

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

01 October 2026

Hello Everyone

There's plenty of news and new events for this month and some news about pension fraud and investment fraud from the police, as well as 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 (submission deadline, a few days before the end of each month please). 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 Re-Opening

East Boldre Village Hall Re-opens Following Major Refurbishment



Photos courtesy of Paul French

Residents and visitors gathered on Saturday 12th September to celebrate the official reopening of East Boldre Village Hall following an extensive refurbishment programme that has transformed one of Hampshire's most important community assets. Built in 1918 as a concert hall for the Royal Flying Corps and the only surviving WW1 building on the Forest, it has an important role in local aviation history.

The hall was officially reopened by guest speaker and local historian Dan Snow. He said, "It was a pleasure to reopen East Boldre Village Hall and see this historic building and important community space be given a new lease of life and I'm delighted to play a small part in marking this point in the hall's history. Village halls are at the heart of many communities providing a place for people to meet, celebrate and build connections". Dan praised the efforts of everyone involved in preserving and improving the hall for future generations. He officially declared the hall open before joining residents in celebrating the completion of the project.

The refurbishment has been made possible by financial contributions from many organisations and from a team of volunteers giving up their time. £450,000 was raised for the building works from various funds, donations of over £54,000 and a willing team of volunteers saved £10,000 by helping install the kitchen and decorating once the building works had been completed by Westmade Ltd.

Guests were able to see first-hand the improvements that have been made and to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter for the village hall. These include increasing the seating capacity by 50% in the main hall, there is also a separate meeting room; new more comfortable chairs, updated toilet and kitchen facilities, state of the art audio-visual equipment for talks, presentations and film shows and a much better kerbside appeal.

Mike Husband, Chair of the Trustees said, "We are delighted to reopen the hall after this major refurbishment. The hall has always been at the centre of village life and these improvements will ensure that it continues to provide a welcoming space for community events, activities and celebrations for many years to come. We are honoured that Dan Snow was able to join us to mark this special occasion. The hall can now host a wider range of activities and events, serving as a hub for residents of all ages and helping to strengthen the sense of community that makes the village such a special place"

New Trustees and Volunteers are always welcome, as are donations at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ebvh-2026

The hall is open for bookings, e-mail - bookings.ebvh@gmail.com or call 01590 626368

Regular Historical Talks Resume at East Boldre Village Hall

We kick off with a new, one-hour illustrated talk by Marc Heighway entitled '114: The Lost Airmen of RAF Beaulieu'.

Marc will present his personal research into all 144 men who died in action flying from RAF Beaulieu during the Second World War - fittingly, the inaugural talk at the newly refurbished East Boldre Village Hall, itself close to where Halifax DT624 came down in December 1942. Drawing on physical primary sources including telegrams, condolence letters, burial records and crash artefacts, and alongside eyewitness accounts and visits to crash sites across the New Forest, the talk moves through individual stories to bring the scale of loss from a single airfield into sharp, human focus.

Tickets are available now from [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/). They cost £6.00 (plus £0.47 booking fee) to include free refreshments.

Note the new day as **Tuesday** 27 October. Doors open at 7:00 for a 7:15 start.

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THE LOST AIRMEN OF RAF BEAULIEU



An illustrated talk by Marc Heighway

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER, 2026 · 7PM
EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE HALL, SO42 7WD

Inn Echo comes to East Boldre Village Hall



INN ECHO

C A N A D I A N
TRAD CELTIC INSTRUMENTAL

EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 12 November, 7:30pm

£14, £7 (u18s), £36 (family)

Book online at cultureincommon.co.uk/whats-on

or in person from **East Boldre Village Shop**

or call: **Tim Clogg: 07889 939386**

Doors & Bar open from 7pm



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Hailing from Prince Edward Island, Canada, Inn Echo crafts a cinematic, high-energy sound rooted in Celtic traditions, blending fierce fiddle, grooving guitar, and soaring cello with undeniable chemistry. After six remarkable years touring three continents and earning several Music PEI awards and various other nominations, Inn Echo has plenty to reflect on, but it's the future that excites them most. Their 2023 album *Hemispheres* captures the spirit of their journey, drawing inspiration from festivals around the world, including Scotland's Shetland Folk Festival, while pushing the boundaries of what three trad instrumentalists can achieve. Whether invoking an Acadian kitchen party or the night sky over Queensland, Inn Echo invites you to pull up a chair but keep your dancing shoes firmly on.

