



# BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH

## JULY 2021

### NEWS



#### BEAT REPORT

As I write this report (Wednesday 30th June 2021) we are still not quite out of full lockdown, but we are getting closer and closer. Our patrols of the Forest this month have once again shown that the vast majority of residents and visitors are sticking to the Government's guidelines but please keep going as we enter the final stretch. 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 July 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 CO OP in ASHURST at 4pm on Saturday 10th July 2021 and outside the LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE at 2pm on Friday 22nd July 2021.

Two homes have been burgled this month. Most burglaries take place during the day, which is exactly what happened in both of these incidents. The first happened in Bartley between 10am and 3pm on Wednesday 2nd June and the second saw a home in Bramshaw broken into on Tuesday 8th June between 12.30 and 6pm. At the Bramshaw address, items stolen included several gold rings, silver bracelets, necklaces, and watches. One of the watches was an Omega slim dress watch engraved with the words WARINGS CONTRACTORS 25 YEARS SERVICE. Investigations are ongoing so if you have any information please call 101 and quote the crime number 44210224057.

And if you would like any advice on how best to make your home more secure then please email [Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

Ten sheds and outbuildings have also been broken into this month and various items stolen including motorbike jackets, garden tools and bicycles. The premises targeted were in Ashurst, Lyndhurst, Stoney Cross and Brockenhurst.

A staggering and disappointing 31 vehicles have been broken into in June with eleven of them parked in hotel car parks in Stoney Cross, Ower, Cadnam and on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. Three vans were broken into on the same night on the same road in Lyndhurst, and there has also been an increase in the number of thefts from cars parked in the New Forest's car parks, which is not unusual at this time of year but can be avoided if you take everything valuable with you and don't leave anything on display inside your vehicles when you leave it unattended. If you would like one of our NO

VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE cars then email [Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) and we will send you one.

The number of bicycle thefts has also increased this month with four taken from Lyndhurst, ten from Brockenhurst, two from outside the pub in Emery Down and three that were locked to the back of a camper van in the Roundhill Camp Site.

Also, this month criminal damage has been caused to one of the signs at the play park at the Copythorne Community Centre. We are studying CCTV footage of the incident but if you have any information that will help us with our investigation please let us know.

Finally, after an accident at the top of New Inn Road at Bartley by the Haywain pub, a local resident has asked me to remind drivers to take extra care at that junction, especially when crossing over the main Southampton Road. Most locals know how the junction works, but it is not so easy for drivers who don't use the road regularly so please take an extra few seconds to make sure that all approaches are clear. Thank you.

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## Appeal For Witnesses Following Series of Burglaries In Bramshaw and Sherfield English

We are appealing for witnesses following a series of burglaries in Bramshaw and Sherfield English on Tuesday, 8 June.

Between 12.50pm and 6pm, unknown individuals broke into an address in Brook Hill, Bramshaw, and stole a large quantity of jewellery.

Items stolen included several gold rings, silver bracelets and necklaces, gold and silver cuff links and dress watches.

One of the watches was an Omega slim dress watch, engraved with 'Warings Contractors, 25 years service' on it.

They also stole a cap badge with a deer in the middle and 'SHERWOOD FORRESTERS' printed on it.

The second burglary in Graemar Lane, Sherfield English, happened between 1.50pm and 2.20pm while the occupants were out.

Unknown individuals disabled an alarm and threw a rock through a rear door window to

gain entry.

They then searched the bedrooms taking jewellery which included two sets of diamond earrings, two watches and a jewellery box which contained the baby teeth of the homeowners' child.

Windows were broken to gain entry in both incidents.

Officers are keen to speak to an individual using a KTM Duke motorbike painted orange and black and wearing a white helmet with red goggles.

Similarly, a red motorbike was seen in Sherfield English on the day of the burglary and the owner could help police with their enquiries.

PC Noora Abbasi, who is leading the investigation, said: "We want to know if anyone has seen anything suspicious in these areas.

"Have any vehicles appeared out of the ordinary? Do you have CCTV footage of the incidents?

"We are also releasing two images of jewellery stolen in the Bramshaw burglary.

"If you have seen them being sold, or think you may have bought them, we want to hear from you."

Call us on 101, quoting 44210224057 for the Bramshaw burglary and 44210223701 for the Sherfield English burglary.

