

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

01 March 2025

Hello Everyone

There's quite a lot of local news this month and a couple of reminders plus 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 Chapel Stores



EAST BOLDRE'S COMMUNITY OWNED AND RUN SHOP AND POST OFFICE



Our shop is a year old this month
SO A BIG THANK YOU

for the help and support we've received
from customers near and far. Our staff have been wonderful
and our volunteers have gone beyond everything we could have expected of them.

NOW MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED!

To continue our success, we urgently need more volunteers to join our team. There is a great variety of roles to suit all levels of skill and experience from baking bread and making sandwiches through to general help in the shop and book-keeping support in the office.

Even if you only have an hour or two a week to spare, we'd love to hear from you.

If you are interested in having a chat about volunteering, either call in, phone or email us

Chapel Stores, Chapel Lane, East Boldre, SO42 7WP

Email - chapelstores2023@gmail.com

Telephone - 02380 101524

East Boldre Scarecrow Trail 2025 Meeting Monday 3 March

The weekend 28-29 June will be in aid of the Honeypot Charity which is a very popular cause, to showcase the village groups and businesses and make a fun activity everyone can enjoy.

The next meeting will be at the School Fields Hall on Monday 3rd March at 7pm. We are inviting village groups again, some of whom attended the last one, and we'd love to see any residents too who are interested, both in making a scarecrow, have ideas about the weekend or would like to help on the Sunday when the School Fields will host the prize giving and bring the weekend to a close, and villagers together with refreshments at the hall.



Film Night at East Boldre Village Hall
Only 3 tickets left online!



Not many tickets left so book now!

Sing along to classic ABBA songs featured on the blockbuster film Mamma Mia starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Amanda Seyfried. Optional - meet at the Turfcutters beforehand and, weather permitting, sing and dance to the hall at 5:45 pm for a 6:00 pm start. Ends around 10 pm.

Dressing up and singing are encouraged.

Bar and Raffle available.

All profits go towards the East Boldre Village Hall Refurbishment.

Please [e-mail us](#) in advance if you have any specific dietary requirements or food allergies.

Tickets £15 to include a Greek meal with vegetarian option. (TicketSource online booking fees apply).

Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebvh> or phone Tim Clogg on 07889 939386.

Limited capacity so get in quick

Parking may be tight, so car sharing is encouraged.

Please tell your friends and neighbours because they might not have signed up for the newsletter.

Coffee Morning at East Boldre Village Hall

Coffee morning is 11 – 1 every second Saturday of the month. The next Coffee Morning is Saturday 8 March

Cakes, Coffee, Tea, squash for a donation.

Come and chat, meet up, books and puzzles available.
Please come and support. Warm welcome to all.

HOPE New Forest – More Volunteers Required

HOPE Befriending Service has been welcomed with open arms making a positive impact to the isolated older generation living in our neighbourhoods. Relationships are blossoming and the feedback received from both Client and Volunteers makes it so worthwhile.

"I love our chats the time goes so quickly."

"I now have a new friend."

"I enjoy having someone to tell my worries"

"A very nice gentleman. We have been singing, talking about his family, going through photographs"

"I was looking to volunteer for something worthwhile and Befriending has given me so much in return."

We still need more volunteers to bring some happiness to more of our older people. If you are interested, go to www.hopenewforest.org/befriending

Reminder - East Boldre School Fields Trust Raising the Roof Appeal

School Fields Hall and Playground must raise £25,000 for a new roof. Get ready to help!

'RAISING THE ROOF'

East Boldre School Fields Trust



East Boldre School Fields Hall is a vital community resource. Unfortunately, our old roof is worn out and needs replacing.

A new, modern roof will protect the hall from the elements but will also improve insulation, making the hall more energy-efficient and comfortable for everyone. The committee is working hard to raise £25,000 to get the job done - and we need your help! Together, we can ensure this fantastic resource continues to serve the community for years to come.



<https://www.facebook.com/eastboldreschoolfields>

Neighbourhood Watch

Fraud Against Learner Drivers

We have received a high number of reports from residents in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who have been tricked into handing over hundreds of pounds for provisional driving licences, driving lessons and driving tests that do not exist.

Fake social media profiles are being set up by criminals who are taking advantage of the demand for driving lessons and the long waits for driving tests.

For official advice about how to avoid all of the above, including a list of driving instructors who are approved by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DSVA) please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/find-driving-schools-and-lessons>.

If this isn't relevant to you, please share it with someone who might be interested.

Local Beat Report

In March please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries: We will be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 11th and then an hour later at midday we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst opposite the newly refurbished TESCO.

On Saturday 22nd March we will be holding one of our partner agency meetings in one of the New Forest's many car parks. From 8am for an hour come and see us at

the Moonhills car park on the way to Exbury when we will be joined by Forestry England, the National Park Authority and New Forest DOG.

On Monday 24th join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and then at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the Community Centre at 11am.

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to any of these meetings 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.

We will also be holding another of our WALKING IN PARTNERSHIP events with Forestry England and as soon as we know the date we will let you know.

