



## NOVEMBER 2022 EDITION

### NEWS



#### BEAT REPORT

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

In November come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our area. At 8am on Monday 7th November we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores and then at 9am on the same day we will be at the Bartley Post Office. The next day, Tuesday 8th November at 11am we will be at the weekly Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst, on Thursday 17th at 2pm join us in Minstead Church at their Open Door café and on Sunday 20th we will be at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst after their morning service, so at about 10.30.

You might also want to join us as we support our colleagues at Forestry England and the National Park Authority at their Responsible Dog Owner event at Deerleap Inclosure between 8.30am and 10.30am on Sunday 27th November.

There have again been a number of thefts from cars and vans across the New Forest, with sixteen targeted on the roadside and on driveways in Brockenhurst, Ower, Bartley, Ashurst, Winsor and Lyndhurst and in the following New Forest car parks - Lords Oak, Whitefield Moor, Wilverley Pit, Fritham, James Hill, Longcross and on the Ornamental drive. Number plates have also been stolen from cars in Stoney Cross and Ower and catalytic converter have been cut off cars in Copythorne and Winsor. A Quad Bike was stolen from a house in Ashurst but has now been recovered.

No houses were burgled in October but twenty sheds, garages and outbuildings in Winsor, Ower, Colbury and Lyndhurst have been broken into. Four were targeted on the same night on Balmer Lawn Road in Brockenhurst and another four were then broken into on a different road in the village. Three motorbikes were stolen from a shed on the main Lyndhurst Road at Ashurst. The theft took place overnight on Sunday 23rd into Monday 24th October so if you saw anything or have any information about where the bikes are now call us and quote the crime number 44220431957.

Officers investigating a series of thefts across the New Forest charged Myles Filose, aged 41, of no fixed abode with theft from a shop, theft of a pedal cycle, burglary dwelling with intent to steal and going equipped for theft. The charges came after a number of thefts occurred from a supermarket on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst between 28th August and 5th October, whilst a bike had been allegedly stolen from the Lyndhurst Road area of Brockenhurst in July.

Pickpockets were active during half term, with two incidents reported to us from separate attractions across the Forest. One victim described being "bumped into" and then his wallet was

gone. Please make sure you know where your valuables are at all times and report anyone acting suspiciously immediately.

Also this month criminal damage was caused to a car parked on a driveway on Queens Road in Lyndhurst - the tyres were slashed, something was scratched into the paintwork and paint was thrown at the house. The incident happened overnight from Friday 14th October into Saturday 15th October. If you have any information about who might have been responsible for this then please contact us and quote the crime number 44220419397.

Also in October after an accident on Winsor Road a driver failed a roadside breath test and was arrested for drink driving.

This month's OP MOUNTIE session was held on 11th October and produced our fastest speed so far - 70mph on the 40 mph road between Beaulieu and Ipley Cross at Kings Hat. Hopefully you know by now that OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reduce the number of animal deaths and the speed of traffic across the Forest. As well as the driver caught doing 70mph, another two drivers were given tickets for recording speeds of 57mph and 55mph on the Lyndhurst to Beaulieu Road at Matley Wood and a further 14 drivers, including the one in the 7.5 ton lorry, were spoken to and given educational advice by Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. OP MOUNTIE celebrates its first birthday on November 1st and in its second year we will be targeting roads across the New Forest. Thanks to all the drivers we see that do stick to the speed limit.

During October the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team conducted 9 surveys, spending a combined total of 42 hours standing at the roadside monitoring the traffic in the Cadnam/Copythorne/Bartley area. Their machine recorded 2393 vehicles passing by, with most drivers observing the 30mph speed limit. However, 339 drivers were recorded driving above the allowed speed and will receive a letter from the Police and 9 drivers were recorded at speeds in excess of 50 Mph so will have direct Police contact. Please keep our roads safe by observing the speed limits.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in October 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. If there is no answer then that means he is on a rest day, so either leave a message or send an email. And remember if you are telling us about a vehicle, the most useful information you can give us is the registration number. You are our eyes and ears in your community and we value any information you can give us that will help us keep the places where you live safe.  
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## LEADER OF NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL STEPS DOWN

At last night's Council meeting (10 October 2022), Leader of New Forest District Council Cllr Edward Heron announced his decision to step down as Leader.

