



MAY 2022 EDITION

NEWS



BEAT REPORT

Hello and welcome to the April 2022 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team in the North of the Forest is PC 25169 Carl PEVERILL and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In May come and meet us at one of our Beat Surgeries and meetings across our Beat area. See 'calendar of Events' for dates, times, and locations.

We will also be in the DEERLEAP INCLOSURE car park from 10am on Sunday 8th May where we will be supporting our colleagues at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and New Forest District Council at their RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP event, perhaps we will see you there.

On Good Friday we launched this year's OPERATION KOEMAN – this is where we target the areas most vulnerable to car crime and carry out high visibility patrols giving out crime prevention advice that you MUST take all of your valuables with you when you leave your vehicle unattended. And DON'T HIDE anything in the boot either because you never know who is watching. These OP KOEMAN patrols have seen this type of crime reduce by over a third in the last 5 years and this year we will be incorporating bicycle theft into these patrols. The message is never leave your bicycle unattended, take it with you if you can, if you have to take it with you remove a wheel or the saddle, and take an up to date photograph of it and record the serial number. Thieves are targeting high value bikes, especially the electric ones and locking them up on its own isn't enough. For instance, last week thieves took a bike that was locked to the roof of a car that was parked on a driveway behind a closed and locked gate while the owners were at home. Please do what you can to keep your property safe.

This month has seen an increase in these thefts. Two expensive bikes have been stolen from either end of Woodlands Road and four electric bikes have been taken during break ins to sheds and garages in Lyndhurst and Cadnam. Two were stolen from Ashurst Campsite and a £3,500 gravel bike was taken from the Hollands Wood Campsite. Other bikes have been stolen from hotel car parks in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst as well as from sheds in both villages.

Overnight from Tuesday 26th April to Wednesday 27th April a house on Garden Close in Lyndhurst was broken into and a handbag and distinctive clock were stolen. We are still waiting to get a photograph of the clock but if you are offered one or have any other information that might help us identify those responsible then contact us on 101 and quote the crime number 44220164007.

Meanwhile 18 vehicles have been broken into this month while they were parked in Fritham, Bramshaw Wood and Puttles Bridge car parks and from the roadside in Beaulieu, Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Ower, Bramshaw and Cadnam. A catalytic converter was cut off a car in Ower and fuel was stolen from two lorries parked in a layby on the A31.

In total eleven outbuildings have been burgled in April in Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst, Minstead, Cadnam, Brook and Brockenhurst with power tools and garden machinery stolen. The Forestry England depot just outside Lyndhurst and a contractors shed at Bartley School have also been broken into.

Also, this month copper has been stolen from the roof of St Peters church in Bramshaw, the Speed Indication Device (SID) was damaged and then taken from its post on the Southampton Road at Lyndhurst and a car was stolen from the driveway of a house in Brockenhurst.

Two unexploded World War Two bombs have been found by people out walking in the Forest this month. The first was in the woods behind the Hawkhill Inclosure and the second was just outside the Pig Bush car park. If you ever find anything that you think might be an unexploded shell or bomb, then make a note of where you are and call Police immediately. We will let the military's bomb squad know what has been found and they will come and deal with it. The best way to pinpoint exactly where you are is by using the What3Words app. Whatever you do don't go digging around it, just leave it alone, make a note of where you are and call us.

Finally, after 13 years as the Beat Officer for Beaulieu, Brockenhurst and New Forest Heart South, PC 2901 Jason EASTWOOD has left the New Forest Heart Cops team. Jason is starting a new role as a Professional Development Assessment Officer where he will be mentoring the latest recruits joining Hampshire Constabulary. Jason has made a real difference to the New Forest during his 13 years on the Beat and leaves it a much safer place for us all to live and work and we wish him all the very best in his new post.

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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HAMPSHIRE
CONSTABULARY

MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SEX OFFENCES

Hello,

We wanted to give you an update from court, following the conclusion of a trial 5 April at Southampton Crown Court.