Home owners are urged to take a look at our crime prevention page for advice on how to keep your property and vehicles safe: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

#### **Attachments**

[Stolen coral and silver necklace with a magnetic ovoid fastening.jpg](#) - 119.7 KB

[Stolen Indian bracelet.jpg](#) - 104.5 KB

#### ***Message Sent By***

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

Have you ever heard of a 'ghost broker'? No, we are not talking about things that go bump in the night – this is a lot scarier. 'Ghost brokers' are fraudsters who sell fake or invalid car insurance policies. Victims are sold fake insurance documents for a policy that does not exist, or for a genuine policy that has been set up using false details to lower the price of the premium.

#### **How do 'ghost brokers' operate?**

Fraudsters lure victims in with the offer of cheaper insurance premiums, usually via social media or by word-of-mouth. These individuals or groups pose as middlemen for well-known insurance companies, claiming they can offer you legitimate car insurance at a significantly cheaper price.

This type of fraud is typically carried out either by forging insurance documents, falsifying your details to bring the price down, or by taking out a genuine policy for you but cancelling it soon after.

Often, the victim is not aware that they have been scammed until they are involved in an accident and try to claim on the policy.

#### **Who do 'ghost brokers' target?**

'Ghost brokers' tend to target vulnerable communities, including members of non-English speaking communities who may not have full knowledge of UK insurance and laws, as well as young people looking for cheaper insurance deals.

Last year, Action Fraud received 694 reports of 'ghost broking', with almost a third (29%) coming from victims aged 17-29. The reported losses for these victims alone totalled £113,500, with each individual losing an average of £559.

Figures also indicate that over half (58%) of all reports in 2020 were submitted by men.

#### **What could happen if I drive without valid insurance?**

As policies sold by 'ghost brokers' are either invalid, non-existent or fraudulent, this means that the driver is technically uninsured, meaning that you could face:

- £300 fixed penalty notice
- Six points on driving licence
- Vehicle being seized and crushed

#### **How can I protect myself from 'ghost brokers'?**

There are simple steps that you can take to spot the signs of these scams and avoid being taking for a ride by 'ghost brokers':

- 'Ghost brokers' often advertise and communicate via social media, online forums and messaging apps. If a broker is only using a mobile phone or email as a way of contact, this can be a sign of this type of crime. Fraudsters do not want to be traced after they have taken money from their victims.
- They may also try to sell insurance policies through print adverts in pubs, clubs or bars, newsagents

- If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. If you are not sure about the broker, check on the [Financial Conduct Authority](#) or the [British Insurance Brokers' Association](#) website for a list of all authorised insurance brokers. You can also contact the insurance company directly to verify the broker's details. You can also check to see if a car appears to be insured on the [Motor Insurance Database](#) website.
- If you think that you have been a victim of a ghost broker, you can report your concerns to Action Fraud at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or on 0300 123 2040.
- You can also contact the Insurance Fraud Bureau via its confidential Cheatline on 0800 422 0421 or on the [IFB website](#).



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**Hundreds of people have been caught not wearing a seatbelt by officers during a successful month of action.**

From Monday, 24 May until Sunday, 13 June, the Joint Operations Unit (JOU) of Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police supported the National Police Chiefs' Council seatbelt campaign.

This saw officers highlighting the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt – and from 31 May, carrying out dedicated operations targeting those who fail to wear a seatbelt despite the clear dangers.

Officers stopped 342 vehicles in Thames Valley, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as part of the campaign.

Together with council partners, officers from the JOU's Road Safety Unit educated those who were not wearing or incorrectly wearing seatbelts as well as drivers with an unsuitable child seat.

Unfortunately, 214 people chose not to wear a seatbelt and were reported for that offence.

Some may have the option to carry out an online diversion course, Your Belt, Your Life.

Drivers with pets that were not properly secured were also given advice on keeping them safe for future journeys.

Sgt Scott Kerr, Road Safety Sergeant for Hampshire and Thames Valley Police, said: "The recent seatbelt campaign in May and June showed that the vast majority of people are wearing their seatbelts. This is very positive, as we know that wearing a seatbelt correctly saves lives.

"It does not matter how far you are travelling, every journey needs all occupants to buckle up. Research has shown that many collisions occur at low speed and within only a few miles of home.

"You are twice as likely to lose your life in a collision if you are not wearing a seatbelt. If

unrestrained, you will hit the windscreen, or the front seat in the case of a rear seat passenger, at a force of 30 to 60 times your own body weight.

“Please wear a seat belt every time you travel in a vehicle. It's just not worth the risk.”

