

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

02 May 2025

Hello Everyone

There's a number of local events 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 Scarecrow Trail

The poster is for the 'East Boldre Scarecrow Trail' held on June 28-29, 2025. It features a light blue background with a string of colorful triangular bunting flags at the top. In the center, the title 'EAST BOLDRE SCARECROW TRAIL' is written in large, bold, blue letters, with the dates 'June 28-29, 2025' below it. Two scarecrows are illustrated on either side of the central text, standing on a winding red path. A small circular logo for 'The Honeypot Children's Fund' is in the top left corner. Below the title, it says 'Join us for East Boldre's first ever Scarecrow Weekend! A celebration of creativity, fun, and community :-)' and 'All proceeds go to The Honeypot Charity.' A yellow box with the text 'How it works...' is in the center. Below this, a white box contains the event details, including steps for downloading forms, constructing scarecrows, and the prize ceremony. At the bottom, there is a section for sponsors and volunteers.

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June 28-29, 2025

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A celebration of creativity, fun, and community :-)
All proceeds go to The Honeypot Charity.

How it works...

STEP 1: Download & print your entry form from May 1st, at EBSFT Facebook or eastboldre.org or collect from Chapel Stores. Complete & return to Chapel Stores with £5 (cash only) by June 1st 5pm.

STEP 2: Construct your 3D Scarecrow design and display it in your garden from 22nd - 29th June. This year's theme is 'East Boldre Village'. Ensure your scarecrow is safely away from all animals.

STEP 3: Join the fun on the 28th-29th June. A trail map and quiz will be available Saturday and Sunday for £2 from The Turfcutters pub, Chapel Stores and East Boldre school fields.

Tea and Coffee available at the allotments - Saturday and Sunday
Tea, Cakes & BBQ: Sunday from noon @ School Fields Hall (Cake donations welcome!)

Crafts: Sunday 10-2pm @ St. Paul's Church (hosted by Colours Nursery)
St. Paul's Church open to all over the weekend

Prize ceremony at 3pm on Sunday 29th at East Boldre School Fields Hall. Prize categories include Best Dressed, Scariest, Most "Village-y," Most Creative, Overall Winner, and the 'Kevin House' award. Just like Eurovision, follow the judge's voting progress with Phil Hart's Scarecrow leaderboard on Sunday afternoon at the hall.

EB village groups can submit a free 100-word summary of their activities for the scarecrow map.

Sponsor the Event?
If you'd like to advertise your business on the scarecrow map for £30, please contact Lou Cranton – loocranton@icloud.com

Event volunteers/info and enquiries: Fiona Macdiarmid – macdiarmid4@gmail.com or Carol Mileusnic – carolmil@talktalk.net

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[Click here to download the Scarecrow Making Guide](#)

School Fields Trust AGM

The School Fields Trust AGM will be held at School Fields Hall on Wednesday 11th June 2025, 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation – Spring 2025 HCC Must Save £97.6 Million This Year

Following approval of Hampshire County Council's budget for 2025/26, residents and stakeholders are invited to share their views on a range of proposed service changes that could help to contribute towards addressing a remaining predicted shortfall of £97.6 million in the County Council's budget for 2025/26.

[Click to have your say in which services should be cut](#)

Hurry – All responses must be made by 7 May

News From East Boldre Chapel Stores

CHAPEL STORES

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VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

At the Pop-up Café

Thursday 8th May 2025

From 2 to 4pm



Our regular Thursday Pop-up Café on Thursday 8th May will reflect this momentous event in our history.

Come along and enjoy our reasonably priced tea, coffee and cake in our village shop Vestry.

If you have photos, memories or memorabilia you would like to bring and share with others that would be wonderful.

We look forward to seeing you on 8th

Coffee Morning at East Boldre Village Hall

Coffee morning is at the new time of 10:30 – 12:00 every second Saturday of the month. The next Coffee Morning is Saturday 10 May.

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 Needs You

Do you have an hour or two a week to spare to provide some brightness to an Older Person in our local area of the New Forest? Would you like an opportunity to meet new people? Then volunteering as a befriender for HOPE could be just for you!!!! The need for volunteer befrienders is rapidly increasing as loneliness in Older People becomes a growing issue in our local community.

If interested, please visit our website www.hopenewforest.org or call 01425 629 009.

