

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Date: March 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

#### Police contact numbers

Emergency: **999**

Non Emergency: **101**

Local Police Team: **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**

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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 **98** incidents recorded for the area between **14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &amp; STIPERSTONES 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Potential cruelty to animal	Cat sustained broken ribs, unknown cause but it had possibly been kicked	Worthen	6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March. Cat taken to vet who suggests the injury is possibly caused by a kick.
Anti Social Behaviour	Report of 4x4's off-roading in a old mine site	Site near Pennerley/Shelve junction	Soil on site is possibly contaminated and could pose a health risk if disturbed
Burglary dwelling	Insecure house entered whilst occupants were in bed, nothing stolen.	Hampton Rd, Brockton	01:15 11 <sup>th</sup> March. Incident 61s110317. Enquiries ongoing
Assault		Hope	
Theft from vehicle	Insecure vehicle entered, Tom Tom Sat Nav stolen	Aston Pigott	Overnight 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Harassment & Assault		Bentlawnt	Offender arrested
Criminal damage	Perimeter fence cut	Hemford	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Burglary dwelling	Unoccupied property entered via window ,nothing believed stolen	Hemford	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Malicious wounding		Marton	Offender arrested

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM &amp; MAINSTONE 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Harassment x 4		Bishops Castle	
Criminal damage to vehicle	Car scratched and dented	Oak Meadow, Bishops Castle	13:00 – 15:00 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Threatening behaviour causing distress x 2		Bishops Castle	Offender arrested
Attempt burglary	2 males seen on CCTV attempting to break into property	Castle Hotel	02:30 – 02:40 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Criminal damage to vehicle	Car scratched with sharp implement	Private car park off Auction Yard, B/Castle	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE &amp; WENTNOR 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft of vehicle	Blue Skoda Fabia found burnt out at Gatton, enquiries with owner state the vehicle was left at the Inn on the Green pub locked & secure.	Wentnor	20:30 – 23:55 4 <sup>th</sup> March. Owner become aware on 5 <sup>th</sup> March. Enquiries ongoing.

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE &amp; BUCKNELL 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Criminal damage to vehicle x2	Tyres slashed on 2 vehicles	Bucknell	Overnight 14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Harassment		Clungunford	
Burglary	4 motorbikes stolen from garage. 2 x Honda's, 1 x KTM & 1 x Sherco trials	Clunbury	Overnight 2nd – 3rd March. Vehicle heard at 03:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> March. Enquiries ongoing
Worrying livestock	1 sheep chased from land & found dead with bite marks to rear	Stowe	Overnight 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4th March, sheep found dead in morning 4 <sup>th</sup> .

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY &amp; WISTANSTOW 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Harassment		Lydbury North	

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)

### **CURRENT PACT PRIORITIES**

#### **TACKLING ACQUISITIVE RURAL CRIME**

Following the pattern of daytime thefts from farms during Summer 2016, Winter 2016/2017 has seen an increase in burglary non dwellings, however no burglary dwellings reported. The majority of offending is occurring in the south of the Bishops Castle SNT patch around Clun, Newcastle and Bucknell. The current pattern are large outbuildings being targeted overnight on unoccupied farms/yards.

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**

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.

