never make unsolicited calls to them, in order to try to obtain financial information, ask them to withdraw money from their bank, or to surrender money, goods or their bank cards.

"These incidents can often have a significant impact on victims – both emotionally and financially – as they come to terms with the fact that they have fallen for a scam, and the financial losses that come with it. However, we want to ensure that those individuals do not become repeat victims, educate them and their loved ones and ensure that fraudsters can no longer take advantage of Hampshire residents.

"If anyone receives a call of this nature, they should not engage with the caller and hang up.

"Hampshire Constabulary are committed to bringing an end to offences of this nature and will take steps to identify and prosecute the individuals responsible."

Please remember that;

- Police officers, banks and other organisations such as HMRC will never call people in this way and ask you to withdraw money or disclose personal or financial information. If someone does do this, please hang up – it will be a scam.
- If someone calls claiming to be a police officer, ask for their ID number and police force. Wait at least five minutes before calling back. A genuine police officer will not mind waiting while you check.
- Never hand money or your bank card/pin to someone at the door to be sent off elsewhere.
- Fraudsters often try to make victims buy iTunes vouchers or high end jewellery, which they will then sell to make profit. Genuine organisations will never contact you in this way to pay bills or debts.
- If you are a friend, relative or carer of someone you think might be vulnerable to this type of scam, please speak to them about this advice. You might be the only person who can stop them from being scammed.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, report it to us by calling 101. If a crime is in progress, dial 999.

You can make yourself aware of this type of scam and how to protect yourself by visiting the Action Fraud website (<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>) or by calling them on 0300 123 2040.

#### **Message Sent By**

Wes Hutchins

(Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight)



#### **RURAL TIMES**

You can access the latest edition of Rural Times using the below link

[rural-times-november-2021.pdf \(hampshire.police.uk\)](https://rural-times-november-2021.pdf (hampshire.police.uk))



#### **FREE PARKING DAYS IN RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS**

This Year it is proposed that free parking will be provided on Saturday 4th December to help promote 'Small Business Saturday' which is a national campaign to support local high streets and independent shops.

In the final run up to Christmas, to further support local business we are also suspending parking charges in all our NFDC pay and display car parks on the last weekend before Christmas (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December 2021).





# Bramshaw Parish Council

**extend their Good Wishes  
to the Community for  
Christmas 2021**

Last Christmas was a difficult time for many people across the UK,  
spending the festive period either by themselves  
or not how they'd planned, due to COVID-19.

We sincerely hope Christmas 2021 will be different.

May the magic of this Christmas season fill  
your home with joy and peace.  
Take care of yourselves and each other.

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.

*From Councillor Mark Medley, Chair Bramshaw Parish Council*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**06 DEC**

**8am**

BRAMSHAW  
VILLAGE STORES

**06 DEC**

**10am**

BARTLEY POST  
OFFICE

**16 DEC**

**2pm**

MINSTEAD  
COMMUNITY  
CAFÉ (VILLAGE  
CHURCH)

**18 DEC**

**2pm**

LYNDHURST  
(OUTSIDE  
MAILMANS IN THE  
HIGH STREET)

**19 DEC**

**2-2:30pm**

ASHURST  
PRECINCT  
(OPPOSITE HAND  
CAR WASH)

### BEAT SURGERIES

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