

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: January 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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Emergency: 999 **Non Emergency:** 101

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Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

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CRIME STATS

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

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

17th December 2024 – 15th January 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary (dwelling)	Ground floor fire exit door jemmied open, offenders have proceeded onto the first floor where a selection of silver crockery and cutlery was stolen.	Anchor Inn	Occurred between 01:00 and 10:00 14 th January. (Same property was burgled 23 rd Dec). Property appears abandoned so may attract 'Urban Explorers'. Enquiries ongoing.
Harassment		Clun	
Theft of motor vehicle	Quad stolen from carport. Property is remote down a long drive	Hopton Castle	Occurred between 00:00 – 04:00 3 rd January
Assault		Bucknell	
Burglary (dwelling)	Victim has awoken to noises coming from their living room, they have entered and found 2 males dressed in dark clothing. Victim has shouted at them and offenders have made their escape via first floor fire exit leading onto the B4368	Anchor Inn	Occurred 00:30 23 rd December 2024. Items stolen -6 silver teaspoons -1 silver tablespoon -4 Persian silver goblets -4 small goblet -6 napkin rings -1 set of silver cutlery -1 silver server -1 rose bowl -2 Persian silver cigarette boxes -1 oblong tray with 3 small cases -6 coffee spoons with camels on -1 silver photo frame -2 sets of table silver
Assault		Llanfairwaterdine	

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

17th December 2024 – 15th January 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
No reported crimes or incident of note			

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

17th December 2024 – 15th January 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of trailer	Stock trailer stolen from field and damage caused to gate	Rowley	Occurred between 13 th – 14 th December
Harassment		Worthen	

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

17th December 2024 – 15th January 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment	X8	Bishop's Castle	
Criminal damage	Kerosene oil tank punctured causing 550 litres of oil to leak	Bishop's Castle	Occurred 2 nd January
Assault	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control		Bishop's Castle	
Burglary	Outbuilding broken into on yard, Weihrauch .22 air rifle (under lever action), Stihl chainsaw, Milwaukee Drill and scrap metal stolen	Bishop's Moat	Occurred overnight 19 th – 20 th January
Burglary	Property under renovation broken into, copper wiring, transformer and lights stolen	Heblands, Bishop's Castle	Occurred the same night as the above. Builders bucket and lights from Heblands found on verge near Bishop's Moat burglary
Criminal damage	Tyres slashed of vehicles	Bishop's Castle	Linked to harassment incident

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

17th December 2024 – 15th January 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft from motor vehicle	Adaptive cruise control unit stolen from front of VW Golf	Vehicle parked on the Long Mynd	Occurred 26 th December
Criminal damage	Security camera damaged and lock broken on storage container	Ratlinghope	Nothing stolen. Occurred between 29 th – 30 th December

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**

Burglaries

December 2024 saw a spike in burglaries, mainly to outbuildings, where power tools and scrap metal has been targeted by the offenders. Many of the locations have been near to the Welsh border including, Bishop's Moat, Heblands, White Grit and Anchor. Other locations have been Bentlawnt, Hemford and Worthen.

There have also been two dwelling burglaries at a property in Anchor, Newcastle on Clun. At around 00:30 on the 23rd December, two males have awoken the occupant by their talking, the victim has discovered them in the living area of the large property. On being disturbed the offenders have pushed passed the victim, running out of the property with a large amount of silverware which had been stored in the living room. It is likely the offenders believed the property to be unoccupied due to it looking in need of repair.

However, the same property was entered again in the early hours of the 14th January where offenders have jemmied open a fire exit door and made their way onto the first floor and taking more silver crockery.

Some of the stolen silverware includes 6 silver teaspoons, 1 silver tablespoon, 4 Persian silver goblets, 4 small goblet, 6 napkin rings, 1 set of silver cutlery, 1 silver server, 1 rose bowl, 2 Persian silver cigarette boxes, 1 oblong tray with 3 small cases, 6 coffee spoons with camels on, 1 silver photo frame and 2 sets of table silver.

If anyone has any information then please call 101 or email bccar.snt@westmercia.police.uk quoting Crime Ref 22/111218/24.