***Message Sent By***

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



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## **Hampshire Constabulary - Resumption of Firearm and Shotgun Grant Application Service**

With effect from Monday 21 June – subject to the further easing of Government restrictions - Hampshire Constabulary will be resuming service for the grant of new firearm, shotgun and explosives.

This facility will only be available through our online service via the [Hampshire Constabulary website](#) or alternatively, search for “Hampshire firearms licensing” via an internet search engine.

However, if you have a genuine reason for not being able to submit an online application, please contact us and we will assist you with the process.

We would like to make you aware that we are still working through a number of new applications that we received prior to the suspension of our grant service in December, and we are using a dedicated team to deal with these. If you are one of these applicants and you have not heard from us, please bear with us.

Please note that, depending on the volume of new applications we receive after 21 June, we may need to review our 12-week grant service level agreement (SLA), but we will keep you informed on that.

Please also note that we will be continuing with our policy of applicants submitting their GP form at the point of application, which assists us in making the process as streamlined as possible.

This form will be available to download from our website (search for “Hampshire firearms licensing”), and must be completed by your GP or a suitably qualified third party medical certificate provider and submitted as part of the application process. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept applications that are submitted without the completed GP form.

If you have been waiting for this service to resume, we would thank you for your patience and understanding, and look forward to receiving your applications after 21 June

**Tony Hill**

**Head of Firearms & Explosives Licensing at Hampshire Constabulary**

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As a result of the grant application being on-hold due to Government restrictions, please see a short list of frequently asked questions which we hope you may find useful and answers any questions that you may have.

**1. I submitted a grant application prior to the last lockdown and am waiting for a home visit. When will I receive an update?**

The firearms licensing department have been processing as many of these as possible during the lockdown. If you have not heard from us yet, you should do so in the not too distant future, as we are dedicating staff to this priority area.

**2. When will Hampshire start accepting new grant applications?**

In line with the Government road map, and subject to there being no major changes that would impact this, Hampshire Constabulary intend to resume their process for the grant of new firearm and shotgun certificates on 21 June 2021.

**3. How can I apply for a grant application?**

Once we resume our grant service, this facility will only be available through our online service (search for "Hampshire firearms licensing"). If you have a genuine reason for not being able to submit an online application, please contact us and we will assist you with the process.

**4. I need my new grant application processing as it is for my livelihood. Can you prioritise my application?**

If you have a genuine vocational or livelihood need for a new certificate, please contact us as soon as you have submitted your application and we will assist with your requirements.

**5. Can I gain any shooting experience while I wait for my new grant application to be processed?**

A person who does not hold a certificate is permitted to carry out lawful shooting activity under the terms of relevant exemptions, such as Section 11A of the Firearms Act 1968, where they can shoot in the presence of the holder of a firearm or shotgun certificate, using a gun borrowed from them on land to which they have authorised access.

**6. I'm a current certificate holder. Can my son/daughter/wife/partner apply for the grant of a certificate as you don't have to check the security?**

No. The home visit for a grant application isn't just about checking the security, it's also about checking the person's suitability. Home Office Guidance is clear on this – a first time grant applicant must have a visit.

**7. I have joined a shooting club. Can I apply for a grant if I intend storing my guns at the club?**

No. The home visit for a grant application isn't just about checking the security, it's also about checking the person's suitability. Home Office Guidance is clear on this – a first time grant applicant must have a visit.

***Message Sent By***

Wes Hutchins (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)



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Two men who sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman in a Southampton hotel in 2018, have today (Weds 30 June) been found guilty by a jury at Southampton Crown Court.

Ramdeen Farooqy, aged 25, of Arundel Drive in Harrow, London has been found guilty of one count of attempted rape and one count of sexual assault.

Pankaj Bangarh, aged 27, of Halsway in Hayes, Hillingdon, London has been found guilty of attempted rape and sexual assault.

The court heard that on the evening of Friday, 3 August 2018, an 18-year-old woman went out drinking in Southampton with her boyfriend and friends, to celebrate a birthday. The group met and started drinking at a pub earlier in the evening, before going on to Oceana nightclub in Southampton.

At some point during the evening, the woman's friends saw her talking to a group of unknown men inside the nightclub, and later, at around 2am on Saturday, 4 August, she was seen in the car park, with two of the men.

Her boyfriend called out to her to stop her getting in the car however she was intoxicated and didn't appear to recognise him. She then got into the car with the two men, and the car drove off.

