

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

This month's newsletter includes some local news, events and reminders and the usual monthly police report in our Neighbourhood Watch section. Please don't forget to send in your notices and advertise your events in this free newsletter. And please tell your friends about it or forward a copy to them. They can request a copy on the village website using the link above.

Renovations at East Boldre Village Hall

The hall team and community volunteer design team have been beavering away on the project. There are some design specs on display at the lovely Chapel Stores if you would like to have a sneak preview and make any comments.

Various works have begun but the builders cannot start work until NPA Planning has signed off on the pre-commencement conditions. This is taking longer than expected due to maternity and holiday leave but we hope to get the necessary clearance soon.

We will let you know as soon as we know the start date. The works are expected to take between 13 and 16 weeks. With Christmas in the way, this could mean we won't be able to reopen the hall until April, although we do hope it will be earlier than that.

We have secured enough funding to engage the builders (about £400,000) but we are continuing to fundraise to cover the cost of everything on our wish list.

We thank you for your continued patience and for putting up with the inconvenience. We're all excited about welcoming you back to a vastly improved hall with opportunities for a much broader range of activities.

PRE- LOVED CLOTHING SALE

**A charity event
in aid of Hampshire & IOW
AIR AMBULANCE**

DATE: Tuesday 18th November
TIME: 12 noon till 7pm
VENUE: The Chapel, Lymington Road
East End, SO41 5SS

**Nearly- new ladies clothing
Accessories
Bric-a-brac**

Come and grab a bargain and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine!

Brockenhurst Coral Society Presents

BROCKENHURST CHORAL SOCIETY
Conductor : Stephen Hope



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MOZART : AVE VERUM CORPUS
ELGAR : AVE VERUM

Saturday 15th November 7.30pm
St Saviour's Church
Brockenhurst

TICKETS £15 (£5 students) from Streets & Pot Pourri
or online from www.brockenhurstchoralsociety.org
Also available at the door on the day
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1150575



HOPe Needs You

Walking is good for our mind and our heart. Just 15 minutes a day without stopping is better than lots of little strolls. For those who have found they have lost their confidence and find it difficult to get out, really could do with a befriender.

Next time you wrap up warm and go for that stroll, have a pause for those who can't get out. Could you become a befriender and help those this winter to keep physically, emotionally & mentally fit.

We would love to hear from you today and give that gift of friendship back to someone who is lonely. www.hopenewforest.org or call 07936 495 708.

Remembrance at St Paul's Church

Sunday November 9th at 3:00 pm.

Service followed by the Act of Remembrance.

All Welcome.

Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre Churches

For full details of Church Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre, [go to the Beaulieu Churches website](#).

Neighbourhood Watch

Phone Scams #ScreenYourCalls

The vast majority of reports we receive where a resident of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been defrauded/scammed, start with the words: "I answered the phone..."

If you are unable or unwilling to let your calls go to voicemail and/or install call-blocking hardware/software please take extreme care when answering the phone, particularly to an unexpected, unsolicited, unverified caller.

Our colleagues at THE MET have created this helpful Little Booklet which explains more:

<https://www.met.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/central/advice/fraud/met/little-booklet-of-phone-scams.pdf>

Your phone provider can help you install call blocking software to weed out known scam callers. Devices such as TrueCall offer a comprehensive call blocking service by blocking ALL calls except those from numbers you trust (other devices are available):

<https://www.truecall.co.uk/>

If this alert isn't relevant to you, please share it with someone who might be interested.

If you've received a phishing email, please report it to your email provider and/or forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you've received unwanted phone calls or texts from people you think are trying to scam you, but you haven't engaged with them, please forward the text/phone number to 7726.

If you've been affected by a crime, please contact Victim Care Hub for free, confidential support: <https://www.hampshireiowvictimcare.co.uk/> or phone 0808 178 1641

If you would like to report a crime anonymously, please contact: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or phone 0800 555 111

Hampshire Alerts is not a crime reporting portal – please do not report crime here.

If you realise you've been scammed and wish to report a fraud that has already happened, please report it to Action Fraud either phone 0300 123 2040 or online at: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

If a crime is in progress, and/or you are in fear for yourself or someone else, and/or there is evidence in situ that could be damaged/destroyed, please phone 999 immediately.

Otherwise, report online, or find out about other ways to report a crime at:
<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Thank you – Fraud Safeguarding Team

New Scam Alert: Protect yourself from payment diversion fraud when buying a new property.

City of London Police and Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, are urging the public to remain vigilant following a rise in payment diversion fraud - commonly known as conveyancing fraud. This type of fraud often involves criminals impersonating solicitors or estate agents to intercept large financial transfers during property transactions.

Between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025, 143 cases of conveyancing fraud were reported to Action Fraud, resulting in £11.7 million in losses. The vast majority involved residential property transactions, accounting for 140 reports and £10.97 million in losses, with an average loss of £78,393 per case.

What is conveyancing fraud or payment diversion fraud?

Conveyancing fraud, also referred to as lawyer or solicitor impersonation fraud, occurs when criminals gain access to email chains between property buyers, sellers, solicitors, and estate agents. Once inside, they impersonate a trusted party and send convincing messages requesting that funds, such as deposits or final payments, be transferred to bank accounts under their control.

These scams are often timed to coincide with the final stages of a transaction, when large sums are expected to be moved quickly. Fraudsters apply pressure, claiming urgency, and convincing victims that delays could jeopardise the deal.

