

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

A trial into the murder of Brianna Ghey has been set for Monday 10 July at Liverpool Crown Court

It is expected to last for three weeks and will hear evidence of the incident at Culcheth Linear Park on Saturday 11 February, where 16-year-old Brianna was killed.

A girl from Warrington and a boy from Leigh, both aged 15, were arrested the following day and later charged with her murder.

DCI Adam Waller, who has been the Senior Investigating Officer in the case, said: *"I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the community of Culcheth for their support in relation to the investigation.*

"We have been inundated with pieces of information from members of the community wanting to help and assist the enquiry. Many of our officers have been approached to offer their best wishes to us and, especially, to Brianna's family.

"I know that the family have also been overwhelmed by the messages of support, positivity and the compassion across the country and beyond – and the thoughts of everyone at the Constabulary remains firmly with them."

Three arrested following crackdown on illegal drugs in Chester

Three people were arrested following a crackdown on illegal drug activity in Chester city centre.

Plain clothed officers from Chester Local Policing Unit (LPU) flooded the streets of the city centre on Friday 10 February targeting those bringing illegal criminality.

Officers targeted key hotspot areas and seized a quantity of drugs.

Three males aged 17, 22 and 26, were all arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

They have all since been bailed pending further enquiries.

Inspector James Wilson said: *“The activity on Friday is just some of the ways in which our officers are working to tackle the issues around illegal drugs in our city.*

“I hope that these arrests provide some reassurance to the community and that we are doing all we can to target those intent on bringing harm to our communities.

“My message is clear that any form of criminality will not be tolerated in our city.

“We wouldn’t be able to do action such as this without information from the public and I would urge anyone who has information about drug related activity to get in touch.”

Anyone with information in relation to drug activity in the city can report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or call 101.

Man banned from Macclesfield town centre after being handed Criminal Behaviour Order



A prolific offender has been ordered to adhere to a Criminal Behaviour Order for the next three years.

Ian Thorley, of Hungerford Road, Crewe was handed the order at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 15 February.

While he resides in Crewe, the majority of his offending has occurred in Macclesfield and includes offences of assault and criminal damage.

The 46-year-old is now forbidden from entering Macclesfield town centre.

The CBO, which was applied for by Macclesfield South Beat Team, prohibits Thorley from entering Macclesfield town centre unless for any pre-arranged appointments.

If Thorley fails to follow the order is a criminal offence and could result in a recall to prison or a fine.

Sergeant Matt Bassirat said: *“Thorley is a prolific offender who has caused no end of trouble in the town.*

“This result shows we will not stop when pursuing those who are intent on causing harm to our communities and will use every option available to us in order to make Macclesfield a safer town to work and visit.

“Thorley will be under the CBO until 15 February 2026 and if he fails to comply with any of the conditions, he could see a penalty of 5 years imprisonment.”

Anyone who encounters Thorley breaching any of the above restrictions is urged to contact Cheshire Police at [the Cheshire Police website](#), or call 101, to report it

Malpas man convicted of sexual abuse against a child



A man from Malpas has been convicted of 17 counts of sexual abuse against a child following two trials at Chester Crown Court.

Glyn Jones appeared at Chester Crown Court in November 2021 where he was found guilty of six offences relating to the sexual abuse of a child between 2014 and 2019.

However, the jury were unable to reach a verdict on a number of additional allegations against the 62-year-old and he was ordered to face a retrial.

Jones returned to court on 7 February and, following a five-day trial, he was found guilty of 11 further offences.

The offences include sexual activity with a child aged 11 to 15, rape of a child under 13 and causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

Jones, of Bradley Lane, Malpas, has been remanded in custody and is set to be sentenced at Chester Crown Court on 24 March 2023.

During the trial the court heard how Jones sexually abused his victim over a sustained period between March 2014 and March 2019, beginning when they were just 10–years-old.

Following the verdict Detective Constable Beth Colbourne, who led the investigation, said: *“Firstly I would like to commend the victim for the bravery that they have shown throughout this investigation.*

“What Jones put them through is truly horrifying and the fact that he made them endure not one, but two trials and recount what he did to them was extremely distressing. But thanks to courage the victim has shown, he is now facing the consequences of his actions.

“I hope that the conclusion of this case will provide them with some closure and help them recover from what they has been through.