Later that morning, (Saturday 4 August 2018), the woman woke to find herself naked in a room at the Winston Hotel in Southampton, with two men unknown to her. The men helped the woman, who was still falling in and out of consciousness, to get dressed and guided her out of the hotel with assistance from the hotel manager.

The woman contacted her mum to obtain her postcode as she couldn't remember, and the men then drove her home.

Upon returning home, the woman disclosed to her parents that she had been drinking the evening before and had no recollection of being at Oceana or any of the events that followed, but from the circumstances in which she woke up, she feared she may have been sexually assaulted. Supported by her parents, she then contacted Treetops Sexual Assault Referral Centre for advice.

The following day, the woman reported what happened to police and an investigation led by officers from Operation Amberstone quickly got underway.

After a two week trial, both Farooqy and Bangarh were found guilty of one count of attempted rape and one count of sexual assault each.

Both men stood trial for further sexual assault charges and rape offences, including voyeurism, relating to the same incident, however were found not guilty.



Both men will next appear at Southampton Crown Court on Thursday 1 July for sentence. Detective Constable Sue Hampton from Operation Amberstone said: "This was undoubtedly a traumatic ordeal for the woman concerned and I cannot praise her enough for the courage and bravery she has shown in coming forward and reporting what happened to her and for the strength she has shown throughout the trial.

"We know it's incredibly difficult to report incidents of this nature but with her help, we have been able to secure guilty verdicts and bring these two men to justice.

"We worked closely with the Crown Prosecution Service throughout this investigation to build a strong case to present to a jury and secure convictions.

"I hope this outcome offers a degree of comfort to the woman and goes some way to helping her move on in her life.

"I really hope that this case shows people that no matter the circumstances, Hampshire Constabulary is committed to supporting survivors of rape and sexual assault and we will do everything we can to identify offenders and put them in front of a court.

"In cases such as these, we work in partnership with the Independent Sexual Violence Advocate Service, Yellow Door to ensure adequate support is available to victims throughout investigations. We hope that the strength of this partnership working alongside convictions like this, encourage victims to come forward and report their experiences to us."

For more information go to: <https://www.yellowdoor.org.uk/>

If you've been the victim, please report rape or sexual assault as soon as possible. Even if you're not 100 per cent sure, we'd sooner hear from you so that we can make sure you're safe. If you're not ready to talk to the police just yet, that's OK. There are a range of places to get support, advice and medical help.

You can speak to a number of organisations in confidence and what you tell them won't be shared with the police unless you ask for it to be. For further information go to: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rsa/rape-and-sexual-assault/support-for-victims-of-rape-and-sexual-assault/>

***Message Sent By***

Marisa Charles (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)



## Funding for New Forest farmers and land managers

Farmers, commoners and landowners in the New Forest National Park are being encouraged to apply for funding to help them adapt for the future and make their businesses more resilient.

Farming in Protected Landscapes, a new national grant programme launched today, will also help farmers improve the natural environment, cultural heritage and public access on their land.

A total of £600,000 is expected to be available for projects in the New Forest National Park during the three-year programme.

The New Forest is a living, working landscape with a huge range of habitats and species, and is enjoyed by millions of people every year.

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has developed the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme to help support the people who live and work in national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONB).

The programme will be managed locally by the New Forest National Park Authority (NPA) and will provide funding for one-off projects which allow farmers, commoners and landowners to:

- support nature recovery – such as increasing habitats to improve biodiversity or greater connectivity between habitats
- mitigate the impacts of climate change – such as reducing flood risk or storing more carbon
- provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage
- support nature-friendly and sustainable farm businesses.

Projects could include creating ponds or other wetlands to support a variety of wildlife; conserving historic features on a farm; or even action to reduce carbon emissions or use of plastics on farms.

Prof Gavin Parker, Chair of the New Forest National Park Authority, said: 'The programme will target funding to farmers and land managers to deliver a range of significant benefits locally that align to national and global objectives. It presents a great opportunity for those funded to make a real difference to nature recovery, climate change, enjoyment of the National Park and their own business.'

A local assessment panel will allocate funding and will include representatives of the New Forest National Park Authority and Natural England as well as of the farming, commoning and land management communities and other relevant interests.

Farming in Protected Landscapes is part of Defra's [Agricultural Transition Plan](#). It has been developed by Defra with the support of a group of national park and AONB staff from across the country.

The programme is open to all farmers, commoners and land managers (including from the private, public and charity sectors) in the New Forest National Park area, or where activity on the ground can bring benefit to the National Park.

