

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### Woman jailed for minimum of 12 years for murdering husband in Neston

A woman who poured boiling water over her husband while he slept has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Corinna Smith, of Highfield Road in Neston, will serve a minimum of 12 years in prison. The 59-year-old mixed the water with three bags of sugar leaving Michael Baines, aged 81, with 36 per cent burns to his body. He was taken to Whiston Hospital in the early hours of Tuesday 14 July 2020 in a serious condition. He received treatment for his injuries but, despite the best efforts of medical staff, he died a month later – on Tuesday 18 August.



The day before the attack took place, Smith, aged 59, was described as angry and very upset at a rumour circulating about her husband that she believed to be true. On the day of the incident she returned home and filled a bucket from her garden with boiling water and mixed it with 3kg of sugar. As Michael lay asleep in bed she poured the contents over his arms and torso and then left the property. She went to a nearby house and banged on the front door until the occupant answered. He contacted police and ambulance after hearing her say 'I've hurt him really bad, I think I've killed him'. A short time later officers arrived at the address. They found Michael in excruciating pain and whimpering in bed with the skin on his right arm and hand peeling off. Michael was taken to hospital and remained in the burns unit for two weeks in a stable condition before he deteriorated and passed away. Following the incident Smith was initially charged with grievous bodily harm – shortly after the death of her husband she was charged with murder. On Tuesday 15 June a jury found her guilty of murder following a five-day trial at Chester Crown Court and was sentenced. She was sentenced at the same court on Friday 9 July.

DCI Paul Hughes, from Cheshire Constabulary's Major Crime Directorate, said: *"Smith killed her husband Michael in such a painful and cruel way. To throw boiling water over someone when they are asleep is absolutely horrific. To also mix three bags of sugar with the water showed the determination she had to cause serious harm. The sugar placed into the water makes it vicious. It becomes thicker and stickier and sinks into the skin better. It left Michael in agony and rather than call the emergency services she wasted time by going to a house nine doors away to tell a neighbour, who she wasn't close to, what she had done. Michael was an elderly man who fought for his life after the attack but sadly in the end he passed away. My thoughts continue to be with his family at this incredibly difficult time."*

#### The Nantwich 'Police Youth Fishing Competition' returns

On Thursday 26 August 2021 officers from the Nantwich Beat Management team will be staging the annual 'Police Youth Fishing Competition' at Bay Moultons Border fisheries in Crewe.

This will be the 11th edition of an event that has grown and grown over the years and is now a permanent fixture in both the local Police and community calendar.

PC Matt Stonier said: *“The event is a perfect opportunity for local officers to engage positively with young people in an informal setting. The competition was last staged in 2019 prior to the pandemic and we had in the region of 50 entrants take part which was fantastic.”*

The event which is at Bay Moultons Border fisheries, Waybutt Lane, Crewe (CW2 5QA) is open to 10-16 year olds from across the area and is completely free of charge including refreshments, bait and prizes in various categories as well as a free raffle to ensure every entrant goes home with a gift. The highlight of the day will be the presentation of the 'Phillip Martin Memorial Trophy' to the overall match winner.

PC Stonier added: *“The day will again be supported by our local Sainsburys store and we hope that other local businesses will get behind the event as they have in previous years!”*

Entrants must download the [Application form](#) and return it to either Nantwich Police station or via email to [Sharon.Jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sharon.Jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) by July 31 2021. We expect to be inundated with applications so places will be allocated on a first come first basis.

## **Gang jailed after targeting 162 homes and stealing cars worth £2.6m**

An organised crime group (OCG) who burgled 18 homes in Warrington have been jailed.

The seven men and three women were involved in 162 burglaries in total across Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire between January 2019 and February 2020. In January 2020 an investigation was launched by Merseyside Police, detectives from Cheshire Constabulary's proactive team in Warrington and Lancashire Police following a spike in high value cars with an estimated value of £2.6m being stolen and often recovered in Blackburn. When the evidence was gathered a number of warrants were executed in October 2020 across Merseyside and Lancashire which led to seven arrests being made and subsequent charges. The remaining three were later charged and the vast majority, faced with overwhelming evidence, pleaded guilty prior to trial.



Over three days, from Tuesday 6 July 2021 some the group were sentenced at Liverpool Crown Court. 36-year-old Sireen Rafiq (also known as Shamilia Tabassum) of Seacole Close, Blackburn, Lancashire was sentenced to 21 months for transferring criminal property. 20-year-old Lewis Tankard of Seel Road, Huyton was sentenced to five years and seven months for conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles. 19-year-old Neil O'Brien of Prestwood Crescent, Knotty Ash was sentenced to six years in prison for conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles. 29-year-old Noah Hassan of no fixed abode was sentenced to four years and nine months for conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles. 29-year-old Stephen Hooten of Craighburn Road, Tuebrook was sentenced to five years and two months for conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to steal motor vehicles.

