

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

12 January 2021

Hello Everyone

This newsletter contains information and advice from the East Boldre Emergency Plan Team, a January update for the Census 2021 and Neighbourhood Watch news. 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.

Messages from the East Boldre Emergency Plan Team

Coronavirus

Principally because of the high transmission rate of the new Covid variant that first appeared in Kent, a new national lockdown was imposed from early morning on Wednesday 6th January. We, along with the rest of the country, are back to restrictions broadly the same as were first imposed last March 23rd.

The key messages are once again:

- Stay at Home
- Protect the NHS
- Save lives

And the restrictions mean that non-essential shops, hairdressers, beauty salons and all hospitality venues (apart from those that can do takeaways) are closed. We should only leave home with a reasonable purpose, which can include shopping and exercise. With a few exceptions you cannot meet anyone indoors and can only meet individually outdoors with one other person from outside our household.

As before there are a significant number of volunteers in the village that are willing to help out with shopping, pharmacy collections and posting letters if you require help or are shielding and cannot leave your property.

[Your Emergency Plan leaflet](#) that was distributed last year includes a number of telephone numbers that you can call or, in the first instance, contact Mike Upton the Emergency Plan coordinator by phone, text or email on 07766522310 or michaelupton100@btinternet.com.

We will do everything that we can to assist and in a Covid Secure way.

Hopefully with the vaccination programme now underway we will start to see an impact on the number of new cases. In the Forest, the number of cases has risen dramatically being ten times higher than in early December so we must be very careful. We are approaching a critical time in our efforts against the disease so please stay safe and remember if you go out, to:

- Keep your distance - **Space**
- Wear a Mask - **Face**
- Wash Hands - **Hands**

Defibrillator and CPR Training

For those of you that have expressed an interest, Training in the Village Hall from a First Responder is obviously not possible at present and pressure on the ambulance services has also put a temporary hold on virtual training for the immediate future. We may however be able to offer self-study material on the internet and will let you know when we have found out more about this.

In the meantime, you may wish to download the Ambulance Services "Save a Life" App to your phone or tablet, which shows you where the nearest defibrillator is to your house and gives instructions on how to use the equipment.

Vaccine Scam

Scammers have recently taken advantage of the Covid vaccination scheme to try and con people into giving over their personal details and authorities are warning people about what to be aware of and how to spot a scam.

Action Fraud has received reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for the vaccine. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

Action Fraud said scammers can also call in-person to someone's address. You should be aware that:

- The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details;
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking password;
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine;
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

Remember that the vaccine is free for everyone and you will never be asked to pay, or for your bank details; all contact to individuals waiting for the vaccine will be made by the NHS.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

The East Boldre Community Hub Project – Still on Track

Things have been a bit quiet recently but we want to assure you that the project is still alive and on track, although Covid-19 has slowed things down to a snail's pace. The Hub Team still has weekly online meetings to keep things going. Currently we are working with National Park Planning and Natural England to resolve some planning issues but, with everyone working from home, communications are slow.

Animal Deaths

After the recent animal deaths on Roger Penny Way, you might like to consider signing this [petition on the New Forest District Council website](#), for Average Speed Cameras.

'In light of the recent tragic deaths of three donkeys, two sheep and four ponies on the B3078 Roger Penny Way, and the history of animal casualties on this route, that the District Council adds its support to calls for the introduction of an Average Speed Camera system on this route.'

Census 2021 – January Update

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- Census day is 21st March
- You will be able to complete the Census online
- Please complete the census, and if you can, offer help to friends and family so we can collect the best data possible!

Did you know?

The first UK Census took place in 1801, the England & Wales population was estimated to be 8.9 million. By 2011 it had grown to 56,075,912.

Statistics from the National Census will be used for the next 10 years to help create policy, plan and allocate funding throughout our area and beyond. The census gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. The census is

unique. There's simply nothing else that gives so much detail about us and the society we live in.

All kinds of organisations, from local authorities to charities, use the information to help provide the services we all need, including transport, education and healthcare. Without the census, it would be much more difficult to do this.

By taking part, you will be helping make sure you and your community get the services needed now and in the future. So this year, we are asking you to complete the census, and if you can, offer help to friends and family so we can collect the best data possible!



Neighbourhood Watch

This message is from PCSO 14495 Richard Williams

Burglaries: On two separate nights, ten outbuildings were burgled during December. Six happened in Bramshaw and Cadnam at the beginning of December and then four sheds were attacked on the same stretch of Winsor Road a week later.

Power tools including chain saws, drills and hedge cutters were stolen during another three shed breaks at Stoney Cross and from a garage at Hilltop in Beaulieu.

Other items stolen in December included a five-bar gate and two gate posts from Ower, a whacker plate that was taken from a building site in Bramshaw, and a camera from a bag in a pub in Brockenhurst.

Vehicle Crime: Four vehicles parked in Ower and Brockenhurst have had their catalytic converters stolen this month, and a further twelve cars and vans have been broken into. They were parked in Ower, Copythorne, Minstead, Ashurst, Castle Malwood Lodge in Minstead and Cadnam. And with the increase in visitors to the area over the festive period, thieves have also started to operate again in the new Forest car parks with Fritham and Puttles Bridge targeted this month.

At 4.30am on Monday 14th December five people used sledgehammers to smash their way into the Tesco express in Brockenhurst. They then stole a large sum of money before making off in a red car, possibly a Mercedes. If you have any information that might help us identify those responsible for this theft, then call us on 101 and quote the crime number 44200481001. Or you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Also this month, drugs and tools were seized after a warrant was executed on Chapel lane in Lyndhurst and a 25 year old man from the village was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply drugs and conspiracy to commit a burglary.

Two people have been identified and are being dealt with by police after criminal damage was caused to the Lyndhurst Football Club clubhouse and their CCTV system in the village.

Your local Police Officers are:

Jason Eastwood - jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk 07979 707939

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