“Grooming and sexual assault of children causes terrible distress to all involved, not least the victim themselves, and I urge anyone who has been the victim of a sexual assault – no matter how long ago the incident took place – to come forward and report it.

“I hope that this case acts as a warning that we take all reports of such crimes seriously and carry out rigorous and thorough investigations to ensure those responsible are brought to justice.”

To report any sexual offence call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or visit [the Cheshire Police website](#).

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

Help and information can also be found online via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Two charged following the death of 16-year-old Brianna Ghey

A 15-year-old girl from Warrington and a 15-year-old boy from Leigh have today, Wednesday 15 February 2023, been charged with murder following the death of 16-year-old Brianna Ghey.

Brianna's body was discovered in Linear Park, Culcheth on Saturday afternoon, 11 February 2023.

The Crown Prosecution Service reminds all concerned that criminal proceedings against both 15-year-olds are now active and that they have the right to a fair trial. It is extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings.

Update relating to the investigation into the murder of Brianna Ghey

Police investigating the murder of Brianna Ghey have been granted an extension of 30 hours to further question two suspects – a boy and a girl, both aged 15.

All lines of enquiry are being explored, including whether this was a hate crime.

Please continue to avoid speculation online and be wary of sharing misinformation relating to this case.

Detectives charge teenager following serious assault in Macclesfield

Detectives investigating a serious assault on Masons Lane, Macclesfield have charged a teenager.

The charges relate to a serious assault on a 41-year-old woman at a property on Masons Lane, Macclesfield at around 4.15pm on Sunday 12 February.

A 16-year-old boy from Manchester was arrested and subsequently charged with section 18 wounding with intent, possession of a knife in a public place and two counts of possession with intent of supply class A drugs (cocaine and heroin).

He will appear at Chester Magistrates' Court today (Tuesday 14 February).

Officers issue dispersal order following anti-social behaviour in Chester City Centre

Officers in Chester have issued a dispersal order following reports of a group causing anti-social behaviour in the city centre.

Police will be using dispersal orders banning anyone from the town for up to 48 hours to prevent disorder.

The dispersal order has been imposed under Section 34 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, dispersal orders make it an offence for anyone to return to a specific area for up to 48 hours.

The area covered includes the area bound by Nicholas Street, St Oswalds Way, The Groves, Station Road and City Road indicated by the highlighted mapped area which is provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave.

The powers are in place now and will run until 11pm on Tuesday 14 February.

Inspector James Wilson said: *"As a result of a small minority of people causing anti-social behaviour and street drinking, we have had to impose a dispersal order in the city throughout the day and into this evening.*

"I want to be clear that we will do everything we can do to crackdown on this activity and our communities should not have to put up with anti-social behaviour.

"I would urge anyone who witnesses anti-social behaviour to report this to us by calling 101 or reporting it via our website so that we can investigate further."

Anyone with information on ASB in their area can report it to Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Family of Brianna Ghey provide tribute

Following her death on Saturday 11 February, the family of Brianna Ghey have provided the following tribute:

"Brianna was a much loved daughter, granddaughter, and baby sister. She was a larger than life character who would leave a lasting impression on all that met her. Brianna was beautiful, witty and hilarious. Brianna was strong, fearless and one of a kind.

"The loss of her young life has left a massive hole in our family, and we know that the teachers and her friends who were involved in her life will feel the same.

"We would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support during this extremely difficult time. We would like to thank the police for their support, and witnesses for helping with the investigation.

"The continuation of respect for privacy is greatly appreciated."

Cheshire Constabulary would also like to reiterate the family's request for privacy at this extremely difficult and distressing time for them. We kindly ask that members of the press respect this request.

Read [our current appeal](#) in the Appeals section of our website.



Brianna Ghey

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal following serious collision in Ledsham, near Ellesmere Port

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a serious collision involving a heavy goods vehicle and a bicycle in Ledsham, near Ellesmere Port.

The incident occurred on the A540 Parkgate Road, next to the junction with Badgers Rake Lane, at around 4.15am on Saturday 18 February.

A 39-year-old man from Wirral sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision.

He had been riding a bicycle that collided with a white Scania HGV.

The casualty was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital in an ambulance.

He remains in hospital receiving treatment.

The driver of the HGV, a 54-year-old man from Chester, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

A range of enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing.