Thursday 12 November

Suitable for all ages

Running time: 90mins + interval

Doors open: 7pm, show starts 7:30pm

Bar available.

Ticket prices:

Adult - £14 (plus online booking fee, £15.18).

Under 18s £7.00 (plus online booking fee £7.59).

Family ticket price £36.00 (plus online booking fee £39.02) admits 4. (2 adults and 2 children under the age of 18, OR 1 adult and 3 children under the age of 18)

Tickets available online at [Ticketsource](#). Also available at Chapel Stores, East Boldre or phone Tim Clogg 07889 939 386.

www.innechomusic.com

Waterside Health Bus Launches this September

We're delighted to announce the launch of the Waterside Health Bus, a new community service provided by the Waterside Primary Care Network, bringing health and wellbeing support closer to local residents.

The Health Bus will begin its fortnightly visiting schedule from the week commencing Monday 21st September, visiting communities and local facilities across the Waterside.

The service has been designed to make it easier for local people to access health checks, preventative health advice, and personalised wellbeing support, right in their own community.

What will the Health Bus offer?

Depending on the location, residents will be able to access a range of support including:

- NHS Health Checks
- Blood pressure checks
- Cardiovascular health and prevention advice
- Healthy lifestyle and weight management support
- Stop smoking support
- Diabetes and prediabetes support
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Signposting to NHS and local community services

The locations have been specifically chosen to reach residents living in those communities or using the facilities nearby. The aim is to take health and wellbeing support to people, rather than expecting residents to travel elsewhere to access it.

We'd love your help to spread the word!

We are asking local organisations, community groups, charities, businesses, and services to help us promote the Health Bus wherever possible.

Please consider sharing the Health Bus information on your social media pages, websites, newsletters, noticeboards, or community forums, and letting local residents know when the bus will be visiting your area.

The more people who know about the service, the more residents we can reach and support.



Fortnightly visits begin: Week commencing Monday 21st September 2026



Find out more about the visiting schedule and services: [Waterside Health Bus](#)

Thank you for helping us make the Waterside Health Bus a success and for supporting our ambition to bring preventative health and wellbeing services closer to our local communities.

Best wishes

Yvonne Sayers
Health and Wellbeing Team Lead
Waterside Primary Care Network
Tel: 07392 719513

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



East Boldre Village Hall Management Committee

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF COMMITTEE MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL

On Friday 9 October 2026

AT 4.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 15 August 2025
3. Matters arising
4. Election of Officers
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Approval of Annual Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2026
7. Any Other Business

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Harvest Lunch at East Boldre Village Hall

It is a free, welcome to everyone lunch for our villages to celebrate the rural festival of Harvest.

All faiths or no faith - every person in the village is invited and everyone is very welcome.

Sunday 4 October. Just drop in between 11:30 and 2:00 pm

Lepe - Exbury - Inchmery - Beaulieu - East Boldre

You are invited to your Parish "Bring and Share"

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 4th October

Drop in from
11:30 - 2:00pm

East Boldre
Village Hall

Everyone welcome

 Celebrate the
traditional feast of
Harvest as villages
together!

 Feel free to bring
something delicious to
add to the buffet table
to share with your
neighbours

 There will free
Soup & Crumble
(donations welcome)



Sweyns Lease - Hartford - Furzey Lane - Hatchet Pond - Park Shore - Bailey's Hard

East End - Gins Lane - Gravelly - Needs Ore - Drokes - Thorns - The Hummicks

St Leonards - Dock Lane - Sowley - Hill Top - Buckler's Hard

Boldre Parish History Society Programme

Friday 9th October: Richard Channell: "The British Steam Car Land Speed Record"

Sat/Sun 10th/11th October: 10.00 - 4.00, Archive Exhibition. Admission free

Friday 13th November: AGM - Robert Amis "The Monks of Beaulieu"

Friday 11th December: Rob Humphries: "50 years of Lymington's Yacht Industry"

Further talks from January to May will be advertised at a later date.

