

West Mercia Police

BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Date: April & May 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:

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Police contact numbers

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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 **270** incidents recorded for the area between **15th March 2017 – 14th May 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 15th March 2017 – 14th May 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Bentlawnt	
Assault	X3	Hemford	
Send offensive messages	X2	Gravels	
Theft	Traffic mirror	Bromlow	Item returned
Criminal damage	Damage to roof tiles and wooden drain cover	Worthen village hall	12 th - 14 th April
Assault	X2	Worthen	
Harassment		Gravels	
Criminal damage	Electricity meter box damaged	Hope village hall	5 th – 9 th April
GBH without intent		Marston	Detected
Theft from vehicle	Cash stolen	Snailbeach	Suspect identified
Send threatening messages		Snailbeach	
Burglary non dwelling	Property being renovated, offenders disturbed by informant	Priest Weston	19 th March 01:00. Suspects vehicle seized from scene, enquiries ongoing.
Interference with vehicle	Front passenger door unlocked & opened on Ford Transit, no entry gained to rear due to dead locks fitted	Outskirts of Churchstoke	Overnight 8 th – 9 th May. Nothing stolen thanks to aftermarket deadlocks. Last offence of this type was Nov 2016.
Criminal damage	Vehicle has driven through hedges	Marrington, Chirbury	8 th May. Suspect vehicle details obtained, enquires ongoing
Criminal damage	Letterbox at end of private drive damaged	Pentervin	8 th – 9 th May

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 15th March 2017 – 14th May 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Possess a shotgun without a licence		Newcastle	Seized and destroyed
Send threatening message		Clunbury	
Assault		Clunbury	
Harassment	X2	Bucknell	
Criminal damage	Panels of a silver L/Rover Evoque scratched with unknown implement	Bucknell	Evening of 8 th April
Theft of Vehicle	Silver 700 GS BMW motorbike, reg LO14AOS, stolen from remote car park	Car park on Kerry Ridgeway	30 th March – 16:15 – 18:40
Act in manner likely to endanger aircraft	Laser pen flashed at passing aircraft flying from Manchester	Ale Oak area of Newcastle	24 th March at 22:40
Dog worrying livestock	2 x lambs died due to stress of being chased	Pentre, Nr Bucknell	4 th May. Enquires ongoing. Log 258s070517
Assault	X2	Clungunford	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE
15th March 2017 – 14th May 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Fraud call for service	Fake orders put in to B/C chip shop over phone	Salop St, B/C	Suspect identified
Send threatening message	X2	Bishops Castle	
Assault	X6	Bishops Castle	
Criminal damage inside dwelling		Bishops Castle	
Criminal damage to vehicle	Paint poured over blue Mazda MX5	Salop St, B/C	Overnight 23 rd – 24 th April
Criminal damage to vehicle	Window broken	Oak Meadow, B/C	Detected
Theft from store	Shoplifter	Spar, B/C	Offender banned from store
Harassment	X5	Bishops Castle	
Possess controlled drug	Vehicle stop check	A488 Lydham	
Attempt burglary	Door lock damaged	Clive House	12 th April 22:30 – 23:00
Burglary non dwelling	Vehicle stolen from garage	Lydham	Stolen 27 th -28 th March. Vehicle now recovered, used in organised crime series of offences in Worcestershire.
Use threatening / abusive words likely to cause harassment	X2	Bishops Castle	
Theft in dwelling	Cash stolen	Bishops Castle	Enquiries ongoing

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR
15th March 2017 – 14th May 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment	X2	Wentnor	
Assault		Wentnor	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW
15th March 2017 – 14th May 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Phone stolen from coat pocket	Lydbury North	Item returned
Theft	Theft of poultry from small holding, 5 fowl & 2 cocks	Ridgeway, Edgton	30 th – 31 st March
Criminal damage	Persons have ridden a quad bike(s) over farm land damaging crops	Cheney Longville	7 th May. Red quad bike witnessed. Enquiries ongoing to locate bike and rider(s)

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

Last spring and summer saw an increase in daytime thefts from farm yards and dwellings with large outbuildings that were situated down long private drives. Likely offenders being travelling opportunists that chance their luck that power tools and light farming machinery is left insecure and nobody is at the property. If the offenders were challenged at a property they asked for scrap batteries. Items stolen last year were left out in farm yards or from insecure buildings, no damage was caused to steal any property.

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

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.