

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

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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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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 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 LYDBURY NORTH, EDGTON, HOPESAY & WISTANSTOW 16th June 2025 – 15th July 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Public Order, put in fear of violence		Lydbury North	

CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED BISHOP'S CASTLE, LYDHAM & MAINSTONE 16th June 2025 – 15th July 2025			
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Blackmail		Bishop's Castle	
Attempted burglary	Unknown youths seen attempting to gain access to address by forcing door	Bishop's Castle	It's possible the suspects were not aware the property was occupied due to its state
Threats to destroy or damage property		Bishop's Castle	
Theft from motor vehicle	Van broken into and power tools stolen	Salop St, Bishop's Castle	Occurred just after midnight on 2 nd July. Suspect vehicle is a Land Rover Freelander 2.
Harassment	X3	Bishop's Castle	
Criminal damage	Two male youths have used a stone to cause damage to window	Co Op, Bishop's Castle	Occurred 22:20 27 th June. CCTV images captured of the offenders, not yet identified
Stalking		Bishop's Castle	
Public Order, put in fear of violence		Bishop's Castle	
Public order, causing intentional alarm and distress		Bishop's Castle	
Shoplifting	Offender has been captured concealing items before leaving without offering payment on two occasions	Co Op Bishop's Castle	Suspect identified
Assault		Bishop's Castle	

**CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED IN
CLUN, CLUN VALLEY, LLANFAIRWATERDINE, HOPTON CASTLE & BUCKNELL**

16th June 2025 – 15th July 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault	X2	Bucknell	
Assault and Criminal Damage		Hopton Heath	Offender arrested
Stalking		Bedstone	
Burglary	Garage broken into, nothing stolen	Clunton	Occurred overnight, 1 st – 2 nd July, likely linked to similar thefts in Bishop's Castle on the same night where suspect vehicle identified as a Land Rover Freelander 2
Theft from motor vehicle	Vehicle broken into and power tools removed	Clunton	Occurred the same night as the above
Attempt theft from motor vehicle	Glass smashed on rear window of works vehicle, nothing stolen	Clunton	Occurred the same night as the above
Harassment		Bucknell	
Assault		Clun	
Burglary	Shed broken into and attempts made to remove vehicle from inside but nothing taken	Bucknell	Reported on 27 th June but believed to have occurred overnight 14 th – 15 th June when there was a series of burglaries in the village
Burglary	Entry forced into Fire Station and items stolen from fire engine including Holmatro jaws of life and spreaders	Clun	Occurred 20:10 24 th June. Suspect vehicle used was a grey Land Rover Freelander (mk1) LG05YKY, vehicle linked to other offences in Shropshire
Assault	X4	Clun	
Threats to kill and assault			
Firearms Act 1968 - Non-compliance with condition of shotgun certificate		Clun	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control causing injury	Walker bitten by farm dog	Newcastle on Clun	
Theft	Copper stolen from yard	Colstey, Clun	Occurred between 18 th – 20 th June
Theft and criminal damage	Offenders have entered a secure field and stolen a Lfor Williams car trailer and caused damage to CCTV	Aston on Clun	Between 16 th – 17 th June
Burglary	Garage broken into and power tools stolen including chainsaw and leaf blower	Bucknell	Linked to over burglaries in the village that occurred on 14 th – 15 th June, reported on 16 th June

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

16th June 2025 – 15th July 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Stalking		Bromlow	
Burglary	Outbuildings broken into, a dark blue Ford Transit van registration BD62AFK, Hitachi digger and trailer stolen	Rowley	Occurred 01:50 5 th July. Digger and trailer recovered the next day, van still outstanding. Suspicious vehicles seen at the time were a white Ford Transit and a dark coloured Nissan Navara
Burglary	Polaris Ranger 400 ATV stolen	Hampton Beech	Occurred the same night as the above

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

16th June 2025 – 15th July 2025

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Firearms offence		Ratlinghope	Suspect arrested
Criminal damage	Vehicle used to drive through meadow	Ratlinghope	
Harassment		Ratlinghope	

Sextortion Scams

'Sextortion' is a type of online blackmail, it's when criminals gain the trust of individuals in order to obtain sexually explicit material and then use it to coerce victims for the purposes of financial gain.

Anyone can be a victim of sextortion, however, young people, particularly males aged between 15 to 17, are often most at risk and it has been a key factor in suicides.

Criminals often target people through dating apps, social media, webcams, or pornography sites. If a person you've just met online chats to you in a sexual way, or asks for sexual images, it might be an attempt at sextortion.

You should be wary if someone you've met online:

- is trying to start a relationship with you very quickly (they may even send you a sexual image first)
- chats to you in a sexual way, or asks for sexual images, soon after you've met them.
- has sent friend requests to lots of people, not just you
- repeatedly asks you to do sexual things that you're not comfortable with
- tells you they've hacked your account or have access to your contacts

Sextortion attempts can happen very quickly, or they can happen over a long time. You should never share sexual images or information about yourself if you are not comfortable.

You should stop engaging with the individual if you feel uncomfortable, or if someone contacts you online who you don't know. You can also review your privacy settings, criminals are less likely to target you if they can't see who your friends and family are.

We understand that it might be difficult to report this type of crime, however if you are a victim of sextortion, or you are worried you are being targeted, it's never your fault and have done nothing wrong. Stop all communication with the offender immediately, you should also never pay, as there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats.