

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: February 2018 – 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  
SC 39810 George Edwards

#### Police contact numbers

Emergency: **999**

Non Emergency: **101**

Bishops Castle voicemail: **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 or incidents are recorded below due to the nature or on going investigations.  
There were **110** incidents recorded for the area between **15<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &amp; STIPERSTONES 15<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Assault x2		Wilmington	
Blackmail		White Gritt	
Dogs worrying livestock		Shelve	Offending animal re-homed away from livestock
Attempt theft of vehicle	Attempt to take SORN vehicle parked on private drive	Marton	Afternoon 24 <sup>th</sup> January
Theft	3ft stone mushroom with a rounded bottom	Worthen	Occurred 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Attempt burglary	Attempt made to enter a outbuilding	Worthen	Approx 16:00 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Breach of non molestation order		Bentlawnt	

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM &amp; MAINSTONE 15<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Assault		Bishops Castle	
Sending letter/message in order to cause distress		Bishops Castle	
Hunting Act- Hunting a wild mammal with a dog		Mainstone	Investigation ongoing

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY &amp; WISTANSTOW 15<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Assault		Lydbury North	
Theft of heating oil	Approx 600 litres	Woolston	Between 16 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Theft of number plates	Ford transit	Longmeadow End	Overnight 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, stolen plates pinged ANPR in Somerset

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 15 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
No reported crimes			

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 15 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Making off without payment	From a B&B	Clun	Investigation ongoing
Attempt dwelling burglary	Nothing stolen, believed offender was disturbed by occupants.	Kinsley Rd, Knighton	Suspect arrested and remanded for multiple burglaries
Dog dangerously out of control causing injury		Clun	Agreement made between owner and victim

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)

### **BISHOPS CASTLE SNT ON FACEBOOK**

For regular updates of local crimes, scams, incidents and suspicious vehicles you can follow or 'like' our facebook page - **Bishops Castle SNT Rural Watch**.

## **CURRENT PACT PRIORITIES**

### **TACKLING ACQUISITIVE RURAL CRIME**

Reports of thefts from works vans have stopped over December 2017 and January 2018. There was a spike in heating fuel thefts in the Clun and Bucknell areas during December. Reports of scrap metal theft have also been in the increase over Autumn and Winter as the scrap value has increased.

Local officers and Dyfed Powys officers have targeted known local criminal gang in order to disrupt offending. This will continue. There is regular liaison between Dyfed Powys 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 which offers crime reduction products.

### **SPEEDING**

Speed enforcement by local officers is being conducted in the 30mph zones of Clun, Clunton, Lydbury North and Clungunford. The Safer Roads Partnership continue to enforce Chirbury, Marton and Worthen with the speed van.

There will also be a clamp down on vehicles totally blocking footpaths in residential areas. Area's of main concern identified as Clun, Aston on Clun, Chirbury and Bishops Castle.

### **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.