



# BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### NEWS



#### BEAT REPORT

We will be holding more of our Beat Surgeries in September so please come and meet us and ask us any questions you have about the issues you are facing in your community.

We will be at the Ashurst and Colbury Community event at the Forest Inn on Wednesday 8th September, with the time is still to be confirmed so we will let you know when we are there via our Facebook page New Forest Heart Cops.

At the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am on Monday 13th September, and at 10am on the same day we will be at the Bartley Post Office.

Finally, we will be at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst on Sunday 26th September at 10.30am

The number of thefts from motor vehicles and stolen bicycles has, as expected, increased this month. Thirty cars and vans have been broken into including eleven that had their catalytic converters stolen and two whose number plates were taken. Car parks targeted were Bolderwood, Knightwood Oak, Fritham, and Bratley View while cars parked in Brockenhurst and Bramshaw were also broken into. Tools were also stolen from a van parked overnight at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross.

Thirty-nine bicycle thefts were reported to us in August. These happened at Sethorns, Long Meadow, Hollands Wood and Ashurst campsites and from hotels, pubs and restaurant in Brockenhurst, Ashurst, and Lyndhurst. The good news is that a man from Southampton has been charged with three offences in the New Forest and he is also on conditional bail for other offences committed in the Forest including the theft of bicycles from Lyndhurst, Ashurst and Brockenhurst. He has also been released under investigation for a burglary. We also seized two stolen cars during August that we believe had been used to commit crimes in the New Forest.

In August, we executed another drugs warrant at a property in the New Forest, this time on Shepherds Close at Bartley. Cannabis, some as-yet unidentified white powder, cash, scales and small bags were found at the address. An Out of Court Disposal was issued to one resident for allowing their property to be used in connection with illegal drugs and a full investigation is now underway. PLEASE TELL US IF YOU THINK DRUG DEALING IS TAKING PLACE WHERE YOU LIVE. We are committed to stopping it on our Beat but we need your help. Please email [Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Richard.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) or call crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 with any information you have. Thank you.

No homes have been burgled this month, but nine outbuildings were broken into, five in Brockenhurst, and the others were in Lyndhurst, Ower, Woodlands and Emery Down. The most expensive theft saw four bikes worth over £10,000 taken from a garage in Bank.

Other thefts in August saw scaffolding and other building supplies taken from a yard in Ower, unused cooking oil from the back of a pub at Emery Down, a motorbike from Lyndhurst car park, a parcel from a doorstep in Brockenhurst and amazingly part of a tent from a New Forest campsite.

Also, this month we received reports of a small motorbike being ridden on the recreation ground at Ashurst. If you know who that is then please let us know.

During August, the Speed Watch team in Lyndhurst surveyed various roads in the village and monitored over 2091 vehicles. Of those 1216, so 58%, were travelling over the 30mph limit and 153 of those vehicles have received warning letters from the Police for recording speeds above the threshold criteria, with one vehicle in Goose Green reaching 54 mph. Other high speeds were 48 and 47 mph. Also in August, the Copythorne Speed Watch team went out seven times and monitored over 1600 vehicles. The majority of drivers were adhering to the speed limits but unfortunately 199 drivers were driving too fast and will be receiving a Police letter. One vehicle was surveyed at 58 Mph in a 30 Mph zone, which will result in direct Police contact.

Finally, we are often asked what you should do if you are involved in or witness an accident involving an animal on the roads in the New Forest. Our Country watch team has put together this very useful guide.

If you see an injured animal on the roadside? - Pull over at a safe place. - Call Hampshire Constabulary via 101 - Giving as precise a location as you can. - They will deal with the situation and have access to specialist officers. - Do not try to assist or move the animal as this can put you in danger. If you hit an animal while driving, your priorities, in this order, are: - Keep yourself and anyone with you as safe as you can. - Park your car in the safest place with hazard lights on. - Call an ambulance if required for any injuries sustained to people involved in the collision. - Call Hampshire Constabulary immediately on 999. If the animal is alive and still visible at roadside: - It is best not to approach, as it may cause it to run across traffic causing another accident. - Do not move or handle live deer and do not place it in your car. - Call Hampshire Constabulary immediately on 999. - Giving as precise a location as you can (e.g. via use of What3Words) - They will deal with the situation and have access to specialist officers.

