

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

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Man charged in with historic assault in Runcorn

A man from Jamaica has been charged in connection with a historic incident in Runcorn.

Jermaine Scott was extradited to the UK from Jamaica on Thursday 3 November and subsequently arrested at Gatwick Airport.

The 39-year-old has since been charged with grievous bodily harm (section 20 assault); the charge relates to an incident at an address in Runcorn in 2009.

Scott has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Friday 4 November.

Man charged following armed robbery in Winsford.

Detectives investigating an armed robbery at a betting shop in Winsford have charged a man in connection with the incident.

Vincent Henry was arrested on Thursday 3 November, and he had since been charged with-

- Robbery
- Possession of a firearm
- Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence
- Possession of Criminal property
- Three counts of possession of an offensive weapon in private place

The 33-year-old of Station Road, Winsford, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court today, Friday 4 November.

The charge relates to an incident at the Betfred store on Jubilee Way which occurred at around 12.20pm on Thursday 4 August.

Cheshire youngsters win Chief Constable's Challenge

Ten young people from Cheshire set off on the trip of a lifetime in a yacht race and went on to win!

The Cheshire teenagers were competing with other Northwest force areas, as part of the Chief Constable's Challenge. They set sail from Portsmouth on Saturday 22 October and their voyage would have finished at the Royal Albert Dock in Liverpool on Friday 28 October, however severe weather meant the course had to be rerouted.

During the summer, the Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, Serena Kennedy, challenged three other forces to take to the seas for a yacht race.

The challenge, which was previously postponed due to the Covid pandemic, saw four 72ft Challenger yachts with groups of young people onboard from Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales and Greater Manchester taking part.

The young people, aged 15-17 years old, were nominated by their respective schools and selected by an independent panel.

On the Cheshire Crimebeat-funded yacht, were PC Gareth Gill and PCSO Mandy Simpson who were supporting the youngsters.

PC Gareth Gill said:

"Our young people were a credit to the county, not only stepping up to the challenge, but beating the other yachts in the process. Well done team!"

"Of course it wasn't just about the race, these young people were learning lifelong skills and increasing confidence in their abilities."

"Despite the weather meaning we had to reroute and were unable to get to the docks, they didn't miss out on any opportunities and we still managed to put on a fantastic racing experience for all the young people on board."

Cheshire Constabulary's Chief Constable, Mark Roberts, said:

"Congratulations to our Cheshire team for winning the race, they did us proud. It is great to know that these young Cheshire residents experienced something so exciting and that they will never forget it. I sincerely hope their experience will have given them a real boost in skills and confidence."

The trip, run in partnership with Tall Ships Youth Trust, saw the young people take part in all aspects of sailing, from cooking and cleaning to setting the sails and taking the helm of an ocean-going racing yacht.

Working with the Oceanographic Department in Liverpool John Moores University they were also be involved in a research project about sea pollution.

The teams had to live on board the yacht, working in shifts to complete duties throughout the day and night. The aim is for the youngsters to develop long-term life skills including team working, confidence building and problem-solving skills.

The Tall Ships



Some of the Winners



Family pay tribute to 27-year-old man who died following collision in Warrington



The family of a 27-year-old man who died following a collision in Warrington have paid tribute to him.

Mark Lawrence, from Warrington, was a pedestrian involved in a collision with a Volvo XC90.

The incident occurred at around 1.50am on Sunday 2 October on Chester Road at the junction of Centre Park link road for Slutchers Lane.

He received treatment at hospital following the collision but despite the best care from medical professionals, he passed away on Sunday 23 October.

His family are being supported by specialist officers.

Mark's parents and brother have paid tribute to him:

"The tragic loss of Mark so early in his life is devastating and has left an unfillable hole in our family; it is unfair that such a happy, generous, and active young man has been lost.

"Mark's loss will be felt by so many beyond his immediate family, who loved and respected him, including his grandparents, uncles, aunties and cousins in both England and the Philippines and countless friends from England and around the world who have supported his family through this difficult time."

The driver of the car, a 32-year-old man from Runcorn, was arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving. He has since been released under investigation, pending further enquiries.

Police are continuing to appeal to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has captured footage that may be relevant to come forward.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website quoting IML 1379365 or call 101.

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Police advise cyclists to review their bike security as winter approaches

Police in east Cheshire are reminding residents to review their bike security as winter approaches.

With the longer nights comes the potential for opportunist thieves to try and steal property including bikes, so now is the time to review home security.

There are several ways to make life difficult for thieves for all budgets, from getting the bike marked and registered, through to acquiring CCTV or doorbell cameras or secure bike sheds.

Just double locking your bike, including at least one that is a D-lock, will make the bike less desirable for thieves.

You can also lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand - secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.

Design out crime officer Mark Cotton said:

“Whether your bike is a top of the range model or a more modest affair it’s your property, and to lose it to thieves is gut wrenching – it might even be your only transport to and from work.

“We know that as the days get shorter it gives criminals more time to find a household that hasn’t thought about securing their bikes effectively. By taking certain steps you can make a thief think twice about choosing your property.

“It doesn’t have to break the bank, simply by double locking your bike you are already making it harder for them.

“Another good deterrent is to work with us by keeping an eye out for neighbours by reporting suspicious activity and checking on neighbours who are away. If something doesn’t seem right, please report it.”

For more information on crime prevention go [here](#).

General home security advice can be found [here](#).

Anyone who sees suspicious activity should report it by calling 101 or by going online.

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Police appeal for information following serious collision in Macclesfield

Officers are appealing for information following a serious collision in Macclesfield.