A man from Wootton has been found guilty of committing a string of serious child sex offences.

Steve Oxborrow was previously charged with a number of offences dating back January 2005 against three children.

The 33-year-old had sexually abused the three children on multiple occasions over a seven year period between January 2005 and June 2012, with the offences taking place in the Wootton and New Milton areas.

Oxborrow, of Wilverley Road in Wootton was subsequently found guilty by a jury, following the conclusion of a three-week trial yesterday, of the following:

- Five counts of sexual activity with a child under 13
- Three counts of sexual assault of a child under 13
- Two counts of making indecent photographs of a child
- One count of possession of indecent image of a child
- One count of rape of a child under 13

He was remanded in custody to appear at the same court for sentencing on Thursday 26 May.



HAMPSHIRE
CONSTABULARY

MAN CONVICTED FOLLOWING FATAL COLLISION WITH FOAL

Hello,

We wanted to update you on a recent outcome, after a 22-year-old man from Leeds was convicted of failing to report an accident, after a collision he was involved in the New Forest, resulting in a foal being euthanised as a result of its injuries.

Ben Hanlan, of East Grange Drive in Leeds, was convicted after the Volkswagen Polo he was driving collided with a foal nearby to Beaulieu Road between midnight on Friday 27 August and 3.30am on Saturday 28 August 2021.

He then fled the scene without reporting the incident to local agisters or to the police.

The court heard how Hanlan had believed that he had hit a deer at the time of the collision, but did not stop to determine these facts, nor to inspect whether he had seriously injured or caused the death of an animal.

The injured pony was located by a local Agister the following day, having sadly suffering two broken front legs as a result of the accident. It is then thought that the pony continued to wander for several hours on the stumps of her bones before succumbing to her injuries.

The pony was humanely dispatched of as a result.

Ben Hanlan pleaded guilty to failing to report an accident and was disqualified from driving for a period of six months and ordered to pay £85 court costs.

PC Matt Thelwell, Wildlife and Rural Crime Officer, said: "Sadly, this is an incident which was wholly avoidable, but resulted in a foal having to be euthanised due to the severity of

its injuries. The driver is lucky that in this situation, he did not suffer serious injuries himself, or worse, but that could have been a real possibility in a different scenario.

“Driving above the speed limit, especially during hours of darkness, can have devastating consequences. Sadly, there have been a number of high-profile animal deaths on New Forest roads over the last 18 months; but these needn’t have happened if motorists been travelling within the speed limit or driving appropriately for the conditions.

“This conviction hopefully sends out a stark message about the importance of driving safely, and within the law, across New Forest roads, but also that no one is above the law. Failure to report a road traffic incident or accident is a criminal offence, and this shows, that we will always seek to identify those responsible and put them in front of the courts so that justice can be served.

“We will continue to work with key partners including New Forest National Park Authority, Forestry England and Commoners Defence Association to raise awareness of animals killed by collisions in the New Forest area and improve safety.”



COUNCIL TAX ENERGY REBATE PAYMENTS

New Forest District Council has started (Monday 25 April 2022) making payments of the £150 Energy Rebate to eligible households who have paid their April Council Tax instalment by Direct Debit.

Residents who have paid their April instalment by Direct Debit do not need to take any action and should receive the rebate in their bank account by the end of April.

The government announced the £150 rebate as support for the rising cost of energy bills, with local authorities paying the rebate to eligible households.

For people who don't pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit and where we are unable to make the direct payment we will send a letter by the end of April, and invite them to make a claim to receive the payment into their bank account.

