

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Man from Nantwich jailed for historic sexual abuse

A man from Nantwich who sexually abused a young boy has been jailed thanks to the bravery and courage of his victim.

Dennis Lumborg pleaded guilty to five counts of indecent assault and one count of indecency with a child following his appearance at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 March.

The 77-year-old of Main Road, Wybunbury, Nantwich, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 March, where he was sentenced to five years and three months.

Lumborg, who formally worked as a teacher at the Victoria High School in Crewe, was also ordered to sign the sex offenders register indefinitely.



Dennis Lumborg

The court heard that Lumborg abused the victim between 1972 and 1975.

Following the sentencing, Detective Sergeant Dave Healy said: “Thankfully, as a result of the bravery shown by the victim, Lumborg’s depraved acts have finally caught up with him.

“What Lumborg did to him is truly horrifying, and something that no child should have to experience.

“The sentence handed to Lumborg reflects the severity of his crime and I hope that his conviction will encourage other victims to come forward.

“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.

“We will continue to work with victims to ensure that they are listened to and are provided with the specialist support they need.”

If you have been a victim of sexual abuse, or know of someone who has, please contact Cheshire Police on 101, [via the website](#), or Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

Police Experience Survey

Are you a victim-survivor of rape or another sexual offence?

Have you ever reported the offence to the police?

Do you want to give feedback on your experience with the police?

Operation Bluestone Soteria is inviting victim-survivors of rape and other sexual offences to take part in a survey about your experience with the police. The online survey is completely anonymous.

Why?

The survey will help us understand how the police process feels to victims of rape and other sexual offences. We will use these findings to help the police improve.

Who is invited?

All victim-survivors of rape and other sexual offences aged 18 and over whose case police know about. Your case may have just started, been ongoing for some time, or be closed. We want to listen to all victim-survivors.

Who is conducting this survey?

The survey is being conducted by academics at City, University of London, in line with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If you respond you cannot be identified, and your data will be completely anonymous.

How do I complete this survey?

You can complete this survey online in your own time, at your own pace, and at a place that feels safe and comfortable to you. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

This is an academic survey conducted by City, University of London, and not a police survey. Please do not report any crimes in the survey as your response will be anonymous.

Complete the survey at [Police experience survey \(qualtrics.com\)](https://www.qualtrics.com)

Thirteen arrested and 82 cannabis plants recovered in joint cross-border crackdown for Operation Crossbow

Thirteen people were arrested, and 82 cannabis plants were recovered in a joint crackdown on cross-border criminals for Operation Crossbow on Wednesday 8 March.

The day of action saw Cheshire Constabulary join forces with North Wales Police and British Transport Police, deploying more than 200 officers in a bid to disrupt and deny criminals using roads across the region.

Critical in tactically policing the border, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras were used by officers to virtually monitor vehicles crossing between the counties.

Stop checks were made on all vehicles that were linked to criminal activity or operating on the roads illegally.

Activity also took place in Chester and Ellesmere Port, in a further crackdown on those who bring misery to communities.

Some of the day's results include:

- Thirteen arrests – Eight in Cheshire and five in North Wales, for offences such as possession with intent to supply, rape and domestic violence.
- Nine people stopped and dealt with for using a mobile phone while driving.
- 1 vehicle was seized.
- 36 speeding offences recorded and dealt with in Hough Green and Christleton.
- 17 HGVs stopped resulting in 10 Graduated Fixed Penalty Notices (GFPN) handed out at £1,500 in costs.
- 82 cannabis plants recovered.

Chief Inspector John Forshaw said: "During this day of action, we have shown our continued commitment to the communities of Cheshire and North Wales and our promise to make the region a hostile environment for criminals to operate in. This operation is an extension of the excellent work we do between the forces on a daily basis.

"We are relentless in our pursuit to disrupt criminal activity especially on and around our borders - we will use all the resources available to us to make it even more difficult for those intent on crossing the border to commit crime.

"The day has been an all-round success, showcasing the Constabulary's solid efforts to impede any potential criminal activity taking place on or across the borders.

"Operation Crossbow is a prime example of how, by working with neighbouring forces, we can bolster our collective knowledge in taking out criminals who rely on the road network to commit offences.

"It's quite clear, we will not stop in pursuing those who are intent on coming into Cheshire to commit crime."

Three arrested following string of assaults in Ellesmere Port

Officers have arrested three teenagers following assaults in Ellesmere Port.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm. He has since been bailed pending further enquiries.

