

# East Boldre and beyond *e-newsletter*

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Hello Everyone

This newsletter brings you some local news 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.

## **A Message from the East Boldre Community Hub Project**

We are delighted to advise you that we have received planning permission for the construction of the Village Hub.

The hub team and I would like to express a HUGE thank you to everyone who has made this key milestone possible by donating to our initial crowdfunding campaign back in 2018, by volunteering or by offering their expertise along the way.

I also wish to thank Guy McNair-Wilson who designed the Hub, and Rebecca Gabzdyl for her extensive work, particularly on our business plans. I am also grateful to Stephen Antczak, Michael Upton, and Richard Ashmead for their steady and continual support to me through this lengthy planning process and members of the Village Hall committee. Finally, our MP, Dr Julian Lewis has given outstanding support to the project.

Full details of this exciting news and our plans for the future will be announced in a newsletter which will be published shortly.

Michael Husband (Chair)



## **Beaulieu Horticultural Society Programme 2021**

Beaulieu Horticultural Society has restarted its programme of talks and activities for 2021.

- In May, members paid a most enjoyable and rain-free visit to Furzey Gardens, Minstead, which were looking spectacular.
- On June 24<sup>th</sup>, an afternoon visit to Shallowmeads Nursery for a tour and tea is planned.
- On July 20<sup>th</sup>, a members' evening visit to Palace House Garden, followed by supper is planned.
- On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August there will be a Summer Show, with a plant stall and refreshments, at East Boldre Village Hall. It opens for public viewing at 2:15 pm.
- Afternoon talks are planned for September and October.

New members always welcome. Contact 01590 612408.

## **St Mary's Church Fete at Pylewell 2021**

A quick reminder - St Mary's Church fete at Pylewell 2021, will be held on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 pm. Cream Teas, Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Fun Dog Show, Games, Music and much more. Entrance, £1. (Children Free).

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

### **Message from Acton Fraud**

**Phishing** for your personal information, passwords and account numbers remains a common attack vector for cyber criminals targeting individuals and businesses. Why do they persist? Because they steal millions of pounds from you every year.

Cyber criminals love phishing. Unfortunately, this is not a harmless riverbank pursuit. When criminals go phishing, you are the fish and the bait is usually contained in a scam email or text message. The criminal's goal is to convince you to click on the links within their scam email or text message, or to give away your sensitive information (such as bank details). These messages may look like the real thing but are malicious. Once clicked, you may be sent to a dodgy website which could download viruses onto your computer or steal your passwords.

As of 30 April 2021, over 5.8 million emails were reported to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS). The tool, which was launched by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the City of London Police last April, allows the public to forward suspicious emails to an automated system that scans it for malicious links. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, you should report it to SERS by forwarding the email to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Since its launch, over 43,000 scams and 84,000 malicious websites have been removed.

What are the most common phishing scams?

The most spoofed organisation reported in phishing emails was TV Licensing, with victims of these emails reporting losses totalling £5.3million. Most losses occurred as a result of victims following malicious links in the emails and inputting their personal information into what they thought was the legitimate TV Licensing website. Shortly after, they would receive a call from criminals impersonating bank staff who was able to convince them that their bank accounts were compromised and persuaded them to transfer all of their money to a new 'safe' account. Some of the other commonly impersonated organisations included HMRC and DVLA. We also received more than 40,000 suspicious email reports relating to COVID-19.

How you can protect yourself from phishing messages.

Fake emails and text messages are difficult to spot and criminals are constantly getting better at finding ways to make them seem more authentic. Email address spoofing, for example, is just one of the tactics criminals will use to try and make their fake emails look real. Here are some tips you should follow to protect yourself, and others, from scam emails and text messages:

1. Be cautious of messages asking for your personal information. Official organisations, such as your bank, should never ask you for personal or financial information via email or text message. If you receive a message and you want to check that it is legitimate, you can call the organisation directly using a known number, such as the one on a bank statement or utility bill.
2. Report suspicious text messages. If you receive a suspicious text message, you can report it by forwarding the message to 7726. It is free of charge and enables your mobile network provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.
3. Report fraud. If you have lost money or provided personal information as a result of a phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to [Action Fraud](#).

