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Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021

What is the Census?

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census is unique. There's simply nothing else that gives so much detail about us and the society we live in. It tells us what our needs are now, and what they're likely to be in the future. It also gives a snapshot of how we live, for future generations to look back on. It's been giving this detailed picture since it began in 1801.

You must complete the Census by law. Look out for your invitation pack in the post. It will show you how to complete your Census.

For more information visit www.census.gov.uk



Animal Deaths and Roger Penny Way: Petition from the New Forest Speed Awareness Campaign

This comes in the aftermath of 3 donkeys, 4 ponies, and 2 sheep killed.

For a petition to be brought to Council for a full debate it must have 1,700 signatures. The petition, from Gilly Jones of the New Forest Speed Awareness Campaign, is currently signed by 989 local people (at the time of writing this publication). The petition reads as follows:-

"We the undersigned petition the council to add its support to calls for the introduction of an Average Speed Camera system on the B3078"

If you wish to support this campaign, please open the link below. It takes a matter of seconds.

[ePetition - Requirement for Average Speed Cameras Council Services \(newforest.gov.uk\)](http://newforest.gov.uk)

If a resident is unable to get online and wishes to add their support to an ongoing e-petition, they can do so by writing to the following address, with their name, address and a short note clearly identifying which e-petition it is they wish to sign:-

Democratic Services Manager,
New Forest District Council,
Appletree Court,
Beaulieu Road,
Lyndhurst,
SO43 7PA



Payment in Advance: Recruitment Scams

Criminals are using the potential rise in unemployment as an opportunity to advertise fake job listings that require little skills or qualifications and offer high salaries.

Applicants can then be asked to pay an upfront fee for DBS checks, additional training or other vetting and security checks for jobs that don't exist. Fraudsters can take job descriptions from genuine companies to convince you they are real. **Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it usually is.**

Avoid giving personal details such as your National Insurance or Passport Number until you are certain of the legitimacy of the company by carrying out some of your own checks. For further information or to report a fraudulent recruitment opportunity go to the [SAFER Jobs](#) website. There is also helpful advice on the [Which?](#) and [Take Five to Stop Fraud](#) websites.



BEAT REPORT

Ashurst has been targeted by thieves on two separate nights with five garages and sheds on Foxhills Close and Knellers Lane broken into between 7 and 8am on Sunday 21st February. The good news is that someone was arrested at the time of these burglaries and an investigation is well underway.

Again, in Ashurst two sheds were broken into as well as 10 vehicles on the same night, although it is believed that most if not all of the cars targeted had been left un-locked on their owners driveways. From the CCTV we have viewed from many of the residential cameras in Ashurst, it seems that the thieves have simply walked up and down several roads in the village trying car door handles and have stolen loose change and other small items from the ones they found unlocked.

A van parked on a driveway on Peterscroft Avenue in Ashurst was also broken into and thousands of pounds worth of tools taken.

Other outbuildings broken into this month were in Minstead, Lyndhurst, Brook, Bramshaw and Brockenhurst, and vans parked in Cadnam and Ower were also targeted and again tools were stolen.

If you would like a copy of our home security check list please email me on the details below. The advice is mostly all common sense but its good to make sure that you are doing all you can.

Three vehicles have also been stolen in February, one from Brockenhurst and the other two from Ashurst. All three have been recovered. One person has been arrested for one of the thefts and investigations into who stole the other two are ongoing.

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
steven.norris@hampshire.pnn.police.uk 07554 775477
richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk 07554 775469
And for the Forest south of Lyndhurst its
jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk 07979 707939
vicki.pressey@hampshire.pnn.police.uk 07785 500952



Bike security tips

Please remember that safety begins at home, so take the same care to lock your bike as securely at home as you would on the street. There are around 300,000 bike thefts each year, 60% of these occurred when the bike wasn't secured. The team at [Secured by Design](#) have some helpful tips to keep your bike safe.

They also say that there is a good chance that bikes registered with [BikeRegister](#) and protectively marked are less likely to be stolen because thieves look for the easiest opportunity.



Protect your heart from a #Fauxmance

With Covid-19 restrictions causing increased feelings of loneliness, more people have turned to social media and dating websites/apps to find a partner, providing criminals with the perfect opportunity to commit romance scams.

They often use fake identities to trick you into sending them money by posing as military personnel or aid workers. They may claim to be stuck overseas or pretend to need money for a personal emergency.

Top Tips:

- Research the person you're talking to as profile photos may not be genuine.
- Reverse photo searches can help to tell you if the photo is real.
- Keep to the messaging service used by the dating website.
- #TakeFive 🙅 if they ask you for a loan or financial support as this is likely to be a scam



Bitcoin-Related Scam Emails

We're warning the public to be vigilant of unsolicited emails promoting cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) investment opportunities. We've received over 750 reports this week about Bitcoin-related phishing emails that use fake celebrity endorsements to try and lure victims into investment scams. The links in the emails lead to fraudulent websites that are designed to steal your money, as well as personal and financial information.

