

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: March 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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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 February 2026 - 15th March 2026			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Stalking		Bucknell	
Theft of motor vehicle	Honda CBF motorbike stolen without keys	Clun	Believed to have occurred between 22:15 and 23:15 8 th March. Motorbike was pinged after the theft in Walsall. Suspect vehicle is a grey Alfa Romeo Giulietta
Stalking		Clun	
Theft of motor vehicle	Honda TRX520 quad bike stolen without keys	Stowe	Occurred between 20 th – 24 th March
Threats to destroy or damage property		Hopton Heath	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW			
16th February 2026 - 15th March 2026			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of motor vehicle	Two offenders in a vehicle displaying cloned plates have stolen a quad bike from the roadside whilst it was being used for work.	Long Meadowend	Occurred 10:40 on 10 th March. Area search for suspects vehicle conducted, stolen quad located hidden in nearby woodland.

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED MORE, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR			
16th February 2026 - 15th March 2026			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control causing injuring		Ratlinghope	

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

16th February 2026 - 15th March 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Harassment	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Theft	Wooden boards stolen from fencing around the pump track in the skate park	Bishop's Castle	Occurred 13:20 23 rd Feb Two young adult males seen taking the wood
Criminal damage	Boards kicked off fencing in skate park	Bishop's Castle	Occurred 12 th March
Criminal damage	Window at property has been knocked/banged causing the window to smash	The Grange, Kerry Lane, Bishop's Castle	Occurred 23:55 20 th Feb. Male and female heard in the area at the time shouting
Criminal damage	Damage caused to branches	Mainstone	Occurred between 12 th – 18 th Feb
Theft	Report of bank card stolen and used to withdraw cash	Bishop's Castle	Offender known to victim
Assault without injury	Egg thrown at victim by two youths which missed at hit nearby house	Church St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred 18:30 15 th Feb, same night when eggs and flour were thrown over vehicles and properties
Harassment		Colebatch	

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

16th February 2026 - 15th March 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Arson	Caravan set on fire by child in care	Hampton Beech	Occurred on 3 rd March. Fire brigade called by carers, suspect interviewed and admitted to the offence
Off-roading (ASB)	Group of motorbikes riding over Stapeley Hill and Black Marsh, the group were also reported as shouting at member of the public	Hemford	During the afternoon, 14 th March

Preventing Heating Oil Theft

With the cost of heating oil rising over recent weeks due to the conflict in the Middle East, so has the risk of being targeted by heartless thieves looking to steal it.

Below are some steps to help prevent the theft of heating oil -

Location of the tank – The tanks position can have a significant effect on its vulnerability. If it's too close to the house and overlooked, then the thief may consider the chances of being seen too high. If it's close to the road or other access points, then it may be an easier target. Many tanks are hidden behind the garage or other structures which could be an advantage to the thief. Therefore, the following security measures should be considered:

Padlocks - Robust closed shackle padlocks offer the most resistance to bolt croppers.

Oil level gauges - Consider using oil level gauge alarms, these remote-control alarms activate if the tank level suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full.

Proximity alarms- Battery operated motion sensor alarms can make an audible alarm and some can also alert designated mobile phones that monitor activity that's detected around the tank.

Security lighting - If your tank is visible from your home, this can deter thieves. Low level 'dusk to dawn' or motion detection lighting can be an effective crime deterrent.

CCTV - This can be set up to watch over an isolated tank and also act as a deterrent to thieves.

Defensive planting – Consider the planting of thorny bushes to prevent entry to the tank, also the addition of walls, fences or trellis can help to hide the shape or site of a green heating oil tank.

Report it

- if the crime is happening now call [999](tel:999) - if you are unsure, we'd rather hear about it and decide if a theft is occurring
- if it is safe to do so, take photos of suspects or the number plate of their car (do not approach suspects, as they have been known to use violence)
- if the crime has already happened then you can report it online
 - <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>