

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone

We've news of some local events this month including a plea for help to clear out the village hall before the refurbishment starts. You can also help us choose some new chairs for the hall. And there is also 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 Village Hall Refurbishment

****Take the Comfy Chair Test****

We're trying out different chairs for the Village Hall and would appreciate your views.

There are three chairs on view in the Vestry at Chapel Stores for another week. One of them is a folding chair for which we'd have trollies, each holding 18 chairs. The other two would have to be stacked.

Please let us know which you think is most comfortable.

There's a form for your feedback on the table in the Vestry or you can contact:
Stuart.newey@hotmail.com

****Getting the Hall Ready for Refurbishment****

We need your help to get the hall ready for refurbishment. Can you help us during the week 18-22 August? If so, please register your support by emailing your details to Mike Upton -
michaelupton100@btinternet.com .



VILLAGE HALL Refurbishment

The refurbishment of your village hall starts soon
The big clear-out begins !!

We need your support and skills to clear out the hall, sell our vintage wooden chairs and tables and log everything else in the hall before it goes into store.

Can you join us:-
During the week 18th–22nd August ?

Register now!

Simply email your details to Mike
michaelupton100@btinternet.com

East Boldre Village Hall

Stewarding the Soil

Tickets are now available for 'Stewarding the Soil', an inspiring afternoon of talks taking place on Saturday 25th October at Walhampton School, in support of the Nature Friendly Farming Network.

This special event brings together leading voices in conservation, science, and the arts:

Jake Fiennes – Farming with Nature

Dr George McGavin – Bug World: Sex, violence, and a cast of billions

Carry Akroyd – Found in the Fields: 40 Years of Change in the Farmed Landscape

To find out more and book your place, visit: www.stewardingthesoil.co.uk



Stewarding the Soil

12-5.30pm 25th October 2025

Nature, Farming & Landscape

Walhampton School, Hampshire SO41 5ZG



4.00pm £15
Jake Fiennes
 Farming with Nature
 Regenerative farming that restores biodiversity and soil health.



2.15pm £15
Dr George McGavin
 Bug World *Sex, violence, and a cast of billions*
 The unseen world of insects and their essential role in soil ecosystems and biodiversity.



12.30pm £15
Carry Akroyd
 Found in the Fields
 40 years of observing and painting the farming landscape

RELATED EVENT
 +Evening Reception
 The Life of the Fields
 Curator's Insights
 £10 6-8pm
 St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery
 INCLUDES GLASS OF WINE

Supported by:











Buy your tickets from:

www.stewardingthesoil.co.uk

In aid of:



In addition to the main programme of talks, ticket holders are warmly invited to attend a reception at St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery in nearby Lymington, featuring a private view of the accompanying exhibition 'The Life of the Fields'. This powerful collection of artwork reflects the profound changes in agriculture and rural landscapes since 1900.



Carry Akroyd - Meadow Flowers and Turbines

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 9 August.

Cakes, Coffee, Tea, squash for a donation.

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

Services at Beaulieu, Exbury and East Boldre Churches

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

With the amalgamation of the three churches into a single Parish there will be a change in the pattern of services, details to be announced soon.

Please note there will be NO services in August.

Graham Sterling

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Winter Fuel Payment Scam

Action Fraud are receiving an increasingly high number of reports from residents who have been contacted by someone purporting to be gathering information to enable them to receive a Winter Fuel Payment.

There is no need for you to provide any information - the payment is automatic - the Department of Work and Pensions know if you are eligible or not based on their records, for more information please read: <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>.

Amazon Prime Scam E-mails

Amazon have reported that there has been an increase in customers reporting fake emails about Amazon Prime membership subscriptions.

Amazon will never ask you to provide payment information for products or services over the phone. Amazon also never asks for your password or for sensitive personal information over the phone or on any external websites.

Received a message about an order confirmation that you did not make? Log into your Amazon account, only legitimate purchases will appear in your order history.

Received a message informing you your account has been suspended? Do not click on the link provided nor phone the number listed.

Authentic emails from Amazon are logged in the Message Centre.

Beware: Malicious emails have become more sophisticated than ever.

An attacker can make it look like an email is coming from someone you know - we can no longer just check the email address to know if it's coming from them. They can do this by using characters from other languages or Unicode characters that look exactly like regular ASCII characters. It's called a 'homograph' attack.

We're all aware of the less sophisticated (spoofing) attacks where they add or substitute characters in an email address and hope users don't notice. As we've become more alert to this, it's made the attackers resort to using more sophisticated methods.

We might think the friend's address has been hacked but that might not be the case.

So, if you get an unusual or suspicious email from someone you know, don't reply to it. An email might say "Can I please check that you received this email?" Or something innocent like this to make you reply. Or they might make it look like the email is coming from a bona fide company, using their actual domain name.