We hope that helps.

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

[carl.peverill@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:carl.peverill@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**07392 289659**

[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**



## FREE WEBINARS FOR OLDER DRIVERS

Please find below a release from The Older Drivers Forum about how to attend a series of free webinars to keep safe on the roads:

The Older Drivers Forum are supporting Project Edwards week of action, themed 'Fit for the Road' between the 13th to 17th September 2021. The

Forum will be running a series of six free webinars during the week. Each webinar is on a different subject and designed to help and support the mature motorist to carry on driving safely for longer.

Project EDWARD stands for 'Every Day Without A Road Death' and is an annual UK-wide road safety campaign backed by government, the emergency services, highways agencies, road safety organisations and British businesses.

Shockingly, on average 5 people a day are killed and around 150,000 people are injured each year on roads in Great Britain. Unfortunately, 20% of all deaths on our roads are older people. As older licence holders are increasing every year, fatalities for drivers aged 70 and over are forecasted to increase by 22% by 2040.

We know that older motorists have a wealth of experience, confidence and tolerance. However, sight, hearing, reaction time and judgement of speed and distance may not be as sharp as it once was.

The Older Drivers Forum is about keeping mature motorists on the road safely for longer. Whether that's helping giving practical and informative help and support to continue driving or pointing people in the right direction for an assessment to identify their driving needs – from wing mirror adapters to an elevated driving seat – the Forum's here to help and signpost you to the people to help. The Forum is a not-for-profit organisation made up of experts in road safety – from representatives from the emergency services, to charities, local authorities and businesses specialising in keeping older people on the road.

The chair and founder of the Older Drivers Forum Rob Heard said "We are excited and proud to support Project Edward's quest to make the roads safer for all. We can all become complacent about our driving and often pick up bad habits, which if not addressed can increase our risk of an incident on the roads.

"This week of webinars will help give advice on a number of subjects from Confidence building appraisals, Safe driving tips, Electric vehicles and driving with various medical conditions. We have a special webinar on Thursday afternoon hosted by Valerie Singleton OBE on Dash cams, which is one not to miss. We have 1000 free places, so make sure you book early to reserve your place.

"I am looking forward to welcoming you again to our webinars. We have had great feedback from previous ones we have run, one person who attended said 'Extremely useful and informative. This is definitely one of the better webinars I've attended over the past few months, both in presentation and content.'"

The webinars are FREE and have expert speakers as well as participants being able to ask questions. People will need to register their place for each webinar and this can be done by visiting <https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/> . We have increased the number of places available this time to 1000 free places, so should be able to accommodate anyone who wishes to register.

**Message Sent By**

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

**SCAM  
ALERT!**

**SELLING HIGH VALUE ELECTRICAL ITEMS ONLINE**

We are urging those selling high value electrical items online, particularly on Facebook Marketplace, to be vigilant following a number of reports where people pretending to be 'buyers' have walked away with the goods after convincing the seller they have paid via bank transfer. There have been a total of 21 incidents since August 14 across Hampshire. Laptops, mobile phones, tablets, games consoles, a drone and a watch are amongst the items stolen, ranging in price from £370 to £3,400.

Those pretending to be 'buyers' have answered a seller's advert quickly and when they have turned up to collect the items, they have then convinced the buyer they have transferred the money by showing them the transfer on a banking app. When the sellers have said they can't see the money in their account, the 'buyers' have convinced them it will appear soon and have left with the goods. On some occasions, the 'buyers' have taken a photo of the seller on their doorstep and asked them to produce ID.

