

West Mercia Police

BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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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**

Contact Email address:
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CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes are recorded below due to the nature or on going investigations. There were **135** incidents recorded for the area between **15th December 2016 – 14th January 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 15th December 2016 – 14th January 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Clungunford	
Burglary non dwelling	Workshop entered	Whitcott Keysett	9-10th Jan. Known male identified as being in the area, enquiries ongoing.
Dogs worrying livestock	Dogs witnessed attacking flock of sheep	Clun	Both dogs destroyed at scene
Send threatening message		Clunton	
Theft from vehicle	Bull bar with spot lights stolen from Mitsubishi L200 pickup	Newcastle	29 th Dec – 4 th Jan
Harassment		Newcastle	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 15th December 2016 – 14th January 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault x 2		Marion	
Theft	Private land signs	Old railway, Snailbeach	
Criminal damage		Brockton	
Assault		Brockton	
Theft from vehicle	Fuel tank taken off L/Rover Discovery. Fuel line to house cut.	Hemford	3 rd – 4 th Jan
Criminal damage	Holiday Cottage	Gravels	
Theft of vehicle	Vehicle taken with keys, later stopped in Minsterley	Snailbeach	Persons identified, enquires ongoing

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 15th December 2016 – 14th January 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment	3 x separate incidents	Bishops Castle	
Theft	Heating oil	Church St, Bishops Castle	1 st 2 nd Jan
Wounding with intent		Public Hall, Bishops Castle	24 th Dec. Offender arrested, enquires ongoing
Suspicious vehicle	Believed to be Hare coursing	Bishops Castle & Lydham Heath	P917GRA, green Toyota RAV 4, believed to be false plates placed over the correct vehicle plates.

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW
15th December 2016 – 14th January 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft from vehicle	Cab and mud guards stolen from classic Universal 550D tractor	Wistanstow	3 rd – 4 th Jan
Assault		Woolston	
Assault		Long Lane, Craven Arms	
Burglary non dwelling	Battery removed from combine	Aston on Clun	19 th – 20 th Jan
Theft	Twin axle 8x4ft trailer (make unknown)	Kempton	2 nd – 20 th Dec

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR
15th December 2016 – 14th January 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
No reported crimes			

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 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 had 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 2016/2017 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 summer/autumn months the park had 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.

PREVENTING THEFT FROM FARMS & OUTBUILDINGS

Around your farm yard, in your barns and outbuildings there is valuable equipment that will appeal to thieves e.g. power tools, quad bikes, machinery, diesel and old batteries. Isolated buildings, machinery and livestock present the greatest risk.

Tips to consider

- Make sure valuable equipment is stored in a secure building behind a strong locked door, or use a metal cage and keep it locked when unattended.
- When not in use, lock doors to outbuildings at all times. If equipment is in a barn or rick yard secure it with gates, an alarm or security beams.
- Windows can be an open invitation to thieves - protect them with metal bars or grilles.
- Check fences and hedges to identify weak spots that could provide unauthorised access to criminals or vehicles and secure where necessary.
- Install security lighting around yards, outbuildings and isolated locations.
- If you have gateways or access points that are not in regular use place a barrier such as a tree trunk or concrete block across the entrance.
- Visibly mark your machinery and tools such as spraying your postcode on trailers - this not only acts as a deterrent to thieves but also helps the police reunite stolen property to the rightful owners if it is recovered. Keep a list of tools, together with serial numbers and any identifying marks. You can do this at www.immobilise.com

