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castle address when Moat returned in the early hours of Monday to deliver a "murder statement", in which he declared war on the police.

Yesterday, in an intriguing twist, two men said to be held hostage by Moat were located near the village and held on suspicion of conspiracy to murder. Detectives will continue to question the pair, hoping to glean more information about the elusive self-confessed "killer and a maniac".

Temporary Deputy Chief Constable Jim Campbell said: "We are committed to doing all we can to find this man which means the intensive and systematic searches are continuing throughout the night." An exclusion zone around the town was downgraded overnight, but the search for Moat in the surrounding area continues.



Armed police in Rothbury

Campaign against new town store wins award

Campaigners against plans for a new store in Oswestry have won national recognition for their battle. Author Bill Bryson is president of the Campaign to Protect Rural Eng-

land. He will present the Keep Our Town Special campaigners with a Marsh Award tomorrow at a ceremony in London.

The group will also receive a £1,000 cash prize to help their campaign. The Marsh Awards are designed to recognise "unsung heroes who volunteer their time to do extraordinary things".

The campaign has so far managed to organise a protest march of more than 350 people and get 250 people to a planning meeting.

Campaigners are also compiling a photographic record of shops who are under threat from the developments.

Four bids for a new store in Oswestry have been lodged and a decision will be taken by Shropshire Council on July 29.

Richard Burbidge Ltd wants to build it at Whittington Road, J Ross Developments plan to build it on the Central Car Park, developers Liberty Mercian is bidding to develop the store at the Smithfield livestock site in Shrewsbury Road and car firm JT Hughes and gutter firm Guttercrest want to build the supermarket in Victoria Road.

The competition judges said they were particularly impressed by how the campaign had brought together a broad spectrum of people and organisations from the town.

Mr Bryson said: "In my work with Campaign to Protect Rural England, I have often been struck by the amazing dedication and commitment shown by our volunteers."

Mike Bullen, chairman of CPRE Oswestry, said: "The award is both a surprise and a delight."

Three are still quizzed

Three people arrested on

Retailer brings in cuts to fuel costs

Supermarket chain Morrisons today announced it was reducing fuel prices by 2p per litre on diesel and 1p per litre on unleaded.

The price reduction came into force at 8am this morning at every one of Morrisons 293 forecourts nationwide.

Bosses said today it would last "as long as possible".

Morrisons petrol director Mark Todd said the move was the latest in a series of fuel price cuts the supermarket had made this year.

"Once again, Morrisons is leading the way in delivering lower prices at the pumps to motorists," he said.

"We've shown time and time again that as soon as we can pass savings on, our customers are the first to see the benefit and that is what we will continue to do.

"With motorists hitting the roads to enjoy events, festivals and family days out, making the most of the great British weather, we hope this will be a very timely and welcome move.

"Wherever motorists are heading, customers can travel for less if they fill up at Morrisons."

In Shropshire, Morrisons has petrol forecourts at its stores in Spring Hill, Wellington, Telford; Whitchurch Street, Shrewsbury; and Maer Lane, Market Drayton.

At Wellington this morning after the price reduction, unleaded was available for 113.9 pence per litre and diesel at 115.9 pence per litre.

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