

West Mercia Police

BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

Date: July 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, domestic 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 June 2026 – 16th July 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Llanfairwaterdine	Offender arrested
Assault		Bucknell	
Harassment		Bucknell	
Firearms Act 1968 - Non-compliance with condition of shotgun certificate		Newcastle on Clun	
Public order offence		Clun	
Racially aggravated harassment		Bucknell	
Theft of motor vehicle	Kawasaki quad stolen from container	Black Hill, Clun	Occurred between 17 th – 18 th June

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

16th June 2026 – 16th July 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of livestock	40 ewes stolen from farmland	Rorrington	Occurred between May and 15 th July
Harassment		Meadowtown	
Harassment		Marton	
Malicious communications		Priest Weston	
Assault		Brockton	Suspect arrested
Assault		Leigh	Suspect identified
Assault		Bentlawnt	Suspect identified
Assault	Following a road rage incident that started in Churchstoke	Chirbury	Picture obtained of the suspect
GBH		Brockton	Suspect arrested

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

16th June 2026 – 16th July 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Take vehicle without owners' consent	Vehicle stopped and seized	Felhampton	
Assault		Wistanstow	
Harassment		Lydbury North	

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

16th June 2026 – 16th July 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Drink driving	Driver arrested	Norbury	
Blackmail	Online	Ratlinghope	

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

16th June 2026 – 16th July 2026

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft in dwelling	Domestic related	Bishop's Castle	Suspect identified and interviewed
Harassment		Bishop's Castle	
Having possession of a controlled drug - class A+B		Lydham	
Malicious communications		Bishop's Castle	
Shoplifting	Co-Op Store	Bishop's Castle	Suspect interviewed and banned from store
Assault		Bishop's Castle Skate Park	Suspects identified
Assault		Bishop's Castle	Suspect arrested at the scene
Burglary (dwelling)	Offender has entered as a trespasser and stolen the car keys from the property, then driven off in the victims car	Bishop's Castle	Suspect arrested Suspect known to victim. (linked to the above)
Harassment		Bishop's Castle	
Public order offence		Bishop's Castle	
Burglary (dwelling)	Property on the outskirts of the town broken into whilst occupants away. Jewellery, cash and shotguns stolen by offenders	Bishop's Castle	Occurred overnight 18 th – 19 th June
Assault		Bishop's Castle	Suspect arrested at the scene
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Seven arrests in crackdown on serious organised crime

Six men were arrested on Thursday 25th June during a pre-planned operation in Shropshire linked to modern slavery, rural burglary and drugs supply.

Officers carried out nine warrants at addresses in Donnington, Lightmoor, Madeley and Broseley, following a two-year investigation into an organised criminal gang that were targeting Shropshire.

West Mercia Police officers were joined by teams from Dyfed-Powys Police, Cheshire Police and Northumbria Police across the addresses.

A total of six men, aged between 24 and 45, were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit burglary and theft. Five of the men were also arrested on suspicion of human trafficking. One man was further arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of drugs and on suspicion of possession of a firearm, and one man was also arrested on suspicion of being in possession of class A drugs.

A seventh man was later arrested on 29th June for burglary, conspiracy to steal and conspiracy to conceal / disguise / convert / transfer / remove criminal property. All have now been charged with the offences. The offences all relate to incidents between September 2024 and December 2025 in Shropshire and elsewhere in the country.

During the operation, a quantity of drugs and criminal property was seized from the addresses.