NFDC are warning residents to be aware of scammers calling people and asking for their bank details in order to receive the Council Tax Energy Rebate. NFDC say they would never cold call and ask for bank details over the phone or send a text, and for anyone who is worried, to hang up and contact their bank and report the scam to the police on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 www.actionfraud.police.uk/how-to-report-fraud

For up-to-date information and support with Council Tax, rising cost of living, and energy costs, please visit <https://newforest.gov.uk/energysupport>



SAVE MONEY ON ENERGY BILLS

New Forest District Council's (NFDC) gas safety engineer Joanne Elliot visits around 40 homes a week to carry out checks on council housing tenants' boilers.

She says a lot of people don't know about the 'eco' or 'comfort' settings that are part of a boiler's on-demand function that would save money on energy bills. Joanne explains that you can have a boiler set to pre-heat, or on-demand. Using the on-demand setting means the boiler only comes on when you turn on the tap, rather than continually heating a small amount of water, or 'kettleing' as Joanne terms it.

Switching the pre-heat setting to on-demand (called comfort or eco on different models) will save money on energy bills which, for some larger families, could be up to £10 a week.

Joanne also advises householders when she visits about thermostats located next to radiators, often in a hallway, to consider turning that radiator down. This she says is then more effective at heating the whole house, as "those radiators have got greedy".

Tenants in council homes have an annual gas safety check. NFDC asks that if you have been given an appointment, you do your best to keep it. As well as hearing Joanne's energy saving tips, tenants have their gas appliances checked for leaks and their boilers given a service. Contact NFDC with any questions or concerns on email at housing.supporthub@nfdc.gov.uk

If you would like to change your boiler settings, are unsure how to do it or do not have the boiler instructions, an internet search of 'eco boiler setting' and the manufacturer name should give videos and instructions that are simple to follow.

<https://newforest.gov.uk/energysupport>



WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY LATEST

New Forest District Council (NFDC) has issued a short video which explains their plans to improve recycling and reduce waste due to be decided in the summer.

The seven minute video, featuring Chris Noble, NFDC's waste and transport service manager, covers why the service has to change, how recycling will be better, and how wheelie bins will help recycling.

Residents can watch the video on the council's website, on YouTube, and from NFDC's social media accounts. <https://newforest.gov.uk/article/2990/Waste-strategy-explainer-video>

The strategy is currently set to be approved this summer, with implementation of a new service in phases expected from 2024.



NATIONAL COMMUNITY HERO AWARDS

Cllr Neville Penman is a finalist in this year's 'The MJ Achievement Awards' in the community hero category.

The accolade was announced at the council meeting on 11 April 2022 by Chairman, Cllr Derek Tipp, who said, "I am delighted to inform you that Cllr Neville Penman has been selected as a finalist in the MJ Achievement Awards 2022, in recognition of his work in the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Cllr Penman, congratulations on your nomination and on behalf of the council, I wish you all the very best of luck for the final."

Cllr Penman, who was shortlisted for the award amongst a record number of entries said, "It's fantastic to be nominated for a job that I love doing and to improve the lives of people in my home town of Totton."

Cllr Penman has been a town councillor since 2007 and a district councillor since 2011.

Vicky Day, the local resident who made the nomination said, "Every event, you see Cllr Penman there, be that clearing rubbish, or at community events, he's a part of it, getting his hands dirty. He always has time for people and goes above and beyond. In the pandemic he kept everyone going, with prescriptions and food deliveries for people isolating. It's never for recognition, it's just the type of person he is, he cares"

The MJ (Municipal Journal) is a leading weekly magazine for council chief executives and their teams in local authorities and allied sectors. The prestigious awards are held each year to celebrate local government.

There are six finalists for the community hero category.

Cllr Penman will find out if he has won the award on 24 June 2022.

The MJ awards website describes the community hero category; "The COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the very best in public services... There have been thousands of local government

community heroes across the country, and now we are looking for the individuals and teams that have really shone."

<https://awards.themj.co.uk/live/en/page/home>



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the May edition of OUR NEWS. This month it features articles on:

- Should you accept all cookies?
- Neighbourhood Watch Insights Survey 2022
- Our Neighbourhood Watch Journey
- Neighbourhood Watch Week
- Protect your car - our top tips
- Partner offers and more.

