

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: February 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

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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 15th January 2024 – 15th February 2024			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary (non dwelling)	John Deere ride on lawn mower stolen from outbuilding	Welsh St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred between 5 th – 9 th February
Assault		Bishop's Castle	
Criminal damage	Suspect has caused damage to all windows of a Peugeot 207. Screwdriver left at the scene by suspect seized	Station St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred 23:15 19 th January. Not believed to be a random attack and is domestic related
Burglary (non-dwelling)	Shed broken into and Stihl hedge cutter and chainsaw stolen	Welsh St, Bishop's Castle	Reported on the 16 th January, believed to have occurred during December when there was a similar burglary at a neighbouring property

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR 15th January 2024 – 15th February 2024			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Suspicious circumstances	A silver Ford Mondeo estate marked up with 'Highway Maintenance' reported as acting suspiciously, driving aimlessly and down private drives.	Ratlinghope, Gatten and Wentnor area	Seen on two occasions, between 11:30 – 13:00 on 3 rd February. No reported offences attributed to the vehicle at this time
Suspicious circumstances	Disturbance heard outside property near farmyard, the following morning a trailer's jockey wheel was located where it appears to have been dragged and then snapped	Adstone	Occurred 23:30 30 th January. Same night as an attempt burglary in Chapel Lawn where offenders have used a vehicle with a trailer

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

15th January 2024 – 15th February 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	2 x loose dogs have acted aggressively towards persons walking in the area, putting them in fear of being bitten	Wart Hill	Enquiries ongoing to identify owner
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Pack of dogs bit professional working at the location	Long Lane	
Assault		Aston On Clun	
Fraud		Aston on Clun	
Theft & public order	Three males in a white van have entered yard of business and attempted to take scrap metal, when challenged they have threatened staff with a hammer before driving off	The Grove	Occurred 09:30 16 th January. Occupants of van later arrested on A449 near Kidderminster

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

15th January 2024 – 15th February 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Stiperstones	
Assault		Brockton	
Burglary	Damaged caused by offenders in order to enter property, nothing believed to be stolen. Property is in a poor state, windows and doors boarded up for security	Bentlawnt	Occurred around the 26 th January. Offenders believed to be 'Urban Explorers' looking to photograph the property for social media content
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Person jogging has been chased and bitten by 2 dogs	Brockton	

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

15th January 2024 – 15th February 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Large bronze sculpture of a horse stolen from garden	Clungunford	Overnight 26 th – 27 th January
Burglary (non-dwelling)	Garden shed broken into and chainsaw stolen	Enfield St, Clun	Overnight 24 th – 25 th January
Theft	2 x bicycles stolen from shelter attached to property	School Rd, Clun	Overnight 24 th – 25 th January
Criminal damage / Theft	Heating oil tank cap jemmied, unknown if any fuel was taken	Clun	Occurred between 1/12/23 – 23/1/24
Dogs worrying livestock	13 sheep killed in a field, believed to be caused by two dogs	Beguildy	Sheep attacked on two occasions in the same field, the 13 th December 2023 and 21 st January 2024
Assault	X2	Kinsley Rd, Knighton	Suspect arrested at scene
Harassment		Bucknell	
Attempt burglary	Gang of 4 males have entered farmyard but have been unable to enter any outbuildings, farm yard dog has seen off the males. Tyre tracks located in nearby field shows that suspects have parked in the field with a trailer	Chapel Lawn	Occurred 22:25 30 th January

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact West Mercia Police on **101** or Crimestoppers **0800 555111**

LIVESTOCK WORRYING

Lambing season is now starting where historically it has coincided with increased reports of livestock being worried or attacked by dogs.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 it is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep, worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep. Dog Owners, either living locally or simply visiting the area for a walk, have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times. It is vital that dogs are kept on a lead around livestock, even if they can usually be trusted to come to call. If living in or near a farming area, please make sure that the dog is secure and cannot escape from the property.