

BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH



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**We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas
and we would like to wish all our
Parishioners a very Happy New Year!**

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Highways, Footpaths, Flooding, Fly Tipping and Animals

Potholes and blocked drains continue to blight us causing damage to cars and property.

If you are aware of any these, please report them by clicking on the link below

[Potholes](#)

[Flooding](#)

In addition, for all rights of way including footpaths and stiles and other issues

[Report a Problem](#)

[Fly Tipping](#)

[Abandoned Vehicle](#)

[Road Problems](#)

Sick, Injured or distressed Pony, Cow, Donkey, Pig, Sheep or Deer

- Forestry England 24 hours - 0300 0674600
- Verderers - 02380 282052 Mon-Fri 9-5

In the event that any of these issues are not dealt with in a timely manner please email the Parish Clerk with the date it was reported, the nature and location of the problem, contact details and the matter will be taken up with appropriate authority.

These links will be updated and added to where required.

Beat Report

Hello and welcome to the December 2023 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area.

Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

Our first Beat Surgeries and Public meetings of the New Year will be

- **Tuesday 2nd**
 - Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am
 - Bartley Post Office at 9am.
- **Wednesday 17th**
 - Beaulieu at 10.30am,
 - East Boldre Village Hall at 11.30am
 - Brockenhurst Opposite Tesco at 12.30pm.
- **Tuesday 23rd**
 - Ashurst at Happy Cheese at 11am joined by one of the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators
- **Sunday 28th**
 - Lyndhurst Visitor Centre from 10am

If you can't make any of these meetings you can always call or email us on the details below but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course if it's an emergency always call 999.

67 vehicles were stopped on Lyndhurst High Street at the beginning of the month and pulled into the main car park where checks were carried out by the Roads Policing Unit from Totton, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the Enforcement Team from New Forest District Council. The results were quite interesting, although some would say worrying –

- 2 vehicles were seized for having no MOT and because one driver didn't have a valid licence
- 7 vehicles were prohibited for being in a dangerous condition,
- 3 bald tyres had to be replaced on site,
- 1 van didn't have a working hand brake,
- Several didn't have brake lights, headlights or rear lights.
- Another 7 vehicles were stopped for having insecure loads,
- 1 had the wrong number plate on its trailer,
- 5 drivers weren't wearing seatbelts
- other tickets were issued for no MOT and no insurance.
- 2 drivers who were carrying waste didn't have the correct licences and will have to report back to NFDC when they have got them.

During December, seven sheds, garages and other outbuildings were broken into in Setley just outside Brockenhurst, Copythorne, Bramshaw, Brockenhurst, Woodlands and on Fletchwood Lane. Power tools, garden machinery and an expensive bicycle were again the items stolen. Also taken last month was used cooking oil from a restaurant in Brockenhurst, copper cabling from sites across the Beat, a wheelbarrow and poo picker from Ipley and a watch from a hotel in Brockenhurst. Tools were also stolen from a van parked in the car park of the Travelodge at Stoney Cross.

Two motorbikes, from Woodlands and Lyndhurst, and vans in Brockenhurst and Ashurst were stolen in December and the number plates from vehicles in Emery Down and Cadnam have also been removed. If this happens to you, please let us know because thieves commit crime using vehicles on false number plates.

Criminal damage was also caused to the noticeboard outside the Scout Hut in Copythorne and to a car parked on a road in Lyndhurst where the paint work was scratched. Finally, this month's Op Mountie session, where we work with our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team in a bid to reduce speed and animal deaths across the New Forest, took place on the Roger Penny Way at Bramble Hill Walk car park. This was the site of an accident that saw the death of a donkey that was hit by a car during the previous week. In total five vehicles were stopped between 6.30am and 8.30am and three of them were given tickets for speeds of 53, 60 and 67mph in a 40mph zone. Of course, that does mean that the vast majority of drivers were sticking to the speed limit so our grateful thanks to them.

Have a Happy and safe 2024!

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Pine marten population continues to expand in the south of England

After being absent for decades, pine martens are now present across the New Forest and successfully breeding here according to the results of a three-year study into these rare creatures. Conservationists placed 30 hidden cameras in 11 different parts of the New Forest to observe how these protected creatures are returning to the area.

Pine martens, a cat-sized member of the weasel family, were once widespread across the UK before habitat loss and persecution left only small and fragmented populations, mostly in northern England, Scotland, and parts of Wales.

The study began after a number of reports of public sightings suggested pine martens may have returned to the New Forest. Led by Forestry England and Wild New Forest, with support from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, it aims to understand how these rare creatures are settling here and the size of the population.

A range of techniques were used to study these nocturnal creatures, including hidden cameras and thermal imaging surveys. By analysing over 1,000 hours of footage, the team have been able to confirm that pine martens are not only present but that they have settled right across the New Forest. The network of ancient woodlands here is providing an ideal habitat for them to nest, breed and establish territories. The veteran trees in these areas provide good nesting sites in cavities and plenty of food is available for this omnivorous mammal.

Video clips captured in 2023 clearly show the presence of kits and young pine martens that help to confirm breeding is taking place. The cameras used this year also recorded the presence of other key species of wildlife in the Forest including pole cats, another rare but returning creature.

Leanne Sargeant, Senior Ecologist for Forestry England, said:

“We are absolutely delighted to confirm that pine martens have returned to the New Forest and can be found in so many areas. The nation’s forests provide such important areas for wildlife to thrive and expand and the New Forest is doing just that for these special creatures. Now we know they are here and breeding, our next step is to try and estimate the size the population and how they are using the New Forests ancient woodlands.”

Over the next few years, the team hope to combine the video with other methods including DNA analysis to assess the size of the population of pine martens in the New Forest. Mostly chestnut brown in colour, each pine marten has a uniquely shaped bib – a pale yellow section of fur on its chin and throat. This can help to identify individuals and, by observing their interactions, the team may also be able to monitor family groups.

Marcus Ward from the specialist conservation consultancy, Wild New Forest, said:

“Pine Martens are incredibly rare and very difficult to spot, making it difficult to study them. The footage collected by the cameras has given us a really unique view into their hidden world and will really help advance our understanding of these special creatures and how best to support them.”

The project will share its findings with the national pine marten strategy focussing on wider recovery of the species. The survey team are also being supported by the New Forest Badger Group and are keen for other organisations and landowners to get involved in the project.

Forestry England is helping to return lost species of wildlife as a key part of nature recovery across the nation’s forests. It is supporting a range of projects to help secure the return of pine martens and monitoring populations in the New Forest, Kielder Forest, Grizedale Forest and in the Forest of Dean, where England’s first reintroduction of pine martens began in 2019.

Bramshaw Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW

For further information contact Sue Yandell: 023 8081 2994

Bramshaw and District Film Society

Raffle every film evening, to win a free ticket to the next showing

Come and enjoy a glass of wine before the start of the film

Annual Membership £3 - Guest Membership £1 - Attendance £4 per evening

Bramshaw Parish Council

The Council Meeting takes place in the community room at the Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month apart from August and December. Please check the web site and the Parish Notice Boards as these dates do vary on occasion.