



FEBRUARY 2022 EDITION

NEWS



BEAT REPORT

Hello and welcome to the first Beat Report of 2022 for the New Forest Heart area. Your team in the North of the Forest is PC 25169 Carl PEVERILL and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS, and in the South, it is PC 2901 Jason EASTWOOD.

In February 2022 we will be holding Beat Surgeries – see Calendar of Events section for dates, times, and locations.

Fifteen vehicles have been broken into this month including three at the Stoney Cross Travel Lodge. You might have seen on our Facebook page or in the Daily Echo that while on patrol our Police car was rammed by the vehicle being used to carry out these offences. That car, a blue Fiat Punto, damaged our patrol car and made off across the Forest and was later found burnt out in Spring Bushes car park. Investigations to identify those involved are ongoing so if you have any information for us email richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk and quote OP TREADSTONE. Thank you.

Other vehicles broken into this month were parked in Lyndhurst, at the Haywain in Bartley and in the Vinney Ridge, Longslade, Stockley, Whitefield Moor, Cadnam Cricket Ground and Fritham car parks.

Other thefts this month include two catalytic converters from cars in Lyndhurst and the Sethorns Campsite, over 700 used roof tiles from Brockenhurst and two statues of stags from a garden in Ashurst.

No homes have been burgled in February, but eight outbuildings have been broken into. An expensive electric bicycle was stolen from a garage in Ashurst, and power tools and garden equipment have been taken from sheds in Minstead, Brockenhurst, Bartley and Bramshaw.

Two drivers have been given Community Resolutions for damaging the forest floor by taking their vehicles off road at Ipley Crossroads and Boltons Bench. They have also received Section 59 warnings which mean that if they go off road again their vehicles will be seized by Police.

Criminal damage has also been caused to a window at the East Boldre Village Hall and a garden gate in Lyndhurst and there was a fire at the Paulton's Cricket Ground in the early hours of Thursday 27th January. If you have any information about that or the vehicle involved call us and quote the crime number 44220035829.

We held another Op Mountie Session at the beginning of January on Roger Penny Way and seized two cars because their drivers didn't have any insurance, reported one driver for having an invalid licence, gave three drivers tickets for exceeding the 50mph and eleven drivers received educational advice from our partner agencies. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to tackling speeding across the New Forest especially on the Roger Penny Way and surrounding areas. On Monday 24th January we held a late-night session to coincide with the closure of the A31 at Ringwood. On that occasion twelve drivers were spoken to and three tickets were issued. More sessions are planned throughout the year.

The Copythorne Speed Watch Team went out on eleven surveys in January and spent a total of fourteen hours, in various locations, within the Parish. During the surveys, 2,330 vehicles were recorded, with 356 vehicles exceeding the speed limit. All 356 drivers will receive a letter warning them about their speed and six of them who were recorded travelling at excessive speeds will be contacted directly by the New Forest Heart Cops team. During the month, the Team Coordinators celebrated their 200th Speed Watch survey so well done and thanks to them.

Remember 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 with any questions or queries, please use the details below

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2022 UPDATES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE

As of 29th January 2022, The Highway Code has changed. These advisory changes have been implemented to improve safety for people walking, cycling and horse riding.

Every road user still has a responsibility to keep themselves and each other safe, and the changes mean being ready to give priority, leave space and be considerate of others.

In summary, irrespective of your method of transport, a new hierarchy of road users has been introduced to ensure those who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others.

This means:

- Giving people crossing and waiting to cross and cyclists (or people cycling) going straight ahead priority when turning in and out of junctions
- Giving plenty of space when passing people cycling and horse riders
- And making sure we're acting with responsibility and respect to all road users

Specifically:

- You now should give people crossing and waiting to cross and cyclists going straight ahead priority when turning in and out of junctions.

