

# West Mercia Police

## BISHOP'S CASTLE & RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team

**Date:** May 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

**Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Sgt 0640 Jenni Price

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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/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/)

**Crime stoppers:** 0800 555 111

**Website:** [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://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](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) or anonymously via Crimestoppers **0800 55511**

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

16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

| CRIME REPORTED                                                  | DETAILS                                                                                            | LOCATION          | NOTES                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Theft                                                           | Domestic related                                                                                   | Llanfairwaterdine |                                                                                                                            |
| Theft                                                           | Victim has discovered jewellery missing from bedroom, no sign of break in                          | Acton             | Believed to have occurred during February – March. Items were a blue topaz and diamond ring, amethyst and citrine earrings |
| Burglary (non dwelling)                                         | Barn broken into, Stihl GHE250 shredder, Stihl SHA56 vacuum leaf blower, Stihl AK30 battery stolen | Clunbury          | Occurred overnight 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April                                                                 |
| Blackmail                                                       |                                                                                                    | Newcastle         |                                                                                                                            |
| Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A | Located in stopped vehicle                                                                         | Bucknell          | Suspect interviewed                                                                                                        |
| Criminal damage                                                 | Ground removed on private land                                                                     | Clun              |                                                                                                                            |

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

16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

| CRIME REPORTED          | DETAILS                                                                                                        | LOCATION | NOTES                                                        |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Burglary (non dwelling) | White and silver DAF horse lorry stolen, offenders have broken into stables in order to find the vehicles keys | Gatten   | Occurred overnight 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May     |
| Burglary                | Empty property broken into, unknown if anything stolen                                                         | More     | Occurred early hours 21 <sup>st</sup> April                  |
| Burglary (non dwelling) | Garage broken into and a red Yamaha TDM 850 stolen                                                             | More     | Occurred overnight 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Burglary (non dwelling) | Outbuilding entered and 85 grey partridge stolen from pens                                                     | Hardwick | Occurred during the early hours 17 <sup>th</sup> April       |

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

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b>       | <b>DETAILS</b>                                         | <b>LOCATION</b>               | <b>NOTES</b>                                                            |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assault                     |                                                        | Bishop's Castle               | Suspect identified                                                      |
| Drink driving               |                                                        | Church St, Bishop's Castle    | Suspect arrested                                                        |
| Assault                     | During Mayfair                                         | Auction Yard, Bishop's Castle | Suspect identified                                                      |
| Theft in dwelling           | Cash stolen from property                              | Lydham                        | Enquiries ongoing                                                       |
| Harassment                  |                                                        | Bishop's Castle               |                                                                         |
| Criminal damage / RTC       | Report of a bicycle being damaged by a vehicle.        | Church St, Bishop's Castle    | Enquiries ongoing to establish if the damage was intentional and driver |
| Criminal damage             | Private meadow dug up to make bike jumps               | Woodbatch Lane                | Turf placed back by local police hoping land will recover               |
| Criminal damage             | Items in property broken during a disturbance          | Bishop's Castle               |                                                                         |
| Assault                     |                                                        | Kerry Green, Bishop's Castle  | Occurred during a disturbance, no complaint from victim                 |
| Assault                     |                                                        | Oak Meadow, Bishop's Castle   | Suspects identified                                                     |
| Burglary                    | Empty property broken into, unknown if anything stolen | More                          | Occurred early hours 21 <sup>st</sup> April                             |
| Breach of restraining order |                                                        | Bishop's Castle               | Offender arrested                                                       |
| Harassment                  |                                                        | Colebatch                     |                                                                         |
| Harassment                  |                                                        | Bishop's Castle               |                                                                         |

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

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b> | <b>DETAILS</b>                                                                                                         | <b>LOCATION</b> | <b>NOTES</b>                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Burglary              | Land Rover Discovery stolen, victim believes the offenders have entered the property in order to take the vehicle keys | Lydbury North   | Occurred early hours 24 <sup>th</sup> April. Offenders have used the Discovery to steal a trailer from Longville on the same night |
| Assault               |                                                                                                                        | Wistanstow      |                                                                                                                                    |

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

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

| <b>CRIME REPORTED</b>                       | <b>DETAILS</b>                                                                                                                                                  | <b>LOCATION</b>          | <b>NOTES</b>                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Abduction of pet (dog)                      | Victim has reported that their pet dog has gone missing, believed stolen                                                                                        | Nind, Minsterley         | Dog went missing on the morning of the 13 <sup>th</sup> May. Dog is a 7-year-old female Corgi |
| Assault                                     |                                                                                                                                                                 | Chirbury                 | Suspect arrested at the scene                                                                 |
| Dog worrying livestock on agricultural land | Dog walker has strayed off the footpath with dog off of lead, dog has chased cattle resulting in one cow having to be destroyed and another receiving treatment | The Knolls, Stiperstones | Occurred 12:40, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May. Walker was female and the dog was a black Labrador       |
| Malicious communications                    |                                                                                                                                                                 | Chirbury                 |                                                                                               |
| Dog worrying livestock on agricultural land | Sheep attacked by dog whilst on a walk, sheep had to be destroyed                                                                                               | Stiperstones             | Owner identified and payment offered                                                          |
| Harassment                                  |                                                                                                                                                                 | Hope Valley              |                                                                                               |
| Theft                                       | Parcel stolen after being delivered                                                                                                                             | Pennerley                | Occurred between 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April                                    |

**Appeal following fatal collision in Minsterley**

We are appealing for witnesses to a fatal collision on the outskirts of Minsterley where a man sadly lost his life.

Around 1pm on Friday 8th May, a tractor and motorbike collided on Horsebridge Road in Minsterley.

Despite the best efforts by emergency services, the motorcyclist, a man in his 70s, was sadly pronounced dead at the scene.

A 35-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

We would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or who may have dashcam footage from the moments leading up to the incident which could assist with our enquiries.

Anyone with information please email [SCIUNorth@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:SCIUNorth@westmercia.police.uk) quoting incident number 200\_i\_08052026