

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Latest Cheshire News

Warrington man jailed for breaching Sexual Harm Prevention Order

A 35-year-old man from Warrington has been jailed after breaching his Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Jamie Lee Scott, of Arpley Street, Warrington, was sentenced to 27 months in prison at Chester Crown Court on Friday 18 November.

He had earlier pleaded guilty to two breaches of the order that was placed on him after being previously convicted of indecent exposure in 2008.

He was subjected to the notification requirements of the Sex Offender Register and given a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

The court heard that on Thursday 19 May, Scott exposed himself in Sankey Valley Park, Warrington and began masturbating in front of two young girls as they stopped in the park after school.

One of the girls phoned their parents and tried to get a picture of the man. However, the man ran away towards Ripley Street.

Following further enquiries, officers found that the man attended a garage and managed to identify the man which they believed was Scott.

On 25 May, Scott was arrested and subsequently charged with indecent exposure, breaching his sexual harm prevention order and possession of a class B drug (cannabis).

Police Constable Josh Meakin said: *"As a registered sex offender, Scott was required to adhere to a number of conditions to deter him from reoffending."*

"Despite this, two young girls have since been left extremely disturbed and distressed after what Scott made them endure."

"Violence against women and girls is a priority for the force and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that everyone feels safe on the streets of Cheshire."

"I would like to thank the courts who have helped keep Scott off our streets with the sentence that has been handed down to him."

"I hope this result reassures members of the public that we do take action when registered sex offenders"

breach this order.

“I also hope this acts as a deterrent to those with Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and highlights the consequences of not adhering to the conditions.”



Cheshire Police widen scope of Domestic Abuse safeguarding tool

An increasing number of Cheshire residents are using their legal right to ask the police if they believe that they, or someone they know, is in a relationship with an individual who could be abusive towards them. This could be a partner, ex-partner, or an individual in an intimate personal relationship. They are using the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), known as “Clare’s Law”, which was implemented across police forces in England and Wales in March 2014.

Clare’s Law is named after Clare Wood who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend George Appleton in 2009.

Following her death and after five years of campaigning, Clare’s father, Michael Brown, managed to change the law to allow police to inform people of their partners’ criminal records and relevant past convictions. Clare’s Law was finally introduced in England and Wales in 2014 under the official title of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS).

From 2014 to 2020/21, the number of applications tripled whilst the number of disclosures quadrupled.

The guidance provided by the government allows disclosure under this scheme to be given to any person who is in a position to benefit from this information to better safeguard themselves or their dependants. It does not require you to be the current partner of the person you’re applying about.

It is this guidance that the Constabulary is promoting with a far-reaching poster campaign. The posters are being displayed in multiple sites including doctors and dental surgeries, hair and nail salons, pubs, clubs and wine bars. They act as a reminder to those who are concerned about the possible dangers faced by their loved ones in an intimate relationship.

The Constabulary has received over 620 requests so far in 2022 with 220 disclosures made – almost 30% of applications. A disclosure is when information is shared. The information can help a person to make informed choices about whether and how to take a relationship forward.

However, when information is not shared, it cannot be assumed that there is no risk. If no reports have been made by previous partners of an offence, the incidents would not have been recorded.

Under Clare's Law, you have the right to:

Make an application to the police requesting information about the person you are in a relationship with because you are worried they may have been abusive in the past, and believe they may pose a risk to you in future. Any information that the police share with you about a person is called 'disclosure'.

Request information from the police about a person in a relationship with a close friend, neighbour or family member, because you are concerned that they might be at risk of domestic abuse in future. This is called the 'right to ask.'

You have a right to ask the police about a heterosexual or same-sex relationship as long as you are aged 16 years or older. You also have the right to ask about an individual regardless of the person's gender identity, ethnicity, race, religion, or other characteristics.

