

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: September & October 2018 – 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 3331 Stuart Coote  
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#### 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 Policing Team 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 **245** incidents recorded for the area between **15<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

| <b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED<br/>CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE &amp; STIPERSTONES<br/>15<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b> |  |                                |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b>  | <b>DETAILS</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>                | <b>NOTES</b>   |
| Assault  |  | Gravels                        |  |
| Breach of restraining order<br>x 5   |  | Bentlawnt                      | Offender awaiting court  |
| Theft from vehicle   | Ford Connect van targeted,<br>power tools stolen   | Outskirts of Chirbury          | Overnight 26/08/18 –<br>27/08/18   |
| Criminal damage  | Report of a domestic cat that<br>has been shot and killed  | Bentlawnt                      | Enquiries ongoing  |
| Theft from vehicle   | Chainsaw stolen from rear of<br>insecure vehicle   | Bentlawnt                      | Early hours of 01/09/18  |
| Assault x2   |  | Marton                         |  |
| Assault  |  | Stiperstones                   |  |
| Burglary   | Garage broken into, copper<br>and ornaments stolen   | Hope                           | Overnight 18/09/18 –<br>19/09/18   |
| Criminal damage  | Damage caused to crops by<br>suspected poachers / Hare<br>coursers   | Outskirts of Bishops<br>Castle | Around midnight 24/09/18   |
| Burglary   | Yamaha XT serow motorbike<br>K240KOO stolen from garage  | Rowley                         | Likely occurred 18/09/18 –<br>19/09/2018   |
| Theft from vehicle and<br>burglary   | Window smashed on works<br>van (not a usual MO for these<br>offences) and tools stolen.<br>Shed at property broken into<br>but nothing taken | Worthen                        | Overnight 26/09/18 –<br>27/09/18   |
| Theft from vehicle   | Minimal damage caused to<br>van, entry gained and tools<br>stolen  | Chirbury                       | Overnight 27/09/18 –<br>28/0918. Enquiries being<br>made with another force into<br>suspect vehicle seen in the<br>area. |
| Burglary   | Garden shed broken into and<br>strimmer stolen   | Chirbury                       | Overnight 27/09/18 –<br>28/0918. Enquiries being<br>made with another force into<br>suspect vehicle seen in the<br>area. |
| Burglary & harassment  | Various items taken from<br>outbuilding  | Lordstone Lane                 | Suspect identified, attempts<br>being made to locate and<br>arrest.  |
| Theft  | A green Coalbrookdale cast<br>iron bench and 2 other<br>smaller cast iron benches<br>stolen from rear garden                                 | Chirbury                       | Overnight 10/10/18 –<br>11/1018. Similar offences<br>over the border on Dyfed<br>Powys Police.                           |

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
BISHOPS CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE  
15<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b>           | <b>DETAILS</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>                | <b>NOTES</b>                      |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Assault                         |  | Bishops Castle                 |                                   |
| Malicious Communications<br>x 2 |  | Bishops Castle                 |                                   |
| Theft from store                | Co Op  | Bishops Castle                 | Offender banned                   |
| Criminal damage                 | Wing mirrors broken off<br>vehicles                                  | Harley Jenkins St,<br>B/Castle | Overnight 26/08/18 –<br>27/08/18  |
| Threats to kill &<br>harassment |  | Lydham                         | Offender arrested                 |
| Burglary                        | Suspect found inside The<br>Vaults pub at 03:00 13/09/18<br>by staff | Bishops Castle                 | Offender arrested at the<br>scene |
| Theft from dwelling             | Phone chargers   | Bishops Castle                 | Suspects identified               |
| Theft                           | Bag of compost taken from<br>driveway                                | Kerry Green, B/Castle          | 26/09/18 – 02/10/18               |

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR  
15<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b>             | <b>DETAILS</b>  | <b>LOCATION</b> | <b>NOTES</b>                    |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Stalking                          |   | Wentnor         | Offender arrested &<br>remanded |
| Attempt theft                     | Offender attempted to gain<br>entry to a dog kennel in an<br>attempt to steal the dog | The Home        | During 17/09/18                 |
| Dog dangerously out of<br>control | Dog bitten member of the<br>public  | Ratlinghope     |                                 |
|                                   |   |                 |                                 |

