

East Boldre and beyond e-newsletter

23 February 2021

Hello Everyone

This newsletter contains news from the Parish Council and some Neighbourhood Watch information. 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 Parish Council

Working with E-mango, the clerk has updated the parish council website so that it meets all accessibility criteria. Menus have been updated and content amended ensuring straightforward navigation. Broadband and Hatchet Pond updates now have their own menu headings on the website.



On Friday 5th February, Cllr Holmes and the clerk met a representative from Forestry England as well as a verderer and an agister at allotment 2. The site was inspected and the surrender of the parish council allotment lease for this site was agreed.

For full minutes please see:

https://www.eastboldre-pc.gov.uk/Meetings_and_Minutes/Meetings.aspx

An update from Hampshire Constabulary's Force Crime Prevention Team is attached to this newsletter.

Census day 2021 is 21st March. Newsletters have been circulated to local authorities which you can [read online here](#).

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Neighbourhood Watch

Local Crime

Eighteen sheds and outbuildings have been broken into during January, including five on the same night on Woodlands Road and four on the same night in Ower. The others were properties in Winsor, Emery Down, Bank, Lyndhurst and Ower. Thieves have also targeted Brockenhurst Football Club. As well the usual power tools and bicycles that were stolen, an outboard motor, a kayak and several magnums of champagne were also taken.

Thousands of pounds worth of tools and machinery were stolen over night from Sunday 17th January to Monday 18th January from Brookshill Farm close to junction 2 of the M27. If you have any information that might help us catch those responsible, please call us on 101 and quote the crime number 44210019680.

Seven vehicles have been broken into this month and again handbags and rucksacks have been taken. Please take all your valuables with you especially if you park in one of the New Forest car parks. All but one of the thefts this month happened in the Forest at Fritham, Blackwater, Stockley and Pipers Wait car parks and on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. The other vehicle broken into was a van parked in the Copythorne area.

In other incidents two more panes of glass have been broken, probably by a catapult, in the phone box in Winsor, a bicycle was stolen from the garden of a house close to

Penn Common and for no apparent reason the tyres of a van parked in Lyndhurst have been slashed.

Romance Fraud on the Rise

This message was sent by Wes Hutchins (Police, Corporate Communications Officer, Hampshire)

A multi-agency campaign, co-ordinated by the City of London Police (CoLP) is aiming to raise awareness of romance fraud and provide clear and unambiguous protection advice to the public, following a 26 percent rise nationally in reports to Action Fraud in the last year.

Detective Sergeant Marcus Mills of Hampshire Constabulary's Economic Crime Unit, said:

"Romance fraud occurs when you think you've met the perfect partner online but they are using a fake profile to form a relationship with you. You can meet them via an online dating website or app, social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, or gaming sites.

"They gain your trust over a number of weeks or months and have you believe you are in a loving and caring relationship. However, the criminal's end goal is only ever to get your money or personal information."

Between August 2019 and August 2020, 222 reports of romance fraud were made to Action Fraud by residents of Hampshire.

The total reported loss in the same time period was £2million, equating to an average loss per victim of just over £9,000.

While there was a rise in reported incidents of romance fraud within Hampshire (33) in July 2020 – a 175 percent increase on the previous month. This indicates that local residents may have met, and begun talking to, romance fraudsters during the national lockdown caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

It appears as if residents in the 40 – 59 age bracket were the most at risk of romance fraud, accounting for over two fifths (42 percent) of reported incidents in Hampshire during this time period. Residents aged 60-69 were the next age group at risk, while those aged 70 – 89 seemed to be quite low risk, only accounting for 13 percent of all reports.

DS Marcus Mills, continued:

"We appreciate that the majority of open communications via online dating and other platforms are genuine and shouldn't arouse suspicion, it is always worth taking a moment to stop and think if the person could be someone that they are not. Think before parting with any money or information which could keep you safe.

"If in doubt, challenge that person – is this person really who they say they are? It's OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests for your financial or personal details. Only criminals will try to rush or pressure you into making a decision."

If you think you've been a victim of romance fraud or a romance-based scam contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Your local Police Officers are:

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