

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: March & April 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 40067 David Boden

#### 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](https://twitter.com/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 **160** incidents recorded for the area between **14<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &amp; STIPERSTONES 14<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft of vehicle	Land Rover Freelander S261OEC	Meadowtown	Taken 01:50 12/04/18. Enquiries ongoing ref susp vehicle seen in the vicinity
Burglary	Holiday home and outbuildings broken into. A burnt out Ford Ranger left at the scene.	Priest Weston	Enquiries ongoing to ID the vehicle. Occurred overnight 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> April.
Assault		Aston Rogers	
Assault		Hope Common	
Attempt burglary	Attempts made to jemmy open window	Hope Primary School	Alarm activated 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Criminal damage	Glass in door broken	White Gritt	Suspect identified
Dogs worrying livestock	Group of 200 sheep chased and distressed, lambs died as a result	Hope	Suspect individuals identified. Enquiries ongoing
Provocation of violence		Bromlow	
Assault		Worthen	

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM &amp; MAINSTONE 14<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft from vehicle	2 males in a silver hatchback witnessed breaking into works van. Paperwork stolen.	Kerry Green, Bishops Castle	22:20 11 <sup>th</sup> April. Believed linked to thefts in Clungunford and Knighton
Assault x2		Bishops Castle	
Harassment & breach of restraining order		Bishops Castle	
Burglary	Power tools stolen from barn	Snead	Occurred 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Theft	Ifor Williams BV10 twin axle box trailer	Snead	Afternoon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE &amp; WENTNOR 14<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Send letter with intent to cause distress and stalking		Wentnor	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW  
14<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft	Scrap metal stolen from farm	Wistanstow	Occurred 11:15 12 <sup>th</sup> April. Suspect vehicle FE04RNX. Enquires ongoing
Sending letters with intent to cause distress		Wistanstow	
Theft from vehicle	Tool boxes stolen from van	Aston on Clun	7 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> March

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN  
CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL  
14<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft from vehicle	Power tools stolen from works van	Clungunford	Occurred overnight 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> April. Linked to similar offences in Bishops Castle & Knighton on the same night
Criminal damage in dwelling		Bucknell	
Criminal damage to a vehicle	Wing mirror kicked off vehicle	Square, Clun.	Evening of 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Theft of motor vehicle	Silver Ford Ranger CK07EKW stolen	Near Newcastle on Clun	Overnight 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Burglary	Garage broken into. Suspect vehicle has parked on the B4368 on the outskirts on Newcastle, offenders made up to offence location on foot due to snow.	Near Newcastle on Clun	Evening 4 <sup>th</sup> March. Linked to above incident
Theft of fuel x 2	Diesel	Fire Station, Clun	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 1 <sup>st</sup> March and 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Assault		Abcott	

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 theft from works vans had stopped over December 2017 and early 2018. There has recently been a one off night of theft from van offences on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. During March and April there has been a spike in theft of motor vehicles and trailers in South Shropshire. Stock or box trailers have been the main type of trailers targeted. The vehicles targeted have been old 4x4's such as Land Rover's and Ford Rangers.

Local officers and Dyfed Powys officers continue to target 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.

### **PCSO HARRY HORLOCK**

Harry left on the 19<sup>th</sup> March following 2 ½ years with the Bishops Castle Policing Team. Harry has transferred over to Dyfed Powys Police. We wish him all the best, he will be sorely missed. Taking Harry's place is PCSO David Boden who started on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, David has moved here from Kington where he had worked for 7 years.