

# East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

02 July 2026

Hello Everyone

There's a couple of reminders, some notices and lots of information this month. There's also some disturbing news in the 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 Crowdfunding

We need your help to raise the final **£15.5k**

We are so close - let's finish it together

Refurbishment is well underway using the £450,000 already raised for essential repairs. The builders have handed the hall back, leaving us to decorate and furnish the hall.

But costs have escalated and now we need your help to cross the finish line.

Nearly £20,000, including Gift-Aid, has been raised so far since the launch of the crowdfunding appeal from both online and offline sources. This has paid for the CCTV, some of the AV, chairs and kitchen crockery.

A further £15.5K is now needed. We can say this would pay for the new stage tracks and curtains, the window curtains and blinds, new stage lights and acoustic panels.

**Please Donate Today**

Call 01590 626368

E-mail [ebvillagehall@eastboldre.org](mailto:ebvillagehall@eastboldre.org)

Donate on [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ebvh-2026](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ebvh-2026)

**BEWARE:** When you donate, Crowdfunder gives themselves a generous tip. You can set the tip to any amount you want using the slider or you can set it to zero by clicking on, '**Enter custom tip**' immediately under the slider. Note, they don't pass on any of the tips to us.

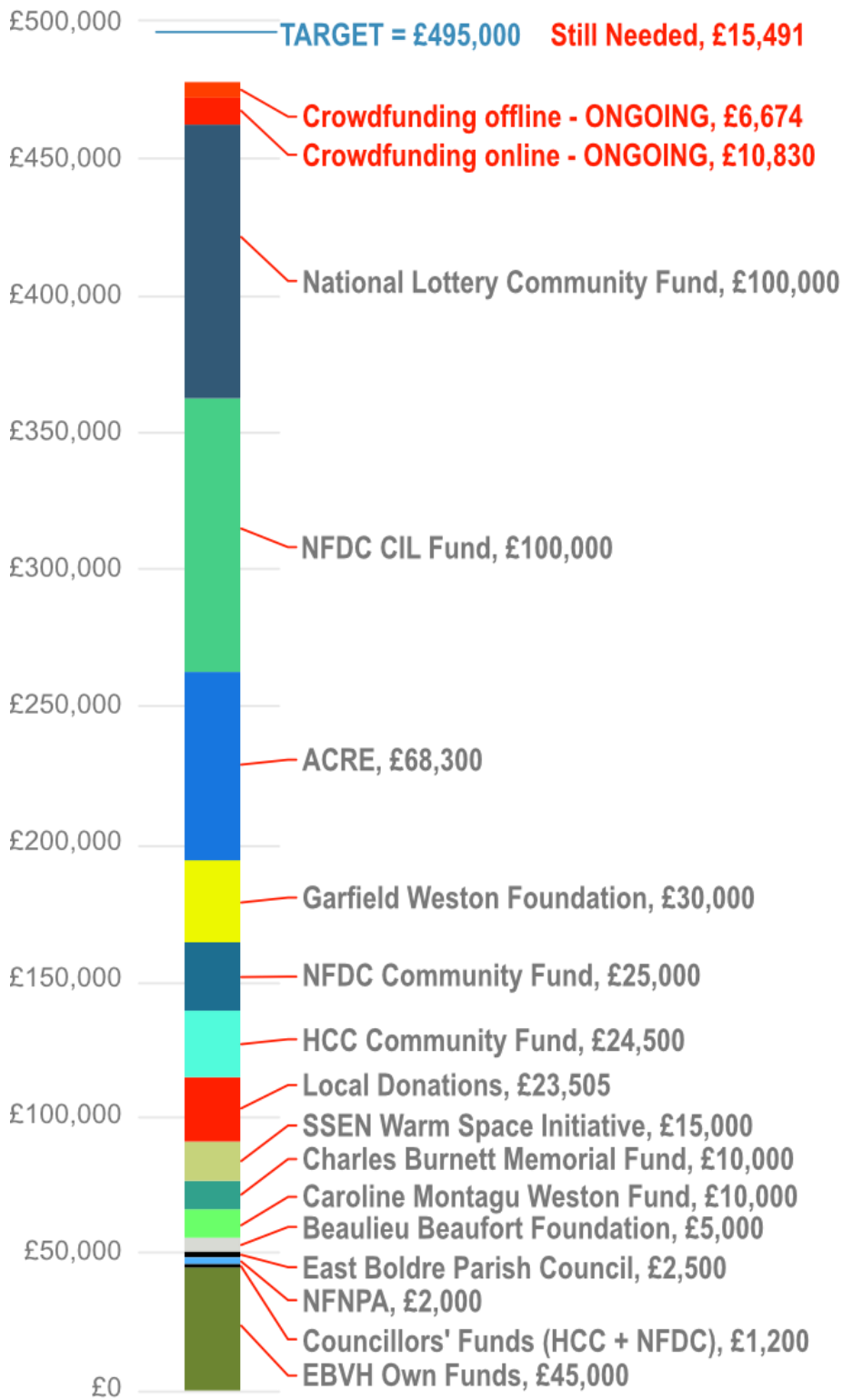
Please donate by 26 July

Every pound helps



You have all seen the hall looking much better on the outside but the inside is even better. The hall will be open for viewing on Saturday 18 July from 2 – 4 pm and bookings restart in September.

Fundraising



**Reminder - Forest Encounters at the Old School Fields Sunday 9 August 2026**



# FOREST Encounters

 Celebrate, Protect and Enjoy the New Forest 

 **The Old School Fields**  
East Boldre , Hants , SO42 7WT

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026**

**10AM - 4PM**



TALKS FROM  
LOCAL SPEAKERS



YOUNG COMMONERS  
EXHIBITION



NEW FOREST  
ROADS AWARENESS



LITTER PICKERS



AND MORE!



REFRESHMENTS



RAFFLE



MEET THE PONIES



**EAST BOLDRE  
SCHOOL FIELDS TRUST  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026, 6.30PM**

## **AT THE HALL.**

AN INVITATION TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS, HALL  
USERS AND EVERYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN  
THE WORK OF THE TEAM MANAGING THE SITE  
ON YOUR BEHALF.

PLEASE EMAIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS TO THE  
SECRETARY BEFORE THE MEETING DATE:

[carolmil@talktalk.net](mailto:carolmil@talktalk.net)

**Reminder - Brockenhurst Choral Society  
Charity Concert and Afternoon Tea**



**BROCKENHURST CHORAL SOCIETY**

**SUNDAY JULY 12TH AT 4.30 PM  
BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL**

# *Charity Concert with Afternoon Tea*

**A CONCERT OF LIGHT MUSIC  
RAFFLE & COLLECTION  
IN AID OF OAKHAVEN HOSPICE**

Tickets £18 including afternoon tea  
Online via [www.brockenhurstchoralsociety.org](http://www.brockenhurstchoralsociety.org)  