Annual subscription: £15 single/£25 joint. Non-members: £5 per lecture.

For further information please phone the Programme Secretary: 01590 626654

www.boldrehistory.co.uk.

Invitation to Sing

Are you an aspiring singer? If so, you are invited to the rehearsal at 2:00 pm on Saturday & November at Beaulieu Abbey Church, for a 6:00 pm performance.

COME AND SING **FAURÉ REQUIEM**

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
OF FAURÉ'S REQUIEM
WITH READINGS BY ALEXANDER COWIE

CHRIS BURTON
DIRECTOR

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026, 6PM
BEAULIEU ABBEY CHURCH SO42 7YG

Rehearsal at 2pm, doors open (for audience) at 5.15pm

TICKETS £10 (audience and singers)

SCORE HIRE £5 (or bring your own)

Buy online at: musicatbeaulieu.org
or call the box office on **077 70 85 99 00**

Organised by Beaulieu Abbey Church, supported by Music at Beaulieu

Parking available in Church Meadows

St. Paul's Churchyard Tidy-Up – Volunteers Wanted

Can you spare a couple of hours on Saturday October 17th to tidy up the churchyard at St Paul's? Anyone with a strimmer, wheelbarrow and rake etc., are very welcome. Starting 10am. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre Churches

October 2026

Sat 3rd Oct	Music at Beaulieu	7pm, The Magic of Mozart
Sun 4th Oct	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30 Beaulieu Abbey Church
	Harvest Festival	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 7th Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Fri 9th Oct	Baby Loss Service	6.00pm Abbey Church

Sun 11th Oct	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Deanery Evensong	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church 5.30pm Abbey Church
Wed 14th Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 18th Oct	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 21st Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 25th Oct	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 28th Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church

November 2026

Sun 1st Nov	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
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For full details of Church Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre, [go to the Beaulieu Churches website](#).

Neighbourhood Watch

Pension Fraud

Did you know that fraud is the most prevalent type of crime in the UK? It accounts for about 41% of all crime and it's a growing problem.

Did you know that nuisance calls about pensions are illegal? If you receive a cold call about your pension, you can report it to the Information Commissioner's Office by phone 0303 123 1113 or online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/nuisance-calls-and-messages/>

Alternatively, you might be contacted by post, email or via any post or direct message on social media/any messaging platform.

Age UK have provided some very useful information (for people of all ages) about Pension Fraud: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/pensions/pension-scams/>

And likewise, Report Fraud: <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/pension-scams/>

Investment Fraud Reaches an All-Time High

Investment Fraud happens when criminals promote fake companies and investment schemes in all the usual ways including but not limited to, in person, over the phone calls/texts, by post, online and across multiple social media platforms. Criminals will deceive you into believing they are investors or financial advisors, when, in fact, your money has simply been stolen.

Colleagues at the National Crime Agency (NCA) say:

- False celebrity endorsements are used widely as clickbait or to give a sense of legitimacy;
- Victims are often not aware they have been defrauded until they attempt to close accounts or make withdrawals, only to find the organisation disappears.

The NCA have shared some startling statistics about Investment Fraud: "More victims than ever are being targeted by investment fraud criminals, with losses hitting **more than £100,000 every hour**, rising 54% from 2025 to 2026 calendar year."

If you are looking to invest, the FCA Firm Checker can be found at: <https://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/fca-firm-checker>

Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery

Our next Walking In Partnership Beat Surgery will be on Tuesday 13th October at 10am.

We will meet at the Bolderwood car park and the walk will be led by Beck, a Ranger with Forestry England. The walk is just over two miles and I am told it's stunning especially at this time of year.

The What3Words location for the car park are pythons.resorting.blizzard

We hold several Beat Surgeries every month and our Walking in Partnership events are another opportunity to ask us about Policing in your area, enjoy a guided walk in the New Forest, and receive the latest safety and crime prevention advice.

We look forward to meeting you and if you want more information, please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk.

Local Beat Report

Hello and welcome to the September 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.