At around 11.30pm on Thursday 3 November, a report was received that a pedestrian had been involved in a collision with a white Volkswagen Golf and a black vehicle on the A537 at Broken Cross.

The pedestrian, a 40-year-old local man, was taken to Manchester Royal Infirmary with serious, life-threatening injuries. He remains in a serious but stable condition.

The black vehicle left the scene. A 41-year-old local woman was arrested and remains in custody, assisting police with their enquiries.

Police are now appealing for anyone who may have information to get in touch.

Sergeant Russ Sime said: *"This is a busy stretch of road and we know that there would have been a number of vehicles travelling at this time. We are keen to hear from anyone travelling on Broken Cross who may have witnessed pedestrians in the area in the lead-up to the collision."*

"The same goes to anyone who may have dashcam footage from the area at the above times."

"Any information no matter how small it may seem, could assist with our investigation."

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1404674 or call 101.

Information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously via [the Crimestoppers website](#) or by calling 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses following a robbery in Chester

Police in Chester are appealing for witnesses following the robbery of an elderly man in the city.

At around 2pm on Wednesday 2 November the man in his 70s was approached by a man on Boundary Lane at its junction with Stanley Drive. The man forced the victim to hand over cash.

The suspect is described as white, tall and broad shouldered, wearing a dark coat and dark trousers.

DS Paul Davis said:

"Targeting a vulnerable elderly man is reprehensible and I hope it spurs people into getting in touch with any information that may help, whether that's dashcam footage, or any information on the person responsible. The same goes for anyone who witnessed the robbery but has not yet spoken to police."

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us> quoting IML 1403482.

Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Officers renew appeal following fail to stop collision in Runcorn

Officers investigating a serious collision in Runcorn have now released an image of the vehicle involved as they continue to appeal for witnesses to come forward.

Shortly before 6pm on Monday 17 October, police were called to reports of a collision on the A533 Southern Expressway, Runcorn.

Officers attended the scene and on arrival they found a silver Mini Cooper with a black roof, which had come off the road and overturned on an embankment.

The driver of the car fled the scene, leaving the passenger inside the vehicle.

The passenger, a 41-year-old local man, was released by firefighters and taken to Aintree hospital, where he remains in a critical condition.

A 29-year-old man from Widnes, was subsequently arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving; he has since been released under investigation.

Enquiries in relation to the incident remain ongoing and as part of the investigation officers have now released an ANPR image of the vehicle involved in the collision.

Police Constable Liz Thompson, of the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said:

“The A533 Southern Expressway, is one of the main routes in and out of Runcorn and at the time this incident occurred there would have been a number of motorists passing through who may hold vital information.

“As part of our investigation we want to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed the collision or seen anything that didn’t look quite right.

“The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage of the incident.

“We’d also like to hear from anyone who saw the vehicle in the photo being driven from Widnes town centre, towards Runcorn prior to the collision.

“From our enquiries, we believe the car left Widnes town centre at 5.47pm before being driven across the Mersey Gateway bridge towards Runcorn.

“I urge anyone with any information – no matter how small – to get in touch.”

Information can be reported online at www.Cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or by calling 101, quoting IML 1391017.



Police appeal for information after attempted robbery in Crewe

Police are appealing for information following an attempted robbery in Crewe.

At 2.30am on Sunday 30 October a woman was driving her car along Victoria Avenue. As she got near to the junction with Queen Park Drive she spotted a bin in the road. She got out to move it and heard someone shouting to another person to assault her and take the car.

The woman got back in the car and fled to safety.

The suspect is described as wearing all black clothing and a black balaclava. He was on an orange motocross type bike.

PC Lorna Allix said:

“Obviously this caused the driver great distress, but thankfully she came to no harm. We are making enquiries in the area and would urge anyone with CCTV or dashcam footage that may help with our investigation to contact us. The same goes for anyone who has any information which could help us find those responsible.”

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us> quoting IML 1400542.

Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police in Crewe release CCTV image following criminal damage

Police in Crewe have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to in relation to criminal damage at an address in the town.

Sometime between 7.30am and 5pm on 16 October a man put stickers on the door of the Conservative Constituency Office in Eddleston Road, Crewe and glued the lock causing damage.

The suspect is described as white, wearing grey shoes with a white sole, grey pants, and a black zip up hoody with the hood up. He was also wearing glasses.



PC Lorna Allix said:

"We'd urge anyone who recognises the man in the CCTV image to contact us. We'd also ask that the man in the CCTV contacts us so that we can progress our enquiries."

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or by visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tua quoting 22000768056.

Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Officers appeal for information following burglary in Ellesmere Port

Police are appealing for information following a burglary in Ellesmere Port.

Between 5pm and 8pm on Saturday 29 October, unknown offenders are believed to have gained entry to a property on Chester Road, Whitby whilst the occupants were out and made an untidy search.

Several pieces of jewellery were taken during the incident.

It is believed that the offenders may have fled the scene in a vehicle.

Officers are now appealing to anyone who may have information to come forward.

Detective Constable Stuart Wood said: *"I would like to reassure residents that we are doing all we can to establish the identities of these criminals and bring them to justice."*

"Our investigation into the circumstances of the burglary is ongoing and we have been following numerous lines of enquiry."

"As part of our enquiries we are appealing to anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage from the Chester Road and Strawberry roundabout area to contact us."

"The same goes to anyone who may have witnessed anything or may have information that they believe could assist in our investigation."

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police by reporting it via the Cheshire Police website or call 101 quoting 1400242.

Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via the Crimestoppers website.

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