

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

Happy New Year to all our readers. As usual, things go a little quiet after Christmas so news is sparse this month. This newsletter has a reminder about the Oakhaven Treecycle 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.

Reminder - Oakhaven Treecycle: Recycle your Christmas tree and help Oakhaven Hospice



Book now to recycle your Christmas tree and help your local hospice!

This Christmas, Oakhaven Hospice is introducing a new initiative. From Thursday 8th to Monday 12th January 2026, Oakhaven Hospice's 'Treecycle' volunteers will be collecting Christmas trees from homes and taking them to be recycled.

In this inaugural year, the initiative will cover the SO41, SO42, SO45 and BH25 postcodes, and the hospice plans to roll the scheme out to other local postcodes the following year.

Book your Treecycle today! Visit www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/treecycle to book your real Christmas tree collection online and make a suggested donation of £15, which will help Oakhaven to provide vital hospice care services to local patients and their families. One of the team will be in touch nearer the time to confirm which day your collection will take place, along with instructions for the collection (which of course includes removing your decorations!)

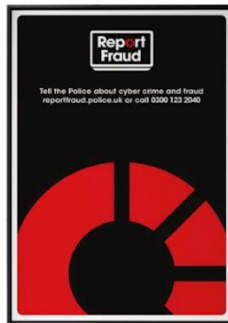
It is thanks to the generosity of volunteers that Oakhaven will be able to provide the 'Treecycle' service. Already several individuals, groups and local businesses have stepped up to volunteer their time, and the charity welcomes more volunteers! If you would like to volunteer for Oakhaven Treecycle, please contact Hannah Davies on fundraising@oakhavenhospice.co.uk or call 01590 677773.

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

Change of name – ‘Action Fraud’ is now ‘Report Fraud’



If you follow Action Fraud on social media, search for their website online, or need to make a report, you'll notice that the name has changed from Action Fraud to Report Fraud and they have a new logo (pictured above). To find out more about this change, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/report-fraud-new-service-from-city-of-london-police>

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

However, if a fraud or other 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 non-fraud crime 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/> .

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 or to your phone provider.

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.

Local Beat Report

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

In January 2026 we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am and outside the Post Office in Bartley at 9am on Monday 12th and at the East Boldre Village stores on Thursday 15th.

On Tuesday 27th January, you can join us and the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team at the happy Cheese pub in Ashurst from 11am and then we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst from midday, just opposite Tesco.

Finally, we will be in the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the back of the Community Centre on Wednesday 28th at 11am.

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.

We are also holding another Walking in Partnership events on Tuesday 20th January BUT WE HAVEN'T CHOSEN A TIME OR VENUE YET. These events are for solo walkers or for people who don't feel comfortable walking on their own in the New Forest and they are led by Forestry England. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we can let you know exactly when, where and what time please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk.

Sheds and outbuildings in Stoney Cross, Beaulieu and at both the Minstead Trust and Minstead Study centre were broken into this month but luckily on most occasions the thieves left empty handed. We also had lots of reports of packages being stolen from doorsteps. If you have proof that the parcel was on your doorstep at one time then please report these to us using the online reporting tool at the Hampshire and IOW police website or by calling 101. But if you don't have that proof and there is the possibility that it just hasn't been delivered then contact the company you bought the parcel from and the delivery company they have used. One of the New Forest Heart Police team was told that some running shoes they ordered had been delivered but they hadn't so the company he bought them from were the ones to deal with the non-delivery of the parcel. Companies that sell lots of goods online are geared up to deal with exactly this issue because if the parcel hasn't been delivered then they are the losers and not you. I'm sure that you will have seen in the media that a delivery driver was arrested just before Christmas and those investigations are still ongoing.

Copper piping and generator cables were stolen from building sites in Calmore and Tatchbury and seven vehicles were broken into in December and various items of value stolen. Tools were taken from two vans parked in the Premier Inn car park at Ower while cars parked in the Blackwater, Aldridge Hill, Boltons Bench, Brook and Puttles Bridge car parks were also targeted while their owners were off walking in the Forest.

There were three shopliftings in December, at the Tesco and Co Op in Brockenhurst and at the shop at the petrol station in Cadnam. Used cooking oil was also taken from the Bramshaw golf club, a battery from a site at Tatchbury and a motorbike was taken from the car park of a pub at Copythorne. The lock on a gate at Ower was stolen during an attempt to gain access to an industrial site but nothing was taken from any of the buildings in the area so it's likely that the thieves were disturbed.

Over the last couple of months we have seen an increase in the number of romance scams across the New Forest. This is where someone is befriended by someone either in person or online and a romantic relationship grows between the two very quickly. This is how it works; the criminals lie to gain your trust and build a relationship with you. They make everything about the romance feel normal but their aim is to get money or personal information. Romance fraudsters are experts at manipulating their victims. They will usually:

- create a story that sounds believable and start the relationship in a normal way
- gain your trust over time
- invent a problem or situation where you may feel like you want to send money or gifts to help them
- isolate you from friends or family

What to do if you or someone you know suspects they are becoming a victim

- If you're suspicious of someone, tell a friend or family member. Sometimes it's hard to see the truth when you are so close to it, and another perspective helps. Remember that fraudsters are experienced and want you to feel isolated. They may try to make you feel guilty for wanting to tell someone.
- Never send money or personal information. Never invest money, transfer money on their behalf, take out a loan for them, or send them gift cards. Do not send or receive parcels on their behalf, even if you know what's in them.

Finally on Saturday 10th January we will be giving one of our Scam and Fraud prevention talks at the Copythorne Community Café at 2pm. If you can't make that one and are 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 email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Stay safe everyone

Your local Police team are:

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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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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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