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WATER REFILL STATIONS INSTALLED ACROSS NEW FOREST DISTRICT

People out and about in the New Forest can fill their reusable water bottles with mains drinking water for free thanks to new public water refill stations installed by New Forest District Council.

Hythe, Totton, Fordingbridge, Brockenhurst and Burley have all had water stations installed recently (March 2022), as a way to reduce the need to purchase drinks in single use plastic bottles.

New Forest District Council (NFDC) applied for funding to provide the new amenities under the government's Welcome Back Fund which aims to encourage people to shop locally.

Cllr Michael Harris, NFDC portfolio holder for business, high streets, and tourism, said "Making high streets more appealing and encouraging people to shop locally is one of the key economic development aims outlined in our corporate plan. And one way to do that is to add convenient and environmentally friendly facilities for people to use. So refill your own bottle, protect the New Forest and help save Planet Earth."

All New Forest District Council water refill stations are located on the outside of public toilet buildings. (See images)

Water refill stations are also located at Lyndhurst, Ringwood, Sea Road Milford on Sea, and Beaulieu.



NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTRIC VANS

Four electric vans introduced as a trial by New Forest District Council (NFDC) in December 2019 have been a success.

The authority's first step towards transport electrification has reduced costs and environmental impacts, and added reliable vehicles to the council's fleet.

Cllr Steve Davies, NFDC's portfolio holder for environment and coastal, said "We did have questions about the effective use of these vehicles due to the unique landscape we operate in, but anticipated issues related to range and reliability simply did not materialise. And the vans are well-liked by the staff who use them."

The electric vans, based at NFDC's Marsh Lane Depot in Lymington, are used by NFDC's toilet cleaners and parking wardens.





They each travel around 60 miles a day, visiting 23 public toilets and 50 public car parks across the New Forest. They are charged overnight at the council's depot in Lymington.

A review of electric vehicles is part of the council's climate and nature emergency action plan, and the success of the trial means they can now assess other vehicles in the fleet.

Cllr Davies said, "The initial signs are promising. There is still a way to go in ensuring we have the correct infrastructure in place for more of our fleet to go fully electric in the future and charging will be a key issue to address. But the trial has given us data and experience and we can now review the rest of our vehicles to look for options for electrification."

David Hurd, NFDC's environmental enforcement and amenities manager, said, "These are the first electric vehicles our team has driven, so we weren't sure how they would get on. Our parking team work across the whole of the district, but the vans get them everywhere they need to and back to the depot at the end of the day to charge overnight. It feels great that the team are helping to reduce the council's impact on the environment."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY

	<p>05 May 2022 2pm Bramshaw Village Hall</p>	<p>WI</p>
	<p>14 MAY 4pm NEW FOREST VISITOR CENTRE in the main car park in Lyndhurst</p> <p>23 MAY 8am BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES</p> <p>23 MAY 9am BARTLEY POST OFFICE</p> <p>26 MAY 11am POST OFFICE in the HAPPY CHEESE in ASHURST</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>3rd Friday of every Month</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW & DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY</p> <p>Latest releases are shown as soon as they become available.</p> <p>Raffle every film evening, to win a free ticket to the next showing</p> <p>Come and enjoy a glass of wine before the start of the film</p> <p>Annual Membership £3 - Guest Membership £1 - Attendance £4 per evening</p>
	<p>TUES 24 MAY 6pm Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)</p>	<p>BRAMSHAW, BROOK, CANTERTON, DAZEL, FRITHAM, FURZLEY & PENN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p> <p>Hear from:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Edward Heron (HCC) • Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC) • Chief Inspector Helen Andrews (District Commander for the New Forest) • PC Richard Williams • Community Speed Watch • Bramshaw Parish Council <p><i>Refreshments provided</i></p>

		Followed by the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
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