



# BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH

## JUNE 2021

### NEWS



#### BEAT REPORT

Thank you all once again for sticking to the Government's guidelines surrounding the Covid 19 pandemic. Your good work means that restrictions are being eased all the time and life is steadily returning to normal, although perhaps a new type of normal. Please keep going as we enter the final stretch and all of the latest on all the COVID-19 regulations are on the Government website ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

We will be holding two more of our SAFE AT HOME EVENTS in June so again if you, or someone you know, needs our help and it is easier to visit us in person we will be:-  
outside the BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES at 4pm on Saturday 12th June 2021  
outside the BARTLEY POST OFFICE at 4pm on Friday 25th June 2021

Two burglaries in May. The first was a holiday home in Ower on the Old Salisbury Road at Ower. Thieves smashed their way in through the patio doors at the back of the house between 9.30am and 5.30pm on Monday 17th May. Investigations are being carried out and if you have any information that might help our enquiries call 101 and quote the crime number 44210190778.

The second was on the Lane in Cadnam and happened between 8.15am and 5.30pm on Tuesday 25th May. Please check any CCTV that covers the area and let us know if it shows anything suspicious happening at that time. The crime number for this incident is 44210202866.

Nineteen sheds and outbuildings have been broken in May including one garage in Brockenhurst where the thieves went in through the roof by replacing the tiles. Also targeted this month in Brockenhurst was one of the local pubs and the Primary School. Other sheds break took place in Bramshaw, Beaulieu, Cadnam, Ashurst and Lyndhurst.

There have been eighteen thefts from cars and vans parked on the Beat in May. Five of them were in the car park of a hotel at Stoney Cross and three of them were in the car park of a hotel at Ower. No cars were targeted in Forest car parks but handbags and a wallet have been stolen from vehicles parked on the roadside in Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst and Beaulieu.

Other thefts include an ornamental sign from outside a house in Minstead, a kite surfing board from Lyndhurst, a speed data collecting device from Beaulieu, and a trailer from a field in Ashurst.

In other incidents, criminal damage has been caused to a car wing mirror in Brockenhurst, to the burger and kebab van in the layby at Bartley, the glass case protecting the defibrillator in East Boldre has been smashed, and a field sign in Minstead was smashed.

Something was thrown from one car to another as it drove from Ashurst to Lyndhurst smashing the windscreen, luckily no one was hurt.

Thirteen expensive bikes stolen. Three from outside a pub in Brockenhurst, one from outside a pub in Beaulieu and the other from a garden in Brockenhurst. Amazingly eight bicycles were stolen from the Roundhill camp site over the bank holiday weekend while they were locked together and attached to the motorhome that the owners were asleep in. Please do as much as you can to keep your bicycles as secure as possible.

Section 59 warning has been issued to a young motorcyclist who went onto the pavement outside Netley Marsh Infant School. This means that if he behaves in this way again his bike will be seized by Police.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) team in Lyndhurst is looking for more volunteers to help them slow the traffic in and around the village. As you know speeding is a major factor in most accidents and impacts on the day-to-day lives of people in the community.

CSW allows local residents to volunteer with the police to monitor the speed of traffic at specific locations using speed indication devices. The initiative allows the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety and working in partnership with Hampshire Constabulary, your local council and other agencies. If you think that speeding traffic has a dangerous impact in your area, Lyndhurst, and you would like to take an active role in speed monitoring and educating offending drivers and you have a few hours to spare each week, please contact me or [speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) and we will send you more information.

During the latter part of April and into May, the Copythorne Speed Watch team spent a total of 12 hours at the roadside in the Parish and monitored a total of 2,822 vehicles. Well done to the majority of drivers who kept to the 30mph limit but unfortunately 364 drivers will receive a Police letter as they were driving too fast and 3 of those drivers were going over 50mph. Please keep to the speed limits as they are there for everyone's safety and enjoyment.