How you can protect yourself:

- **Investment opportunities:** Don't be rushed into making an investment. Remember, legitimate organisations will never pressure you into making a transaction on the spot.
- **Seek advice first:** Speak with a trusted friend or family members, and seek independent professional advice before making significant financial decisions.
- **FCA register:** Use the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) register to check if the company is regulated by the FCA. If you deal with a firm (or individual) that isn't regulated, you may not be covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) if things go wrong and you lose your money.

- For more information about how to invest safely, please visit:
<https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart>
- **Report suspicious emails:** If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, you can report it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service by forwarding the email to - **report@phishing.gov.uk**



ELECTIONS 06 MAY 2021

These include the delayed Police and Crime Commissioner election from May 2020, along with the Hampshire County Council elections and a number of Town & Parish by-elections, either delayed or arising since May 2020.

Given the ongoing pandemic these arrangements are being kept under review, but we have been asked to continue with our preparations at this stage.

For this election it will be more important than ever to ensure voters are adequately informed of their options on how to vote and **in particular the option to apply for a postal or proxy vote.**

Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards

Rebecca Drummond

Service Manager – Elections and Business Improvement

[New Forest District Council](#)

Click on the link below for further information on how to register to vote, as well as postal or proxy vote [Voting and elections - New Forest District Council](#)

BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS UPDATE

A very big "Thank You" to those people who have asked about progress with the Village Hall. As many of you will know, the hall suffered a catastrophic flood during the rain associated with Storm Francis back in August.

After many assessments by the insurers, surveyors and contractors of every shape, size and description it became clear that the damage was extensive and far reaching. There is a lot of asbestos to be removed, damaged insulation and ceilings to be cleared, remedial work required on the drainage system and the gutters and the complete replacement of many of the floors, including the sprung dance floor in the main hall. After that, the whole place has to be put back together again!

We have hired shipping containers in which to store the hall contents for the duration of the work. Over the first week of February the entire hall was emptied and the stuff moved into store. Many thanks are due to members of the WI, the Horticultural Club, the Bowls Club, the Snooker Club and the Orchestra who rallied round to help to pack and / or to move their various things and, without whom, the trustees (and their spouses) would have struggled to complete the job. The snooker tables and the main kitchen have been dismantled by the professionals.

Work on the hall actually started on 8th February with the removal of the asbestos and there is a daunting schedule of works to follow. It is unclear at the moment exactly how long it is likely to take but all the trustees are relieved that things have begun.

Many people have asked how they can help. Now that the work is underway things are slightly out of our hands. However, it is fair to say that the hall closure due to a combination of Covid and the flood have done little to help the financial situation. We are extremely grateful to the national (and in some cases international) Tango community who have raised money towards the hall's future as a dance venue and to the Solent Concert Orchestra (who use the hall for rehearsals and who store their music

there) who have said that they will hold a concert for us. There are other small things that anybody can do.

The Salvation Army clothes bin is still in the carpark and has regular collections. You can donate clothes, shoes, accessories and textiles (bagged please). Do not think that, because it is the Salvation Army, you cannot put "good" things into the bin. Everything is sorted and things that are sellable are steam cleaned prior to being put into shops. Each collection is weighed and we get money according to the weight (I can always tell if somebody has cleared out their wardrobe by the monthly income from the Salvation Army).

The trust which runs the hall is registered with Smile Amazon and many of you have already signed up and listed The Bramshaw Trust as your chosen charity. We do not want to deprive other charities of income but would encourage anyone who shops via Amazon and has not switched to Smile Amazon to do so. A small proportion (0.5%) of everything that you spend is donated to the trust. It will not cost you anything.

In the meantime we keep our fingers crossed that the hall will be up and running in the not too distant future.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the repairs.

THE BRAMSHAW TRUST.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p>03 MARCH 11am CO-OP ASHURST</p> <p>13 MARCH 10am CO-OP LYNDHURST</p> <p>24 MARCH 10am BARTLEY POST OFFICE</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>21 MARCH</p>	<p>CENSUS DAY</p> <p>Look out for your invitation pack in the post. It will show you how to complete your Census. For more information visit www.census.gov.uk</p>

	<p>23 MARCH 7:30pm</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING By Video Conference. Bramshaw Parish Council convene by Zoom conferencing tool (used by MPs and the PM himself) on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.</p> <p>Members of the public are welcome to join. You can find all Agendas and Minutes on Bramshaw Parish Council's website www.bramshaw.org.uk</p>
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	<p>15-16 MAY</p>	<p>NEW FOREST 100 SPORTIVE Subject to COVID19 restrictions</p>

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