Thanking fellow councillors and officers, he explained his decision, "This evening I want to share with you my decision to step down as Leader from this Council, and not to stand for re-election at the May 2023 district elections. After what is almost 16 years on the Council, most of which has been serving on the cabinet, the time is right for me to look forward to new challenges.

It is also the correct timing to ensure a new Leader has the opportunity to set out their vision for the Council until 2027, and time to prepare the budget in February. And therefore the Conservative group will be nominating Cllr Jill Cleary as Leader at the next Council meeting on 14 November."

In an email to staff, Cllr Heron said, "It has been a great privilege to lead the Council over these past near couple of years, the highlight being the dedication of officers and all staff to the service of our community. This has been my inspiration for all that we have achieved and I am confident the Council is in a good place to continue to deliver for our residents."

Cllr Heron will continue as Leader until a new Leader is elected at the November Council meeting, and as a councillor until the May 2023 elections.

## HAMPSHIRE ALERT

### COURT RESULT

Paul Collins  
31  
Southampton  
Burglary



A burglar from Southampton is the first in Hampshire to be sentenced thanks to GPS tag data, following the rollout of a scheme from the Ministry of Justice.

Paul Collins, 31, from Fritham Road, Southampton, appeared at Southampton Crown Court today (Tuesday, 11 October), having pleaded guilty earlier this

month to burglary.

This related to an incident on 28 August this year, when Collins broke into a flat in West End Road, Southampton.

The occupant was not in at the time but used a ring doorbell camera with motion sensors inside her property to monitor her flat.

At 5am that day, she checked the camera via her phone, and saw that a man was inside her lounge, rifling through a chest of drawers by her TV.

She called police and made her way back home, where she discovered her Nintendo Switch console had been stolen, as well as her Soda Stream machine and a bottle of Baileys.

Access had been gained via a window.

Hampshire Constabulary's burglary investigation team, Operation Hawk, identified Collins as the suspect because he was wearing a Global Positioning System (GPS) tag fitted in March, when he was released from prison for another residential burglary in Southampton.

The data from the tag showed he was at the victim's address at the time the crime was committed.

For this latest burglary, Collins was jailed for 16 months and ordered to pay a £187 victim surcharge.

Detective Chief Superintendent Paul Southey said: "The public should be reassured, and criminals should know, that we take burglaries of victim's homes very seriously. Burglary is one of the most intrusive and impactful crimes and in recognition of this we have committed to attending every report of someone's home being burgled, whilst also making the best use of our forensic, investigation and intelligence teams who are determined to catch those responsible so that they can be prosecuted for their crimes.

"The introduction of this Ministry of Justice led tagging scheme is another positive step forward in reducing burglary offences and giving the police clear opportunities to quickly catch those that do re-offend."

In March 2021, the Ministry of Justice announced that burglars, thieves and robbers would be made to wear GPS tags to track their movements following their release from prison as part of a 'world-first scheme' to crack down on neighbourhood criminals.

The acquisitive crime tagging pilot is part of the Government's £183 million expansion of electronic monitoring, which also includes sobriety tags and curfew devices.

Probation Minister, Rob Butler MP, said: "This shows the real-world impact of our new tagging project as it helps us to crack down on burglars, thieves and the untold misery they cause communities.

"The £183 million investment we're making in electronic monitoring is a game-changer for the police – giving them the means to keep close tabs on criminals and make our streets safer."

To report a burglary to us, please call 101 or report on our website.

For more information about how to keep your home safe from burglary, visit our website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/keep-burglars-out-property/>



### **Neighbourhood Watch 2021/22 Impact Report demonstrates 'More than you think'**

**We are delighted to share our [2021/22 Impact Report](#), which highlights how, in our 40th anniversary year, we are helping more people feel safe and connected. The report demonstrates how we are beating crime together and building a more diverse set of partnerships in communities.**

Our work on antisocial behaviour, burglary, theft and car crime remains vitally important, but it is important we continue to do more than this. We work hard to address crimes such as violence against women and girls, rural crime, scams, fraud, cybercrime and more.

Through uniting communities on what matters to them, we are also bringing new people together and, in so doing, increasing pride in our neighbourhoods and reducing loneliness and isolation.

We couldn't have achieved what we have in the past year without the hard work and dedication of our funders, partners, trustees, staff, our own communities, and most importantly, our incredible volunteers.

Read our impact report [here](#).