There has been a sharp increase in thefts from cars parked across the New Forest since Christmas. In February nine vehicles left locked and secure at Beaulieu Road, Bolderwood, Wilverley Inclosure, Rufus Stone, James Hill, Knightwood Oak and Blackwater car parks were broken into and handbags, rucksacks and purses stolen. Another car was broken into at the car park at the pub in Swan Green just outside Lyndhurst and tools were stolen from a van parked on a driveway on Deerleap Lane. Please take all of your valuables with you and never hide anything in the boot because you don't know who is watching you. And please tell your friends and family. Thank you.

Four bicycles were stolen in February, two from a garden in Lyndhurst and two from a shed in Brockenhurst.

Timber has been stolen from stacks of logs at a site on the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive and Forestry England have asked us to remind you that it is an offence to take any wood from the Forest. Other thefts include heating oil from a tank in Beaulieu, a caravan and gas bottles from Setthorns campsite, a camera and photographic equipment from Denny Wood car park and several motorbikes from the Balmer Lawn garage in Brockenhurst.

There were six shopliftings in February, four at the Tesco in Lyndhurst, one from the camping shop in Lyndhurst and one from the petrol station at Cadnam. We have some excellent CCTV from all of them and are hopeful that the offenders will be identified soon. We are also investigating the theft of petrol from that same petrol station. We call it making off without payment.

Seven sheds and outbuildings were broken into in February in Woodlands, Winsor, Exbury, Colbury and at Ocknell Park and the allotments in Ashurst have also been targeted.

This month's Op Mountie session was one of our quietest. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest where we regularly join forces with our colleagues at Forestry England, the NPA and NFDC. January was a disappointing month with 13 animal accidents reported, compared to only 2 in the same month last year. We held sessions at Matley Wood and Kings Hat for three hours between 6am and 9am and only stopped four cars for recording speeds above the 40mph. One driver was given a speeding ticket for doing 52mph and the others were spoken to by our partners about why the roads in the New Forest are so unique. Of course, that means that the vast majority of drivers did stick to the speed limit for which we are extremely grateful.

Your local Police team:

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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 £10 per annum. Membership secretary Lynne Hubbard 01590 612408. Visitors to talks £4.

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Sunday 02 March
A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am

8 March
Music at Beaulieu presents Ahmed Dickinson (Classical guitar)

Friday 14 March
Boldre Parish History Society presents "Sven Berlin" by Sonia-Aarons-Green. Boldre Memorial Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 16 March
Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

29 March
Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Spring Show, East Boldre Village Hall. Bring your exhibits to the hall between 9.30 and 11.15am. Judging starts at 11.30am. Show opens at 2.15pm and awards are made at 3.45pm.

5 April
Music at Beaulieu presents Music for Lent

Sunday 06 April
A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

Sunday 20 April
Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

24 April
7.30pm, Beaulieu Village Hall. Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Talk by Andy McIndoe - Designing and Planting a small garden.

May Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Garden Visit - by kind invitation of Aline Fairweather full details nearer the time.

Sunday 04 May
A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

10 May
Music at Beaulieu presents Fantasia Flute

Sunday 18 May
Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

20 May
Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Visit to Copthorne Nursery details to be confirmed nearer the time.

24 May
2-4pm Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Plant Sale, School Fields Hall, East Boldre.

29 May

7.30pm, Beaulieu Village Hall. Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Talk by Ben Turner on Mediterranean Gardening at Home and Abroad.

Sunday 01 June

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

11 June

6pm Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Visit to Patrick's Patch, Beaulieu
Guided tour by Head Gardener, Ginny Martin

14 June

Music at Beaulieu presents Salisbury Chamber Chorus

Sunday 15 June

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

26 June

By kind invitation of Judy Donaldson - Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Summer Garden Party and garden visit. Further details nearer the time.

5 July

Music at Beaulieu presents Glyndebourne at Beaulieu

Sunday 06 July

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

10 July

7.30pm Beaulieu Village Hall. Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Talk by Ray Broughton on Useful Plants and Topical Tips.

19 July

Beaulieu Village Fete. Stall run by the Beaulieu and District Gardening Club committee selling plants, pots, etc.

Sunday 20 July

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

26 July

Music at Beaulieu presents The King's Men

Sunday 03 August

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

Sunday 17 August

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

23 August

Music at Beaulieu presents Spiral Jazz

6 September

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

Sunday 07 September

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

9 September

10am to 12.00, Beaulieu and District Gardening Club visit to Chichester Nurseries, Exbury. Full details given nearer the time.

13 September

Music at Beaulieu presents Nova Clarinet Quintet

Sunday 21 September

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

Sunday 05 October

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

7 October

7.30pm, East Boldre Village Hall. Beaulieu and District Gardening Club A talk by Bryan Madders on Dahlias

Sunday 19 October

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

1 November

Music at Beaulieu presents The King of Instruments (Organ)

Sunday 02 November

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

6 November

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

Sunday 16 November

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

6 December

Music at Beaulieu presents New Forest Choirs

Sunday 07 December

A Service of Morning Prayer, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

Sunday 21 December

Service of Holy Communion, 11.15am at St. Paul's Church East Boldre

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