Two boys, aged 13 and 14, were also arrested on suspicion of four counts of assault. They too have been bailed pending further enquiries

The arrests relate to assaults which took place on 4 December 2022 at Ellesmere Port bus station, Tuesday 21 February at Whitby Park and Marina Walk and an assault in Westminster Park on Monday 6 March.

Man charged following stop check in Congleton

A man has been charged following stop check by officers in Congleton.

Craig Thompson was arrested on Monday 6 March, following a stop and search conducted by officers on Newman Close.

The 39-year-old of Kingston Terrace, Leeds was subsequently charged with driving while disqualified, driving a motor vehicle without consent, driving without insurance and failing to provide a sample.

He has been bailed to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 March.

Cross border criminals targeted in day of action under Operation Crossbow

Criminals travelling between Cheshire and North Wales have been targeted by police as part of Operation Crossbow.

The day of action – which took place this morning, Wednesday 8 March - saw Cheshire Constabulary join forces with North Wales Police and British Transport Police in a bid to disrupt and deny criminals using the road and railway networks between borders.

More than 200 officers flooded the main arterial routes in and out of Chester, Ellesmere Port and North Wales aiming to flush out any potential criminals using the transport network to commit crime.

Cheshire's Roads and Crime officers parked at key locations and used Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to monitor vehicles crossing between the counties with stop checks being made on vehicles linked to criminal activity or believed to be operating on the roads illegally.

In addition, officers from British Transport Police also patrolled the rail routes into Chester. While out targeting criminals, Cheshire officers were equipped with Operator Initiated Facial Recognition (OIFR) which allows officers to check the identity of someone who is believed to have provided false details and are unable to show identification. OIFR allows officers to promptly compare photographs of offenders to a reference image database to assist them with confirming the identity of the person in front of them.

Another initiative used by officers was Operation Yellow Card which allows officers who suspect someone is carrying out criminal activity to issue them with a warning card.

In Chester city centre, agencies joined forces with police to tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour in the city.

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Deputy Chief Constable, Chris Armit, said: "Operation Crossbow is a joined up response to policing the region's borders including those who use road and rail networks to commit criminality and send a strong message to individuals associated with or linked to serious and organised crime.

"During this day of action, we have shown our continued commitment to the communities of Cheshire and North Wales and our promise to make the region a hostile environment for criminals

to operate in.

“This operation is an extension of the excellent work that we already do between the forces on a daily basis and to further prevent criminals who may choose to move their criminality into other neighbouring areas as a result of the disruption.

“We know there is a strong link between the illegal use of vehicles and other serious and organised crime, which is why we are working together with our colleagues in North Wales and British Transport Police to target these criminals as they travel across the region.

“We will not stop pursuing those who are intent on travelling to Cheshire in order to commit crime and we will continue doing all we can to protect the public that we serve and reinforces the message that those intent on causing harm are not welcome in Cheshire.”

North Wales Police Assistant Chief Constable Chris Allsop said: “This successful day of action achieved its main objective of coming together with colleagues in Cheshire Police and the British Transport Police to disrupt against criminals who rely on the roads and rail network to cross the North Wales and Cheshire border to commit offences.

“With a strong link between serious and organised crime and the illegal use of vehicles, it was vital that we worked together to target these main arterial routes to disrupt criminals operating in our areas.

“We cannot underestimate the impact of cross-border crime on our local communities. County Line gangs exploit the most vulnerable people in our communities, including children and young people. They are intimidated, coerced, threatened and often subject to violence.

“We remain absolutely committed to working with neighbouring forces to pursue offenders and together, we will continue to make North Wales the safest place to live, work and visit.

“I hope this operation has reassured residents that we will do all we can to protect the public we serve and take those who commit crimes off our streets.”

ACC Allsop added: “Operations of this scale are always led by our most skilled and talented officers, and as we celebrate International Women's Day today, I am pleased that this major operation was led by two female gold commanders for both North Wales and Cheshire Police, in addition to two female Chief Inspectors from North Wales Police.

“This is just one example of the amazing work our female officers and staff undertake every day and is testament to their hard work and dedication to their roles.”

