

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

There's good news about the village hall's crowdfunding appeal and a reminder about the Forest Encounters event at School Fields. There's also a new fraud warning 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.

East Boldre Village Hall

You've helped us reach our target

A big thank-you from the project team for helping us to reach the finish line. Apart from an amount of £661, we've reached our target cost of £495,000.

On the closing date of 26 July 2026, we've raised a total of £31,834 including Gift-Aid from our Crowdfunding appeal. This includes £14,660 from the online Crowdfunding site and £17,174 from donations made offline. But there's still more to be done - stage lights for the planned theatre productions, storage units for the exhibition materials, some more wooden cladding, more windows to be replaced and we haven't yet refurbished our accessible WC.

The Crowdfunder appeal may have reached the target date but there's still time to donate if you've missed the deadline. EBVH-2026 will remain open for your donations. You can donate on the Crowdfunder website at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ebvh-2026> or by contacting Gina on 01590 626368 or email ebvillagehall@eastboldre.org for details of how to donate offline.

The hall will reopen for bookings from 1 September.

Save the date for the Grand Open Day on Saturday 12 September with celebrity guest - details to be announced.

Painting and decorating in the enlarged main hall is almost complete. Stage curtains and window blinds are on order.





Reminder - Forest Encounters at the Old School Fields Sunday 9 August 2026

FOREST
Encounters

Celebrate, Protect and Enjoy the New Forest

📍 **The Old School Fields**
East Boldre, Hants, SO42 7WT

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2026

10AM - 4PM

- TALKS FROM LOCAL SPEAKERS
- YOUNG COMMONERS EXHIBITION
- NEW FOREST ROADS AWARENESS
- LITTER PICKERS
- AND MORE!

REFRESHMENTS | RAFFLE | CAKES

Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre Churches

August 2026

Sun 2nd Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 5th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 9th Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 12th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 15th Aug	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, Summer Jazz"
Sun 16th Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 19th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 23rd Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 26th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 30th Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
	Pet Service	"4.30pm St Katharine's, Exbury"

September 2026

Wed 2nd Sept	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 6th Sept	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church

MUSIC AT BEAULIEU - All details and how to purchase tickets can be found via www.musicatbeaulieu.org or via the box office 07770 859900

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Fake Messages from Water Companies

Colleagues in other constabularies have made us aware that their residents have received fake communications purporting to be from their local water supplier. The messages use authentic logos and professional language to appear genuine. Messages could be in any form e.g., text, email, social media etc., examples being:

- "There is now a hosepipe ban. Click here to see if your area is affected."
- "You are eligible for a free water-saving kit. Click here to claim it."
- "Your water bill is changing due to restrictions. Update your payment details here."
- Or similar.

Clicking on the links will take you to genuine-looking fake websites designed to steal your personal and financial information including bank details, payment card details, passwords and PINs.

Protect Yourself:

- DO NOT click links in unexpected messages.
- Check information directly on you water supplier's official website.
- Never provide banking details, card information, passwords or PINs after following a link.
- Contact your water company using trusted contact details (on your bill) if you are unsure.

Remember, your genuine water supplier will not ask you to update your payment details or provide sensitive information sent in unsolicited messages.

Report it:

- Forward suspicious texts to 7726 (or via your phone provider's reporting mechanism)
- Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk (or via your phone provider's reporting mechanism)

Local Beat Report

Hello and welcome to the July 2026 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS, PC 27901 Stuart READHEAD and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

August is the holiday season for most of us, including the New Forest Heart Police Team, so we don't hold any of our usual Beat Surgeries. As we always say, if you need to speak to us 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. Normal service will be resumed in September but we are holding several bike marking sessions in August across the Forest.

Bring your bikes to us and we will security mark them for you for free and add them to the National Bike Register. The dates in August are:

- Ringwood Gateway Town Centre on Thursday 13th August from 1pm to 2pm
- Lymington Train Station on Wednesday 12th August from 10am to 11am
- Lyndhurst Police station on Friday 14th August between 11am to midday
- Totton Police station on Wednesday 19th August between 2pm and 3pm
- Brockenhurst Bike Shop on Friday 21st August from 10am and 11am.

