

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: June 2026 – Newsletter

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL SNT are based at Bishop's 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 21006 Simon Wilkey – 07967 303889

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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

17th May 2026 – 15th June 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Barn broken into and a single drum pedestrian roller stolen	Clun	Occurred overnight 5 th – 6 th June
Assault		Bucknell	
Burglary	Barn entered and items removed	Clun	Occurred between 13:30 – 17:00 4 th June
Theft	Ifor Williams LM146 flatbed trailer stolen	Clungunford	Occurred overnight 1 st – 2 nd June
Burglary dwelling	Property entered and a Land Rover Defender was stolen with keys	Newcastle on Clun	Occurred 22:30 19 th June Stolen vehicle later located in Coalport, Telford

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

17th May 2026 – 15th June 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Malicious communication		Ratlinghope	
Criminal damage	Damage caused to vehicle	Ratlinghope	Suspect identified

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

17th May 2026 – 15th June 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault	X2	Bentlawnt	
Stalking		Bentlawnt	
Stolen vehicle located	Stolen Toyota Hilux located and seized for forensics	Snailbeach Village Hall	Vehicle was initially stolen in a car key burglary near Shrewsbury back in May
Criminal damage	Damage caused to sign	Hemford	

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

17th May 2026 – 15th June 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Lybury North	
Stalking		Lydbury North	
Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment		Affcot	
Theft	Jewellery reported stolen, no sign of a break in	Horderley	Enquiries ongoing
Blackmail		Lydbury North	
Assault		Marshbrook	

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

17th May 2026 – 15th June 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Boiler room broken into, nothing appears stolen, possibly looking to target copper piping	St John the Baptist, Bishop's Castle	Occurred between 7 th – 14 th June. Nike trainer marks recorded at the scene
Criminal damage	Decals torn off glass door	St John the Baptist, Bishop's Castle	Occurred over weekend 13 th – 14 th June
Assault	X3	Bishop's Castle	
Harassment	X4	Bishop's Castle	
Malicious communications		Bishop's Castle	
Theft in dwelling		Bishop's Castle	Suspect arrested
Threats to kill		Bishop's Castle	

County lines & Cuckooing

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal gangs (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

These OCG's exploit vulnerable people, including children, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'.

OCGs often use levels of violence and intimidation to protect the 'county line' and control them.

There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in county lines:

- Repeatedly going missing from school or home and being found in other areas
- Having money, new clothes or electronic devices and they can't explain how they paid for them
- Getting high numbers of texts or phone calls, being secretive about who they're speaking to
 - Decline in school or work performance
 - Significant changes in emotional or physical well-being

Cuckooing is the practice where criminals take over a vulnerable person's home to use it as a base for illegal activities, such as drug dealing, with more isolated rural properties being exploited for use in drug manufacture.

If you're concerned about drug-related crime in your area or think someone may be a victim of drug exploitation, please call us on 101, email bccar.snt@westmercia.police.uk or report online www.westmercia.police.uk