

South Forest District Forestry England

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Forestry England's contractors have recently completed a programme of works at: **Kings Copse Inclosure and Denny Inclosure**, clear-felling conifer trees to start the journey towards restoring this area back to heathland.

From 9 May (for 3-4 weeks) there will be further forestry activities in **Busketts Lawn Inclosure**, near Ashurst and **Dunes Arch Inclosure**, removing some conifer trees.



Old car wrecks removed from causing potential harm to the New Forest

Rusting, old vehicles dumped next to the Open Forest have been lifted out of the way and the area made safe. Forestry England has been working closely with Hampshire Constabulary, National Highways, The Crown Estate, New Forest District Council, New Forest National Park, New Forest Verderers and waste contractors on the removal operation.

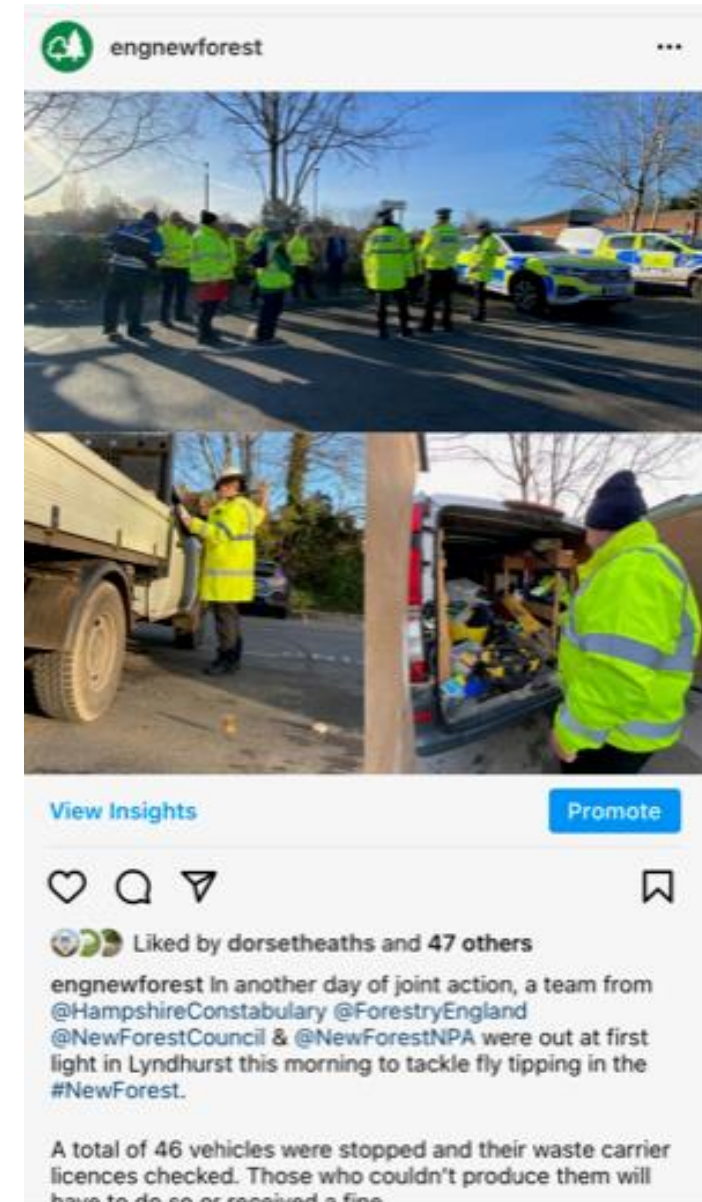
This action was taken after an area, near Stoney Cross, had become a hot-spot for illegal activity and anti-social behaviour, including the illegal dumping of polluting car wrecks. Concerns had been growing about the impact the waste could have on the environment, with potential to affect the surrounding fragile habitat of the New Forest.



We continue to work with our the Police and local partners to tackle fly-tipping on land that we manage in the New Forest.

Last month we stopped 46 vehicles to check their waste licenses and more multi-agency patrols like this are planned.

There are a number of other steps that we're taking to prevent fly-tipping, including gates and barriers, and improving visibility of entrances; removing fly-tipped waste quickly and installing camera in the most frequently affected locations.



The teams have been carrying out highly visible patrols that focussed on speed checks along Roger Penny Way, working with Hampshire Constabulary's local policing teams, our Rangers and local partners.

More joint patrols are planned over the coming weeks and we continue to remind everyone working and travelling in the Forest to take extra care and be especially mindful of the new born foals and other animals.



Supporting ground-nesting birds

We're working with the New Forest community to support efforts to help ensure the survival of rare ground nesting birds in the New Forest this spring and summer. With growing public awareness of the plight of these vulnerable birds it is hoped that many more people using the Forest will help them by taking a few simple measures.

The New Forest is a Special Protection Area for Birds and an important breeding location for endangered ground nesting birds such as the lapwing, nightjar and curlew. Under pressure in many parts of the UK due to habitat loss and disturbance by people, helping them breed successfully in the New Forest is critical to their survival.



We are delighted that our Bolderwood site is featured as part of the Ancient Canopy to be dedicated to Her Majesty in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.

It's a tribute on behalf of the whole New Forest community, dedicating this woodland to The Queen in honour of 70 years of service to her country.