Applications are now open and officers from the NPA and the New Forest Land Advice Service will be available to help with applications, including site visits to work up ideas and discuss potential projects.

See the NPA website for an application form and guidance [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/farming-in-protected-landscapes](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/farming-in-protected-landscapes) or contact the Farming in Protected Landscapes team on email [fipl@newforestnpa.gov.uk](mailto:fipl@newforestnpa.gov.uk).

### About the New Forest National Park Authority

#### Protect - Enjoy - Prosper

The New Forest National Park Authority's statutory purposes are to:

- Conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Park - **Protect**.
- Promote opportunities for understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities - **Enjoy**.

We also have a duty to:

Seek to foster the social and economic well-being of local communities within the Park - **Prosper**.

The New Forest National Park was designated in March 2005. Its unique landscape has been shaped over the centuries by grazing ponies, cattle and pigs which roam free. Majestic woodlands, rare heathland and a spectacular coastline provide fabulous opportunities for quiet recreation, enjoyment and discovery.

Visit [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk) to find out more.

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### New Forest fly-tipper receives 8 months imprisonment

A persistent fly-tipper in the New Forest District area has received a sentence of 8 months' imprisonment, primarily due to evidence obtained by New Forest District Council's (NFDC) Enforcement Team.

Matthew Hunt, age 32, of St Boniface Court, North Baddesley, was sentenced at West Hampshire Magistrates' Court on Friday 11 June 2021 after pleading guilty to 3 NFDC fly-tipping cases.

The court heard that Hunt was a persistent fly-tipper, active in the New Forest, Southampton, and Test Valley areas.

After a short period of negotiation, Hunt also pleaded guilty to the two charges brought by

Southampton City Council (SCC) and the most serious of the Test Valley District Council (TVDC) charges also being brought for similar offences.

After hearing the facts and mitigation District Judge Calloway passed sentence as follows:

- 4 months' custody for the NFDC fly-tipping at Brook in the New Forest National Park on 5 July 2020 (during which Hunt threatened a member of the public with a crowbar).
- 2 months' custody for each of other two NFDC matters which were fly-tipping on 2 separate occasions on the same day at Bartley on 13 June 2020, concurrent to each other, but consecutive to the other sentences.
- 2 months' custody for each of the two SCC matters and the TVBC matter, concurrent to each other but consecutive to the other sentences.

This made a total custodial sentence of 8 months' imprisonment for which Hunt was sent down with immediate effect by District Judge Calloway.

Derek Darling, NFDC lead officer for environmental crime investigations, attended court and said "This illegal behaviour shows a total disregard for our beautiful part of the world, using our quiet countryside lanes to dispose of waste.

"The 2 fly-tips on the same day by Hunt show how active he was daily.

"We would like to thank the witnesses who came forward which led to this successful prosecution and we will not stop in our efforts to bring offenders like Hunt to court."

The case combined offences from NFDC, SCC and TVDC, but it was the NFDC charges which attracted the heaviest sentences.

Cllr David Russell, NFDC Portfolio Holder for People and Places, said, "Our enforcement and legal teams put a lot of work in to achieving this prosecution and conviction, obtaining statements and carrying out visits, a task made difficult at the height of lockdown.

"This prison sentence demonstrates to anyone thinking of dumping waste illegally that we will take action, and that we will pursue these criminals to the full extent of the law."

Read how to prevent and report fly-tipping at: <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/1018/Fly-tipping>



### Classics in the Forest

Solent Concert Orchestra are planning to hold an outdoor concert in the grounds of Bramshaw Village Hall on Sunday afternoon the 18th July at 4 pm. They will perform a variety of music from Beethoven to Gershwin. Entrance will be by donation on the door.

Refreshments will be available. Seating and gazebos will be provided.

Please support this community performance the proceeds of which will be shared between the orchestra and the village hall.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Everyone is welcome!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p><b>10 JULY</b> <b>4PM</b> CO OP ASHURST</p> <p><b>22 JULY</b> <b>2pm</b> LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE</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>18 JULY</b> <b>4pm</b></p> <p>GROUDS OF BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL</p>	<p><b>SOLENT CONCERT ORCHESTRA</b></p> <p>Will perform a variety of music from Beethoven to Gershwin.</p> <p>Entrance will be by donation on the door.</p>
	<p><b>27 JULY</b> <b>7:30pm</b></p> <p>ST.PETERS CHURCH</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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