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED  
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW  
15<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b>             | <b>DETAILS</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>              | <b>NOTES</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| Theft                             | Garden picnic table and seat                                       | Horderley                    | During August   |
| Dog worrying livestock            | Sheep chased at lamb injured                                       | Lower Down, Lydbury<br>North | Walker with dog off the lead<br>using forest track at Bury<br>Ditches.                            |
| Criminal damage                   | Damage caused to crops by<br>suspected poachers / Hare<br>coursers | Totterton and Stank<br>Lane  | 13/09/18  |
| Theft                             | Watering cans and<br>wheelbarrow from garden                       | Lydbury North                | Overnight 07/10/18 –<br>08/10/18  |
| Theft                             | 2x conifer trees in pots   | Crosspipes                   | 21/09/18 – 09/10/18   |
| Dog dangerously out of<br>control | Dog slipped collar and<br>attacked 2 people                        | Aston on Clun                | Occurred 28/08/18. Dog<br>believed to be a Rottweiler.<br>Unable to locate owner at this<br>time. |

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN  
CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL  
15<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b> | <b>DETAILS</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b>          | <b>NOTES</b>  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Burglary              | Hedge cutter and chainsaw stolen from shed                                   | Clunton                  | Overnight 27/08/18 – 28/08/18                                   |
| Attempt burglary      | Garage targeted , nothing stolen   | Clunton                  | Overnight 27/08/18 – 28/08/18                                   |
| Theft                 | Large radiators stolen from front of property whilst being decorated         | Ford St, Clun            | 12/08/18 – 27/08/18   |
| Theft from vehicle    | Ford Connect targeted, minimal damage caused, gardening power tools targeted | Clun                     | 28/08/18 – 29/08/18. Dyfed Powys had thefts over the same night |
| Theft                 | Quad bike stolen from farm, dumped by offenders ¼ mile from farm             | Chapel Lawn              | Overnight 10/09/18 – 11/09/18                                   |
| Assault x2            |  | Clun                     |   |
| Theft                 | Bag taken which has items in including phone                                 | Car park at Hopton Woods | 14:00 – 15:00 02/09/2018  |
| Attempt burglary      | Boiler room attached to Newcastle Community Centre. Nothing stolen.          | Newcastle on Clun        | 01:00 25/09/18  |
| Assault               |  | Newcastle on Clun        |   |

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 Policing Team - Rural Watch**

## **CURRENT PACT PRIORITIES**

### **TACKLING ACQUISITIVE RURAL CRIME**

A local offender to the Bishops Castle area has been charged with 4 theft offences and breach of a suspended sentence, he was sentenced to 7 months imprisonment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

The last month has seen a spike in outbuilding burglaries and thefts from gardens , all occurring overnight. This has predominantly been in the north of the Bishops Castle patch around Chirbury, Worthen and Hope. These offences often occur with offences either over the border on Dyfed Powys Police or further north on the Shrewsbury Rural patch.

Enquiries are ongoing to trace and arrest the driver / owner of a suspect vehicle who's occupants were caught attempting to break into a van in Chirbury on the same night of another theft and burglary in the village. The van is registered to the West Midlands. Unknown if it has been the same offender solely targeting the area at this time. Evening and night time patrols will be increased around the area.

There is regular liaison between Dyfed Powys officers in order to share intelligence with reference to cross border offenders.

### **SPEEDING**

Speed enforcement by local officers is being conducted in the 30mph zones of Clun, Clunton, Lydbury North and Clungunford. The Safer Roads Partnership continue to enforce Chirbury, Marton and Worthen with the speed van.

## **LIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF BURGLARY OR THEFT**

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 in the evening or late at night can significantly reduce the chance of being a victim of a burglary. This time of year there is generally a peak in dwelling burglaries across the county. Thankfully we get very few dwelling burglaries in this area but having a light on may deter opportunist thieves looking to target outbuildings.

The 'Lighten up' top security 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