



MARCH 2022 EDITION

NEWS



BEAT REPORT

Hello and welcome to the February 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, and in the South, it is PC 2901 Jason EASTWOOD.

See Calendar of Events for the dates, times, and locations for the March Beat Surgeries

Two houses have been broken into this month one in Brockenhurst and one in Lyndhurst. A man from Waterlooville has been charged with the Brockenhurst burglary and has been remanded in custody until 21st March when he will appear at Portsmouth Crown Court. Investigations are still on going into the burglary in Lyndhurst which happened in the early hours of Tuesday 8th February. A car was stolen but has now been recovered so if you have any information that would help us identify those responsible then let us know quoting the crime number 44220053502. Thank you.

Nine outbuildings have also been broken into this month in Brockenhurst, Bolderwood, Lyndhurst and Exbury with tools, bicycles and gardening equipment taken. Money has also been taken from a purse at a farm in Winsor and cigarettes were also stolen from a shop in Brockenhurst.

We're appealing for any information after a picnic table was set ablaze and a pavilion door damaged during a series of incidents at Coles Mead Recreational Ground in Lyndhurst. That incident is believed to have taken place between 6pm and 7pm on Friday 25 February but during the same week, which was half term, other incidents happened which included the rear window of a car being smashed on Wellands Road. We believe that this might be linked to anti-social behaviour and as such, this is a timely reminder to parents to ensure that you know where your children are, know who they're with and know what they're up to. Did you, or your children, you see anyone or a group of people acting suspiciously at around the time of the incident? Did you see what happened? Perhaps you have dash cam footage in the moments after the incident? Anyone with information is asked to email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk or reporting it to us by calling 101 quoting crime reference number 44220080130. Alternatively, you can contact independent charity, Crimestoppers, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Seven vehicles have been broken into and handbags and wallets stolen. The cars were parked in Lyndhurst, Minstead and Beaulieu and in the Ivy Wood and Bramshaw Wood car parks. A catalytic converter has also been stolen from a car parked at East End.

Criminal damage has been caused to a cemetery gate, some garages and a car all in Brockenhurst, a parcel was stolen from a doorstep in Ashurst, and a car was taken from outside a pub in Winsor.

Also, this month four people have been arrested for driving under the influence of either alcohol or drugs. They were arrested in Ashurst, Cadnam, Lyndhurst and Pig Bush car park.

On Tuesday 1st February we held another Op Mountie session and invited the local media, you might have seen the report on BBC South Today. Op Mountie is our response to speeding and animal deaths on the

Roger Penny Way and surrounding area. We were on site from 06.00 to 10.00 and we are delighted to say that most drivers stuck to the speed limit, but eleven drivers were stopped and two received tickets while the others were given educational advice from our partners.

During February, the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed several roads in the village and monitored 1646 vehicles. Of those 901, so 55%, were travelling over the 30-mph limit and 116 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds above the threshold criteria, with one vehicle on Romsey Road (outside the police station) was recorded at 52 mph.

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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07392 289659 richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
07554 775469

And for the Forest south of Lyndhurst its jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
07979 707939



HAMPSHIRE FARMING WELLBEING SURVEY

The Farming Community Network (FCN) Charity, Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service and Hampshire County Council Public Health have launched a county-wide farming survey to better understand the needs and concerns of

our local farming community, to enable them to better steer and signpost support to where it is needed.

If you'd like to contribute to and complete the survey, please see a link below.

tinyurl.com/HampshireRuralWellbeing

The survey will be available to complete online or by post **until Friday 11th March 2022**. All responses remain anonymous.

Please note that paper copies can be sent to farmers on request by Emailing tsadvice@hants.gov.uk or by telephoning 01962 833620.

Thank you in advanced for your time and co-operation with this request.

Many thanks,
Hampshire Constabulary CountryWatch / Rural Policing Team



DOGS STOLEN FROM FARM IN BRAMSHAW

Can you help? We are issuing a New Forest-wide appeal for any witnesses, or anyone with information, to come forward after a number of dogs were stolen from a farm in Bramshaw.

It comes after employees at Parsonage Farm, who had returned from lambing earlier this morning (1 March), reported that twelve Border Collies puppies and a breeding dog had been stolen.

It is alleged that seven people were seen walking around the yard at around 1.40am, having broken into numerous farm buildings in an attempt to locate farm machinery.

Subsequently, the dog and puppies were stolen before the people fled the scene.

We appreciate that these events will have a significant impact on the local rural community, and we are asking anyone who may have seen anything suspicious or perhaps caught any people or vehicles in the vicinity on CCTV to come forward.

It is likely that these puppies will be sold via online websites and platforms, so we are asking residents to be aware in case they see a litter of Border Collie puppies being advertised locally at a cut-down price.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact 101, quoting crime reference number 44220083039.

Alternatively, you can submit information via the following form: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>.



23 million users used 123456 as a password!

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of passwords.

Unfortunately, some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers. Bad password practice is more prevalent than you might think - the UK's National Cyber Security Centre carried out analysis of passwords leaked in data breaches and found that more than 23 million users worldwide used 123456 as a password. You can read more about it here: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/most-hacked-passwords-revealed-as-uk-cyber-survey-exposes-gaps-in-online-security>

Here are some top tips that will make your life easier and your online accounts more secure:

1: Creating memorable passwords

A good way to create strong, memorable passwords is by using 3 random words. But remember, don't use words that can be guessed (like your pet's name). You can include numbers and symbols if you need to. For example, "RedPantsTree4!"

2: Saving passwords in your browser

Saving your password in your browser means letting your web browser (such as Chrome, Safari or Edge) remember your password for you.

This can help:

- make sure you do not lose or forget your passwords
- protect you against some cyber crime, such as fake websites

It is safer than using weak passwords, or using the same password in more than one place.

Here are some useful links on how you can start saving passwords in your browser: [Google Chrome](#), [Microsoft Edge](#), [Firefox](#), [Safari](#).

3: Email account passwords

If a hacker gets into your email account, they could:

- reset your other online account passwords
- access personal information you have saved about yourself or your business

Your email password should be strong and different to all your other passwords. This will make it harder to crack or guess.

Need help changing your email account password? You can use these links to find step by step instructions: [Gmail](#), [Yahoo! Mail](#), [Outlook](#), [BT](#), [AOL Mail](#).

For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware>



THE BOBBY SCHEME

The Blue Lamp Trust is a Hampshire based registered charity (charity number 1137786). It is a unique partnership between Hampshire Police, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, business, and the community.

The Trust promotes community safety and security in Hampshire through two schemes The Bobby Scheme and the Cyber Bobby Scheme:

The Bobby Scheme

The Bobby Scheme operates throughout Hampshire. It provides practical help with home safety and security to those over 65, vulnerable due to circumstance, disabled (over 18) and victims of burglary and domestic abuse.

A full crime prevention and fire safety survey is carried out by one of our trained, police-vetted fitters. They will provide both general and specific crime and fire prevention advice to improve home safety. When appropriate our fitters will fit such items as locks, spyholes, door chains and smoke alarms, etc. This service is completely free.

The Trust can also supply and fit the Supra C500 Key Safe, an ACPO Police Accredited Key Safe. The cost to supply and fit is £75 inc VAT.

The Cyber Bobby Scheme

One of our police checked and trained Cyber advisors will visit the client in their own home and give advice and guidance on basic IT security and how to avoid being affected by a cybercrime or a cyber enabled crime. The service is open to those over 65, disabled (over 18) and victims of cyber crime

They will cover such things as; What is cybercrime, cyber and scam prevention advice, how to check privacy settings, signposting to other advice and resources, how to report issues and how to recognise scam emails and text messages. As with the Bobby Scheme the service is completely free.

As well as visits the team can do talks about both schemes to local community and social groups.

If you would like visit for either scheme or to arrange a talk, either go to our website <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/bobby-scheme-choice/> email the team at info@bluelamptrust.org.uk or call 0300 777 0157



BARN MEET

Monday 4 April 2022 1.45pm – 4pm Sunnyfields Farm, Jacobs Gutter Lane, SO40 9FX

Barn meets are an opportunity for rural residents, businesses, farmers, gamekeepers and landowners to get together with local police officers and relevant partners. The focus of this meeting will be to provide you with information on community issues and to provide you with an opportunity to meet your local police teams.

