

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Date: December 2016 – Newsletter

### Where we work

**BISHOPS CASTLE & RURAL** SNT is based at Bishops Castle Police Station, Union St, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AJ. We work around the Parishes and area's of Bishops Castle, Mainstone, Colebatch, Clun, Llanfairwaterdine, Newcastle, Stowe, Bucknell, Bedstone, Hopton Castle, Clungunford, Aston on Clun, Hopesay, Clunbury, Edgton, Wistanstow, Lydbury North, Lydham, More, Norbury, Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Stiperstones, Worthen & Chirbury.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team are:

PC 3233 Anne Gutteridge  
PCSO 6160 Shaun Culliss  
PCSO 40274 Harry Horlock  
SO 5012 Sandra Garland

#### Police contact numbers

Emergency: **999**

Non Emergency: **101**

Local Police Team: **01743 264777**  
(Not to be used for reporting crime, incidents or emergencies)

Crime stoppers: **0800 555 111**

Web site: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

Twitter: **@SouthShropCops** Facebook: **Bishops Castle SNT Rural Watch**

Contact Email address:  
[bccar.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bccar.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

# CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes are recorded below due to the nature or on going investigations. There were **105** incidents recorded for the area between **15<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, HOPTON CASTLE &amp; BUCKNELL 15<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Harassment		Clungunford	
Harassment		Newcastle on Clun	
Anti social behaviour	Numerous reports of people going door to door selling goods	Bucknell and Clun	2 persons stop searched by officers and all in order, likely to get more in the area this time of year
Assault		Clun	

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE &amp; WENTNOR 15<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Criminal damage	Intoxicated female at public house	Ratlinghope	

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &amp; STIPERSTONES 15<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Dog dangerously out of control		Stiperstones	Owners spoken to at victims request
Fraud		Bromlow	Enquiries ongoing
Harassment		Gravels bank	Detected
Assault		Bentlawnt	Detected
Wounding with intent	Domestic related	Bromlow	Detected
Assault		Hemford	Detected
Theft	Scrap metal from front of house	Chirbury	Suspect vehicle identified

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM &amp; MAINSTONE 15<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft	Large business sign	B4385 outskirts B/Castle	Between 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Theft	Red Ktwo bio muck spreader stolen	From a field in Acton	Between 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Harassment	Send offensive message	Bishops Castle	Detected
Theft from motor vehicle	4 x offences of Transit vans being unlocked and tools stolen	Bishops Castle	Overnight 20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Same MO as previous offences in area and over border in Wales
Assault		Bishops Castle	
Exposure	Male exposed himself to cyclist	B4385 Monty Rd, Bishops Castle	Enquires ongoing, suspect vehicle indentified

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW  
15<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft from motor vehicle	Batteries stolen from various vehicles	Field on Watling St, Craven Arms	Between 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
Racially aggravated harassment		Aston on Clun	Detected
Send threatening message		Aston on Clun	
Criminal damage	Vehicle damaged	Lydbury North	
Harassment x 2		Lydbury North	Detected
Criminal damage x 3	3 vehicles scratched with sharp object	Habershon Close, Lydbury North	Suspect seen at 05:20 19/11/16 on CCTV, slim male with camo trousers.
Assault		Woolston	

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact Crimestoppers (**0800 555111**) or West Mercia Police on **101**

**CRIME STATS**

Crimes, ASB and other incidents recorded in your area are now available on the website - [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

**CURRENT PACT PRIORITY**

**Increase in acquisitive rural crime.** Local officers to target known local individuals in order to disrupt offending. Regular liaison with Newtown and Knighton officers in order to share intelligence with reference to cross border offenders. Summer 2016 has seen a rise in daytime thefts from remote farms located down private drives, numerous reports of suspicious vehicle being seen at farms during daytime, some farmers likely to be out harvesting and away from the farm. As we go into winter 2016 and the darker nights there is the potential for a spike in burglaries.

Local officers will attempt to visit every outbuilding burglary to conduct enquiries, offer crime prevention advice and sign up potentially vulnerable premises to the 'Stop Thief' initiative.

**Anti Social Behaviour in Bishops Castle park.** Over the last couple of months the park has been subject to anti social behaviour including vandalism and broken glass being left in the play area. It's believed being caused by a small gang of youths from the Community College. Regular patrols will continue throughout the winter months after school in the evenings.

## **SAMARITANS**

For many people winter and Christmas can be a lonely and depressing time. Very sadly over the last month there have been a number of suicides in the South Shropshire area. There are charities and agencies out there that can help and are there to talk to during tough times and periods.

**Samaritans** – 116 123

**Papyrus** - 0800 068 4141

**CALM (young men feeling unhappy)** - 0800 58 58 58

## **THEFT FROM FORD TRANSITS**

There has recently been a spate of overnight thefts from Ford Transits and Connects in the area. The offences have been in Chirbury, Lydham and Bishops Castle with offences occurring over the Welsh border on the same nights. The offenders are using a device, likely a Tibbe lock pick, to unlock the rear/sliding doors on the vans causing no damage, this is a security flaw with this model of van. This type of offence is occurring all over the country, at this time we have had 3 nights of offences which started at the end of September, power tools have been targeted on all occasions.

The best form of crime prevention is to remove all tools from the van in the first place overnight. Consider fitting new secure locks instead of the standard vulnerable Ford locks and also deadlocks to the rear and side doors. Extra external locks for rear doors can be picked up off the internet for as little as £12.

## **GOOD RESULT**

Two local prolific burglars from Ludlow who offend all over the South Shropshire area have been recently remanded in prison for burglary offences, they are now both awaiting court cases. They join Shane WEAR who is also currently in prison for burglary offences in South Shropshire.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all at Bishops Castle Police Station.**