**We are making this a better place to live. Together.**

Best wishes,

John Hayward-Cripps, CEO, Neighbourhood Watch Network



**We are thrilled to open our first-ever online shop selling official Neighbourhood Watch branded merchandise. Our supporters have long told us that they would like to be able to purchase Neighbourhood Watch street signs, window stickers, and other branded accessories such as notebooks, tote bags or trolley coins centrally.**

*"We are so pleased to be able to support local Neighbourhood Watch groups to purchase branded items centrally. This will make it easier for them to replace old street signs with fresh new ones, deterring crimes from their street."* John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network

As an independent national charity, your support in the shop will enable us to offer customers the best prices possible and expand the range of items in store.

"Some of our limited-stock merchandise proudly celebrates our 40th anniversary with our much-loved special-edition logo. We know items such as our pin badges are popular and can't wait to see more of our members wearing them." Cheryl Spruce, Head of Membership and Engagement

To celebrate, we are offering all customers a **20% discount until the end of October 2022**. Use the code **NW-SHOP** at checkout.

**[SHOP NOW](#)**

Visit <https://nwnshop.myshopify.com/> now to browse our products or visit [ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk) and click on the link in the top right to access the shop.



### Win £50! Enter the Neighbourhood Watch Cybercrime Survey

Together with our Cyberhood Watch partner, Avast, we have launched our annual Cybercrime Survey to understand the impact of cybercrime on communities across England and Wales today. The survey findings will help inform our work on addressing cybercrime.

**Neighbourhood Watch Cybercrime Survey 2022**

[surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C223G2K](https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C223G2K)

Help us to understand the impact of cybercrime on communities across England and Wales, and inform our work on addressing cybercrime.

**Complete our survey for a chance to win a £50 Marks and Spencer voucher!**

Closes: 20th Nov 2022

The survey **takes around 5 minutes** to complete. All answers are anonymous, and it will close on Sunday the 20th of November 2022.

**At the end of the survey, you have the option to enter into a prize draw for £50 of Marks and Spencer vouchers.**

If you'd like to take part, please click [here](#).

Thank you very much in advance for your support in the fight against cybercrime in the UK.

Best,

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team**



**HAMPSHIRE**  
CONSTABULARY

I've launched a survey to gather your views on whether I should increase the level of council tax which you pay in support of policing, to ensure continued investment in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.

I know this is a very difficult time financially for the country, and potentially for you as an individual, and I am conscious that any rise in your council tax to support policing will come at the same time as other costs are also increasing.

However, it is also a difficult time for funding your police force; police are not immune to the cost of living crisis and therefore the 2023/24 budget is being set against the backdrop of a challenging economic environment with general inflation, pay costs, utilities and fuel costs all rising.

For example, the cost increase for police officer pay is over 5%, and general inflation is running at 10%; our forecast increase in government grant is only 1.1%, so this creates a funding shortfall for next year.

One option available to me to reduce the funding shortfall is to increase the police council tax.

The maximum I am allowed to increase the council tax by on a Band D property for 2023/24 is £10 per annum (a 4.2% increase, significantly below inflation), which is an increase of 83p per month. If I increase by the maximum, for residents in property Bands A-C the increase would equate to **less than 83p a month**, and for properties in Bands E-H it would be more than 83p per month.

The survey proposes a range of options up to **the £10 maximum per year** which is **83p per month**.

If you are not sure which council tax band your property is in, you can check at [www.gov.uk/council-tax-bands](http://www.gov.uk/council-tax-bands)

If I don't increase the council tax for 2023/24, I will need to work with the Constabulary to implement savings, with an inevitable impact on the overall service level which can be provided. I see first-hand day in day out the vital work which the Constabulary undertakes to keep the residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safe, and I would not wish to see this compromised.

However, I know that any increase in the amount you pay must be considered carefully. I also hear very loudly that you want to see more officers in your communities. That's why it's so important that you complete this short survey and have your say on continued investment.

With yours and the government's support, I am on track to have recruited 600 more police officers in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight by March 2023, hitting a 25% increase in police officers responding to emergencies and patrolling the beat.

Through this, I am making your police force even more local, visible and accessible. More police means more deployments, more crimes solved, and safer streets.

By completing this survey, you will really help us set the budget and the council tax precepts for policing for the next financial year. I want to hear your feedback so I can represent your views on where you want your money to go.

I have opened this survey for five weeks to hear from as many people as possible.

The survey will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 4 December 2022.

Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback.