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  
[richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) 07554 775469  
And for the Forest south of Lyndhurst its  
[jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) 07979 707939  
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#### **INVESTMENT FRAUD SCAMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Figures released by the City of London Police show criminals continue to use popular social media apps to advertise investment scams and contact potential victims.

Over £63m was lost nationally by victims of investment fraud who referred to a social media platform in their report to Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime. Some victims mentioned being approached directly by an investment fraudster, whilst others said they were attracted to a fake investment through adverts.

Superintendent Sanjay Andersen, from the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, said:

"Reports of investment fraud have increased significantly since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, which is unsurprising when you think the vast majority of us have had to conduct nearly every aspect of our lives on a computer or mobile phone.

"Being online more means criminals have a greater opportunity to approach unsuspecting victims with their scams. We would encourage anyone thinking about making an investment to do their research first. Visit the FCA's website and check and double check every detail before handing over your money or personal details."

During a 12 month period, 5,039 reports of investment fraud made reference to a social media platform, with 44.7 per cent of reports stating the fake commodity they had been scammed into investing in was a type of cryptocurrency. In the reports, Instagram was the most referenced platform (35.2 per cent), followed by Facebook (18.4 per cent).

The City of London Police says the use of social media by criminals is helping to buck the trend for typical investment fraud victims, with under 30s being most affected. Specifically, 27.5 per cent of all investment fraud victims who mentioned social media in their report were aged 19-25, and 61 per cent were men. By contrast, when looking at investment fraud reports where social media didn't play a factor in the scam, the average age of victims was over 50.

Criminals are also using social media influencers to carry out their scams, exploiting the brand image and reputation of well-known individuals without their knowledge and advertising bogus celebrity endorsements.

Fraudsters present professional and credible looking online adverts, send emails, and create websites to advertise fake investment opportunities in cryptocurrency, foreign exchange trading and bonds. Often, fake testimonials are accompanied with a picture of a well-known figure to help the investment seem legitimate. Between April 2020 and March 2021, Action Fraud received over 500 investment fraud reports which made reference to a bogus celebrity endorsement, with losses reaching over £10m.

Another common trend seen by crime analysts at the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, relates to cloned company investment fraud, where criminals will copy the branding of legitimate investment companies to trick people into handing

over money. Some reports even mentioned seeing LinkedIn profiles for the broker who had approached them, which helped persuade them that the offer was legitimate.

The force teamed up with the Financial Conduct Authority and the National Economic Crime Centre to warn the public about cloned company investment fraud in January. However, a recent report identified that 8 per cent of all cloned company fraud victims had initiated contact with the suspect following a direct approach, or after seeing an advert, on a social media platform. Whilst the average victim age for cloned company fraud overall was found to be 60 years, this nearly halved amongst those who referenced a social media platform in their report.

How to protect yourself from investment fraud

- Be suspicious if you are contacted out of the blue about an investment opportunity. This could be via a cold-call, an e-mail or an approach on social media.
- Don't be rushed into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction or committing to something on the spot. Take time to do your research.
- Seek advice from trusted friends, family members or independent professional advice services before making a significant financial decision. Even genuine investment schemes can be high risk.
- Use a financial advisor accredited by the Financial Conduct Authority. Paying for professional advice may seem like an unnecessary expense, but it will help prevent you from being scammed.
- Always check the FCA Register to make sure you're dealing with an authorised firm and check the FCA Warning List of firms to avoid.
- Only use the telephone number and email address on the FCA Register, not the contact details the firm gives you and look out for subtle differences.
- Just because a company has a glossy website and glowing reviews from 'high net worth' investors does not mean it is genuine – fraudsters will go to great lengths to convince you they are not a scam.

Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you think you've been a victim of an investment fraud, report it to Action Fraud online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040. For more information about investment fraud, visit [www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart](http://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart).

