

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: June 2024 – 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

Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 0640 Jenni Price

Safer Neighbourhood Police Constable: PC 3331 Stuart Coote

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 6160 Shaun Culliss

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 40516 Calvin Brown

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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

Twitter: @SouthShropCops

Facebook: Bishop's Castle Policing Team Rural Watch



CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes or investigations are recorded below due to the sensitive nature or ongoing investigations.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOP'S CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 16th May 2024 – 15th June 2024			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Victim has been walking their dog when they were attacked by a yellow Labrador	Kerry Lane, Bishop's Castle	Enquiries ongoing
Theft in dwelling	Collectors' items stolen from property	Bishop's Castle	Enquiries ongoing, all parties involved know each other
Burglary	Sur-Ron Storm Bee electric motorbike with VRM: BD22YWZ stolen from outbuildings	Bishop's Castle	Occurred 01:18 – 01:21 7 th June, CCTV shows three offenders
Criminal damage	Damage caused to the outer case of ATM , appears to have been prized off	High St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred between 5 th - 6 th June. Awaiting CCTV from head office
Criminal damage	Fire damage caused to bin	The Wintles, Bishop's Castle	Persons involved identified, compensation paid for new bin
Assault		Bishop's Castle	
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Harassment		Bishop's Castle	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE 16th May 2024 – 15th June 2024			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	Domestic related	Bromlow	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Victim bitten by dog	Hope Valley	Owner identified
Harassment		Worthen	
Assault		Stiperstones	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR**

16th May 2024 – 15th June 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Pub broken into by two individuals who target the till	Ratlinghope	Occurred between 01:03 – 01:13 8 th June.

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED
LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW**

16th May 2024 – 15th June 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Wistanstow	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Dog loose on a footpath causing fear of being bitten	Kempton	Owner identified
Theft of livestock	Theft of cattle, 14 steer and 1 cow (Hereford Cross), secure gate found wide open	Edgton	Occurred overnight 14 th – 15 th June

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN
CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL**

16th May 2024 – 15th June 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Public order offence	X2	Clunbury	
Arson	5 small fires believed to have been caused deliberately	Woodland, Lower Panpwnton, Knighton	Occurred around 12:45 12 th June. Very similar to fires set in the same location in June 2023
Assault		Clungunford	
Public order offence		Clun	
Theft from motor vehicle	Samsung Galaxy S22 stolen from insecure van	Beambridge	Occurred 11 th May
Harassment		Clun	

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact West Mercia Police on **101**, Online www.westmercia.police.uk or Crimestoppers **0800 555111**

County lines

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'.

OCGs often use high levels of violence and intimidation to protect the 'county line' and control them.

There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in county lines:

- Repeatedly going missing from school or home and being found in other areas
- Having money, new clothes or electronic devices and they can't explain how they paid for them
- Getting high numbers of texts or phone calls, being secretive about who they're speaking to
- Decline in school or work performance
- Significant changes in emotional or physical well-being

If you're concerned about drug-related crime in your area or think someone may be a victim of drug exploitation, please call us on [101](tel:101), email bccar.snt@westmercia.police.uk or report online www.westmercia.police.uk