

# East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

There's an update on the funding progress for the village hall redevelopment and a few 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



**Reminder:** By now, your entry form should be completed and returned to Chapel Stores with £5 (cash only).

Your completed scarecrow should be displayed in your garden from 22nd - 29th June. This year's theme is 'East Boldre Village'. Ensure your scarecrow is safely away from all animals.

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 at School Fields Hall (Cake donations welcome!)

Crafts: Sunday 10-2pm at 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 - [loucranton@icloud.com](mailto:loucranton@icloud.com)

Event volunteers/info and enquiries: Fiona Macdiarmid - [macdiarmid4@gmail.com](mailto:macdiarmid4@gmail.com) or Carol Mileusnic - [carolmil@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmil@talktalk.net)

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

## Village Hall Redevelopment Update



**EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE HALL**

**We'll soon be there!**

**Funding target: £500,000**

**Raised so far from local funds: £222,000**

**Other funding lined up: £272,000**

Building expected to begin in August



If you would to help us reach the target, you can make a donation now either directly to East Boldre Village Hall by e-mailing us at [ebvillagehall@eastboldre.org](mailto:ebvillagehall@eastboldre.org) or via TotalGiving at [www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/ebvh](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/ebvh)

## 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.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. The minutes of last AGM: signing of, & Matters Arising. Accept
3. Annual Report

4. Financial Report 2024/2025, including Tennis Club accounts. Accept
5. Election of management team 2025/2026. Propose, Second, Vote.
6. Tennis Club annual report
7. Any other Business

Date of next committee meeting: to be agreed after AGM

A brief meeting of the team to follow the AGM.

## 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 8 June.

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

As we come into a new season the garden begins to flourish. Having recently celebrated 80 years since VE Day we can think about those people when the war finished beginning a new season of their life. For some those memories and stories live on and are keen to share these but may no longer have close family & friends to talk to. We all like to share our stories and reminisce but doing it with someone alongside us, listening and laughing is so invaluable. HOPE is seeking befrienders so please get in touch and join our friendly team today!

[www.hopenewforest.org](http://www.hopenewforest.org) or call 01425 629 009, or follow us on [facebook.com/HOPENewForest](https://www.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

### Appeal for witnesses following Lymington assault

We are appealing for witnesses following a reported assault on Saint Thomas Street, Lymington.

The incident, which occurred between 12.45pm and 12.55pm on Monday 28 April, left the victim – a man in his 40s - with a dog bite to the hand, caused by a Dalmatian.

The victim required subsequent hospital treatment as a result of the injury caused.

We are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area of Saint Thomas Street, between Marks & Spencer and The Six Bells, at the time of the incident.

Did you witness anything of it? Do you have any footage of the incident, including CCTV, dash cam, mobile phone or doorbell camera?

If you can help us in our investigation, or if you have any other information which may assist us, please call 101 and quote incident number 44250184576.

You can also report online via the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary website; <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or via their website; <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

### **Action Fraud Alert: Massive rise of extortion phishing email reports**

Action Fraud are urging the public to look out for phishing emails that relate to extortion as the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) received over 2,924 reports in March 2025, a staggering increase compared to only 133 reports made in February.

The reported phishing emails received by the National Cyber Security Centre's SERS relate to a type of extortion referred to as 'Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion' (FMSE).

Reports suggests the phrasing of the email and subject lines can vary, but the theme remains consistent: the phishing email claims to have installed malware on the recipient's computer and recorded them visiting adult websites. The sender will then coerce the email recipient to pay a ransom demand by threatening to release the videos. The ransom is usually demanded in a form of cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin.

In order to make these phishing attacks convincing, emails will often include genuine pieces of personal information relating to the victim, such as a password or home address. It is likely these would have been obtained from historic breaches of personal data.

Analysis shows that many people who received these emails also later reported becoming victims of online account hacking.

