

# West Mercia Police

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

Date: September 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](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

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

Contact Email address:  
[bccar.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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 **108** incidents recorded for the area between **14<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &amp; STIPERSTONES 14<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Burglary non dwelling	Outbuildings entered, power tools stolen	Binweston	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Criminal damage	2 x offences, damage caused to property currently being renovated	Bentlawnt	26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> August. Offenders believed to be local.
Criminal damage	Tyres slashed on tractor, tyres also let down on other vehicles	Brockton	During August.
Theft from motor vehicle & arson		Related to a local care home	Suspect arrested
Dog dangerously out of control		Stiperstones	Owner advised at wishes of victim

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM &amp; MAINSTONE 14<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Criminal damage	Large begonia plant chopped down from private garden	Lydham	
Assault		Bishops Castle	Suspect arrested
Pass a genuine thing knowing it was counterfeit note	Fake £50 note passed to local business	Bishops Castle	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Believed the male passed to other local businesses not reported
Theft from motor vehicle	Apple laptop stolen from insecure vehicle	High St, Bishops Castle	11:30 – 13:00 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Assault		Mainstone	
Assault		High St, Bishops Castle	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY &amp; WISTANSTOW 14<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Assault & Criminal damage		Aston on Clun	Suspect arrested
Attempt theft	New Holland tractor seen attempting to hitch mowing equipment from field	Lydbury North	21:00 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug. When disturbed the tractor made off towards the Lea and A489.

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR  
14<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Theft	Dolmar chainsaw stolen from rear of pickup parked at farm buildings	Asterton	Occurred between 17:00 – 17:05 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept. A white Transit van was seen in the area around an hour prior to the theft.
Burglary	Izuzu 4x4 stolen from farm outbuildings	Adstone	03:50 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. Victim reported at the offence time, stolen vehicle stopped and recovered over the Cheshire border at 05:00. 3 males arrested.
Theft x 2	Handbags, purses and phones removed from tents whilst victims slept	Farmer Phils Festival, Ratlinghope	Overnight 13 <sup>th</sup> August. Stolen bank cards used in Manchester on the 13 <sup>th</sup> .

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN  
CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL  
14<sup>th</sup> August – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Criminal damage	Grey VW Passat damaged	Clun memorial hall	Overnight 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Theft	1 ewe & 2 lambs taken from field	Bucknell	12:00 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept– 06:00 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Assault	X2	Clungunford	Suspect arrested
Assault		Clun	Enquiries ongoing to ID the suspect, picture obtained
Criminal damage		Hopton Castle	

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)

**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.