Due to this being the first barn meet in the New Forest we ask that you book through the following link in order to gauge numbers attending and request you bring your ticket to the event with you.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-forest-barn-meet-4-april-2022-tickets-271905836677>

Refreshments will be available from 1.45pm for a 2pm start. Presentations will finish at approximately 3pm with the opportunity after to speak with your local officers and partners.

We look forward to meeting you!!



THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES

Local officers are warning visitors to New Forest beauty spots not to leave valuables in their vehicles, and to remain vigilant if anyone is acting suspiciously, after a rise in theft from motor vehicles across the district in recent weeks.

During this time, we have thefts from numerous car parks in the Godshill area, as well as surrounding areas within the Forest.

As such, this is a timely reminder not to leave personal belongings or valuables in motor vehicles – even in the boot of vehicles – when you leave your vehicle unattended for any period of time.

Most thefts are committed by opportunists. These are often spur-of-the-moment decisions, made when they see valuables left on view or lapses in security. Personal items such as mobile phones and tablets, handbags and work tools left somewhere obvious can be an attractive target, so please do take them with you where feasibly possible.

Any item left in a vehicle can entice a thief to smash the window for a closer look. As such, we would always suggest that you don't put items in the boot either, as you never know who may be watching from a distance.

Our officers in the community are continuing to follow-up on all reports of thefts from motor vehicles, so please be reassured that we are doing all we can to protect the community and bring these offenders to justice.

We have developed a three-step process for vehicle owners in an attempt to stop you from becoming a victim of crime;

- **Take it** – ensure you take all your valuables with you – don't hide them in your vehicle
- **Lock it** – make sure you have locked the vehicle and all the windows are securely shut
- **Check it** – before you leave your car, check again that it is locked and look inside again – have you left anything on show?

If you see anything suspicious, please report it to us directly by calling 101, or via our online reporting portal on the [Hampshire Constabulary website](#).

As always, if a crime is in progress, please dial 999.



NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – 2022/23 COUNCIL TAX

New Forest District Council (NFDC) has set their element of the 2022/23 Council Tax at £188.36 per year, per household (Band D property) at their Full Council meeting on 21 February 2022.

The £5 a year increase is a 2.73% rise on the 2021/22 Council Tax.

Other organisations have also set their Council Tax amounts, and the total bill, for an average Band D property in the district, will be £1,987.99.

The full report that set the Council Tax can be read at <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/documents/g7278/Public%20reports%20pack%202021st-Feb-2022%2018.30%20Council.pdf?T=10>

The different amounts making up the total bill, for an average Band D property are:

- Hampshire County Council, including the specific charge to help fund Adult Social Care, £1,390.86, an increase of £40.41 (2.99%)
- New Forest District Council £188.36, an increase of £5.00 (2.73%)
- Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire £236.46, an increase of £10.00 (4.42%)
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service £75.43, an increase of £5.00 (7.10%)
- Town and Parish Council £96.88, an increase of £3.68 (3.95%)

The bills will be sent in March.

NFDC are advising people who may have difficulty paying Council Tax to contact them straight away to see what help and support is available, by calling 01590 646111 or emailing counciltax@nfdc.gov.uk

For more information on Council Tax, how to pay, and discounts and exemptions, see the council's website at <https://newforest.gov.uk/counciltax>



BRAMSHAW VILLAGE HALL IS OPEN!

We are very pleased to announce that Bramshaw Village Hall is open again for business after a closure lasting nearly two years. A major flood in August 2020 caused damage which has required that the hall be completely stripped out and refurbished. The closure and refurbishment is the most recent chapter in a long history for the hall and the land on which it stands.