Chief inspector Dave Rams of British Transport Police said: "Our officers continue to patrol trains in and out of the city targeting those who are intent on using the railway in pursuit of their criminal

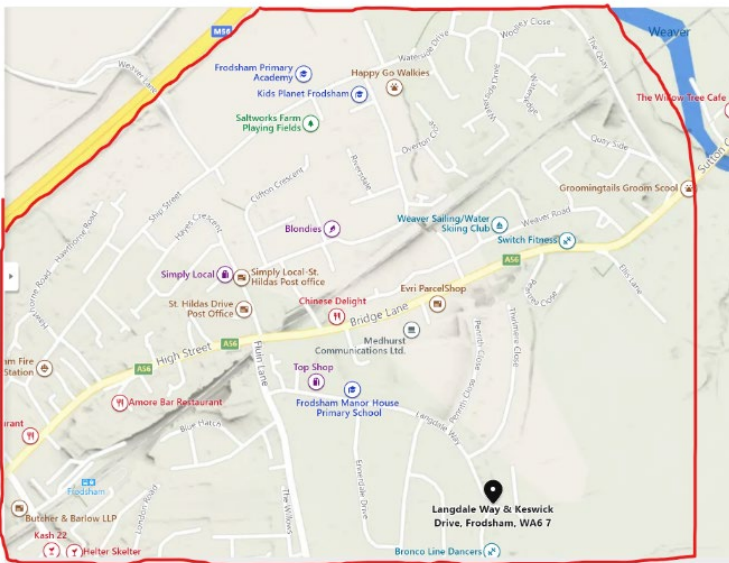
endeavours.

"Working together by combining our resources sends a powerful message to criminals that they will be stopped.

"Whether you are a rail passenger or a member or rail staff we are always focused on your safety.

"To report a crime on the network or if you spot something that doesn't look right you can text us discreetly using our 61016 number. In an emergency always call 999."

Dispersal order issued following anti-social behaviour in Frodsham



Officers working to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Frodsham have issued a dispersal order.

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 by the order is highlighted in the mapped area. The map is provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave.

The powers are in place from 6pm today (Monday 6 March) until 5.59pm on Wednesday 8 March.

Officers will also be deployed at key hotspot areas in order to disrupt ASB activity.

Inspector Brian Green said: “We have seen an increase of anti-social behaviour in the area and I want to be clear that we are doing all we can to stamp out this crime in Frodsham.

“We know that anti-social behaviour can have a devastating impact on neighbourhoods, and I want to be clear that we will do all we can locate those responsible and robustly deal with those found to be committing this crime.

“Officers will be patrolling key areas around the town and I would urge anyone with concerns to please approach an officer.

“I would also urge anyone who has children in the town to be fully aware of where they are and educate them about the consequences of committing anti-social behaviour and how it won’t just affect them but also their family and those around them.

“I’d like to thank the public for raising issues with anti-social behaviour to us, this helps us not only take appropriate action to address the issues but also to build a picture of the activity around us.”

Anyone with information about anti-social behaviour in their area is urged to contact Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or call 101.

Detectives charge man in connection with drug offences in Chester

Detectives in Chester have charged a man in connection with drug offences following a warrant at an address in Hoole.

Josh Banks, was arrested on Thursday 2 March following a warrant conducted by Chester Proactive Team at an address on Woodlands Drive.

The 28-year-old of Woodlands Drive, Chester has since been charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine and cannabis).

He appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Saturday 4 March where he pleaded guilty to the charges.

Banks was remanded in custody and is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 31 March.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Officers issue CCTV following incident on bus in Warrington



Officers have issued a CCTV image of a man they want to speak to following an incident on a bus in Warrington.

At sometime between 3pm to 3.30pm on Friday 17 February, a 12-year-old girl was travelling on the number 3 bus, between Warrington Bus Station and the Manchester Road bus stop next to Beresford Street, when an unknown man inappropriately touched her.

The incident is believed to be isolated and police have been conducting a number of enquiries to trace the person responsible.

As part of their investigation, officers have now issued an image of a man they are looking to identify.



Police Constable John Riley said: “I want to be clear that we are doing all we can to locate the person responsible and do believe this to be an isolated incident.

“We have a number of enquiries ongoing and as part of these we are now appealing for assistance to identify the man in the CCTV as we believe he may have vital information to assist us with our investigation.

“I would also appeal to the man himself to please come forward. Anyone who believes that they have information about the incident and has not yet spoken to police to please do so by calling us on 101.”

Anyone with information is asked to report it to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1481508.

Information can also be provided to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or visit [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Police appeal to trace wanted man from Crewe



Officers are appealing for help in tracing a wanted man from Crewe.