## New Figures Reveal How Much Victims Lost to Investment Fraud Scams on Social Media

If you think £5.3 million stolen by phishing fraudsters is a lot, think again. Figures released by the City of London Police show that over £63m was lost nationally by victims of investment fraud who referred to a social media platform in their report to Action Fraud. Some victims mentioned being approached directly by an investment fraudster, whilst others said they were attracted to a fake investment through online adverts.

One thing is certain – you won't find bona fide investment advice on Facebook or dodgy websites. To protect yourself from investment fraud:

- Be suspicious if you are contacted out the blue about an investment opportunity. This could be via a cold-call, an e-mail or an approach on social media.
- Don't be rushed into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction or committing to something on the spot. Take time to do your research.
- Seek advice from trusted friends, family members or independent professional advice services before making a significant financial decision. Even genuine investment schemes can be high risk.
- Use a financial advisor accredited by the Financial Conduct Authority. Paying for professional advice may seem like an unnecessary expense, but it will help prevent you from being scammed.
- Always check the FCA Register to make sure you are dealing with an authorised firm and check the FCA Warning List of firms to avoid.
- Only use the telephone number and email address on the FCA Register, not the contact details the firm gives you and look out for subtle differences.
- Just because a company has a glossy website and glowing reviews from 'high net worth' investors does not mean it is genuine. Fraudsters will go to great lengths to convince you they are not a scam.

### Local Crime

**Burglaries:** Two houses were burgled in May. The first was a holiday home on the Old Salisbury Road at Ower. Thieves smashed their way in through the patio doors at the back of the house between 9:30am and 5:30pm on Monday 17th May. Investigations are being carried out and if you have any information that might help our enquiries call 101 and quote the crime number 44210190778.

The second was on the Lane in Cadnam and happened between 8:15am and 5:30pm on Tuesday 25th May. Please check any CCTV that covers the area and let us know if it shows anything suspicious happening at that time. The crime number for this incident is 44210202866.

Nineteen sheds and outbuildings were attacked in May including one garage in Brockenhurst where the thieves went in through the roof by removing the tiles. Also targeted in Brockenhurst was one of the local pubs and the Primary School. Other sheds break took place in Bramshaw, Beaulieu, Cadnam, Ashurst and Lyndhurst.

**Vehicle Crime: During May:** There were eighteen thefts from cars and vans during this month. Five of them were in the car park of a hotel at Stoney Cross and three were in the car park of a hotel at Ower. No cars were targeted in Forest car parks but handbags and a wallet were stolen from vehicles parked on the roadside in Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst and Beaulieu.

**Other thefts** this month include an ornamental sign from outside a house in Minstead, a kite surfing board from Lyndhurst, a speed data collecting device from Beaulieu, and a trailer from a field in Ashurst.

Thirteen expensive bikes were stolen this month. Three from outside a pub in Brockenhurst, one from outside a pub in Beaulieu and one from a garden in Brockenhurst. Amazingly eight bicycles were stolen from the Roundhill camp site over the bank holiday weekend while they were locked together and attached to the motorhome that the owners were asleep in. Please do as much as you can to keep your bicycles as secure as possible.

**In other incidents**, criminal damage has been caused to a car wing mirror in Brockenhurst and to the burger and kebab van in the layby at Bartley. The glass case protecting the defibrillator in East Boldre has been smashed, and a field sign in Minstead was smashed. Also this month, something was thrown from one car to another as it drove from Ashurst to Lyndhurst smashing the windscreen, luckily no one was hurt.

**Do you know this man?**



The Police are looking to identify this man following a number of shed burglaries in the New Forest recently.

The man is described as white, 5ft 8ins tall, of stocky build, is reported speaking with an Eastern European accent and was seen wearing a bum bag.

We would like to speak with him following a burglary in Vinneys Close, Brockenhurst, on 17 May at 6:15am, when a shed was broken into, and another at 9:15am on 19 May in Furzey Lane, Beaulieu, when two sheds were reportedly broken into. Nothing was reported as stolen in both cases.

On 25 May at 6:38am, we received reports that the shed in Vinneys Close had been broken into again overnight and two mountain bikes were stolen.

This image was taken around the time of the incident in Beaulieu after a neighbour noticed him acting suspiciously.

As this man was seen near the scene, we are looking to identify him to help us with our enquiries.

Do you know him? If you can help, please call 101, quoting reference number 44210193126.

Your local Police Officers are:

Jason Eastwood - [jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jason.eastwood@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) 07979 707939

Vicki Pressey - [vicki.pressey@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:vicki.pressey@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) 07785 500952

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