

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:
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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 **101** incidents recorded for the area between **18th June 2017 – 14th July 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 18th June 2017 – 14th July 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Fraud call for service		Worthen	
Theft	Bag left in hedge whilst owner nipped home, on return bag gone	Near Snailbeach car park	16:07 – 16:10 7 th July
Criminal damage		Brockton	
ASB	2 hypodermic needles discarded	Worthen Village Hall car park	Unknown what they have been used for. Late night patrols increased
Breach of non molestation order		Priest Weston	
Assault		Brockton	
Send offensive message		White Gritt	
Criminal damage	Traffic mirror smashed	Bentlawnt	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 18th June 2017 – 14th July 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Bishops Castle	During beer festival
Criminal damage	Rear wiper snapped from vehicle	Corporation St, B/Castle	21:45, 8 th July. Male teenager challenged before running off.
Criminal damage	Wing mirror ripped of vehicle whilst being driven	Castle St, B/Castle	19:20 8 th July. Unknown male banged on bonnet of car before pulling mirror off
Criminal damage	Broken window at business premises	Church St, B/Castle	21:40 8 th July. Offender identified and paying for damage
Affray		Church St, B/Castle	01:20 9 th July
Harassment	X3	Bishops Castle	
Fraud call for service	X2	Bishops Castle	
Attempt theft of vehicle	DAF lorry broken into and attempts made to hotwire	Love Lane, B/Castle	17:00 3 rd July – 08:15 4 th July
Burglary	Container broken into and batteries stolen	Telephone mast, Stank Lane, B/Castle	20 th – 27 th June
Attempt burglary in dwelling	Occupant woken by noise coming from kitchen, put lights on, looked around property & returned to bed. In morning noticed attempts made to gain access through kitchen window	Grange Rd, B/Castle	00:05 – 00:30 20 th June. Awaiting forensic results.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 18th June 2017 – 14th July 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
No reported crimes			

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 18th June 2017 – 14th July 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft in dwelling		Bedstone	
Harassment	X2	Bucknell	
Theft	Electric fence stolen from barn	Dutlas	27 th – 28 th June
Burglary	Workshop broken into and power tools stolen	Skyborry	19 th – 20 th June. One of the Stihl chainsaws stolen was engraved with a HR postcode
Send threatening message		Clungunford	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW 18th June 2017 – 14th July 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Phone stolen from handbag	Walcott Hall	21 st June, during Cliff Richard concert

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.

DRINK DRIVING

In the last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2014, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Many people may see their friends, family, work colleagues or neighbours regularly drink driving but do not want to go to the police because they fear being identified.

We are urging anyone who has information about regular drink drivers to get in contact - if you have information on those who regularly drink and drive, you can contact us anonymously by calling crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or West Mercia Police on **101**.

If you see someone attempting to operate a vehicle whilst intoxicated, please call **999** as this may require urgent police action.