



## OCTOBER 2022 EDITION

### NEWS



#### BEAT REPORT

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

In October come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our area. At 11am on Tuesday 11th October we will be at the weekly Post Office in the Happy Cheese in Ashurst and then on the following day, Wednesday 12th October, you will find us at Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and at the Bartley Post Office at 9am. On Thursday 20th October we will be at the Open Door café in Minstead Church from 2pm and on Sunday 23rd join us at approximately 10.30am at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst. At these last two meetings we will have specific information about Hate Crime Awareness Week so if you have any specific questions about this subject then please join us at one of those sessions. All of our Beat Surgeries give you the opportunity to meet your local Police team and to talk to us about the issues and problems that you are having in your community. But if you need Police assistance in an emergency always call 999, to report a crime or incident of anti-social behaviour that has already happened call 101 or use the online reporting section of the Hampshire Police website. If you would like to contact the New Forest Heart Cops team directly about anything please use the details below.

A house on Woodlands Road was burgled while the owners were on holiday in September. Jewellery was stolen sometime between 2nd and 9th of the month. If you live in the area of Woodlands Road by the bend that takes you towards the Gamekeeper pub from Netley Marsh and saw anything suspicious or have CCTV that covers the area please let us know by calling 101 and quoting the crime number 44220367431.

Also, an unsuccessful attempt was made to break into the Bramshaw Village Stores in the early hours of Saturday 17th September. CCTV is limited in that area but if you have some can you see if it shows anything suspicious in the area. It's also a busy road through the village so if you saw anything unusual again please let us know by calling 101 and quoting the crime number 44220379109.

Twelve sheds, garages and outbuildings have been broken into this month including several containers on a utilities site at Ower and a stable block in Emery Down where £15,000 worth of livery were stolen. Bikes were taken from a shed, garage, summer house and greenhouse in Brockenhurst and attempts were made at other properties in Ashurst, Lyndhurst, Woodlands, Penn Common, Minstead and Bramshaw. Also in Bramshaw a motorhome was stolen off the driveway of a house in the middle of the night. The home owner went out to challenge the thieves and was punched by one of them, breaking his nose.

Other thefts this month include a mini digger from a compound in Exbury, two bicycles from outside two different pubs in Brockenhurst, a flatbed truck from outside a house at Cadnam and a roller from Woodlands. Two motorbikes have also stolen one from a house in Brockenhurst and the other from Brockenhurst train station.

Vehicles broken into during September were parked on the road in Brockenhurst, Newbridge and Cadnam and in pub and restaurant car parks in Copythorne and Emery Down. There has been a rise in the number of cars targeted in New Forest car parks with Fritham, Whitefield Moor, Knightwood Oak, Shatterford, Denny Wood, James Hill, Hichelsea and Wilverley Pit the car parks affected. We are planning more of our proactive patrols of the car parks in response to this increase and remember if you would like one of our NO VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE cards email [richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk)

Two cars parked at a pub in Swan Green just outside Lyndhurst also had their catalytic converters stolen on the same night and another catalytic converter was cut off a car parked at Paultons Park.

Two cars parked on different roads in Ashurst had their windscreens smashed on the same night and for no apparent reason and also in September a house in Lyndhurst was egged by three young people. So can we please ask you to talk to your children about what not to do, especially at this time of year. Other things we would ask you to consider in and around Halloween night are

- Make sure that your children go out in a group accompanied by an adult,
- Carry a torch and mobile telephone with you
- Consider road safety at all times
- Remind your children NOT to enter anyone's house or accept lifts from strangers and ask them to look out for our NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE signs and respect those people's wishes. And please be respectful of other people's property. If someone doesn't answer the door, playing a trick on them could get children into trouble and could be a criminal offence.

If you would like one of our NO TRICK OR TREATING HERE posters then again email [richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk)

We've had more reports of a naked man walking in the woods that run parallel to the A35 between Lyndhurst and Ashurst. We've been looking for him and carrying out reassurance patrols but if you see him don't approach him, call us immediately.