***Message Sent By***

Graeme Barbour (Police, Digital Communications Manager, Hampshire)



## STOP TOSSING THE TRASH! BY LITTER PICKERS OF THE NEW FOREST

Pet said: *I love being part of the group. I've been walking from home to pick aside from when we drove out to Applemore recently. Feels very supportive even though I can't pick every day due to work. Credit to you, Stephen and the team. Can't think what the Forest would look like without what this group does.*

Jo said: *I've really enjoyed being a member of this group. It's been very motivating and it's so nice to have your efforts acknowledged by like-minded people. The lovely thing is that there are no angry disagreements as everyone has the same goal.*

Jane said: *I love this group. Everyone is so supportive and friendly. The moderators are tireless and brilliant, and I have made new friends and also bonded with existing ones. My village (and the rest of the New Forest and beaches) looks so much better for our efforts. One BIG complaint though, I now have a severe and untreatable addiction to spotting litter!*

Liz said: *We heard about litter picking in a webinar on communing where the 3 commoners present were full of praise for the help in keeping the Forest clean. We joined up the next day and are so pleased we did. The group is so friendly, we have been made so welcome, our dog walks have taken on an added dimension, and we find ourselves with a new hobby. The only downside? It's addictive!*

Dora said: *I feel so proud to be part of such a positive group of people, actively working to keep the beautiful place we live in litter-free. The more we are seen locally (with our hi-vis vests); it may help people think about getting involved.*

Sophie said: *I absolutely love being a part of a group of such lovely, kind people who never judge one another. I have been a litter picker for most of my life, but this group has really encouraged me.*

**Look out for the New Forest - join the Great British Spring Clean, from 28 May to 13 June 2021.**



Join a litter picking group; make new friends; get to know your locality and help the environment; we can introduce you to other litter pickers in your area. Contact Steve on 01794 390794  
[Clean New Forest - The site for New Forest litter pickers](#)

If you and your family would like to do some litter picking, the New Forest National Park Authority have free litter picking kits as part of their New Forest Ambassador Scheme. Each kit includes a litter picking guide, rubbish sacks, a hi-vis vest and a litter grabber. [Community litter picking - New Forest District Council](#)

Did you know? It is a criminal offence to throw litter out of a vehicle and you could ultimately be prosecuted and fined up to £2,500 if caught. Most councils issue fixed penalty notices if they believe someone has littered, asking the DVLA for motorists' details.



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### **FAMILY PAYS TRIBUTE TO SOUTHAMPTON MAN WHO DIED IN M3 COLLISION**

The family of a Southampton man who sadly died following a collision on the M3 have paid tribute to him.

Police were called at around 2pm on Friday, 21 May to the collision, which involved a black Harley Davidson motorcycle and a white Volvo HGV lorry between junctions 8 and 9 of the southbound carriageway.

Sadly the motorcyclist, Michael James, aged 40, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Paying tribute to him, his family said: "Mike was a great young man with a big heart who will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

"He was fondly known as "Tuns" to his many friends and family due to his fun personality, and things were certainly never dull when Tuns was around.

"Our lives will never be the same again without him and a huge hole has been left in our hearts.

"We would like to thank all the emergency services involved and members of the public who helped Mike on this tragic day, we will be forever thankful."

His daughters Jessica, aged 21 and Megan, aged 16, added: "We are heartbroken at losing our Dad. He was an amazing Dad and we loved him dearly. He will always be in our hearts." Officers are continuing to investigate the exact circumstances of the collision.




Anyone with information or dash cam footage should call 101, quoting reference number 44210196667.

***Message Sent By***

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p><b>28 MAY to 13 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN</b></p> <p>Join a litter picking group; make new friends; get to know your locality and help the environment; we can introduce you to other litter pickers in your area. Contact Steve on 01794 390794  <a href="#">Clean New Forest - The site for New Forest litter pickers</a></p>
	<p><b>12 JUNE 4PM</b> BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES</p> <p><b>25 JUNE 4pm</b> BARTLEY POST OFFICE</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><b>22 JUNE 7:30pm</b></p> <p>Venue to be determined (it will be shown on the published Agenda)</p>	<p><b>BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b></p> <p>You can find all Agendas and Minutes on Bramshaw Parish Council's website  <a href="http://www.bramshaw.org.uk">www.bramshaw.org.uk</a></p>

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