### **What to do if you receive an email like this:**

- As with other phishing emails, do not to engage with the phisher, forward the email to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk), which is the [NCSC's Suspicious Email Reporting Service \(SERS\)](#), and then delete it.
- If you are considering paying the Bitcoin ransom, you should be aware that doing so, you will likely become the target of more scams, as the phisher will know they have a 'willing' customer.
- The inclusion of genuine passwords or other personal information in phishing emails is a strong indication that you may have been affected by a historic data breach. You can use this service to check which of your online accounts were affected: <https://haveibeenpwned.com>
- If the phishing email includes a password you still use, **then change it immediately**. Advice on how to create suitable passwords and enable other factors of authentication is available here: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/protect-yourself-from-fraud/protecting-against-online-fraud/improve-your-password-security/>

If you have been a victim of extortion or concerned that someone may be in possession of intimate images of you, you should report it to your local police force by calling 101.

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you've lost money or provided financial information as a result of any phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

### **Local Beat Report**

In June, please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries –

On Tuesday 3rd June 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 Thursday 5th 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 9am on Saturday 7th June at the BLACKWATER CAR PARK, SO42 7QB (or use the What3Words App - stops.crinkled.cosmetic). Forestry England hosts guided walks throughout the Forest and this is the fifth 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](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk).

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 are also holding a SECURITY BIKE MARKING SESSION between 09.00 and 11.00 on Sunday 8th June in the car park at Lyndhurst Police Station. Bring your bikes to us and we will mark and register them for free. Thanks as always to New Forest District Council who pay for the kits and do all the necessary paperwork for us.

Firstly, an update on an incident we told you about last month – a man from Southampton was arrested at the beginning of May in connection with a theft from Careys Manor Hotel in Brockenhurst on 10th April. He has been released on Police bail while the incident is investigated further.

This month's thefts include 10 shopliftings and again we have identified suspects for just over half of them and we are hopeful that we will identify the others soon. Eight of the shopliftings were at the Co Op in Brockenhurst, one was at the Tesco in Lyndhurst and the other was at the Courtesy Filing Station at Cadnam where champagne was stolen. A credit card from a pub at Ower, a range finder from a bag at Paultons Golf Course, diesel from a site in Cadnam and a saddle bag from a bicycle parked up on the High Street in Lyndhurst have also been stolen.

Two houses were burgled in May – one in Minstead and the other in Woodlands and a workshop on a site in Bartley was also broken into and several items stolen. If you want any advice on how to keep your homes and outbuildings safe and secure, please email [richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk) and we will answer any questions you might have.

Five vehicles left in New Forest car parks have been broken into this month – the areas targeted were laybys on the Roger Penny Way and at the Holmsley Pass, the



Knightwood Oak and Bratley View car parks and the car park at the Longdown Dairy Farm. Handbags and wallets were stolen so please take them with you.

And ten bicycles have been stolen in May from campsites in the Forest - two from Sethorns, one from Ocknell, four from Hollands Wood (all on the same night) and one from Longmeadow. Two bicycles were also stolen from the car park of a hotel in Brockenhurst, and an attempt was made to steal a bike from inside a car parked at a hotel in Emery Down but the car alarm did its job and nothing was taken.

Also this month, we had reports of some damage that has been caused to a scheduled monument in the area – we don't want to give the location away but someone has been digging on the mound which is the site of an Iron Age Fort. A catapult was also used to damage windows of houses on Colbury Lane.

May's OP MOUNTIE took place at lunchtime at the Kings Hat Inclosure on the road into Beaulieu from Ipley Cross. Hopefully most people are now aware that OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal accidents across the New Forest and this month we were joined by Forestry England and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team. There were three reasons why we held a lunchtime session this month. The first is in response to you telling us when and where you witness the worst speeds and Kings Hat is always high on that list. The second is that there are a mix of stallions and foals out on the Forest at the moment and that means that extra care is needed. And the third is that we had two animal fatalities on the Forest during daylight hours this month.

This month we stopped seven vehicles with the highest speed being 54mph – remember the limit in the Forest is 40mph. Thanks to all those drivers who did stick to the limit – again the vast majority – and please drive carefully.

Your local Police team are:

[richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk) 07554 775469

[mark.roberts.24091@hampshire.police.uk](mailto: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

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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