

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: December 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 – 07814 051729

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 6160 Shaun Culliss - 07811 752207

Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 40516 Calvin Brown – 07970 543854

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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



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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

15th November 2024 – 16th December 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Clun	
Threats to kill		Purslow	
Harassment		Clun	
Reported as a theft	Defibrillator taken out of the cabinet at the request of ambulance to be used at an emergency but then not returned	Bucknell	Likely lost or misplaced after being used rather than being stolen. Please contact Clun Valley AED if whereabouts is known
Assault		Kinsley Rd, Knighton	

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

15th November 2024 – 16th December 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft in dwelling	Antique collectables taken from property	Ratlinghope	Occurred between 10 th Oct – 19 th Nov

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

15th November 2024 – 16th December 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	Glass smashed on door	Lydbury North	
Theft		Amazon parcel delivered to unknown wrong address and item not returned	

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

15th November 2024 – 16th December 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Outbuildings and shipping container broken into, power tools and copper taken	Hemford	Occurred early hours of the 8 th December. Enquiries ongoing with CCTV images to identify suspect vehicle.
Burglary	Workshop broken into, cash and vehicle keys stolen along with a blue Peugeot 308 which was towed away by offenders.	White Grit (address just falls on Dyfed Powys Police but likely linked to the above).	Occurred at 01:30 8 th December. Stolen vehicle dumped near Shelve Wood and wheels removed.
Burglary	Property being renovated broken into, power tools stolen	Bentlawnt	Occurred overnight 6 th – 7 th December
Theft	Axe and crowbar stolen from garden	Snailbeach	Occurred between 4 th – 7 th December
Burglary	Shed broken into and Stihl petrol strimmer and 2 petrol cans stolen	Worthen Bowling Club	Occurred over two occasions between the 1 st – 25 th November
Stalking		Brockton	
Theft in dwelling	Domestic related		

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

15th November 2024 – 16th December 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault	X5	Bishop's Castle	
Theft	Shoplifting	Co Op – Bishop's Castle	Enquiries ongoing to identify the suspect
Harassment	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Dog dangerously out of control in a public place	Ownerless dog roaming around barking and growling at member of the public	Oak Meadow, B/Castle	
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Theft	Financial abuse	Bishop's Castle	
Theft of motor vehicle	White Ford Transit van reg YS62GWF stolen without keys	The Cabin, B/Castle	Occurred overnight 16 th – 17 th Nov. Contents of van dumped near Cleobury Mortimer

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**

Christmas time is a time for giving, and many people will also be thinking of giving to charities to help the needy and less fortunate in society.

At the same time, Fraudsters rely on the public's generosity in giving to charities and good causes, and may claim to be fund raising by impersonating as a genuine charity, or have set up a fake charity. These may also be tied in to topical events in the world, such as natural disasters, or the many human problems around the world caused by war and conflict.

Criminals may use various methods including emails online, door to door collections or street collections for cash, as well as getting people to sign up to Direct Debit payments for a Charity.

Whilst many may be genuine, the public are advised to always be wary, and ensure you are not giving money to fraudsters.

Simple checks you can do include:

1. Check the Charity name and Registration Number at <https://gov.uk/checkcharity>
2. Check the Fundraising Regulator's online directory to make sure a charity is committed to good fundraising practice – see <https://gov.uk/checkcharity>
3. Look out for the Fundraising Badge on charity marketing materials – this is the logo that says, 'registered with Fundraising Regulator'. When you see it, you can have confidence in a charity's fundraising.
4. If you still have doubts, then ask for more information, as any genuine charity will be happy to give you more details.
5. Any appeal should be clear on precisely what your donation will be used for.

Street and door to door collections:

1. Collectors should always wear a visible and authentic ID badge
2. Collection buckets should be securely sealed and undamaged; fundraising materials should always show the Charity name, registration number and a landline phone number.
3. If in doubt, ask them for more details.

If you've fallen for a scam, report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or via actionfraud.police.uk

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to **7726** to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks. You can also report Scam mobile calls by texting **7726** with the word **"Call"** followed by the scam caller's phone number.

Forward Fake Emails received to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think your bank account or personal banking details have been used fraudulently, then use the short phone number – **159** – to contact the Fraud Prevention Department of most major UK banks

Bishop's Castle Policing Team wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

