

West Mercia Police

BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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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 **104** incidents recorded for the area between **15th September – 13th October 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 15th September – 13th October 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Breach of non-molestation order		Bentlawnt	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 15th September – 13th October 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of motor vehicle	Hire car not returned	Bishops Castle	Enquiries ongoing
Theft	Three pairs of 10ft and one single 12ft galvanised steel gates	Between Lydham and Heblands, Bishops Castle	Overnight 26 th – 27 th September
Assault		Bishops Castle park	21:00 23 rd September
Harassment		Bishops Castle	
Malicious communication		Mainstone	
Malicious communication		Bishops Castle	
Shoplifting		Spar, Bishops Castle	Offender banned from store
Burglary	Childs scooter taken from property	Salop St, Bishops Castle	Scooter retrieved, offender identified

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW 15th September – 13th October 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft from vehicle	Tools stolen from van by forcing the locks	Affcot	14:00 – 14:30 29 th September. 3 males in a black Saab seen in the area at the time with a partial plate of HY05 but its possibly changing number plates.
Attempt burglary dwelling	Attempts made to jemmy a wooden single window frame, no entry gained	Aston on Clun	During the day, 24 th September
Threats to destroy property		Long Lane, C/Arms	
Resist arrest		Long Lane, C/Arms	
Burglary	Small safe taken	Woods Brewery, Wistanstow	03:00 13 th October
Burglary	Cash taken	Plough Inn, Wistanstow	03:15 13 th October

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 15th September – 13th October 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	A white Bailey Pageant Limousine twin axle caravan	Green Caravan Site, Wentnor	Stolen around 03:00 01/10/2017

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 15th September – 13th October 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Perverting the course of public justice		Clungunford	
Harassment		Clungunford	
Malicious communication		Clunton	
Criminal damage	Roof of property damaged	Hopton Castle	
Criminal damage	Window broken on property	Clun	Offender identified

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

Summer 2017 did not see the spike in reported daytime thefts from farms that had occurred during the summer previously. However there has been reported overnight burglaries to outbuildings, this is likely to increase with the darker nights upon us.

Local officers to target known local individuals in order to disrupt offending. Regular liaison with neighbouring 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 discounted crime reduction products.

HARE COURSING

Now that the crops have been harvested we have already had reports of males trespassing of private land believed to be engaging in hare coursing.

The particular areas near Bishops Castle of Lea, Totterton, Plowden, Two Crosses and The Home have been popular areas for hare coursing over a period of years now and it often attracts coursers from afar. The individuals have been known to be part of the criminal fraternity, possibly with links to organised crime.

The coursers that come to this area are often groups of men and travel in old tatty vehicles, usually estates or 4x4s. They will park up in gateways, down tracks or in un-gated fields. Coursers will often walk along the edge of a field to frighten a hare into the open before setting their dogs upon it.

Local officers will target the known areas in order to deter any potential coursers. Stop checks will be conducted on any potential offenders and reported for any offences. Any reports of suspect vehicles will be placed on social media, local gamekeepers will be made aware of potential vehicles used by coursers that have come to the attention of the police on neighbouring areas.

If any potential hare coursers are seen then please report via 101, where possible please obtain the vehicle details.

LIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF BURGLARY

It's that time of year again when the dark nights are upon us. A simple method of leaving a light on in your home can significantly reduce the chance of being burgled especially at this time of year when there is generally a spike in house burglaries. Most house break-ins are opportunistic, so don't give thieves an opportunity.

The 'Lighten up' top tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in
- Use timer switches to turn lamps on when you are out
- Save energy and money with low-energy light bulbs
- Lock windows and doors and keep gates and side entrances well secured
- Invest in external lighting such as PIR lights to light up outbuildings and yards (battery operated ones can be purchased for under £20 on Amazon)