or from Pot Pourri and Streets in Brockenhurst

Early booking recommended  
Limited tickets only at the door



Tickets from:

[www.brockenhurstchoralsociety.org](http://www.brockenhurstchoralsociety.org) or [TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or from Streets or Pot Pourri

## **HOPe Needs You**

Befriending helps to tackle loneliness in our community. There are many older people who would benefit from this service across the New Forest. It can also help an older person remain independent for longer. The befriender remains feeling connected to society due to having regular conversations with their volunteer. As a volunteer befriender you feel connected with your local community and a sense of satisfaction. If you would like to volunteer an hour a week, please get in touch! [befriending@hopenewforest.org](mailto:befriending@hopenewforest.org).

**Services at Beaulieu, Exbury  
and East Boldre Churches**

**July 2026**

Wed 1st July	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 4th July	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, Opera Evening"
Sun 5th July	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 8th July	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 12th July	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
	Sea Sunday	"6.30pm, Buckler's Hard Marina"
Wed 15th July	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 18th July	Village Fete	"12.30pm, Palace House grounds"
Sat 18th July	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, The Kings Men"
Sun 19th July	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 22nd July	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 26th July	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 29th July	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church

**August 2026**

Sun 2nd Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 5th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 9th Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 12th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 15th Aug	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, Summer Jazz"
Sun 16th Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 19th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 23rd Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 26th Aug	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 30th Aug	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
	Pet Service	"4.30pm St Katharine's, Exbury"

**September 2026**

Wed 2nd Sept	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 6th Sept	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 9th Sept	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 12th Sept	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, Ellen Baumring-Gledhill (cello)"
Sun 13th Sept	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 16th Sept	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 20th Sept	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
	Harvest Festival	"11.15am St Paul's, East Boldre"
Wed 23rd Sept	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 27th Sept	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
	Harvest Festival	"11.15am St Paul's, East Boldre"
Wed 30th Sept	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church

