

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: April 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

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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



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 March 2026 – 15th April 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Fraud		Bucknell	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control causing injuring		Newcastle on Clun	
Burglary	Lawnmower stolen from garage	Llwyn Rd, Clun	Occurred during daytime, 7 th April. A White pickup truck was seen outside the property at midday.
Attempted burglary	Secure yard entered, suspects have moved CCTV and vandalised lighting	Bucknell	Occurred early hours 1 st April. Part of a series of similar offences in the region where storage containers have been targeted.
Burglary (dwelling)	Offenders have smashed a half-glazed door and made an untidy search of bedrooms and study. Jewellery targeted	Clungunford	Occurred around 14:00 – 14:15 on the 31 st March
Harassment		Kinsley Rd, Knighton	
Assault		Bucknell	
Arson	Contents of wheelie bin set on fire	Near entrance to Clungunford Church	Occurred between 18:45 – 19:20 18 th March
Assault		Clunton	

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

16th March 2026 – 15th April 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Report of 600 litres of heating oil stolen	Priest Weston	Occurred between 3 rd March – 12 th March
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control causing injuring		Worthen	

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

16th March 2026 – 15th April 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft	Petrol fuel can stolen, body is black with a yellow lid	Methodist Hall, Station St	Occurred between 28 th March – 12 th April
Shoplifting	Alcohol stolen	Bishop's Castle	Suspect identified
Assault		Bishop's Castle	
Criminal damage	Vehicle has had all its windows smashed and all panels dented	Lydham	Vehicle was SORN and parked down a private drive, occurred between 8 th -9 th April
Theft of motor vehicle	Blue Yamaha quadbike stolen	Bishop's Moat	Discovered on the 5 th April but possibly occurred overnight 2 nd – 3 rd April as it coincides with another burglary on the same night in the vicinity
Burglary (outbuilding)	Leadnovo race bike, G-Two electric bike and a Stihl FS-55 strimmer stolen	Cefn Einion	Occurred overnight , 2 nd – 3 rd April
Burglary (outbuilding)	Farm outbuilding entered and sheep food stolen	Colebatch	Occurred overnight 30 th – 31 st March
Theft	Report of 600 litres of heating oil stolen	Acton	Reported 24 th March
Assault		Lydham	

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

16th March 2026 – 15th April 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	Window smashed on village hall during disorder	Wistanstow	Private party that got out of hand, three persons arrested
Assault	X2	Wistanstow	Linked to above
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Stalking		Lydbury North	
Burglary (outbuilding)	Containers on works site broken into and multiple tools stolen	Watling St, Craven Arms	Occurred overnight, 31 st March – 1 st April

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

16th March 2026 – 15th April 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control causing injuring		Ratlinghope	
Harassment		Ratlinghope	
Harassment		Norbury	
Public order offence		Linley	Historical report

HOUSE BURGLARIES

During recent months there have been a number of house burglaries in the area. Thankfully, house burglaries are rare, however it's always vital to secure your home whenever you leave it. Burglars often target homes that they think will contain valuables (a common target is jewellery), that aren't overlooked, appear unoccupied at the time and have windows or doors left open or with vulnerable features that they can exploit.

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- double-lock any door
- make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- in the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- if you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn on lights in the evening
- set your burglar alarm
- make sure any side gates that give access to the rear of the property are locked

If you are going away for a period of time -

- leave lights and a radio on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property and to take in parcels
- consider asking your trusted neighbours to close curtains after dark and park a vehicle on your drive
- remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries