

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: November 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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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

Facebook: Bishop's Castle and Clun Police



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CRIME STATS

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

Anyone with any information about these crimes can contact West Mercia Police on **101**, Online www.westmercia.police.uk or anonymously via Crimestoppers **0800 55511**

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

15th October 2025 – 15th November 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Public order offence	Verbal altercation took place at an incident on the highway	Bucknell	
Fraud		Knighton	
Burglary	Outbuilding broken into, 2x chainsaws, leaf blower, strimmer and grinder stolen.	Hopton Castle	Offender seen on CCTV at 22:54 1 st Nov. Offenders appear to head off cross country in the direction of the Darky Dale lane.
Stalking		Bucknell	
Burglary	Outbuilding entered and quad bike removed, offenders have attempted to hotwire it causing damage, chainsaw and strimmer stolen	New Invention	Occurred between 00:30 and 08:00 15 th November
Assault	X2	Clunton	
Theft	2 aluminium milk churns stolen from farmyard	Duffryn	Occurred during October
Malicious communications		Llanfairwaterdine	
Criminal damage	Wing mirror damaged on van	Clun	Occurred 18 th October between 18:00 – 20:00

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

15th October 2025 – 15th November 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Dogs worrying livestock on agricultural land	Sheep found deceased with throat injuries consistent with a dog attack	Cwm Head	Occurred between 6 th – 7 th November
Assault		Brockton	
Harassment		Cheney Longville	

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

15th October 2025 – 15th November 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Owner / person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control (no injury)		Ratlinghope	
Criminal damage	Overnight 2 vehicles have driven over a field causing damage to the crops. Likely the vehicles were used for illegally hunting Hare's with dogs.	Norbury	Occurred between 22:00 1 st Nov – 06:00 2 nd Nov. Enquiries have identified a vehicle seen in the vicinity on the same night
Harassment		Gatten	

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

15th October 2025 – 15th November 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Possession of an offensive weapon without lawful authority	Lock knife discovered during stop search of vehicle	Bishop's Castle	
Criminal damage	Apple thrown at window causing it to smash	Union St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred at 20:10 7 th November
Harassment	X5	Bishop's Castle	
Burglary	Outbuilding broken into and a red Honda CRF 250 motorbike stolen, bike registration HT14BGX	Montgomery Rd, Bishop's Castle	Occurred overnight 28 th – 29 th October. Offenders have accessed location cross country via a field gate near the lane to the Cricket Club
Dogs worrying livestock on agricultural land	Sheep attacked and injured by a dog	Colebatch	Occurred between 08:00 – 11:00 25 th Oct
Racially aggravated intentional harassment		Bishop's Castle	Suspect identified
Public order offence	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Assault	X2	Bishop's Castle	

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

15th October 2025 – 15th November 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Worthen	
Taking vehicle without consent	Vehicle taken from children's care home by resident		Vehicle stopped and suspect arrested
Assault	X2	Leigh	
Harassment		Marton	
Harassment		The Bog	

Dogs out of control in public places

Reports of dogs being dangerously out of control in a public place have risen over recent years. It is an offence to let a dog be dangerously out of control whether that's in public or private, for example a neighbour's house or garden.

A dog is considered to be dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that the dog might injure them

A court could also decide that a dog is dangerously out of control if:

- it attacks someone's animal
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking

If you own a dog, you are responsible for how it behaves at home and in public and should take steps to make sure that interactions with other dogs and people are safe.