During August and September combined, the Copythorne Community Speed Watch Team went out on survey for a total of 14 hours in the Cadnam/Copythorne area. They monitored a total of almost 3,000 vehicles. Fortunately, the majority were observing the 30 Mph speed limit but a total of 421 drivers were driving too fast so will have a letter from the Police reminding them to observe the speed limit. It should be noted that 7 drivers were observed driving in excess of 50 Mph and they can expect direct Police contact and the driver doing 84 Mph was seen by a traffic Police Officer about their reckless driving. Observing speed limits helps save lives.

Thank you again for all the calls made to the Police in September 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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## RURAL TIMES

Please click below for the latest edition of Rural Times - September 2022 edition.

This edition includes an update from Hampshire Constabulary's new Basingstoke and Dean District Commander, Chief Inspector Scott Johnson, alongside Hampshire and IOW Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones.

There is also a wider update from Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Paul Bartolomeo in his role around Local Policing (page 6) – which has included chairing the Hampshire Rural Partnership Strategic Board.

[Rural Times - September 2022 edition](#)

In this issue you will hear from rural partners including a seasonal update from The British Association for Shooting and Conversation (page 10), the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) around new legislation relating to hare coursing (page 11).

This is alongside informative articles about the vital role of Humane Animal Dispatchers (page 8), the Deer Distribution Survey conducted by the British Deer Society (page 12) and an article on the elusive Quail bird from the Hampshire Ornithological Society (page 13).



## HARE COURSING SEASON

**Hare Coursing season has started, please be on the lookout in your community or areas where you may walk your dogs.**

### **What is hare coursing?**

Hare coursing sets two running dogs onto a brown hare. The dogs compete and are judged by how closely they can follow the twists and turns of the hare as it tries to escape, and if they ultimately catch and kill it. The dogs are competing and gambling is often involved. Hare coursing is a blood sport and has been illegal since 2004. In January 2022, the Government set out tougher measures to police and sentence criminals continuing to practise the sport. The punishments now include unlimited fines and the possibility of imprisonment. [New legislation to crack down on illegal hare coursing now in force - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The illegal nature of hare coursing and its associated gambling often leads to the participation of people who are undertaking other forms of criminal activity, such as drugs and firearms offences, which is why they pose such a threat to farmers and others in the rural communities.

### **What kind of dogs are used?**

Sighthounds (also known as longdogs) and their crosses: greyhounds, salukis, sloughi, borzoi, Afghan hounds, whippets – all are fast, agile, and hunt by sight. Many are badly treated once their coursing days are over and many end up in animal rescue sanctuaries.

### **Where does hare coursing take place?**

Coursing requires big, open spaces so mainly seen in agricultural areas in and around Hampshire and the IOW.

### **The impact on our farmers**

Coursing can be hugely stressful for farmers and land owners as well as their families, this activity can cause huge damage to crops, fences and gates running into £1000's.

### **Hares**

Brown hares are widespread across the UK but numbers are declining. Their population is estimated at less than half a million in England and they are listed as a priority in the UK's Biodiversity Action Plan. An iconic sight in the British countryside, the brown hare is known for its long, black-tipped ears and fast running – it can reach speeds of 45mph – and is most commonly found on arable land and open grassland.

### **What to do if you spot potential Hare Coursing**

**It is advised you do not approach those taking part, and instead call the police on 999 immediately.**

If possible tell the 999 operator, the exact location potentially using [what3words app | Find, share and navigate to precise locations | what3words](#), any vehicle registrations/make and models, description of dogs and any suspects.

If safe to do and at no risk to yourself and you can discreetly, take and record any pictures or videos which can then be passed to police for evidence along with any other CCTV or dash cam footage of the activity taking place. This would greatly support any investigations by police and aid CPS in any prosecutions in court.

Alternatively report any intelligence and non-urgent matters via our 101, or online reporting platform - [Report a crime | Hampshire Constabulary](#)

Or contact Crimestoppers to give information anonymously - [Crimestoppers' online form](#) or call them on [0800 555 1111](#).

# **ActionFraud**

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

 **0300 123 2040** 

**ALERT: ENERGY REBATE SCAM EMAILS**

Action Fraud is warning the public about a sharp rise in reports relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem, the independent energy regulator for Great Britain. The emails claim that the recipient is due a rebate payment as part of a government scheme and provides links for the recipient to follow in order to apply for the rebate. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.

