

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: June 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



CRIME STATS

Please note not all crimes 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 May 2025 – 15th June 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Blackmail		Bucknell	
Burglary	Shed broken into, KTM 85 scrambler motorbike stolen along with 3 chainsaws and a Husqvarna strimmer	Clun	Occurred between 21:00 29 th May and 07:00 30 th May
Arson	Large tree in church yard found smouldering and with burn damage right around the base of the tree including the grass	Clungunford	Found around 20:30 29 th May when it was put out. Damage also matches a lightning strike but none witnessed at that time
Fraud		Clun	
Assault		Knighton	
Assault		Bucknell	
Theft of machinery	Takeuchi TB016 mini digger stolen from farm yard	Kinsley Rd, Knighton	Occurred between 10 th – 11 th June
Attempted burglary	Garage window smashed and door damaged but no entry gained	Bucknell	Occurred overnight between 14 th – 15 th June
Burglary	Garage broken into and power tools stolen including leaf blower, chainsaw, strimmer's and a drill	Bucknell	Occurred overnight between 14 th – 15 th June

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

16th May 2025 – 15th June 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Wistanstow	
Assault		Lydbury North	
Assault on emergency worker		Broome	

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

16th May 2025 – 15th June 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Malicious communications		Mainstone	
Theft of pedal cycle	Dark green Claud Butler pushbike stolen from outside of property	New St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred between 19:00 23 rd May – 10:00 24 th May
Theft of pedal cycle	Grey and black Marin Alpine Trail electric mountain bike stolen by two males who waited for the victim to put the bike on the ground	Bishop's Castle playing fields	Occurred at 20:25 23 rd May. The suspects were seen hanging around the town up to 2 hours before the offence. After stealing the bike, they ride it out of town passing the Dr's Surgery towards the Kennel Crossroads at 20:30.
Harassment		Bishop's Castle	
Assault	X2	Bishop's Castle	
Hate incident		Bishop's Castle	

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

16th May 2025 – 15th June 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Burglary	Unoccupied property entered via rear door and items stolen from within	Snailbeach	Occurred over 5 th – 8 th June
Malicious communications		Worthen	
Assault		Brockton	
Public order offence		Chirbury	
Dog dangerously out of control causing injury		Stiperstones	Dog seized
Theft from motor vehicle	Fuel siphoned from 3 tractors	Snailbeach	Occurred between 17 th – 18 th May
Assault	X3	Marton	Children's care home
Criminal damage		Marton	Linked to above
Stalking		Worthen	

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

16th May 2025 – 15th June 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Criminal damage	Tin of white paint poured over private drive and items fly-tipped	Linley	Occurred overnight 16 th – 17 th May.

County lines

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

They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'.

OCGs often use high 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

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