You also have the 'right to know' which means that if police checks show that the subject of the application has a history of abusive behaviour, they may proactively share that information with you because they believe you are at future risk. Again, this is dependent on whether previous incidents have been reported and therefore recorded.

Clare's Law disclosures must be considered 'lawful', 'proportionate' and 'necessary'. This means that police must first decide whether it is appropriate to disclose the person's confidential records as part of your DVDS application. If there is enough to suggest that you may be at risk, then the police will make a collective decision on what information to disclose to you.

If you are applying on your own behalf, then the police will disclose any information directly to you – usually in person. If you're applying on behalf of someone else, the information will be given to the person the police believe needs it – this may not be you.

Once the application is received, police will review and consider the information held on their systems. If the decision is made that no disclosure should be given, the police will inform you of this. In this case, they are not required to share any disclosure with you or anyone else.

Abuse isn't only limited to physical abuse. It can also include harassment, verbal abuse, stalking, psychological threats or manipulation, sexual assault, and violent behaviour. Anyone can experience domestic abuse regardless of age, race, ethnic or religious backgrounds, sexuality, class or disability.

Detective Chief Inspector Steve Littlewood, Cheshire Constabulary Public Protection - Strategic, said:

"A former legal loophole made it possible for domestic abusers, or people with a prior record of violent or abusive behaviour, to conceal their background. This meant that their partners were more likely to be unaware of their past offences and put at greater risk of future harm. Clare Wood, who the law is named after, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend due to this lack of knowledge.

"It's encouraging to see the numbers of requests in the sense that more people are using the service in Cheshire, but I think there are still those out there who don't know about this right. In particular, that it applies to male and female domestic abusers and not just to partners and ex-partners.

"Making an application is a quick and easy process by filling out an online form on the Cheshire Police website or calling 101.

“It’s free and confidential and we urge anyone out there who has concerns about someone to make that important step. It could help to prevent another victim of domestic abuse which is why Clare’s Law was created.”

To request information under Clare’s Law please go to Request information under Clare's Law: Make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application | Cheshire Constabulary

Officers launch burglary crackdown in Cheshire East

In the run up to Christmas, officers from Cheshire Police have launched a crackdown on criminals intent on stealing from houses in eastern Cheshire.

The operation will see officers taking part in a series of initiatives to apprehend burglary suspects, with a particular focus on those thought to be involved with recent spate of high-value burglaries in the eastern side of the county.

Detective Chief Inspector Mark Whittaker, who is leading the operation, said:

“Over recent weeks we have seen a number of burglaries in the eastern area of the county and we are committed to doing all we can to identify those responsible.

“As part of this we will be running an operation in the run up to Christmas which will involve a number of plain clothed detectives, uniformed response officers and the Roads Policing Unit who will be deployed to key locations.

“Our neighbourhood officers will also continue reassurance and will be out and about on the streets. As well as increased patrols, we’re also working closely with Greater Manchester Police, Staffordshire and Derbyshire to tackle cross border criminals and share intelligence.”

As part of the operation officers are also encouraging residents to play their part by reporting suspicious activity and ensuring that their homes are kept secure.

DCI Whittaker added:

“Burglaries are a particularly distressing crime to deal with at any time of the year, but even more so at Christmas.

“While we undertake our crackdown on those responsible for these distressing crimes, we would also urge you to stay vigilant and use our advice and guidance to help prevent burglary in your neighbourhood.”

There are many ways in which you can best keep your home safe such as:

- Make sure that all windows are closed and locked, even when you are at home or in the garden.
- Use the security measures on modern windows, which allow them to let some air in but still be locked.

- All external doors should be always secured, even when you are at home.
- Keep all valuables out of sight and ensure that large amounts of cash are never kept in the home.
- Always use a chain if you are unsure of the identity of visitors to your home when answering the door – or similar
- Fit CCTV cameras or video doorbells to help deter offenders.
- It's also a good idea to keep an eye on your neighbourhood and report any suspicious activity to police.

