

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: December 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

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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

16th November 2025 – 14th December 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft from motor vehicle	Rear number plate stolen from vehicle	Bucknell	Overnight 12 th – 13 th December
Theft of motor vehicle	Vehicle stolen with keys	Clun	Suspect located in vehicle and arrested. Suspect knows the victim
Burglary	Property entered, silver cutlery and silver ornaments stolen	Newcastle On Clun	Believed to have occurred between 12 th – 16 th November, third party report.
Fraud		Clun	

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

16th November 2025 – 14th December 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burnt out vehicle	Suzuki Grand Vitara set on fire in field	Brunslow	Occurred early hours 7 th December, vehicle likely involved in Hare Coursing.
Burglary	Over a period of 4 years, a number of tools have systematically been stolen from within the property	Broome	
Public order offence		Aston on Clun	
Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Dogs worrying livestock on agricultural land	Golden retriever has attacked sheep causing injury.	Bury Ditches	Occurred 11:00 – 12:00 11 th Nov. Dog has come from Bury Ditches area where it was likely being walked off a lead, owner yet to be identified.

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

16th November 2025 – 14th December 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Owner / person in charge of a dog allowed to be dangerously out of control causing injury	Walker bitten by loose dog	Long Mynd	

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

16th November 2025 – 14th December 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment	X3	Bishop's Castle	
Assault	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Theft	Items delivered by a courier have been stolen from outside of property	Bishop's Castle	
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Make off without payment	Suspect has run from taxi without offering payment	Bishop's Castle	
Theft of motor vehicle	Peugeot van stolen without keys	Bishop's Castle Business Park	Occurred at 00:15 17 th November. Vehicle used by suspects identified at later seized, stolen vehicle recovered in Much Wenlock

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

16th November 2025 – 14th December 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Chirbury	
Owner / person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control - no injury	Dog on dog incident	Worthen	
Wounding with intent to so grievous bodily harm	Historic report		
Threats to kill		Brockton	
Owner / person in charge of a dog allowed to be dangerously out of control causing injury	3 dogs have attacked a person walking their dog causing an injury	Brockton	

Christmas Scams

The festive season is the time of year consumers are most likely to be scammed and it's even more important that people think carefully before they click on those websites offering goods which seem too good to be true – surprise, they invariably are!

Scammers often set up fake websites that appear to be legitimate online stores or mimic well-known brands. Shoppers who purchase from these sites end up with either counterfeit items, severely delayed shipments or no products at all.

Some scammers are more proactive and send emails or texts urging users to click on links for "exclusive deals," account updates or shipping confirmations. These links often lead to fake login pages designed to steal account credentials or install malware on devices. Look up deals directly on a brand's official website rather than clicking on links.

Track your packages through official retailer sites or directly with delivery companies such as Royal Mail, DPD or UPS by manually entering the tracking number. Be wary of any messages that request sensitive information or payment to resolve a delivery issue.

The methods of fraud remain the same, but sometimes with a festive twist.

Fraudsters may pose as friends or family members and request gift cards for popular stores as a quick and easy present solution. They ask for the card numbers and pins, gaining access to the victim's money.

If you think you may have been taken in by a bogus website, you should first take a note of the website's address, then close down your internet browser. Report the details to Action Fraud and contact your bank to seek advice.

Whether you've been a victim of fraud will depend on how much information you've provided to the website. So, keep an eye on bank transactions and contact your bank immediately about any that you don't recognise - even small amounts.

To report a suspected crime, or if you have fallen victim to fraud or cyber-crime, contact [Action Fraud](#) via its website or by calling 0300 123 2040

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