**October 2026**

Sat 3rd Oct	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, The Magic of Mozart"
Sun 4th Oct	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Harvest Festival	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 7th Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Fri 9th Oct	Baby Loss Service	6.00pm Abbey Church
Sun 11th Oct	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
	Deanery Evensong	5.30pm Abbey Church
Wed 14th Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 18th Oct	Holy Communion	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel
	Parish Eucharist	9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 21st Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church

Sun 25th Oct	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 28th Oct	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
<b>November 2026</b>		
Sun 1st Nov	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 4th Nov	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 8th Nov	Holy Communion Remembrance Service Act of Remembrance	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel "10am, Abbey Church" "3pm, St Paul's, East Boldre"
Wed 11th Nov	Act of Remembrance	"10.45am, St Katharine's, Exbury"
Sat 14th Nov	Music at Beaulieu	"7pm, Emma Johnson MBE (clarinet)"
Sun 15th Nov	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 18th Nov	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 22nd Nov	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 25th Nov	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 29th Nov	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Advent	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel Sunday 9.30am Abbey Church

### December 2026

Wed 3rd Dec	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 5th Dec	Music at Beaulieu	"4pm, Festive Joy"
Sun 6th Dec	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 10th Dec	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sun 13th Dec	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Tues 16th Dec	Light up a Life - Oakhaven	"Time TBC, Abbey Church"
Wed 17th Dec	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Sat 19th Dec	Carols & Christingle	"3.30pm, St Paul's, East Boldre"
Sun 20th Dec	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Nine lessons & Carols	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church "6pm, Abbey Church"
Wed 23rd Dec	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church
Thurs 24th Dec	Carol Service Nativity Midnight Mass	"10.30am, St Katharine's, Exbury" "3.30pm, Abbey Church" "11.30pm, Abbey Church"
Fri 25th Dec	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel "10am, Abbey Church"
Sun 27th Dec	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	8.00am Buckler's Hard Chapel 9.30am Abbey Church
Wed 30th Dec	Parish Eucharist	10.30am Abbey Church

Please note, December services/events may be subject to change.

MUSIC AT BEAULIEU All details and how to purchase tickets can be found via [www.musicatbeaulieu.org](http://www.musicatbeaulieu.org) or via the box office 07770 859900

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

## Neighbourhood Watch

### New Doorstep Fraud

Sussex Police are investigating a spate of incidents where criminals have posed as council officials, knocking doors, falsely stating that they need payment to do work on drains, taking bank card details and PINs and then using those details to steal residents hard earned money. They have received 7 reports so far with £35,000 in total losses. Residents have been targeted across West and East Sussex.

If those criminals are prepared to drive the length and breadth of Sussex to perpetrate crime no doubt they, or another organised crime group will be doing the

same in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight where road networks and ferry travel are far more efficient and convenient.

Ideally, don't answer the door to an unexpected caller. Councils tell us they don't take money at the door – so you know it's a crime. If a crime is in progress, or you are in fear for yourself or someone else, please phone 999 immediately.

If you, or someone you know are struggling to stop themselves answering the door to strangers, you might find the Blue Lamp Trust's free home safety visit a real help: <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/safe-home/>. They can also fit Ring doorbells at cost, and the images can be sent to your phone (or that of a trusted friend/family member) so you can see who's knocking on your door.

### **Fake Banknote Warning**

The Police have received several reports from residents across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who have advertised items for sale on an online marketplace and the person who has come to collect and pay for the item has paid with counterfeit banknotes – sometimes just one or two fake notes amongst a bundle of genuine banknotes.

Please do check all your banknotes carefully before accepting them as payment as the Bank of England advises they do not reimburse for counterfeit currency. For more advice about how to check your bank notes please see the Bank of England guide, "How to check your banknotes" available here:

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/-/media/boe/files/banknotes/take-a-closer-look.pdf>

This advice applies to all online marketplaces, or any situations where cash is involved e.g., car boot sales, tabletop sales, summer fetes, buying and selling cars etc.

If you receive a fake banknote, the advice is to contact police who will seize it.

### **Local Beat Report**

Hello and welcome to the May 2026 Beat Report for the New Forest Heart area. Your team is PC 24901 Mark ROBERTS, PC 27901 Stuart READHEAD and PCSO 14495 Richard WILLIAMS.

On Sunday 5th between 11am and 12.30pm we will be outside the Boost Bike Hub in Brockenhurst for another of our bike marking session. Bring your bikes to us and we will security mark them for free and add them to the national bike register.