When you reply to the email, the attacker will send a further email which looks like it's coming from your friend or bona-fide company (possibly even from another email address), asking for something involving your own personal expenditure.

Fake Labubu Dolls are being sold across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Labubu dolls have become a 'must have' fashion item and can be seen dangling from the bags of A-list celebrities. Small dolls normally start at around £17.50 while smaller charms and figurines are available for around £10. Believe it or not, one recently sold at auction for a staggering \$150,000 (£111,500). Others have sold at auction for between £2,500 and £104,000.

They are notoriously hard to get hold of, so it is no wonder that fakers are hard at work.



The Police have received reports from residents across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with concerns about fake Labubu dolls. Portsmouth Trading Standards have taken action against sellers of fake items and have issued some very useful advice which is applicable across the constabulary area. Here are their top tips when buying a Labubu doll:

- Check for a foot stamp - a genuine Labubu doll has a Pop Mart logo on the right foot
- Check the packaging is intact and in good condition
- Packaging should have a UK suppliers address on it
- Check for poor quality stitching or loose parts
- Check for the CE or UKCA mark
- The QR code on the packaging should link to a genuine website
- If it is considerably cheaper than normal, it is likely to be fake
- Fake toys can be dangerous as they are often not made from safe materials or undergo safety testing.

If you suspect a shop or website is selling fake Labubu dolls please report it to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer service helpline: 0808 223 1133.

Local Beat Report

In August, because of holidays and officer abstractions due to the increased workload across the Forest (and the whole of Hampshire) we hold fewer Beat Surgeries than normal. But remember if you need to speak to us, 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 holding another security bike marking session on Wednesday 20th August at 10am outside the East Boldre Chapel Stores, Chapel Lane, East Boldre, SO42 7WP. If you would like us to mark your bike and add it to the national Bike Register for free bring it along and we will do it for you.

On Thursday 21st August join us at the Open Door Café in the church at Minstead at 2pm and a week later on 28th we will be at the Bramshaw Village stores at 8am.

Normal service will be resumed in September

Thanks to everyone who came to our Walking in Partnership Beat Surgery event at Holmsley in July. These events are aimed at solo walkers and people who don't feel comfortable walking in the Forest on their own. The walks are led by Forestry England. If you would like to know when and where our next Walking in Partnership is being held, email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk and we will add you to our mailing list. And if you know someone who would benefit from joining us at one of these events then encourage them to get in touch too.

In July one bike was stolen and one car broken into. The bike was locked to a railing opposite the Fire station in Lyndhurst and the car was parked in the Telegraph Hill car park on the Roger Penny Way. As we enter the school holidays, please tell everyone you know that if possible they should never leave their bicycles unattended because the thieves will just cut through the locks. And if they leave their car unattended tell them to take all of their valuables with them and not to hide them in the boot because you never know who is watching you. We increase our patrols throughout the school holidays but we need to work together to stop people becoming victims of these crimes.

Two motorbikes have been stolen from properties on Deerleap Lane and Woodlands Road while other thefts in July included number plates from a car parked at Bucklers Hard, a blue badge from a car in Bramshaw and a cast iron bath from a house being renovated in Brockenhurst.

Six tenders, dinghies and RIBs were stolen from the marina at Bucklers Hard this month, tools were taken overnight from a van parked up in Emery Down, attempts were made on three occasions to take golf buggies from Bramshaw Golf Club and the tips jar at a pub in Brook was also stolen. There have been eight shopliftings at the Co Op in Brockenhurst and the Tesco in Lyndhurst, and four sheds, outbuildings and garages were also broken into on the same night in the Bartley and Woodlands Road areas.

Also this month, we have had a couple of reports of kids doing "knock door run" to properties in Lyndhurst. The houses they have chosen to target are homes to people who are frightened by it so if you know who they are please let us know or just tell them to stop.

You told us that three of the worst roads for speeding drivers in the New Forest are the Beaulieu Road at Matley Wood, the Brockenhurst Road at Hawk Hill and Northgate Lane at Kings Hat. So this month the OP Mountie team was joined by members of the Roads Policing Unit (RPU) based at Totton and this allowed us to do all three sites at the same time. OP MOUNTIE is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest and between 6.30 and 9am on 16th July we stopped 24 vehicles and 8 tickets were issued to drivers for recording speeds of 50, 51, 53, 60, 61 and 67mph - remember the limit is only 40mph. All but two tickets were issued to people living in and around the New Forest. The other drivers stopped were spoken to by our partners at Forestry England, the New Forest National Park and the New Forest Roads Awareness Team who explained why the roads in the Forest are so unique and why we all need to take extra care when we use them. A big thank you to the Roads Policing Unit and the Neighbourhood Police Team in Totton for their help and support and please let us know where YOU would like us to go next time.

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.

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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