We know online buying and selling sites are really popular and are a great way to trade second hand items, however we want to remind people to please be vigilant when selling items in this way.

Our advice would be:

- Always check and be completely satisfied the money is in your bank account before you hand over the goods. Genuine buyers will accept that this is correct practice
- Have someone with you at home when prospective buyers attend, or arrange to meet them in a public place
- You do not need to show anyone ID. There should be no reason to pass over your personal details / ID to a prospective buyer
- If you believe someone has attempted to scam you in this way, please try and note down a description of the people involved or vehicle they travelled in and make a report.
- Report any suspicious activity via our online reporting tool <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/fo/v1/fraud/>

**Message Sent By**

Marisa Charles (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)



**HAMPSHIRE**  
CONSTABULARY

**APPEAL FOR WITNESSES DANGEROUS  
DRIVING INCIDENT M27**

We are appealing for witnesses after a van was seen driving dangerously on the M27 eastbound.

We were called just after 6am this morning, Sunday, 8 August, to reports of a Ford Transit, driving eastbound from junction 5 of the M27, weaving and colliding with cones and barriers.

Officers attended and sighted the vehicle at junction 11 of the M27 eastbound before stopping it on the A27 near to Farlington.

The van is described as a white Ford Transit with orange and red chevrons on the back doors.

A 36-year-old man from Bournemouth has been arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving, driving whilst unfit through drugs and driving with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit.

He remains in custody at this time.

Officers are keen to hear from anyone who was travelling on the A31 and M27 eastbound between 5.50am and 6.20am this morning (Sunday 8, August).

Did you see this vehicle? Perhaps you have dash cam footage that could assist our investigation?

Anyone with information is asked to phone 101 quoting reference 44210314791.

Alternatively people can call Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111.

***Message Sent By***

Sarah Cartwright (Police, Corporate Communications, Hampshire)



**HAMPSHIRE**  
CONSTABULARY



### **HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN?**

We would like to speak to anyone who may be able to identify the person in this e-fit image following a burglary in Southampton on 14 August.

The incident took place at an address in North East Close, Southampton, between 6.30am and 6.40am.

It is alleged that a woman knocked on the back door and asked to use the toilet and the occupant, a man in his 70s, let her in.

After she left, he realised his blue Huawei P30 mobile phone worth £300 and a gold crucifix necklace worth £100 were missing. The phone's unique identity number is 868161041502791.

Officers are conducting enquiries and would like to speak to anyone who has information about this incident.

Have you come across these items? Do you know the woman involved?

She is described as:

-White

-aged between 19 and 25

-5ft 6ins tall

-slim build

-dark brown hair

-having a cold sore

-wearing a dark blouse or jacket, ripped jeans and soft shoes or trainers on the day of the incident

It is believed she may have links to Portsmouth.

Please contact us on 101 or report online, quoting 44210323338.

Alternatively, you can contact independent charity, Crimestoppers, anonymously on 0800 555 111.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IMPACT REPORT 2020/21

Following the success of last year's first-ever Neighbourhood Watch Impact Report, we are delighted to share this year's [Impact Report for 2020/21](#).

This report builds on last year with data and case studies demonstrating the continued hard work and dedication, and impact of our 90,000 volunteers and 2.3 million household members.

The report demonstrates how we are achieving each of our three ambitions within our 5-year strategy, which we embarked upon last year, namely being:

- the **authoritative voice on community-based crime prevention**
- the **most popular gateway for citizens to engage in their locality**
- a **recognised contributor to community health and wellbeing**.

In addition to preventing crime and the fear of crime, we have made a significant impact in supporting communities, especially through the Covid-19 challenges.

As many charities have experienced, we have adapted the way we work and learned new ways to improve our services to serve our communities better. Whilst the restrictions have been relaxed over the Summer, we know we are not yet through these difficult times, and our role within communities is still just as much in demand as it was at the start of the pandemic.

None of the work we do would have been possible without people like you who support the work we do and the values we stand for. We want to thank you for your ongoing, unwavering support.

Visit [ourwatch.org.uk/impact](http://ourwatch.org.uk/impact) to download the report.

Let's stay connected!

Yours sincerely,

**John Hayward-Cripps, CEO Neighbourhood Watch Network**



In the latest step of their homelessness prevention plan, New Forest District Council (NFDC) has opened newly refurbished accommodation in Lymington to get rough sleepers off the streets and on the path to stable housing.

The homelessness service operates seven days a week and includes outreach work where people who are rough sleeping are visited by an officer.

Twice yearly formal audits carried out of rough sleepers estimate that at any one time there are between 5 to 8 people rough sleeping in the district.

Richard Knott, Housing service manager said:

"Rough sleeping is a particularly complex issue. Our team respond to all new reports of rough sleepers within 24 to 48 hours, working with other agencies and engaging with the person to understand their needs and wishes.

"NFDC's approach is to work with rough sleepers, not just to give them a temporary bed for the night, but to provide a support structure that will see them, over time, with secure housing for the long term.

"I am confident that every known rough sleeper in the district has access to welfare support and an offer of accommodation. In one recent case we worked with a rough sleeper for 3 years and each time they did not want to engage, and we had to respect that. But we kept on checking and talking, and now they are in safe, clean accommodation and off the streets."

The council's building in Lymington was previously a four-bed hostel, owned by NFDC, and recently refurbished into 6 rooms, with some government funding. The role of this type of housing is to provide a longer-term solution for rough sleepers and to enable them to get off the streets for more than a few infrequent nights. On average, someone may spend 6-12 months in housing like this before they move on to a different type of housing suited to their needs at that stage.

The building forms part of a coherent portfolio of council properties that aim to provide those in housing need with the right type of accommodation, at different stages. Richard said:

"The people we help are individuals who have varying needs, and we try and match them with a property and location that is right for them. Some of our housing has on-site support workers, some is shared, and some is self-contained. Each person we work with has their own story and needs. If people are threatened with homelessness, we support them to remain where they are, or move on to alternative accommodation, without ever becoming homeless. Others approach us with short notice of impending homelessness or as homeless on the day. And others are rough-sleeping."

Cllr Jill Cleary, portfolio holder for housing, said;

"I am proud of the diverse work that the housing teams undertake. As a council we have sought to respond to initiatives and priorities from central government of late to help reduce the prevalence of rough sleeping. The steps we are taking are helping to keep people off the streets and progress into permanent secure homes.

“Since 2018, our housing work has been strengthened and we have built up our teams who work together in a coordinated way to provide more than just accommodation. This ‘accommodation pathway’ is designed for the long-term and includes additional support to keep people with a home. Things like mental health support, cooking skills, how to look after a home, and money management. This pathway gives people the chance to take the next step such as private sector housing or different social housing.”

NFDC also work on preventing people getting to the streets in the first place and will soon have a rough sleeping prevention worker who will work with people who may be at risk of homelessness. There is also a new mental health practitioner in the homelessness team so that early intervention prevents mental health crisis.

Richard said,

“Homelessness can happen to any one of us. We work with almost 2,000 households a year, single people to large families, working households, hospital discharge patients, and from relationship breakdowns to parental evictions.

“The homelessness staff invest a lot of themselves emotionally in some very difficult cases. And their work is hugely important, not only preventing homelessness but in some cases it has been the difference between life and death.”

The public can let the NFDC homelessness team know about rough sleepers by emailing [homeless@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:homeless@nfdc.gov.uk) or on the Streetlink website at <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>.

Anyone whose accommodation may be at risk is urged to contact NFDC’s housing team as soon as possible so that they can give early support and advice on paying rent, finding a place to live, and what to do if homelessness is likely. Clients can self-refer at <https://newforest.gov.uk/housing>

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## RURAL TIMES: AUGUST EDITION



RURAL MATTERS

Welcome to the latest edition of Rural Times.