To report suspicious activity in your community visit - <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard/> or call 101.

Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Cheshire Constabulary welcome 57 new recruits to this year's 'mini cops' intake

Cheshire Constabulary has welcomed a new intake of budding police recruits – all under the age of 12 - as part of a reworked mini cops scheme for 2022.

'Mini cops' will see children from seven primary schools from across Warrington to take part in assisting the community as part of the funding granted from the Police and Crime Commissioner and money seized criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

On Wednesday 16 and Wednesday 23 November, 57 children from seven schools were officially enrolled as mini police officers during Attestation Ceremonies at the Policing Museum.

During the ceremonies the children were sworn in as 'Mini cops' by Superintendent Mike Evans, who was joined by the Mayor of Warrington and the Police Crime Commissioner, John Dwyer.

They were also read the following statement of Common Purpose by presiding Judge Ann Boyd: *"The purpose of the mini police is to act as role models to our peers representing Cheshire Constabulary; to help the community and our friends; and to be compassionate, polite, and patient.*

"We must be on our best behaviour, professional and calm when faced with a challenge.

"We must work together as a team to tackle the problems in our community.

"We must understand and explain worrying topics to our friends and family to keep them safe.

"We must have fun whilst helping others".

Following the ceremony, the new recruits will now work with their local PCSO's throughout the school year, helping to deliver important messages such as anti-bullying, water safety and online safety.

The children will also partner up with the PCSO's in a joint effort to tackle issues of their choosing within their communities – last year's recruits, the mini police undertook bike marking, speed awareness, parking and litter picks.

The scheme allows the 'mini cops' to have their voices heard whilst Cheshire officers build upon child centred policing approaches.

Inspector Ruth Atherton, who leads on the project for Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"After the brilliant results from the three schools that took part last year, we were really excited to invite an additional four schools to get involved this year and we are overwhelmed with their enthusiasm.*

"As soon as our new recruits put those little uniforms on, they became more confident and empowered them to do something that they feel is right and stand up for that, and we're there to support them to do it.

"Mini cops' is a really special project that demonstrates our efforts in improving youth and community engagement across the town. This scheme allows the children to play an active role in keeping their communities safe and be proud of what they can achieve.

"It is a joy to work on this initiative alongside residents, children, and partners, who have collectively made a positive change and will continue to keep Warrington a safer place for everyone.

"This project has opened up an opportunity for residents to engage with each other and be proud of where they live. It has ultimately made a difference to those who are part of this community."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, said: *"It was a pleasure to attend the Mini Cops attestation and to see the children ready to make a real difference in their local area.*

"I believe the key to positive and safe communities is a strong relationship between residents and the local policing team, so I am looking forward to hearing about the important work that our mini cops carry out.

"The children have some really crucial messages to share, and they are the future of our communities. I am confident that they will make a positive contribution to making Cheshire an even safer place."



Winsford drug dealer ordered to pay back £390,000 of ill-gotten gains



A Winsford drug dealer who was convicted following an investigation into drugs and money laundering offences in Winsford has had confiscation orders totalling over £390,000 made against him by the courts.

At the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) hearing, a judge agreed that Shane, aged 43, had benefited from his crimes to the sum of £390,000 - it also found that his wife Carla, 32, had also benefited from her crimes to the sum of £40,000.

Available assets of more than £70,000 have already been identified in relation to the pair and they have been ordered to pay that amount immediately– however, the pair will owe the remaining sum to the courts for the rest of their lives until they can repay the full amount.

The pair were originally convicted as part of Operation Fedora in January this year following warrants at an address on Dart Walk, Winsford in October 2020, November 2020 and finally on 16 June 2021 when the pair were subsequently charged for their roles in the criminal operation.

Shane pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs, two counts of possession with intent to supply Class B and two counts of transferring criminal property under the Proceeds of Crime Act. He was handed a six year and nine months imprisonment.

Carla pleaded guilty to transferring criminal property under the Proceeds of Crime Act and was handed a 20-day rehabilitation order.

Detective Inspector Kelly-Ann Cain from Cheshire Constabulary's Economic Crime Unit, said: *"The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 allows us to recoup a criminal's benefit from crime via Confiscation Orders issued by the courts.*

"In cases such as Shane and Carla Preece, this legislation allows us to put a value not only on the crime that they have been convicted of but on the entirety of their income and assets held over several years.

"The Confiscation Order remains payable until it is settled in full and while they may not have assets to that value and cannot pay the order in full at this time, rest assured, we will ensure that every effort is made to recover every penny and paid back to society, no matter how long that takes.

"By doing this, we are ensuring that criminals do not get to enjoy any profit from crime once they have served their sentence.

"We are ensuring that they cannot use their ill-gotten gains to further their illegal enterprises and keep the communities of Cheshire safe."

<https://youtu.be/SpbLxwTQVWc>

Operation Fedora was the police response to information received from the local community into drug activity in the town.

A warrant was first executed at the property in Dart Walk and a caravan nearby in 2020 with cash and drugs being recovered.

Financial checks were also completed on the Preece bank accounts which found staggering amounts of money being deposited.

In 2021, further search warrants at both the Dart Walk address and a second property belonging to Shane Preece in Crewe.

Police were also armed with the power to seize goods under the Proceeds of Crime Act, with officers seizing items of significant value including several televisions, games consoles, numerous items of jewellery and designer clothing, and even the family sofa.

Large bundles of cash stuffed in designer handbags and a hidden floor safe were also uncovered.

Superintendent Gary Smith, who had oversight of the investigation, said: *"Shane Preece profited from his criminal exploits while causing many residents of Winsford to suffer as a result.*

"There is no doubt that information from the local community assisted us in putting Preece behind bars for his crimes.

"This latest result obtained by our Financial Investigation Unit demonstrates the lengths we can go to in order to target those who have heavily profited from illegal activity.

"To secure this result, our Financial Investigation Unit can also conduct updated financial checks on people and, if further assets or the means to pay is identified in the future, then they will be taken back to court.

"If you're involved in any drug related activity then you run the risk of not only being jailed but also having to pay back any cash that you may have benefited from as a result.

"The message is clear; crime really does not pay here in Cheshire."

Anyone with information about drug related activity in their community is urged to report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or through [Crimestoppers](#).

Crewe officers secure five-year Stalking Protection Order against man

Officers in Crewe have secured a five-year Stalking Protection Order (SPO) against a man who persistently approached lone women in the town.

Mohaned Awadsaid began his tirade in May 2021, when he approached lone women and, on each occasion, the women told the man that he should 'go away' but he persisted.

On occasions the 36-year-old even followed one victim to her home address and attended her place of work.

Awadsaid was handed a Stalking Protection Order at Crewe Magistrates' Court on 2 November which places strict restrictions on him for the next five years.

The order prohibits him from entering an exclusion zone in Crewe Town Centre (except for Crewe Police Station), approaching or speaking to any lone woman in any place in Crewe and attempting to approach or contact two named victims.

Sergeant Steve Tandy, of Crewe LPU, said: *"In this case, Awadsaid's behaviour was persistent, unwanted and repeated but we would not have secured this order if it wasn't for the bravery of the women for coming forward and reporting his actions to us.*

"We will do all we can to listen and protect victims who come forward to report any incident where people feel concerned or those intent on causing fear or harm.

"Violence and Intimidation against woman and girls remains a top priority for the force and SPOs are one of several options available to help safeguard and protect victims at risk of stalking.

"I would urge anyone who wishes to report this kind of behaviour to please do so, so we can take action to protect you."

For further information about how to report stalking or harassment, please visit [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Cheshire Police targeting domestic abuse offenders during World Cup

Cheshire Constabulary has implemented a robust action plan to tackle domestic abuse during the busy World Cup period.

This year's World Cup is the first time that a global men's tournament has taken place out of the traditional summer period. It is anticipated that licensed premises will be very busy during this time, especially due to the overlap with the start of the festive period.

Keeping people safe in the night-time economy (NTE) and managing domestic abuse incidents are key focus areas.

Additional officers will be patrolling busy NTE hotspots with safety vehicles on standby to help those who are feeling vulnerable.

The new 'safe space' safety vehicles will be situated in areas where there are high levels of night life. They will be clearly visible with the Constabulary's Safer Streets branding and provide a safe space for vulnerable people. The vehicles will have on-board safety equipment such as defibrillators, first aid kits, phone chargers and bottles of water. They will be staffed by police officers and community safety specialists from partner agencies who will be on hand to ensure that anyone in need of help is cared for until they are able to go home safely.

Ahead of the tournament, officers from the county's Local Policing Units are visiting licensed premises supplying them with updated information packs.

On busy nights, uniformed and plain clothes officers will be mingling in pubs and clubs watching for inappropriate behaviour and taking swift action against those looking to cause harm or nuisance.

The planned response to domestic abuse offences is multi-dimensional.

There will be double-crewed DA (Domestic Abuse) cars that will be used solely for responding rapidly to DA-related incidents.

Suspects who were arrested for DA assault during the UEFA Football tournament last year have been written to. The letter includes a reminder that there will be zero tolerance of further offending, an explanation of the Perpetrator Custody Programme, which is in operation in all of Cheshire's custody suites, and an offer of support if they need help with their behaviour.

The Perpetrator Custody Programme means that a support worker from the charity My CWA (formerly Cheshire Without Abuse) is on duty at each of the custody suites ready to engage with DA offenders about offender programmes and coping mechanisms.

The community-based support programme does not replace the criminal process and outcomes, but it does provide those who have offended with the opportunity to change and avoid future harmful actions, resulting in a break in the cycle of abuse.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer said:

"Sadly we know all too well that an increase in domestic abuse offences can coincide with major football tournaments, so I'm pleased to see the Constabulary taking robust action to prevent and tackle it as we approach the World Cup."

"Securing funding for new safety vehicles and the Perpetrator Custody programme has been a key part of my commitment to tackling domestic abuse at its root cause and supporting victims where it happens."

“I urge anyone experiencing domestic abuse at any time of the year to report this to the police, so you can get the support you deserve and offenders can be dealt with appropriately.”

Superintendent Claire Jesson said:

“Football brings people together in their desire to see their team succeed. But sadly, what’s often unseen and away from the pitch, is the increase of domestic abuse offences that are reported during football tournaments.

“Cheshire’s police officers are only too familiar with how football can bring out the best in people but also the worst.

“While we recognise that not all offenders are male and not all victims are female, statistically domestic abuse remains a predominantly male on female offence.

“And all too often we see male passions for football turn to aggression towards the women and girls in their lives.

“As a police force, we focus on domestic abuse all year round but football tournaments like the World Cup are always a time to amplify that focus and double down on offenders.

“These are the times when we see a tangible spike and we are ready to act.”

Drugs seized and three people arrested following county lines crackdown in Widnes

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary and Merseyside Police joined forces on Friday 18 November for Operation Medusa, an ongoing initiative to crackdown on county lines drug dealing and child criminal exploitation (CCE).

As part of the operation officers flooded the streets of Widnes and the main transport routes used by county lines drug dealers when travelling between Liverpool and Halton.



Inspector Thomas Hall, of Widnes Local Policing Unit said:

“We know that criminals don’t simply stop when they reach borders. Instead, organised crime groups based in major cities like Liverpool are always looking to extend their criminal activities into other locations, including Widnes.

“This operation forms part of our ongoing commitment to make our town a hostile place for criminals, disrupt illegal activity and make Widnes a safer place for everyone.

