

West Mercia Police

BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Date: February 2017 – 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

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

Twitter: [@SouthShropCops](https://twitter.com/SouthShropCops) Facebook: **Bishops Castle SNT Rural Watch**

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CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes or incidents are recorded below due to the nature or on going investigations.
There were **98** incidents recorded for the area between **15th January 2017 – 13th February 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 15th January 2017 – 13th February 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Public house broken into via window, nothing believed stolen	Sitwell Arms, Bucknell	02:00 – 08:00 10 th Feb. Similar break in at a pub in Shobdon.
Burglary non dwelling	Large generator and tractor battery stolen from farm outbuildings	Quabbs, Beguildy	Overnight 1 st – 2 nd Feb. White Ford Transit seen in the area prior.
Burglary non dwelling	External gate and barn broken into, red quad bike stolen (make unknown)	Outskirts of Clun on Llwyn Rd.	Overnight 31 st Jan – 1 st Feb. White Transit seen parked outside the barn on 31 st Jan.
Burglary non dwelling	Orange Hiab crane taken from open barn.	Outskirts of Clun on Newcastle Rd.	08:00 – 20:00 20 th Jan.
Assault		Clunton	Detected
Burglary non dwelling	Out buildings broken into. Nothing believed stolen	Waterloo Lane, Clun	15 th – 19 th January

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 15th January 2017 – 13th February 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage		Brockton	Detected
Possession of controlled drugs	Vehicle stop search	Worthen	Detected

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 15th January 2017 – 13th February 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Bishops Castle	
Theft of vehicle	Vehicle reported stolen from roadside pull in whilst owner off walking.	Colebatch area	15 th Jan. Vehicle recovered in field near Bicton, possible dubious report, enquiries ongoing.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 15th January 2017 – 13th February 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
No reported crimes			

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW
15th January 2017 – 13th February 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Send threatening message		Aston on Clun	
Send threatening message		Lydbury North	

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

CURRENT PACT PRIORITIES

TACKLING ACQUISITIVE RURAL CRIME

Following the pattern of daytime thefts from farms during Summer 2016, Winter 2016/2017 has seen an increase in burglary non dwellings, however no burglary dwellings reported. The majority of offending is occurring in the south of the Bishops Castle SNT patch around Clun, Newcastle and Bucknell. The current pattern are large outbuildings being targeted overnight on unoccupied farms/yards.

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.

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.

POACHING AND HARE COURSING

Since December 2016 there have been increased reports of persons trespassing on private land during the daytime on the outskirts of Bishops Castle believed to be Hare coursing or poaching. The majority of reports of suspicious vehicles and persons have been at weekends around the area's with a known Hare population. Similar incidents reported over this period for the last few years.

Reports have also been received of suspicious vehicles late at night in the forestry area of Hopton and the Darky Dale believed to be illegally poaching deer.

Local officers are liaising with landowners, gamekeepers and forestry commission. Patrols will be conducted in the areas in order to deter and apprehend offenders.

LIVESTOCK WORRYING

We are now coming into the lambing season where historically it has coincided with increased reports of livestock being worried by dogs.

It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep. Worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep and farmers are legally entitled to shoot dogs if they are endangering their sheep. Chasing by dogs can do serious damage to sheep, even if the dog doesn't catch them. The stress of worrying by dogs can cause sheep to die and pregnant ewes to miscarry their lambs.

Dog Owners, either living locally or simply visiting the countryside for a walk, have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times. It is vital that dogs are kept on the lead around livestock, even if they can usually be trusted to come to call. If living in or near a farming area, please make sure that the dog is secure and cannot escape from the property.