**Between Monday 22nd August 2022 and Monday 5th September 2022, a total of 1,567 phishing emails related to this scam have been reported via the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS).**

All the emails display the email subject header "Claim your bill rebate now". Offenders are using the Ofgem brand logo and colours to make the emails look as authentic as possible. However,

the emails ask recipients to “apply for an energy bill rebate before September 2020”, which is what prompted many recipients to realise the emails weren't genuine.

You can view examples of the fake emails in our social media posts on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### How you can protect yourself and others

If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. Don't use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from their official website. Remember, your bank (or any other official source) **will never ask you to supply personal information via email**.

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Send us emails that feel suspicious, even if you're not certain they're a scam - we can check.

For advice on how to stay secure online, please visit: [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)



**New Forest**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### SAFER NEW FOREST ANNUAL SURVEY

The Safer New Forest Partnership is required to undertake annual community consultation regarding crime and disorder.

The Community Safety Team have completed our annual community engagement events across the New Forest, engaging with local residents regarding crime and anti-social behaviour.

Further to the success of the events, we would also like to hear from Town & Parish Councils with your views and thoughts on your local area. This will help support to inform our annual strategic assessment.

Please find attached an interactive survey for your completion. This can be completed online using the attached survey and sent to [Safer.NewForest@NFDC.GOV.UK](mailto:Safer.NewForest@NFDC.GOV.UK).

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

**Nikki Swift**

Community Safety Manager

[New Forest District Council](#)



## THE BLUE LAMP TRUST OFFERS CYBER-CRIME ADVISORY SERVICE TO HAMPSHIRE'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Hampshire Constabulary wanted to share an update with you from our partners, [The Blue Lamp Trust](#), of which our Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney is a Trustee.

While you may already be aware of, or indeed used, their Bobby Scheme service – which provides free home security visits, long-life smoke alarms and advice to vulnerable residents in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, particularly the elderly and victims of burglary and domestic abuse – they have launched; **Cyber Bobby**.

This is a scheme from the Blue Lamp Trust which is seeking to help protect vulnerable people from becoming victims of cyber-crime.

The scheme, much-like the Bobby Scheme, provides home visits, giving advice and guidance about basic IT security.

**Our police vetted advisors offer FREE home visit to residents of Hampshire who are:**

- Over 65 years old
- Disabled (over 18)
- Previous victim of cyber crime

**They will discuss and advise local residents on:**

- What is cyber-crime
- Cyber and scam prevention advice
- How to check privacy settings
- Signposting to other advice and resources
- How to report issues
- How to recognise scam emails and text messages

All of the Blue Lamp Trust advisors are police vetted and carry ID cards to reassure local residents that they are genuine – and please remember, they will not be offended if you ask to see their ID to validate their identity.

If you, or anybody you know, is eligible (based on the criteria above) and would benefit from a Cyber Bobby referral, please enquire via the Blue Lamp Trust website at <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/cyber-bobby>

Alternatively, you can make an enquiry by calling the Blue Lamp Trust directly on 0300 777 0157.



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### TACKLING FLY-TIPPING

On Thursday 22nd September 2022 our Country Watch and Roads Policing Officers teamed up with the Environment Agency, HMRC and DVSA.

They worked together and set up an operation to target commercial vehicles and waste carrier licences to ensure all vehicles held their correct licence and are all road worthy.

The true scale of fly-tipping on private land is not clear but it is estimated the fly-tipping on private land costs £50m to £150 million to clear up each year.

Land managers, occupiers or owners of private property are responsible for clearing and disposing of any fly-tipping found on private land. Whilst the Local Councils will not clear waste dumped on private land free of charge, they may investigate such incidents where appropriate. In the event that a successful prosecution is brought, the Council can apply for the Court to order that the landowner's clean-up costs be reimbursed.