“However, it wasn’t just about catching criminals and seizing drugs, as part of the operation we also wanted to identify and safeguard vulnerable adults and children who are controlled, coerced and manipulated into dealing drugs on behalf of organised crime gangs.

“By doing so we can offer them the support that they require and help to set them on the right path for a better life and move them away from crime.”

Multiple stop checks were conducted as part of the operation, resulting in the arrest of three men and the seizure of a Class A and B drugs.

The arrests included –

- 16-year-old boy arrested for possession of class B drugs (cannabis). Cash and mobile phone also seized.
- 18-year-old man arrested for assault on an emergency worker, possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis), possession of an offensive weapon in private place, possession of class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of criminal property.
- 29-year-old man Prescott arrested for possession with intent to supply class A drugs. Charged and remanded in custody.

Inspector Hall added:

“Following this operation, we will continue to work with other forces and partner agencies to do everything in our power to protect local residents from serious and organised crime.

“However, we also need support from the public. We need residents to be our eyes and ears by looking out for, and reporting, suspicious behaviour and signs of vulnerable children and adults being exploited.

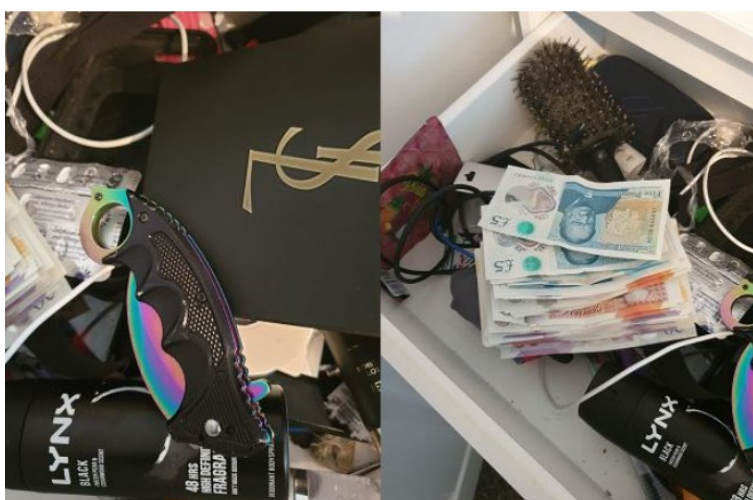
“If you have any information that may help us to build more intelligence regarding county lines drug dealing, bring offenders to justice and keep vulnerable members of our communities safe then please get in touch.

“Together we can take dangerous substances off our streets.”

For more details on how to spot the signs of county lines drug dealing, and help make Widnes a safer place, visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/campaigns/2019/impact/>.

Any information regarding drug dealing in your community, no matter how small, should be reported to Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk>.

Alternatively, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Teenager charged following a burglary in Northwich

Detectives investigating a burglary in Northwich have charged a teenager in connection with the incident.

The 17-year-old from Greater Manchester was arrested on Sunday 20 November.

He has since been charged with burglary, aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified, Driving without insurance and dangerous driving.

The teenager was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 21 November.

The charges related to a burglary on Woods Road, Hartford, which was reported at around 2.30am on Sunday 20 November.

Tribute issued following fatal collision on the M6 in Cheshire.

The family of a 41-year-old man who died following a collision on the M6 in Cheshire have paid tribute to him.

Christopher Smith passed away on Wednesday 16 November following a three-vehicle collision in Thelwall, which occurred at 12.30am on Tuesday 15 November.

Following his death, Mr Smith's family said: *"Christopher was a loving son, brother and uncle, and he was devoted to his partner Mandy.*

"The couple were awaiting the arrival of their first child, and Christopher was extremely excited about the prospect of becoming a father himself.

"Christopher was very close to his family, and nothing was ever too much trouble for him in regard to his friends.

"He loved to spend time with Mandy and working to provide for her, and also enjoyed watching and playing football.

