

West Mercia Police

BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Date: July 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
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

Twitter: **@SouthShropCops** Facebook: **Bishops Castle SNT Rural Watch**

Contact Email address:
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 **119** incidents recorded for the area between **15th July 2017 – 13th August 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 15th July 2017 – 13th August 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault x3		Brockton	
Burglary & interfere with motor vehicle	Offender has entered garage, taken wire cutters & attempted to force lock on vehicle parked in front of the garage	Wotherton	Vehicle not entered. Occurred overnight 2 nd – 3 rd August.
Criminal damage	Vehicle	Bentlawnt	Offender dealt with
GBH		Priest Weston	
Possess controlled drug	Vehicle stop	A488 Plox Green	
Persistently send message to cause annoyance		Priest Weston	
Criminal damage		Brockton	
Stalking		Snailbeach	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 15th July 2017 – 13th August 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Bishops Castle	
Assault x2		Cefn Einion	
Assault		Union St, Bishops Castle	
Send threatening message		Cefn Einion	
Send threatening message		Bishops Castle	
Possible poaching	Occupants from a grey Peugeot 307 estate CU07KYF seen with lurcher dogs on farm land	Between B/Castle and Lea	21:00 11/08/17. Police marker placed on vehicle.

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

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN
CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL
15th July 2017 – 13th August 2017**

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Dog dangerously out of control causing injury		Whitcott Keysett	
Assault x2		Clun	
Send threatening messages		Clunton	

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

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary - non dwelling	Business premises broken into, game and country meat targeted	Strefford	Alarm went off at 21:00 11/8/2017
Theft	Bailey Pegasus Caravan stolen	Marshbrook Business Park	Overnight 20 th – 21 st July

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

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

Last 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.

RISE IN ASB OVER THE SUMMER PERIOD

Potential rise in anti social behaviour at local recreational areas, parks, school grounds and village halls. Annually there is a rise in reports of noise, litter, underage drinking, criminal damage and assaults at Bishops Castle Park, Worthen Village Hall, Chirbury School and Aston on Clun Village Hall. Regular patrols will be conducted in these areas.

Liaison with Shropshire Council in an attempt to board up the old Crowgate Site, Bishops Castle of which teenage boys are hanging around in.

THEFT FROM BUILDING SITES

At this time the Bishops Castle policing area has not had any reported offences but there has been a spike in overnight burglary / thefts from new building sites in Shropshire. The size of the sites attacked varies. If working on a site here are some basic crime prevention tips to consider where possible.

1. Ensure that any entrance is gated and padlocked
2. Heavy machines should always be locked and secured and any keys should also be kept secure. When not in use they should be housed within the main compound.
3. Compounds ideally should be sited so that there is some surveillance from nearby dwellings / passing traffic. There can be a tendency for them to be tucked away to reduce noise etc.
4. Security lighting is a must to reveal and deter offenders.
5. Steel containers should be fitted with good padlocks and these should also be boxed in to prevent access with cutters etc.
6. Items inside the containers should be chained down or together to make removal more difficult.
7. Property should be identifiable and the use of forensic property marking is recommended.
8. CCTV is always an option with the appropriate signage.
9. Intruder alarm systems coupled to a siren is still the best option whether that is activated by a PIR or beam.
10. Negate the risk by taking valuable tools home each night.