

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:

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Police contact numbers

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(Not to be used for reporting crime, incidents or emergencies)

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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 **125** incidents recorded for the area between **14th October – 13th November 2017**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES 14th October – 13th November 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Aggravated burglary		Chirbury	Offender arrested and remanded
Breach of non mol order		Bentlawnt	
Assault		Chirbury	
Burglary	Batteries, copper, power tools, Honda CB 125 motorbike and 2 x log grabs amongst items stolen	Breakers yard, Aston Pigott	27 th – 30 th October

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 14th October – 13th November 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	2 x tyres slashed on a vehicle	More	Overnight 13 th – 14 th October
Harassment	X2	Bishops Castle	
Theft from store		Bishops Castle	Offender banned from store for life
Theft	Children's scooter	Bishops Castle	Offender dealt with
Attempt theft from vehicle	Person disturbed attempting to break into van	Oak Meadow, Bishops Castle	Midnight 25 th October. Black Ford Focus seen, no registration taken.
Interference with a motor vehicle	Fiat Scudo broken into, no tools stolen	Lavender Bank, Bishops Castle	Overnight 25 th - 26 th October
Assault		Mainstone	
Malicious communications		Bishops Castle	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW 14th October – 13th November 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Sheds broken into at rear garden of property, nothing stolen	Lydbury North	Overnight 24 th – 25 th October
Theft from motor vehicle	Various power tools totalling £7000. Minimal damage caused to Ford Transit locks	Lydbury North	Overnight 24 th – 25 th October
Theft from vehicle	Power tools stolen from works van	Aston on Clun	Offenders seen making off in small white Peugeot Partner at 23:33 17 th October

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 14th October – 13th November 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control		Norbury	Investigation ongoing
Theft	2 x touring caravans stolen, offenders have used oxyacetylene to remove wheel locks	Green Caravan Site, Wentnor	Overnight 2 nd – 3 rd November.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 14th October – 13th November 2017			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Roll of lead	Hospital lane, Clun	Between 10:00 -13:00 16 th October
Interference with a motor vehicle	Citreon berlingo van broken into, nothing stolen. No power tools left inside	Clun	Overnight 17 th – 18 th October
Theft	Key removed from insecure Ford Transits ignition.	Clun	Overnight 3 rd – 4 th November

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.

VAN SECURITY

Since September 2017 there has been a spike in theft from van offences around Church Stretton, Craven Arms, Ludlow, Bishops Castle and villages in between with 22 van breaks reported but there are likely more. Some of the offences have been daytime whilst the owner was at a job and others have been overnight outside the owners property. Tools have been the main target, one victim has had £7000 worth of tools stolen from their van in Lydbury North.

The majority of the vans have had the rear / side door locks attacked. 15 of these vans have been Ford Transits of which have poor locks, even the new models.

If at a site / job with your van please keep it locked. If you are having to keep tools in the van overnight then consider fitting a new lock. Basic hasp locks can be purchased off internet site such as ebay for as little as £20. More purpose made van door locks from manufacturers like Milenco cost from £40.

Of note when the offenders have been witnessed there have been common offending vehicles. A black Saab 9-3 has been seen during the daytime offences around Church Stretton, Craven Arms and Ludlow. Occupants of a new shape black Ford Focus were seen attempting to break into a van in Bishops Castle around midnight on the 25th October.