This type of fraud isn't limited to home purchases - it has also been reported in rental agreements and probate transactions, where funds are transferred as part of estate settlements. Fraudsters will often use hacked or spoofed email accounts so that their messages can appear highly authentic. Victims may not realise they've been deceived until the money is gone.

How to protect yourself from conveyancing fraud:

- Receiving bank details securely: always get your solicitor's bank details in-person or over the phone at the start of the conveyancing process, and request that any changes to these details be communicated with you in-person, by phone call, or by letter.
- Email or texts asking you to change bank details: if you receive a message that feels suspicious, such as a request from your solicitor asking you to amend payment information, STOP! Think fraud. Contact your solicitor directly, over the phone or in-person, and verify that the request was genuine.
- Prioritise your email security: you should use three random words to create a strong and separate password for your email account. Enable two-step verification to add an extra level of security.
- What to do if you are a victim of conveyancing fraud:
- If you have made a payment: inform your bank as soon as possible, they can help you prevent any further losses.
- Report: if you become the victim of conveyancing fraud, call your bank immediately using the number on the back of your bank card and report it to Action Fraud online at <http://actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040. If you're in Scotland, you can report it to Police Scotland on 101.
- You could be targeted again: fraudsters sometimes re-establish contact with previous victims claiming that they can help them recover lost money, this is just a secondary scam. Hang up on any callers that claim they can get your money back for you.

Local Beat Report

Hello and welcome to the October 2025 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

In November we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the back of the Community Centre on Wednesday 12th at 11am and on Tuesday 18th we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, outside the Post Office in Bartley at 9am and at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team from 11am.

On Thursday 20th November join us in Brockenhurst opposite Tesco on Brookley Road at 1pm, at the Open Door Café in Minstead Church at 2pm and at the community café in the East Boldre Village shop at 3pm.

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to any of these meetings you can always call or email us, 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.

Are you a member of a local group or organisation that would appreciate a visit from the new Forest Heart team to discuss the latest Scams and Frauds that are doing the rounds and how to best avoid becoming a victim. We've put together a 45-minute talk with some great advice and hints and tips so if you would like us to come and visit you and your group email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk.

Several properties in Beaulieu were broken into this month including several works vehicles and secure containers on a construction site. Garden equipment, power tools and other high value items were stolen. Another seven vehicles were also targeted in October and various items stolen. A car and a van parked at different locations in Ashurst and on different nights were broken into and a wallet taken from the car and tools taken from the van. A van was also targeted outside a timber yard in Copythorne and again tools were stolen.

The New Forest car parks targeted were Knightwood Oak, Ocknell Pond, Millyford Bridge and Deerleap which is unusual because Deerleap is a really busy car park and the thieves often favour the quieter ones. It is a reminder thought that wherever you leave your vehicle never leave anything valuable inside and don't hide items in the boot because you never know who is watching you.

Number plates have also been stolen this month from a car parked on a residential street in Brockenhurst.

Attempts were also made to enter a car in the Janesmoor car park at Stoney Cross and a van on a road in Brockenhurst. Luckily nothing was stolen.

In November we will be holding a series of security marking events for vans and tools so watch this space - we will be advertising the dates and venues soon. The property marking is free and helps us return your stolen property to you when we find it. Our first session is on the Carvers Trading Estate, Southampton Road, Ringwood, BH24 1JS on Tuesday 11th November between 08.00 and 11.00. We mark your property for free and not only does this act as a deterrent to any would be thieves it also allows us to return your property to you if we recover it.

The Bramshaw Golf Course pro shop was broken into at the beginning of the month and several clubs stolen and a stable yard in the Netley Marsh area was also targeted and a vehicle and two trailers stolen. A car was also stolen overnight off the driveway of an address in Lyndhurst.

Also this month, a bicycle was taken from the car park of the Pig Hotel in Brockenhurst, it was attached to a vehicle at the time.

And we have had four shopliftings in November. Two at the Tesco in Brockenhurst and one each at the Co Op stores in Ashurst and Lyndhurst. Fuel was also stolen from works vehicles parked outside the entrance to the Ashurst campsite. The vehicles were being used to resurface the A35 and the theft happened overnight.

Your local Police team are:

richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk 07554 775469

mark.roberts.24091@hampshire.police.uk 07392 314340

Dates for your Diary

Music at Beaulieu

Tickets for all concerts except Glyndebourne can be bought online.

It is possible to buy tickets directly from the Ticket Office by calling 07770 859900 and on the day at the door, if the concerts are not sold out and subject to availability.

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club

Membership is £10 per annum. Membership secretary Lynne Hubbard 01590 612408.

Visitors to talks £4.

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6 November

6.30pm, Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Annual General Meeting, Beaulieu Village Hall, followed by refreshments.

Friday, 14th November 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Boldre Parish History Society AGM followed by Speaker: Philip St. Lawrence, "The Spanish Armada". Boldre Memorial Hall.

6 December

Music at Beaulieu presents New Forest Choirs

Friday, 12th December at 7.00 p.m.

Boldre Parish History Society Speaker: Nick Saunders, "The Murder of Muriel Sutherland". Boldre Memorial Hall.

Friday, 9th January 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

Boldre Parish History Society. An Archive Evening at Boldre Memorial Hall.

Friday, 13th February 2026 at 7.00p.m.

Boldre Parish History Society. Speaker: Professor Emeritus Tony King, "Romans Along the Lymington River. New excavations in the Forest". Boldre Memorial Hall.

Friday, 13th March 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

Boldre Parish History Society. Speaker: Sandy Shore, "The Life of a Crown Keeper in the New Forest." Boldre Memorial Hall.

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