I am Chief Inspector Alex Reading - I am fortunate in my core role to be the District Commander for two very different areas; Havant and East Hants. This stretches from the coastline and beaches of Hayling Island right up through the rolling countryside around the market towns of Alton and Petersfield.

I am also Hampshire Constabulary’s Tactical Lead for Rural Policing, reporting directly to Assistant Chief Constable Maggie Blyth as our Strategic Lead. I work very closely with our expert, Rural Policing Inspector Korine Bishop - who many of you will know and have met or worked with.

The challenges facing all areas of our rural communities in the last year or so have been unprecedented. The coronavirus pandemic has placed many people in the most difficult of circumstances, and we have seen amongst other things increased feelings of rural isolation.

There has also been the knock-on effects of restaurants and bars being closed for so long and demand falling away for many of the products, which farmers and estates produce.

You can access the latest edition of Rural Times using the below link;

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/rural-times-august-2021.pdf>

We have seen crime levels overall decrease, but some types of crime have increased and sometimes in ways none of us could have predicted. For example, more people staying at home and buying dogs as family pets, then taking them out into local, rural areas without always having the knowledge and due consideration the effect their dog can have on sheep or cattle.

So as always, there is much work to be done. Key to us getting that right is us being open and transparent with you, sharing with you what we are doing and listening to your views and feedback.

One way in which we are hoping to do that is with the introduction of Barn Meets, starting this autumn. We will explain in more detail elsewhere in this publication how we see them working, but they present a great opportunity for us to meet with local communities, listen to concerns, and talk through problems and for us all to share ideas and next steps.

Finally, 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.

Chief Inspector Alex Reading

***Message Sent By***

Wes Hutchins (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)



## WALK FOR PARKINSONS

I am delighted to let you know that our **Walk for Parkinson's at the beautiful Bolderwood Deer Sanctuary** is set to take place on **Sunday 3rd October**. There will be two routes available for our wonderful walkers, a 2-mile route and a more challenging 7 mile route both of which are circular.

We would love to welcome everyone in the local community to the event. I have detailed some essential information below and you may wish to visit our website for further information or to register for the walk [events.parkinsons.org.uk/walknewforest](https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/walknewforest)

- Start/finish: Bolderwood Deer Sanctuary SO43 7GQ
- Registration 9am - 10am
- Registration in advance -Adults: £12 Children (under 16): £6
- Registration on the day -To ensure our walk is Covid Safe we will **NOT be accepting On The Day Registrations**. To register please go [here](#).

or scan here to register



Every hour, two people are diagnosed with Parkinson's. We are the charity that drives better treatments and a cure for Parkinsons whilst supporting everyone affected by the condition.

If you would like to know anything more about the walk or the work of Parkinson's UK, then please do get in touch, I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Many thanks in advance for your support. Best wishes and hope to see you there.

Kind regards

**Katy Slade**

Regional Fundraiser

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<p><b>08 SEPT</b> <b>(time to be confirmed)</b> FOREST INN ASHURST AND COLBURY COMMUNITY EVENT</p> <p><b>13 SEPT</b> <b>8am</b> BRAMSHAW VILLAGE STORES</p> <p><b>13 SEPT</b> <b>10am</b> BARTLEY POST OFFICE</p> <p><b>26 SEPT</b> <b>10:30am</b> ST.MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS CHURCH, LYNDHURST</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>28 SEPTEMBER</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>
	<p><b>03 OCTOBER</b> <b>Arrive</b> <b>9-10am</b></p> <p>BOLDERWOOD DEER SANCTUARY SO43 7GQ</p>	<p><b>WALK FOR PARKINSONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two circular routes: 2 mile route and a more challenging 7 mile route</li> <li>• Registration <b>in advance</b>. Adults £12, Children (under 16) £6. To register please go <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• To ensure our walk is Covid Safe we will <b>NOT be accepting On The Day Registrations</b>.</li> </ul>

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