[Click this link to take the survey.](#)

**Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones**



### **FREE PARKING DAYS IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES**

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.

In addition, If your council holds a Christmas event which does not coincide with Small Business Saturday, the council is happy to assist by suspending parking charges in your town or village on the day of the event. If you wish to nominate a day (which should be during the period 4 weeks prior to Christmas Eve) please e-mail the parking office [parking.office@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:parking.office@nfdc.gov.uk) no later than the 18th November 2022.

In the final run up to Christmas, to further support local businesses we are also suspending parking charges in all our NFDC pay and display car parks on the last weekend before Christmas (17<sup>th</sup>/18th December 2022).

If you have any festive posters promoting your Christmas event please email a Microsoft Word copy of your poster (A4 size) to [parking.office@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:parking.office@nfdc.gov.uk) no later than the 18th November 2022. Once we have your posters we will place them on our machine bags during your confirmed free parking days.

Kind regards

**Miss Harriet Budgett**

Enforcement Administrator

**New Forest District Council**

Tel: **02380 28 5885**



## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW in partnership with Hampshire Cultural Trust invite you to join us on Sunday 11 December at Ashcroft Arts Centre, Fareham, for our first annual dementia friendly Christmas Concert - The Sound of Christmas.

Solent Sounds Ladies Chorus and The Chatterbox Quartet will be singing the Christmas songs and Carols that we all know and love.

The event is open to all and will raise funds for Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW and Hampshire Cultural Trust.

Adjustments will be made to ensure that the event is suitable for people living with dementia, for example, the lighting will be slightly raised, and you are welcome to move around during the show if you need to. Dementia Support Hampshire & IOW staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide support. There is wheelchair access and a limited number of seats available for people with mobility impairment.

Listening to music or singing can evoke happy memories, and research shows that music has a positive effect on everyone, but especially people with dementia, helping to reduce stress, anxiety, and agitation. The affects can last for some hours and even days after participating in music and can create positive emotional benefits and feelings of joy for the whole family.

Tickets are just £10 and include a pre-show drink and a raffle ticket. Extra raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the afternoon.

Doors open at 2pm, show starts at 3pm.

Tickets are now on sale at Ashcroft Box Office on 01329 223100 or online at <https://www.ashcroft.org.uk/event/sound-christmas>

We would be grateful if you could share the information with your community via your newsletters, magazines, social media, and website. (image attached)

Many thanks and kind regards,

**Helen Hamblen**  
**07899 077249**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p><b><u>07 NOV</u></b> <b>8am</b> BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES</p> <p><b><u>07 OCT</u></b> <b>9am</b> BARTLEY POST OFFICE</p> <p><b><u>08 NOV</u></b> 11am POST OFFICE, HAPPY CHEESE, ASHURST</p> <p><b><u>17 NOV</u></b> <b>2pm</b> OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH, MINSTEAD</p> <p><b><u>20 NOV</u></b> <b>10:30am</b> ST.MICHAEL'S CHURCH, LYNDHURST</p>	<p><b>BEAT SURGERIES</b></p> <p>If you, or someone you know, needs our help and it is easier to visit us in person.</p> <p>At these last two meetings there will be specific information about Hate Crime Awareness Week</p>
	<p><b><u>27 NOV</u></b> <b>8:30-10:30am</b> DEERLEAP INCLOSURE</p>	<p>Forestry England and the National Park Authority Responsible Dog Owner event</p>

	<p><b>08 NOV</b> <b>7.00 for 7.30pm</b></p> <p>BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p><b>BRAMSHAW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</b> Ray Broughton: Future developments in horticulture – to cope with changes in the climate</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><b>3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH</b> BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p><b>BRAMSHAW &amp; DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY</b> 18th November - Courier 16th December - Members Free evening - film to be decided</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><b>22 NOV</b> <b>7:30pm</b></p> <p>Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)</p>	<p><b>BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b></p> <p>Here's a link to view the Agenda (once it's been published) on the Parish Council's website <a href="#">Agendas and Minutes</a></p>
	<p><b>06 DEC</b> <b>7pm</b></p> <p>Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)</p>	<p>Bramshaw Village Hall AGM</p> <p>We are looking for a couple of new Trustees and would be delighted if you would like to join us at the AGM. For more information please contact Jenny Watts on 07860460830 or by email at <a href="mailto:jenpalwatts@hotmail.com">jenpalwatts@hotmail.com</a>.</p>

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