Kieron McBarron, 39, of Davenport Avenue, Nantwich is wanted for breach bail conditions.

McBarron is white, around 5'7" tall of proportional build with short brown hair and brown eyes.

He is known to have links to the Warrington, Crewe and Merseyside areas.

Anyone who knows of McBarron, or McBarron himself, is urged to contact Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML-1474973 or call 101.

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

Appeal for information following collision in Nantwich

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage after a collision in Nantwich.

At around 1:45am on Saturday 4 March, a pedestrian, a 27-year-old man was involved in a collision with a black BMW at the junction of Welsh Row and St Anne's Lane.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are appealing to speak to any witnesses who may have been in the area at the time or may have CCTV or dashcam footage.

Detective Sergeant George Booth said:

"This investigation is in its early stages and we're keen to hear from anyone who was in the Welsh Row, St Annes's Lane or Waterlode areas at the time of the incident and may have witnessed anything before the collision or the moments that directly followed.

"We have several enquiries underway to establish what exactly took place.

"As part of our enquiries, we're particularly keen to hear from anyone with any dashcam or CCTV footage from the area around the time of the incident.

"I would also urge anyone who may have any further information that they believe may be useful for us to please get in touch."

Anyone with information or video footage that may help the ongoing investigation should contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/about-us/about-us/provide-more-information-about-an-appeal/> quoting IML 1492530.

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

CCTV image issued following theft in Mere



Officers have issued a CCTV image following a theft of cash and bank cards in Mere.

At sometime between 11.30am to 1pm on 22 February, a report was made that cash, bank cards and a driving licence were taken from a locker at a Golf and Country Club on Chester Road.

It is believed that the card was then used a number of times in the Wilmslow and Knutsford area.

Following several enquiries, officers have now issued a CCTV image of a man that they would like to speak to.

Police Constable Abbey Jackson said: "There may have been a number of people in and around the country club at the time of the incident and I would ask anyone who may have seen something that didn't look quite right to get in touch with us.

“We have been following several enquiries and as part of these, we have issued a CCTV image of a man that we believe may be able to assist us with our investigation.

“I would urge anyone who recognises the man, or the man himself, to contact us.”

Anyone with information is urged to report it to Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1485278 or call 101.

Appeal for information following robbery in Crewe

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following an armed robbery in Crewe.

At around 3.15pm on Sunday 5 March, a delivery driver parked his white Ford transit van on Cloughton Avenue, to deliver a parcel to a nearby address.

As he returned to his vehicle he was approached by an unknown man who threatened him with a knife and demanded that he handed over his keys to his van.

The victim complied with the offender, who then drove off from the scene in the stolen van. It is believed that the vehicle may have been in convoy with a second white transit van.

The stolen vehicle was subsequently recovered parked at a car park on Merebrook Walk.

The suspect is described as a white man, around 25 to 30 years old, of slim build, around 5’ 11” tall, with blond hair and a long blonde beard.

At the time of the incident, he was wearing black trousers, a black jacket and a black woollen hat.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information that may aid the investigation.

Detective Constable Thomas Towe, who is leading the investigation, said:

“This investigation is in its early stages and we’re keen to hear from anyone who was in the Cloughton Avenue area at the time of the incident and may have witnessed anything suspicious.

“The same goes for anyone who thinks they may have seen the vehicle being dumped in the Merebrook Walk area.

“We’re particularly keen to hear from anyone with any dashcam or CCTV footage of the incident.

“We’re also aware that a number of residents now have ring doorbells, so please, if you live in the Cloughton Avenue or Merebrook Walk area, review it to see if anything has been captured that may aid our investigation.”

Anyone with information or video footage that may help the ongoing investigation should contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua>, quoting IML 1492137.

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

Police appeal for information to trace wanted man from Chester

Officers are appealing to help from the public in locating a wanted man from Chester.

Luke HUSTON also known as Luke FENNER, 33, is currently wanted on recall from prison and has recently assaulted a woman and caused criminal damage in Chester.

Huston/Fenner is white, of proportionate build, around 5’6” tall with short brown hair and brown eyes. He is also known to have a scar on the right hand side of his scalp and may have swelling to his jaw.

He has links to Northwich and the Handbridge area of Chester.

Anyone with information in relation to the whereabouts of Huston/Fenner, or Huston/Fenner himself, is urged to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1440762 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/about-us/about-us/provide-more-information-about-an-appeal/>



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