As part of their enquiries, officers want to speak to anyone who was in the area and witnessed the collision or anything else that may aid their investigation.

They also want to hear from any motorists who believe they may have captured relevant footage on their dashcams.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage that may help the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 1482021, or give the details via [the Cheshire Constabulary website](#).

Appeal following burglary in Widnes

Officers investigating a burglary at a convenience store are appealing for information from the public.

At 11:43pm on Wednesday 15 February, officers were called to reports of suspicious activity at Co-operative Food store on Liverpool Road, Widnes.

The caller reported two men acting suspiciously outside the store.

Both men were described as being of medium build, around 5' 8", both were wearing dark clothing and possibly in possession of a crowbar.

Officers attended the scene and there was no trace of the men.

However, they discovered that there had been a burglary at the store and a small amount of cash had been stolen.

Officers are appealing for anyone with information, CCTV or dash cam footage to get in touch.

Detective Sergeant Lee Connor said:

“While our enquiries into this burglary are currently ongoing, I am appealing to anyone who has information to please contact us.

“If you were in the area at the time or have any CCTV or dash cam footage, please do not hesitate to get in touch.”

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML1480267

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

Appeal for information following serious collision on M56

Officers are appealing for information and footage following a serious collision on the M56.

At around 6.55am on Monday 30 January officers were called to the M56 at junction 9 eastbound at Lymm following reports of a collision involving a white Mercedes A Class, a white Mercedes Flat bed van and a blue McLaren 720S.

The driver of the white Mercedes A Class, a 48-year-old man from Runcorn, was taken to hospital with serious injuries. He remains in hospital at this time, his condition is described as life-threatening.

Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the collision to come forward.

Police Constable Orren Williams said: *“We have been following a number of enquiries to establish what took place following the collision and are now appealing for anyone with information to come forward.*

“This stretch of carriageway would have been extremely busy at this time and I know that there would have been a lot of people making their commutes to work.

“As such I would ask anyone who may have seen the vehicles involved before the collision or perhaps witnessed the collision to get in touch.

“The same goes to anyone who may have information or may have dashcam footage that they believe could assist us in piecing together what happened.”

Anyone with information is asked to provide it to Cheshire Police via [the website](#) quoting IML 1467537 or call 101.

Police appeal for witnesses after Helsby sexual assault

Police are appealing for witnesses following a sexual assault in Helsby.

Sometime between 11.15pm and 11.35pm a woman was walking toward Elton from Frodsham when she felt someone was following her.

She was grabbed, pulled to the ground and assaulted. The victim managed to fight him off and flee on foot to a nearby address.

The suspect is described as white, in his 40s, tall and thin with a bald spot on his head. He was wearing all black clothing.

DC Kelly Birch said:

“The victim was shaken up by her ordeal and is being supported by specialist officers. Police have also stepped-up patrols in the area to provide reassurance to the public.

“I’d urge anyone who may have witnessed the victim or suspect walking along Chester Road to contact police with any information that may help. We’re also appealing to anyone with dashcam footage who was in the area on 12 February between 10.45pm and 11.45pm to make contact with us.”

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML1477979.

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

Detectives arrest two teenagers in connection with the death of 16-year-old Brianna Ghey in Warrington

Detectives have arrested two teenagers following the death of 16-year-old Brianna Ghey in Warrington.

Emergency services were called to Linear Park in Culcheth by members of the public at 3.13pm yesterday, Saturday 11 February 2023, after Brianna’s body was found on a path where she was sadly pronounced dead.

As part of ongoing enquiries, a 15-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl, both from the local area, have been arrested on suspicion of murder.

They are currently in custody assisting police with their investigation.



Brianna Ghey

Detective Chief Superintendent Mike Evans said: *“A number of enquiries in relation to this incident are underway and we are doing all that we can to establish the exact circumstances of what has happened.*

“At this time, there is no evidence to suggest that the circumstances surrounding Brianna’s death are hate related.

“Patrols have been stepped up in the local area and officers will remain in the Culcheth area to provide reassurance and address any concerns that residents may have.

“I would ask anyone who has any information, no matter how big or small, that they believe could help with our investigation to get in touch.

“We are also keen for people and businesses within the local community to check any CCTV or dashcam footage for anything that may aid our investigation.”

Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1476832 or [report it to us via our website](#).

Alternatively, information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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