

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

**Date: March 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

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

**Crime stoppers:** 0800 555 111

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

**Facebook:** Bishop's Castle and Clun Police



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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, ongoing investigations or of a sensitive nature.

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

17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Public order offence		Bucknell	
Criminal damage	Suspected that a large dog has bitten a pregnant Ewe to the top jaw resulting in it having to be put down. Another Ewe has lambed early, suggesting the Ewe has been frightened.	Field on the north east edge of Bucknell	Occurred between the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Harassment		Clun	
Dog dangerously out of control causing injury	Dog has bitten walker causing injury	Skyborry	Owners spoken to and community resolution agreed
Assault		Bucknell	

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

17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault	X2	Wistanstow	
Assault		Watling St, Craven Arms	

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

17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault	X2	Linley Hill	

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

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 -16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Assault		Bishop's Castle	
Theft / courier fraud	Large item sent via a courier was not delivered or returned and payment taken	Bishop's Castle	
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Stalking		Lydham	
Shoplifting	Suspect identified and banned	Bishop's Castle	
Dwelling burglary	Remote property, victim has returned home from being away to find door open and damage to the lock suggesting forced entry, nothing has been moved or taken. It's believed the alarm has scared off the offender	Colebatch	Occurred between 3 <sup>rd</sup> February and 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025. Scenes of crime in attendance
Harassment		Colebatch	
Interference with motor vehicle	Offender has used an unknown implement to open the driver's side door of a Land Rover Defender which has activated the alarm	Lydham	Occurred 20:00 19 <sup>th</sup> February

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

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 -16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

<b>CRIME REPORTED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Assault		Marion	
Theft of motor vehicle	White Ford Transit Custom reg - BV67FKB stolen without keys	Chirbury	Occurred early hours 4 <sup>th</sup> March. Vehicle hit ANPR post theft heading towards Stourbridge at 02:20
Harassment and criminal damage		Montgomery	
Assault		Pennerley	
Harassment		Worthen	

Anyone with any information as to whom carried out these crimes please contact West Mercia Police on **101**, Online [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) or Crimestoppers **0800 55511**

## **ROGUE TRADERS**

There have been recent reports of some pushy doorstep traders operating in the Bishop's Castle area, they have been cold calling at properties offering services such as gardening work, tree cutting and gutter cleaning.

- Rogue traders often appear at your door unannounced, claiming to have noticed issues whilst driving by.
  - They may try to pressure you into making a decision immediately or sign up for services on the spot.
  - They may offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after it has been completed.
    - Do not be forced into making a quick decision on the doorstep.
      - Do not allow uninvited callers into your home.
        - Beware of 'companies' that only use mobile phone numbers and accommodation addresses.
- Anyone who signs a contract on the doorstep following a visit that was not arranged (unsolicited) have 7 days to cancel it by law.
  - All cancellation rights must be provided in writing to the customer at the time the contract is agreed, usually on the doorstep - it is an offence not to do so.
- Refuse to be taken to the bank to withdraw money - if you ever feel intimidated by them, close the door and call the police.

For further information and reporting dubious traders, please contact -

Shropshire Council Trading Standards – [www.shropshire.gov.uk/trading-standards/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/trading-standards/)

Citizens Advice - <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/>