"Christopher will always be remembered for his great sense of humour. Following his death Christopher has donated his organs so that others can live on."

A 28-year-old man from North Wales has since been charged in connection with the incident.

He is currently in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 14 December.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Man dies following fail to stop collision in Runcorn

Police have renewed their appeal for information following the death of a man involved in a fail to stop collision in Runcorn.

Kevin Viles, from Runcorn, sadly passed away on Friday 18 November at Aintree Hospital.

The 41-year-old had suffered critical injuries following a collision on the A533 Southern Expressway, Runcorn, which occurred shortly before 6pm on Monday 17 October.

Kevin was the passenger in a silver Mini Cooper which had come off the road and overturned on an embankment. The driver of the car fled the scene, leaving Kevin inside the vehicle.



Following his death, Kevin's wife Emma said:

"Kev was not only my husband, but my best friend, my soul mate and a shoulder to cry on when I needed it.

"He fought so very hard to heal and recover from his injuries, to be back with me and our four amazing children Nathan, Jessica, Amber and Kaylee, and his grandson Kairo.

"Sadly, Kev lost the battle and peacefully drifted away on November 18, with me right by his side.

"Life is never going to be the same for any of us without him, he was our big friendly giant who would do absolutely anything for anyone and always put people before himself.

"Our kids meant the absolute world to him, and he would always go above and beyond to ensure they were number one of his priorities.

"Although you sleep in heaven now Kev, you're not really that far away my heart is full of memories and you're with me every day.

"You lived your life with meaning and with a smile upon your silly face. A world that was full of happiness is now an empty place for me.

“People say that only time will heal a broken heart but just like me and you it has been torn apart. I know you’re at peace now and in a place where you are free.”

Officers are continuing to appeal for information following the collision.

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

“Following Kevin’s death I would urge people to examine their conscience and think back to the day of the incident.

“This isn’t just a serious collision anymore, a man has lost his life, a woman has lost her husband, four children have lost their dad and a one-year-old baby has lost his grandad.

“If you have any information in relation to this collision – no matter how small – please come forward so we can get justice for Kevin’s family.

“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 saw the silver Mini Cooper travelling from Widnes Town centre across the Mersey Gateway Bridge onto the Southern Expressway on the night of the incident.

“We also want to hear from anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage of the incident.

“I urge anyone with any information to call us on 101 quoting IML 1391017, or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/about-us/about-us/provide-more-information-about-an-appeal/>.”

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.



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He demanded his wallet which the victim refused, the suspect then slashed the victim's coat.

The victim sustained a scratch on his stomach as a result.

At the time of the incident, the offender was wearing a grey hoodie with the hood up, dark tracksuit bottoms with holes in and work-type safety boots.

Officers are now appealing for anyone with information to assist with their enquiries.

Detective Constable Vicky Greenhoff said: *"We currently have a number of enquiries underway, and we will be doing all we can to locate the person responsible and bring them to justice."*

"Thankfully the man only sustained minor injuries however the ordeal he had to endure is no-less terrifying."

"There will be officers patrolling the area over the coming days and I would urge anyone with concerns to raise them with officers."

"As part of our investigation we are keen to speak to anyone who may have been in the Middlewich Street area around the time of the incident and may have seen something that didn't look quite right."

"The same goes to anyone who may have footage and has not yet spoken to an officer."

"Also, I would urge anyone who believes that they may know who is responsible or has any information that could assist to please get in touch with us."

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Crewe Police release CCTV image as part of ongoing investigation

Police in Crewe have released a CCTV image as part of an ongoing investigation.

Officers are trying to establish the circumstances of an incident in the town that occurred on the evening of Friday 28 October on West Street in Crewe.

PC Ben Harrington said:

“As part of our enquiries, we’re looking to trace this man as we think he will be able to help us understand what happened that evening and would urge him to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who recognises the man in the CCTV image.”

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 1399453.

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



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