

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

We've news of a few local events this month 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

Throughout May and June, East Boldre families have been busy making scarecrows for the East Boldre Scarecrow Trail. Entry to the competition cost £5 which was donated to The Honeypot Charity. In all, 51 scarecrows appeared at various sites around the village. The scarecrows were judged in several categories including the scariest, the best dressed, the most creative and the most 'villagey'. The winners were announced and prizes awarded at the School Fields Hall on Sunday 29 June in a celebration where crowds of villagers gathered and enjoyed cakes, hot and cold drinks and a BBQ. Monies raised at this event went to the School Fields 'Raising the Roof' project.

The winners are shown in the photo below with a small selection of the scarecrows. A huge thank you to all the organisers, volunteers and scarecrow makers who made this event a huge success.





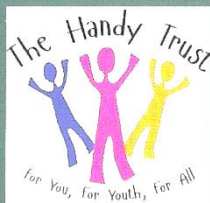
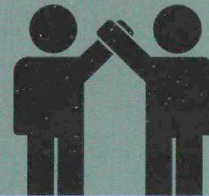
There's lots more to see on the [East Boldre Families Facebook page](#)

A Message from East Boldre Parish Council

What's going on in East Boldre for the kids? Calling on young people to share your thoughts on 7th July when you get off the bus near the East Boldre Village Hall.

Local provision for children and young people – can it be better?
If so, how?

Your parish council have asked
The Handy Trust to gather ideas
and suggest a plan for action based
on your views



To achieve this, 2 youth workers
from The Handy Trust
will be meeting children off the school
buses, by the **Village Hall**,
on **Monday 7th of July**.
Please come and chat!



For more information,
or to share your thoughts, you can contact
The Handy Trust on 07584572019 or
sofia.richardson@thehandytrust.org.uk, or
Bev Hawker on b.hawker@eastboldre-pc.gov.uk



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 12 July.

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 age it is no fault of our own when disability and illness can have such an effect on us. Brenda found she felt very alone when she had to give up driving. That wasn't all she had given up. Her independence and confidence had gone too. But befriending has changed her life giving her comfort, support and friendship. Help HOPE to help people like Brenda live out these years with a newfound confidence.

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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 July, please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries –

I know it's short notice but today, Tuesday 1st July, we will be with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am. On Thursday 3rd July we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Office next to the Community Centre at 11am and then outside the East Boldre Village stores at 3pm.

Our next Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery will be at 7pm on Monday 14th July at the HOLMSLEY CAR PARK (BH24 4HX) and the what3words are trend.resolved.lamppost. Forestry England host guided walks throughout the Forest and this is the sixth 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.

Thursday 17th July sees us at the Open Door café in the church at Minstead at 2pm – the cakes at this Beat Surgery are superb !!!!

On Wednesday 23rd July join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and we are holding a bike marking session in the main car park in Brockenhurst on the same day between 10am and 11am. Bring your bike to us and we will security mark it and register it for you. We will be joined on the day by our colleagues at New Forest District Council. At the same time we will be able to answer any questions you have for us.

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.

Two houses were burgled this month, one in Minstead and one in Brook. There are investigations that are still taking place for both incidents and we will let you know next month if we make any progress. Four outbuildings have been targeted this month in Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst and Woodlands and tools and other electrical items stolen, and an attempt was made to break in to a shed in Winsor but the thieves were unsuccessful.

There were three shoplifting offences this month - one at the Co Op in Brockenhurst where the offender has already been identified and dealt with and the other two at the Tesco in Lyndhurst where we have only just started our investigations. Other thefts this month include items from a tumble dryer in Brockenhurst, the front number plate from a car in Bramshaw, a wildlife camera in Beaulieu and cooking oil from a pub in Emery Down.

Five vehicles have been broken into – personal items were stolen from a car parked at the Shepherds Gutter car park, tools from a van in a hotel car park in Lyndhurst and tools and other items from three vehicles parked overnight at Paultons Cricket Club. Two electric bicycles have been taken from the back of a car parked overnight in a hotel on the outskirts of Brockenhurst.

Three vehicles were also stolen in June, one had broken down in Lyndhurst and was then stolen, one was a camper van left while the owners went for a walk in the Forest and the other was a dumper truck on a site at Winsor

There has been an increase in the amount of criminal damage across the Beat this month – these include a water pipe and a horse trough in a field in Minstead, two cars that were scratched overnight in Bartley and a car was driven onto one of the greens at Paultons Golf Course causing considerable damage. We have also had three reports of damage to windows and car windscreens, possibly caused by stones or ball bearings being fired from catapults. These incidents took place in Woodlands, on Deerleap lane at Colbury and at the Ocknell camp site. If you know anything about who might be responsible for these incidents, please let us know

Finally for the first time since we began three and a half years ago, we didn't stop anyone for speeding at this month's Op Mountie session. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the Forest and this month we held sessions at Beaulieu Heath and then on the Rolleston Road in Holbury and everyone that went passed us was well within the speed limit – so thank you all.

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.

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

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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