The Environment Agency will investigate major incidents with a greater potential to cause harm to human health and damage to the environment, such as the larger scale incidents of fly-tipping (generally those involving more than a lorry/tipper load of waste), incidents involving hazardous waste, and those involving organised gangs of fly-tippers. By taking this approach it allows the system to reflect the needs of the community it is serving.

There are a number of steps that landowners and managers can take to prevent fly-tipping on their land. These include:

- Physical improvements such as the installation of gates and barriers and improved visibility;
- Better site management – keeping areas tidy and removing fly-tipped waste quickly;
- Deterrence – this can be in the form of successful prosecutions, signage, CCTV, security patrols etc;
- Working with others including your neighbours, local businesses and any existing partnerships.

Regardless of whether land is public or private, if you find fly-tipped waste you should report it.

Country Watch Team

Hampshire Police



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LIVESTOCK WORRYING

Livestock worrying is when a dog attacks or chases livestock on agricultural land or is at large in a field with sheep, which can result in significant injury or suffering and in the worst cases, death of the animals involved. This also has devastating consequences for livestock keepers, causing personal distress as well as significant financial costs.

- Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and comes under the [Dogs \(Protection of Livestock\) Act 1953](#). It comes with a maximum fine of £1000.
- 'Worrying' is where a dog attacks or chases livestock causing injury or suffering.
- This isn't just a threat to a farmer or land owner's livelihood, it's also a dangerous situation for the animals involved, and could lead to more risk if the animals get onto the road.
- A farmer is allowed to kill the dog if it's worrying their livestock.

Always keep your dog under control around other animals and if you see a dog on the loose worrying animals, report it.

Reporting platforms - online [Report a crime | Hampshire Constabulary](#), call 101 or report anonymously via Crime Stoppers [Give information | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#).

## Dog and Horses

We have also recently been made aware where dogs have startled horse riders whilst out and about. Here is a really good article produced by Blue Cross which is full of advice for both Dog owners/walkers and Horse Riders [Keep dogs and horses safe around each other | Blue Cross](#)



## HM KING CHARLES III: LOCAL PROCLAMATION GIVEN FOR NEW FOREST DISTRICT



Charles III was proclaimed King on Saturday 10 September 2022, at a ceremony at St James's Palace.

Following the principal and county announcements, The Chairman of New Forest District Council, Cllr Alan O'Sullivan, gave the local Proclamation of the Accession of HM The King Charles III, at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst today, Sunday 11 September 2022, at 2pm.

The full speeches and The Proclamation can be read at the Council's website: <https://newforest.gov.uk/article/3141/Proclamation-and-speeches-for-HM-The-King-Charles-III>

Cllr O'Sullivan was joined by Deputy Lieutenant Hallam Mills Esq DL, Cllr Edward Heron, Leader, Kate Ryan, Chief Executive, civic guests, councillors, staff, and members of the public.

New Forest Brass played the National Anthem.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p><b>11 OCT</b> 11am POST OFFICE, HAPPY CHEESE PUB, ASHURST</p> <p><b>12 OCT</b> 8am BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES</p> <p><b>12 OCT</b> 9am BARTLEY POST OFFICE</p> <p><b>20 OCT</b> 2pm OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH, MINSTEAD</p> <p><b>23 OCT</b> 10:30am 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>06 OCT</b> 12:15pm for 12:30pm  BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p><b>WI – BIRTHDAY MEETING</b> Entertainment Adeste Duo.</p>
	<p><b>15 OCT</b> 2pm</p>	<p><b>WI – JUMBLE SALE</b> Entrance 50p. Refreshments available. Items (but regret no large items) can be left from 10.00 am</p>
	<p><b>11 OCT</b> 7.00 for 7.30pm  BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p><b>BRAMSHAW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</b> Ron Taylor: The Spice of Life</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>



**3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH**  
BRAMSHAW  
VILLAGE HALL

**BRAMSHAW & DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY**

16th September - Downton Abbey A New Era  
21st October - Belfast  
18th November - Courier  
16th December - Members Free evening - film to be decided

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



**25 OCT**  
**7:30pm**

Bramshaw  
Village Hall  
(Community  
Room)

**BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Here's a link to view the Agenda (once it's been published) on the Parish Council's website  
[Agendas and Minutes](#)

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