A "Trust for the benefit of the people of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bramshaw" was established in 1924 when the land on which the village hall now stands was donated to the village by Louis Emmerson Mather following the death of his father, Sir William Mather. Sir William was an industrialist who made his money in Manchester as the chairman of The Mather and Platt Steel Works. He was later MP for Salford and a member of the Privy Council. He retired to Bramshaw and lived at Bramble Hill Lodge with his wife, Emma Jane. Sir William had leased the land from the Crown Estate and allowed it to be laid out as a children's playground and had permitted the construction of a summerhouse which was later converted into a scout hut. When Sir William and his wife died, in 1920 and 1921 respectively, their son, Louis Mather agreed to dedicate the land to the village. This first took the form of The Bramshaw Institute, set up in 1922, and then in 1924 Louis Mather bought the freehold from the crown for twenty-eight pounds and donated it to the newly formed Bramshaw Trust.

The Mather Foundry remained open until 2017. It is depicted in the JS Lowry painting "Going to Work" which now hangs in The Imperial War Museum, Manchester. The site was used as a set during the filming of the BBC series "Peaky Blinders".

Sir William's daughter, Dorothy, and her husband Sir Hugh Murray lived at Bramble Hill following the death of her parents and were the original trustees along with the Rev George Noel, the then vicar of Bramshaw. All three are buried at St Peter's. The Snooker Club, based at the Village Hall, still bears the Mather name.

The current building was erected in 1975 having been bought in "Pre-Fab" form for £14,000. It comprised two units: the Compton A and the Compton B which were connected by what is now the main entrance hall. (The Compton company still exists manufacturing prefab garages). Various additions have been made over the years. The sloping metal roofs were replaced in 1995 and the whole exterior was reclad in 2013.

The most recent work has included renewing all the flat roofs, replacing the guttering and stripping out the hall interior followed by redecoration. The sprung dance floor has been replaced and new patio doors put from the main hall to the outside grass area.

Since the hall reopened it has welcomed cycling events, training days, orchestra rehearsals, bowls matches, a lot of dancing and several parties (complete with bouncy castles) as well as meetings of the local clubs who use the hall regularly. Donna Marie Fitness and Dance Academy (info@donnamariefitness.co.uk) offers classes for adults and children including ballet, tap, and Pilates. Maybe you would like to set up a new group: bridge? boardgames? belly dancing? knit and natter? a singing group? a recorder group? a bagpipe group? (we do not have any close neighbours!), an art group? language classes? anything to get people back together after Covid.

There will be a street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the reopening of the hall on the afternoon of Saturday June 4th. Please put the date in your diary. In the meantime, check out the pictures of the new look hall on our website. (www.bramshawvillagehall.co.uk).

We hope to see you soon.

Let's have a party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



Dear Villager,
The Bramshaw Village Hall Committee is currently planning an

Afternoon Tea Party
Saturday 4th of June 2pm – 5pm

We would be pleased to know if you would like to attend and in the true style of a street party, we would greatly appreciate offers of help with the preparations before and, on the day itself.

Can you help with any of following-

Donations of baking, sandwiches, drinks service, setting up and clearing away, Live music, entertainment, raffle prizes, children's craft, quiz prep, Video compilation of the Queens reign ...

We know people love to help! Therefore, if you feel you'd like to join in the preparations and/or simply attend please contact Carol at ca.stewart7@btinternet.com

before the 18th of March 22.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH



03 MARCH

8:00am
BRAMSHAW
VILLAGE
STORES

03 MARCH

10am
BARTLEY
POST
OFFICE

12 MARCH

10am
NEW FOREST
VISITOR
CENTRE in
the main car
park in
Lyndhurst

17 MARCH

2pm
OPEN-DOOR
CAFE in
Minstead

29 MARCH

11am
POST OFFICE
in the HAPPY
CHEESE in
ASHURST

BEAT SURGERIES

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



05 MARCH

2pm
**Bramshaw
Village Hall**

BRAMSHAW WI

Bramshaw WI Jumble
Entrance 50p. Items can be left from 10 am. Regret no large items.



08 MARCH

**7:00 for
7:30PM**


**Bramshaw
Village Hall**

BRAMSHAW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chris Matcham - "Hegehogs and what we can do to help them".

Visitors welcome for a small charge of £2.00 per person.

For information contact Sue Yandell on 023 8081 2994

	<p>31 MARCH 7:30pm Bramshaw Village Hall (Community Room)</p>	<p>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</p>
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