

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: October 2025 – Newsletter

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL SNT are based at Bishops Castle Police Station, Union St, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AJ.

We work in the Parishes and area's of Bishop's Castle, Mainstone, Colebatch, Clun, Llanfair Waterdine, Newcastle on Clun, Bettws-Y-Crwyn, Stowe, Bucknell, Bedstone, Hopton Castle, Clungunford, Aston on Clun, Hopesay, Clunbury, Edgton, Wistanstow, Lydbury North, Lydham, More, Norbury, Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Stiperstones, Worthen and Chirbury.

Team details

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West Mercia Police contact numbers

Emergency: 999 **Non Emergency:** 101

Bishops Castle Police Station (not for reporting): 101, Extension 770-4901

Report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/

Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111

Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

Facebook: Bishop's Castle and Clun Police (page has now been commandeered by headquarters)



CRIME STATS

Please note not all crime reports or investigations are recorded below due to them being non-crime investigations, protection investigations, ongoing investigations or of a sensitive nature.

Anyone with any information about these crimes can contact West Mercia Police on **101**, Online www.westmercia.police.uk or anonymously via Crimestoppers **0800 55511**

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW 16th September 2025 – 14th October 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Totterton	
Hunting Act 2004	Suspects have entered a number of fields where they do not have permission and used dogs to hunt rabbits	Wistanstow	Occurred overnight between 28 th – 29 th September
Fraud		Strefford	
Harassment		Long Lane	
Owner / person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control (no injury)		Aston on Clun	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 16th September 2025 – 14th October 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Wentnor	
Assault	X2	Wentnor	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL 16th September 2025 – 14th October 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment	X2	Clun	
Assault		Clun	
Assault		Bucknell	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE**

16th September 2025 – 14th October 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Marton	
Aggravated vehicle taking	Vehicle taken from property without consent and damage caused to it	Worthen	Suspects arrested, enquires ongoing
Stalking		Marton	
Blackmail		Hope Valley	
Assault		Stiperstones	
Malicious communications		Churchstoke	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
BISHOP'S CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE**

16th September 2025 – 14th October 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of pedal cycle	Bicycle stolen from outside of property, later recovered	Oak Meadow, B/Castle	Occurred 14 th Oct.
Assault	X3	Bishop's Castle	
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Theft from store	Items stolen from store	Co Op, Bishop's Castle	Suspect identified
Theft	Bank card used to withdraw cash without owners consent	Bishop's Castle	Enquiries ongoing
Theft	Parcel left on a doorstep by courier reported to have been taken prior to owner retrieving it	Oak Meadow, Bishop's Castle	
Harassment		Colebatch	
Assault		Mainstone	
Burglary (residential)	Property left insecure, on the victims return they were alerted that a person was seen running from the property, an untidy search had been made but nothing stolen	High St, B/Castle	Occurred at 23:50 20 th Sept
Assault		Lea	
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Public order offence		Bishop's Castle	
Theft of livestock	18 ewe lambs stolen from field, breeds are a texel cross and speckled mules	Mainstone	Noticed missing 1 month ago and have not returned or been sighted since.

Crime Prevention - Lighten up your home

It's that time of year again when the darker 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 do get very few dwelling burglaries in our policing area but having a light on may help deter any opportunist thieves looking to target outbuildings.

The 'Lighten up' top security tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in and not unoccupied
- Use timer switches to turn lamps on when you are out
- We recommend dusk 'til dawn lighting, which is the type that stays on through the hours of darkness, switching off before the sun comes up.
- Don't just set a light on a timer in the hall or landing area, try and set the lights up in room
- Consider other types of lighting, such as devices that simulate the light of a TV
- Invest in external lighting such as PIR lights to light up outbuildings and yards
- Always lock windows and doors and keep gates and side entrances well secured

Have a safe Halloween

We want you to enjoy Halloween, but remember, not everyone wants to take part!

Here's a few things to remember when you're out this Halloween

- Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
- Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.
- Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'.