Or follow us on facebook.com/HOPeNewForest or Instagram [@hopenewforest](https://www.instagram.com/hopenewforest)

Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre Churches

For full details of Church Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre, [go to the Beaulieu Churches website](#).

Neighbourhood Watch

Local Beat Report

In May please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries –

On Tuesday 6th May we will be with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am and then an hour later at midday we will be on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst opposite Tesco.

On Friday 9th May we will be at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley.

Our next Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery will be at 6pm on Monday 19th May at the DIBDEN INCLOSURE – the What3Words are maybe.hoot.thus . The walk will again take a circular route of approximately 3 miles and will be on gravel paths and is later in the day in the hope that we get to see the sun set. Forestry England host guided walks throughout the Forest and this is the third time we have joined them for these events that are aimed at encouraging solo walkers and those people who don't feel comfortable walking alone. We hold several Beat Surgeries every month and they are your opportunity to ask us about Policing in your area and they give us the chance to share with you the latest safety and crime prevention advice. If you want more information, please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk .

Finally, we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Office in the main car park at 11am on Thursday 22nd.

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.

Shoplifting was the most reported crime last month, with nine at the Co Op in Brockenhurst and one each at the Tesco and petrol station in the village. Suspects have already been identified for half of them and we are still working on the other half. Investigations are also underway into the theft of food from a restaurant in Brockenhurst where a male has eaten his meal and then just left without paying.

Over the bank holiday weekend, seven high value bicycles were stolen from campsites in the New Forest – 6 from Hollands Wood and 1 from Ashurst. One of

them was valued at £5,500. Three of them were secured to camper vans but the locks were been cut off overnight while the owners were asleep inside. The campsites staff do a brilliant job of reminding people about not leaving their bicycles unattended and if possible, keeping them inside, and some of the campsites have safe storage for bicycles too. Often when we talk to victims of crime who are visitors to the area, they are surprised that thieves operate here, but of course thieves operate everywhere so please can you help us by spreading the word. We will continue our proactive patrols too and hopefully, if we all work together, we can stop more people becoming the victim of this type of crime.

Other thefts in April included cables from the electric charging points in the car park in Beaulieu, a wallet from a jacket at a Spa in Brockenhurst, a field roller from a farm in Woodlands and more used cooking oil, this time from the back of a pub at Emery Down. A garage at a property in Bramshaw was also broken into and a chain saw stolen.

Four vehicles were stolen last month – a jet ski, Gator utility vehicle and a ride on lawn mower were taken from farms in Beaulieu and Bartley and are still missing, but a car that was taken from the driveway of a house in Brook has been recovered by the owners.

Only two vehicles were broken into in April – one was parked in the Bolderwood car park and a purse was stolen, and the other was on a street in Brockenhurst - other attempts to enter several cars on a road in Brockenhurst were made on the same night but luckily the suspects didn't manage to get into any of them.

April's OP MOUNTIE session was a quiet one and the number of speeding drivers was low. So thanks again to the majority of drivers who stuck to the speed limit. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and this month we spent time outside the entrance to the ROUNDHILL CAMPSITE and PIG BUSH car park and only one driver was given a ticket for recording a speed of 54mph on a 40mph road.

The other two drivers were given educational advice by our partners @ForestryEngland @NewForestDistrictCouncil @NewForestNationalPark and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team.

After OP MOUNTIE finished, PC 24091 ROBERTS went to the C17 STONEY CROSS PLAIN ROAD at Emery Down. This is one of the areas suggested by you as somewhere that needed some speed enforcement. We spent an hour on site and two delivery drivers were given tickets for exceeding 40mph – but again most people did drive within that limit so thanks again.

Elsewhere in April a group of four teenagers were caught by Police in the middle of the night in Lyndhurst. They had been running over rooftops and throwing items around in the entrance to St Michael's Church and three vehicles were stopped by our colleagues on the Roads Policing Unit based in Totton for doing stunts in the car park at Denny Wood – one of the cars was seized because the driver didn't have any insurance.

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

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

Friday 9 May

Boldre Parish History Society – Speaker: Ray Mayes “The History of the King’s House, Lyndhurst”. Boldre War Memorial Hall at 7:00 pm

10 May

Music at Beaulieu presents Fantasia Flute

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.

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

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

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.

26 July

Music at Beaulieu presents The King’s Men

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.

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

7 October

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

1 November

Music at Beaulieu presents The King of Instruments (Organ)

6 November

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

6 December

Music at Beaulieu presents New Forest Choirs

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