In July, six bicycles were stolen, all from Brockenhurst. Two from a hotel car park and the other four from Brookley Road. These bikes were locked up but still stolen so the best way to protect your bike is to take something with you like a wheel or the saddle, or leave one of your party with them. We regularly patrol the areas where most bikes are stolen from but of course, we can't be there all the time.

Four shopliftings were reported to us, three of them on the same day on the High Street in Lyndhurst and the other one at Tesco in Brockenhurst. We have some excellent CCTV footage and our investigations into identifying those responsible are ongoing.

Attempts have also been made to steal from three vehicles parked overnight in the car park of a hotel on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive, a motorbike from a pub car park in Emery Down and a van from a driveway in Cadnam. Cooking oil was also stolen from a pub in Cadnam.

And a reminder to watch out for picket pockets at the summer shows and events that are coming up during the holidays – always keep your wallets and purses close to your body and never put anything valuable in your back pack because that makes stealing them really easy for thieves.

We are getting lots of reports of motorbikes being ridden off road in the Forest at Boltons Bench and behind the cemetery in Lyndhurst and on the roads around Ashurst, Woodlands and Fletchwood Lane. Please help us identify these riders so that we can stop them before someone gets hurt or more damage is caused to the New Forest. If you see one of these bikes going to and from a location in the area, please let us know. You can email us directly or let us have the information completely anonymously via Crimestoppers. Just go to their website for all the details.

We held another one of our multi-agency operations aimed at tackling vehicle crime, fly-tipping and improving road safety this month, this time at Crockford Clump Inclosure on the B3054 between Beaulieu and Lymington. The operation, known as Operation Wolf, brought together officers from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, New Forest District Council and Forestry England. Operation Wolf was established in response to an increase in fly-tipping incidents across the New Forest and combines the powers and expertise of partner agencies to detect offences, disrupt criminal activity and deter those responsible. During the operation, 14 vehicles were stopped and checked. Two drivers were issued notices requiring them to produce a valid Waste Carrier Licence within the next 14 days. In addition to tackling waste-related offences, Operation Wolf provides opportunities to identify

illegal vehicle use, check for stolen tools, trailers and plant machinery, and ensure vehicles using the road network are safe and roadworthy.

During July's Op Mountie session, we only stopped four motorists for breaking the 40 mph speed limit outside the Setthorns Campsite on the road between the Wilverley Inclosure and Sway. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and again this month's results show that most people do slow down and take extra care, so thank you. Thanks also to Forestry England, the New Forest Roads Awareness Team and the New Forest National Park Authority who join us on these operations and spend time with each driver educating them about why the roads across the New Forest are so unique and why we all need to be extra vigilant. The Safer Road Unit's motorbikes were out in the Forest supporting us again in July. They recorded 9 speeding offences on the Roger Penny Way and 6 on the Lyndhurst to Beaulieu road at Matley and the top speeds were 54mph and 49mph

Stay safe everyone

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 £12 per annum. Membership secretary Lynne Hubbard 01590 612408. Visitors to talks £4.

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15 August

Music at Beaulieu presents Summer Jazz by Sarah Bolter's Jazz Quintet. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £15.

September 5 Saturday

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Autumn Show. East Boldre Village Hall. Bring your exhibits to the hall between 9.30 and 11.15am. Judging from 11.30am. Show opens at 2.15pm and awards at 3.45pm.

12 September

Music at Beaulieu presents Baumring-Gledhill & Chapman: French Cello & Piano Masterworks. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £15.

3 October

Music at Beaulieu presents The Magic of Mozart. Music at Beaulieu's 2024 Award Winner, Emme Hensel, is the flute soloist in Mozart's charming concerto in D. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £25.

October 6 Tuesday

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. 2.30pm, East Boldre Village Hall. Talk by Gwynn Davies on Spring Bulbs for the garden.

November 12 Thursday

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

14 November

Music at Beaulieu presents Emma Johnson MBE: Clarinet in Recital. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £25.

November 26 Thursday

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. 2.30, East Boldre Village Hall. Demonstration of Christmas wreath making by Fin of Belle and Blossom.

5 December

Music at Beaulieu presents a Festive Joy: A Seasonal Piano Recital. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 4:00-6:00 pm. £15.

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