

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

**Date: March 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

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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/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/)

**Crime stoppers:** 0800 555 111

**Website:** [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://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.

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED</b> <b>BISHOP'S CASTLE, LYDHAM &amp; MAINSTONE</b>  <b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Harassment		Bishop's Castle	
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	Window broken on Iveco van and attempts made to steal the vehicle but failed	Bishop's Castle business park	Occurred during the evening of 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Burglary – non dwelling	Kawasaki Mule with attached sprayer stolen from farm outbuilding	Farm on outskirts of Bishop's Castle	Occurred between 20:00 6 <sup>th</sup> March and 06:00 7 <sup>th</sup> March. Linked to the above offence. Suspect vehicle identified on cloned plates, enquiries ongoing
Theft of motor vehicle	Black Nissan Navara registration MT14HRC stolen with keys	Bishop's Castle business park	Occurred around 20:30 6 <sup>th</sup> March. Linked to the above offences. Suspect vehicle identified on cloned plates, enquiries ongoing
Assault		Bishop's Castle	

<b>CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED</b> <b>MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE &amp; WENTNOR</b>  <b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>			
<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Burglary – non dwelling	Offenders have entered farm outbuildings and stolen tools, suspects have also attempted to steal an off road vehicle	Norbury	Occurred 02:49 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Burglary – non dwelling	Outbuildings entered, a Honda TRX quad bike and power tool stolen	Norbury	Occurred around the same time as the above crime. Not believed to be linked to the theft of quad from Newcastle on Clun during the same night at this time.

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

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Public order		Aston on Clun	
Assault		Cheney Longville	

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

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Burglary	Pub broken into and till removed	Stiperstones	Occurred 02:20 13 <sup>th</sup> March. CCTV images of offenders obtained, enquiries ongoing
Staking			
Allowing dog dangerously out of control	Dog has forced its way through hedge separating both properties and attacked victim's dog	Aston Pigott	
Theft	Water pump stolen from outside property	Priest Weston	Occurred sometime over the last 3 months but
Theft	Diesel siphoned from tractors	Snailbeach	Overnight 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Blackmail		Stiperstones	
Theft	Set of traffic lights stolen, later found discarded with batteries missing	Hope	Overnight 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Theft	Drone stolen	Area of the Hope Valley	Suspects named by victim, enquiries ongoing
Malicious communications		Bentlawnt	
Theft	7 lambs stolen, all had blue marking and yellow tags	Nr Habberley	Overnight 12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March

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

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Attempted burglary	Property owner has disturbed two figures trying to break into farm outbuilding	Weals, Newcastle on Clun	Occurred 00:05 28 <sup>th</sup> February. Offenders seen in a dark grey Ford Ranger which had been seen in suspicious circumstances prior to this incident at a farm in Clun. Vehicle later located dumped near Telford the following day.
Theft	Two large antique cast iron urns stolen from garden	Hopton Castle	Occurred overnight 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February. Likely linked to the below offence
Burglary – non dwelling	Honda quad bike stolen from farm outbuildings	Newcastle on Clun	Occurred 00:30 27 <sup>th</sup> February. Two suspects arrested during the same night following suspect vehicle seen in the area. Quad still outstanding
Assault	X2	Bucknell	
allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Walker has been chased and bitten by dog	Llanfairwaterdine	
Malicious communications		Newcastle on Clun	

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

### **Quad bike thefts**

Thefts of quads and other All-Terrain Vehicles from farms by criminal gangs continues to be of a regular occurrence in the county, in particular South Shropshire. On many occasions the quads have been left with keys in the ignition making it easier for the offenders to steal and potentially leaving the victim unable to claim on any insurance.

Please take measures to make the vehicle as difficult as you can to steal.

- When not in use, keep quads and ATVs locked up and out of sight, try and block doors where possible with other machinery or vehicles
- If gates or entrances are no longer used, then seal them off. Restrict access routes to the premises

- Install tracking devices and immobilisers to make it easier for police to recover stolen vehicles - most modern tracking devices are GPS enabled, with alarms/alerts that will send a message informing you if your machine is being tampered with.
- Target-harden your quad by creating a security cage or use a mechanical device such as steering brake/lock, ground anchor or wheel clamp when not in use - these devices are both visible and physical deterrents to thieves
- Know what you own – keep records of serial numbers and photographs of your kit including unique identifying features
- When buying a new quad insist on a chipped key and immobilisation system