- You now should leave at least 1.5 metres when overtaking people cycling at speeds of up to 30mph and give them more space when overtaking at higher speeds.
- When driving, you should now pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space.
- You should now allow at least 2 metres of space and keep to a low speed when passing a pedestrian who is walking in the road.
- Car users should now open their doors with the hand furthest from the door, to help them look over their shoulder to see cyclists or pedestrians nearby.
- People may cycle in the centre of the lane or two abreast for their own safety, whilst allowing others to overtake when it is safe for them to do so.

The changes can be viewed in full here or by visiting:

www.gov.uk/dft/highway-code-change



Message Sent By

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AWARDS: 'COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR' & 'SAFER SUPERHERO'

Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones has launched new Awards to recognise the contribution volunteers and partners make to policing and in making the local community safer and is asking for nominations directly from the public for members of the local community who have made a big difference over the last year. Nominations can be made online at <http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/awards>

The Police and Crime Commissioner is inviting nominations to the categories of Community Volunteer of the Year and Safer Superhero:

Community Volunteer of the Year – A member of the public who volunteers in their local community to help to keep people safer. This can be a formal volunteer role with an organisation or a person who volunteers on their own to help others e.g., helps an elderly neighbour maintain their garden and house which can help to prevent them from being identified as vulnerable by others.

Safer Superhero – A young person who has shown bravery, courage, or kindness to keep someone safer. This can be a young person, up to the age of 16 years old, who has helped someone else to be safer. For example, it could be that they care for another family member, have helped someone who has been affected by crime or have shown an act of kindness.

Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones said, "Volunteers and our partners make a huge and significant difference to policing and in helping to make communities safer. I have launched my new Police and Crime Commissioner Awards to recognise the enormous contribution they make and to say thank you.

"There are literally hundreds of thousands of local volunteers and staff supporting others and to make a difference in our local communities. I really want to receive

nominations from the public for local volunteers and young people who they think deserve recognition for the positive impact they make.

"To name just a few, Police Specials, Neighbourhood Watch, Community Speedwatch, Independent Custody Visitors, Youth Commission members, Victim Care Service, and business partners all support policing, criminal justice, the local community and importantly, victims when they need it most. I think that deserves recognition through my awards."

Alongside the awards open for public nomination, there are also awards for volunteers and staff directly supporting policing and the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. These awards are nominated from within policing, commissioned services, and partner organisations.



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RURAL TIMES

Hello - I am Chief Inspector Jon Turton - and I have been the District Commander for Winchester district since June 2020, as well as the dedicated rural tactical lead for the area.

In this latest edition - which you can [access here](#) - it includes articles from Hampshire County Council about recent national figures around levels of fly-tipping increasing across the UK, a new initiative launched to tackle wildlife disturbances on UK coastlines and UK Government plans to crack down on illegal hare coursing and the return of red kites to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

You will also find crime prevention advice around protecting plant machinery and GPS systems while there is victim support information and signposting to other organisations who can help if you've been a victim of crime.

There is also a section rounding up the recent operations that our rural and CountryWatch teams have been involved including a housing developer being fined more than £100,000 for destroying rare dormice habitat to operations seeking to combat speeding in the New Forest to numerous poaching and livestock worrying offences.

I firmly believe that due to my previous role as the District Inspector for Winchester, it has certainly helped me to understand the local policing area with a wealth of key community contacts and solid working relationships with partners. Winchester district covers an area of over 255 square miles.

A designated heritage city which attracts an estimated 5.6 million visitors each year with great transport links by road and rail. I have one Inspector, four sergeants, 24 constables and 19 PCSO's. The teams operate from three bases in Mottisfont Court, Alresford Fire station and Bishops Waltham. Our Response and Patrol teams are based at Winnall, and they are also located at Fareham.

My Sergeant establishment has only recently increased to four, so together with the uplift in our police numbers I've utilised this opportunity to create a proactive team. The Proactive Team provides a flexible and agile response to spontaneous incidents, but it also takes ownership for tackling more specialist and complex crime series.

The urban and rural areas on my district present very different and varied policing challenges. Trap racing on roads to the north of the district caused disruption to local resident in the summer, as well as a potential danger to road users. A significant policing response helped to prevent further activity, but I'm also keen to explore longer term, sustainable solutions in conjunction with other agencies.