On Tuesday 14th July we will be at the Bramshaw Village Shop at 8am, at the Bartley Post Office at 9am and then in the Happy Cheese Pub in Ashurst with the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood watch team at 11am and an hour later at midday on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst, just opposite Tesco.

On Wednesday 15th we will be at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at 11am.

We are also holding two more SCAM BUSTING talks in July, the first is at Poulner Baptist Church, Linford Road, Ringwood, BH24 3HZ on Wednesday 8th at 1.30pm and the second is in the Lymington Community Centre at 10.30 on Friday 10th.

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.

There has been a small increase in the number of bicycles stolen last month with several taken from across the Forest including two e bikes that were locked up at Brockenhurst railway station. We are out patrolling the most popular places for thieves to operate all the time but as much as we would like to, we can't be everywhere all the time so can we remind you to do everything you can to keep your property safe. If you have a bike, use the very best D lock to secure it and if possible, never leave it unattended. It's the same when you leave your vehicle unattended anywhere. Please take all your valuables with you when you leave your car and don't

hide them in the boot either because you never know who is watching you. The holiday season brings thieves as well as visitors to the Forest so please spread the word and if you would like one of our NO VALUABLES HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THIS VEHICLE cards email [richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk) and we will send you one.

Other thefts this month include a parcel from a porch in Ashurst, £150 worth of petrol from a drive-off in Cadnam, motorbikes on Deerleap Lane and in Bramshaw, and two catalytic converters from vehicles parked overnight on Penn Common and in Ashurst. A shed on the outskirts of Calmore was broken into and an electric bike and several tools stolen, and an attempt was made to break into a pub in Cadnam overnight but the thieves didn't get in

Forestry England have also reported that more of their car parking signs have either been damaged or stolen from dozens of car parks. Again, if you know who is doing this please let us know. Damage has also been caused to a building site in Ashurst and there have been two shopliftings, both in Lyndhurst. A dress was stolen from a shop on the High Street and a large amount of chocolate and other items were taken from Tesco.

Elsewhere in June an e bike was seized by our Roads Policing Team just outside Lyndhurst, a fire was started deliberately in the Dibden Inclosure and paint was thrown over a shop front in Lyndhurst.

Last month we told you about some concerning behaviour in the fields along Chineham Road in Bartley. On one occasion a horse in one of the fields was injured and now we have heard that a cat from the same area was shot and sadly died as a result of its injuries. Please contact us if you have any information that will help us identify who is responsible. Please contact PCSO Williams on the email provided or call 101 and quote the incident number 44260237632. Thank you.

Stay safe everyone

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 £12 per annum. Membership secretary Lynne Hubbard 01590 612408. Visitors to talks £4.

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July 4 Saturday

**CANCELLED** - Beaulieu and District Gardening Club Summer Show, **Cancelled** due to delays in the renovation of East Boldre Village Hall.

4 July

Music at Beaulieu presents an Opera Evening with Wessex Glyndebourne Association 2026. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £30 or restricted views £10.

July 18 Saturday

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. Beaulieu Village Fete. Our stall is run by the committee, selling plants, pots, etc. All help and contributions welcomed.

18 July

Music at Beaulieu presents The King's Men of King's College, Cambridge. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £25.

15 August

Music at Beaulieu presents Summer Jazz by Sarah Bolter's Jazz Quintet. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £15.

September 5 Saturday

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

12 September

Music at Beaulieu presents Baumring-Gledhill & Chapman: French Cello & Piano Masterworks. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £15.

3 October

Music at Beaulieu presents The Magic of Mozart. Music at Beaulieu's 2024 Award Winner, Emme Hensel, is the flute soloist in Mozart's charming concerto in D. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £25.

October 6 Tuesday

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. 2.30pm, East Boldre Village Hall. Talk by Gwynn Davies on Spring Bulbs for the garden.

November 12 Thursday

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

14 November

Music at Beaulieu presents Emma Johnson MBE: Clarinet in Recital. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 7:00-9:00 pm. £25.

November 26 Thursday

Beaulieu and District Gardening Club. 2.30, East Boldre Village Hall. Demonstration of Christmas wreath making by Fin of Belle and Blossom.

5 December

Music at Beaulieu presents a Festive Joy: A Seasonal Piano Recital. Beaulieu Abbey Church, 4:00-6:00 pm. £15.

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