In October, join us at one of our Beat Surgeries across the area. On Monday 5th October we will be at the Ashurst and Colbury Community Day between 4pm and 7pm at the Happy Cheese Pub in Ashurst. There will be lots of different organisations on hand giving out lots of advice on staying safe at home and online. We will be offering a free security property marking service so bring one of your valuable items with you and we will show you what to do and give you a marking kit that you can use on up to 50 other items.

We will also be giving out these property marking kits on Saturday 17th October between 9am and 11am at Lyndhurst Police Station and on Sunday 18th October we will be outside Totton Police Station between 11am and 1pm. If you can't make one of these sessions, please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk and we will let you know about other events being held at different venues.

On Tuesday 27th October, we are holding another one of our security bike marking sessions at the Boost Bike Hub in Brockenhurst. Bring your bike to us and we will mark it for you and add it to the national bike register.

On Tuesday 6th October, we will be at the Bartley Post Office at 9am and then back at the Happy Cheese Pub in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team at 11am. Then on Wednesday 16th October, we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council office in the Community Centre in the village from 11am and then an hour later at midday on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst.

Finally, Thursday 8th October sees us at the East Boldre Community Coffee Club in the village shop from 2pm.

Remember our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes or more if necessary

Let's start with some good news, two New Forest men have been jailed for a combined total of 11 years and 5 months after pleading guilty to offences including conspiracy to commit dwelling burglary with intent to steal and conspiracy to steal. Billy Ridout, 29, of Headley Close in Fawley and Thomas Anthony Wellman, 29, of Rushpole Court, Dibden were sentenced following a vehicle and burglary related theft series in the New Forest between June 2025 and January 2026. A total of more than £100,000 worth of property was reported stolen from multiple victims. As well as the above, Wellman had 20 further burglary and theft offences taken into consideration. These are offences that he was not charged with but has admitted and were considered as part of the overall sentencing.

Seven vehicles were broken into this month and valuable items stolen from inside. In one car that was parked in the Knightwood Oak car park, a handbag was taken and the cards were used within 30 minutes of the theft and nearly £1,000 was stolen. The other vehicles targeted this month were parked in Brock Hill and Latchmoor car parks and the Rhinefield House Hotel.

Several hundred pounds worth of damage had been caused to a hut used to store tools on a remote site in a wooded area of Bramshaw and Brook. We think that children are responsible so if you know anything that would help us to stop this happening again and you live in the Canterton Lane area of Brook please get in touch. Criminal damage has also been caused to a side gate in Ashurst, which probably happened during an attempt to break in.

Sheds on the allotments in Ashurst and gardens in Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst have been broken into and the usual tools and garden equipment stolen, while other thefts this month include iron radiators from the site of the old Ashurst Hospital, 700 litres of diesel from a site on the Bolderwood Road and planters have been taken from a grave at St Mary's Church in Copythorne. Two electric bicycles have also been stolen from the main Brookley Road in Brockenhurst,

There have also been seven shopliftings this month, all of them in Brockenhurst, two at the Tesco and the others at the Co Op.

On 18 September we were joined partners from Forestry England, the National Park Authority and DVSA for a commercial vehicle compliance operation at Yew Tree Car Park

- 51 vehicles stopped and checked
- All vehicles, trailers and plant machinery examined
- 3 vehicles dealt with for tyre-related offences
- No stolen vehicles, trailers or plant machinery identified

Drivers were given advice on reporting animal collisions in the Forest, as well as preventing tool and bike theft. We want to thank our partners for their support in keeping our roads safe and helping to prevent crime in the local area.

Four tickets were issued to drivers for exceeding 50 mph across the New Forest during this month's Op Mountie sessions at Crockford Clump and Hawk Hill. Op Mountie is our multi-agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest. Our partners at Forestry England, the National Park Authority and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team spoke to another six drivers about why it is so important to stick to the speed limit especially on Forest roads - we have recently had two more ponies hit by vehicles and killed. This month's tickets were issued for speeds of 50, 52 and 55mph, and of the nine people stopped seven were locals. Again, thanks to the vast majority of drivers who passed us at or below the speed limit – we are always extremely grateful

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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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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