While the coronavirus pandemic has placed a huge pressure on our communities for families, friends, and businesses and none of us could have expected that it would be so far reaching or lasting for so long. Nevertheless, when it's safe to do so I want to build on concept of our Beat surgeries and arrange some of the Barn Meets that have been popular in other areas.

Lastly, I would urge you to continue to report crimes and suspicious activity to us via the Hampshire Constabulary website or calling 101. As always, if a crime is in progress dial 999.

We hope you enjoy reading the latest edition of Rural Times.

Chief Inspector Jon Turton



GROUND NESTING BIRDS CAMPAIGN 2022

Forestry England and the New Forest National Park Authority will shortly begin the annual campaign to support the ground nesting bird season here in the New Forest. Running from spring through to the end of August, the campaign aims to raise awareness of the critical importance of this habitat to many rare ground nesting birds and highlight how the public

can play their part in supporting them during this time.

The campaign was well supported last year. With the greatly appreciated help of the District Council, Parish Councils, and many community groups it was able to reach a much larger audience and increase public awareness on this issue. Rangers and Keepers on the ground reported improved knowledge and engagement with the members of the public they spoke to at key nesting sites.

We hope to build on this progress in 2022 by involving as many groups as possible in supporting the campaign. Please find attached details of this year's campaign, how to get involved and where to find additional materials.

Best regards

Forestry England, New Forest Team



GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS 2022/23

New Forest District Council (NFDC) will be starting the 2022/23 subscription year for existing customers of their garden waste collection service on Monday 4 April 2022.

Subscribers to the service received a reduced number of collections for the 2021/22 subscription year, due to ongoing staff shortages. In light of this, all current garden waste customers will be given a discount on the new renewal price for the 2022/23 subscription.

Cllr Steve Davies, NFDC portfolio holder for Environment and Coastal Services, said, "We would like to thank our garden waste customers for their support and patience, and apologise for any inconvenience service disruptions have caused. We're pleased to be starting the

2022/23 subscription year in April and will be providing customers who renew their subscription with a discount.”

As communicated in December 2021, four-weekly collections will continue from Monday 10 January. The delayed return to fortnightly garden waste collections is in line with the council's contingency plan, approved in November 2021. The contingency plan was created to ensure the collection of clear and black sacks from households can be carried out during periods of staff shortages.

NFDC are aiming to restart fortnightly garden waste collections mid-March 2022, but this will be dependent on staffing levels improving.

The council will be writing to existing customers in February, updating on the frequency of garden waste collections, how subscriptions can be renewed, and how discounts for the 2022/23 subscription year will be provided. There will also be information for customers wishing to not renew their subscription, who will be eligible for a refund.

Garden waste customers can find their collection dates for January and February by visiting newforest.gov.uk/gardenwaste

The council is unlikely to be able to accept new garden waste customers or sell additional bags until July 2022.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY



03 FEB

8:30am

BRAMSHAW
VILLAGE
STORES

BEAT SURGERIES

If you, or someone you know, needs our help and it is easier to visit us in person.

03 FEB

10am

BARTLEY
POST
OFFICE

12 FEB

10-11am

JANESMOOR
POND CAR
PARK at
Stoney Cross

The main theme will be speeding across the New Forest. We will be joined by our colleagues at Forestry England, the National Park Authority, New Forest District Council and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team who will be able to answer any questions you might have. PC PEVERILL and PCSO WILLIAMS will also be on hand to help with any other queries you might have.

17 FEB

2pm

OPEN DOOR
CAFÉ
MINSTEAD

	<p>03 FEB 2pm</p> <p>Bramshaw Village Hall</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW WI</p> <p>Speaker from the Minstead Trust. The History of Furzey Gardens.</p> <p>Visitors welcome.</p>
	<p>22 FEB 7:30pm</p> <p>Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>Here's a link to view the Agenda (once it's been published) on the Parish Council's website <u>Agendas and Minutes</u></p>

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