Additionally, 50-year-old Paula Heathers of The Green, Stoneycroft was sentenced to 14 months suspended for two years and 115 hours of unpaid work for possessing criminal property. Heathers and the six others all pleaded guilty. 20-year-old Susan Russell of Corner Brook, Stockbridge Village, was sentenced to 12 months suspended for two years, 60 hours unpaid work and a curfew, following a trial at Liverpool Crown Court. Three more men will be sentenced later this year.

DS Ian Bingley, from Cheshire Constabulary's proactive team in Warrington said: *"This was a painstaking and complex investigation involving all three forces working jointly to gather and collate evidence that would lead to identifying and capturing the organised crime group's conspiracy. They would commit the burglaries during the night, this was at times terrifying for the victims who were at home at the time. They ruthlessly forced their way into the property, searched for the keys to the owner's high powered vehicles and then drove away with the cars. The gang would identify what cars to target and their onward sale and were paid a wage for carrying out the crime. To bring them to justice required dedication and tireless work by the proactive team, in particular DC Mike McDermott who led the Warrington investigations, and our neighbouring forces to put an end to their criminality and let them know that Cheshire will not be seen as an easy target for organised crime."*

DS Darren Hankin of Operation Castle explains more: *"It is very pleasing to see this OCG dismantled following an extensive operation, working closely with our colleagues at our neighbouring Cheshire and Lancashire forces. It soon became clear that this OCG were sophisticated, prolific and causing misery wherever they went. We understand that burglary often has a massive impact on victims. It can be a really personal and invasive crime and victims can struggle to come to terms with offenders having entered their homes and stolen personal items, which don't always have huge monetary value, but on a personal level can be irreplaceable. Many burglaries are still preventable as offenders are often opportunistic. Lock your front and back door even when you are in, set your burglar alarm when you go out or go to be and consider getting CCTV. We continue to remind people over the summer that on hot days, although it might be tempting to leave windows and doors wide open to cool down, be careful not to leave yourself vulnerable by leaving your home in this way. It's also a good idea to use light timers when you go out at night or during the summer holiday period, keep valuables out of sight, and secure your shed and garage too. Look out for your neighbours, especially the elderly, and report anything suspicious to police."*

## **Man charged in connection with burglary in Widnes**

Officers investigating a series of burglaries in the Widnes area have charged a man.

Kevin Andrews, 34, of Queen Street, Orrell was charged with burglary and theft of a motor vehicle. Andrews was remanded and appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court on Wednesday 7 July. He entered a not guilty plea and was further remanded to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on 28 July.

## **HGV driver charged with drink driving following Cheshire Police stop check**

A HGV driver from Merseyside has been charged with drink driving following a stop check on the M62.

Jack Marlow was arrested at around 12pm on Wednesday 7 July after officers from the Cheshire Constabulary Roads and Crime Unit stopped a HGV on the M62 near to junction 6, Tarbuck Island. The 26-year-old has since been charged with drink driving and failing to stop for officers. Marlow, of Bridgewater Way, Huyton, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court later today, Thursday 8 July.

## **UPDATE – Northwich man charged with drugs offences following community intelligence**

A Northwich resident has been charged with drugs offences thanks to information from local residents.

Daniel Phipps was arrested on Wednesday 7 July by plain clothed officers who were patrolling Verdin Park following reports of suspicious activity in the area. The 34-year-old has since been charged with possession of Class A drugs (crack cocaine) and obstructing an officer. Phipps, of Mather Drive, Comberbach, has been released on bail and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 3 August. Two other men who were arrested at the time, age 49 and 38, have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

## **Prolific burglar jailed following nine day crime spree**

A prolific burglar who went on a nine day crime spree just weeks after his release from prison has been sent back to prison.

Dillon Foreman was released from prison on 27 November where he had been serving a sentence for attempted burglary and car theft. Just weeks after his release the 22-year-old reoffended when he broke into a house in Wolfick Drive, Spital on Wednesday 30 December. Over the next nine days Foreman continued his crime spree targeting homes in Tranmere, Little Sutton, Ellesmere Port, Higher Bebbington and Hoylake. During the majority of incidents Foreman gained entry via the patio doors and once inside he stole cars and computer systems while the owners slept upstairs. Thankfully, his crime spree was brought to a swift conclusion when detectives from Ellesmere Port CID and Merseyside Police linked him to the incidents through CCTV footage, DNA and mobile phone analysis.



Foreman, of Charlescombe Street, Tranmere was subsequently arrested and charged with five counts of burglary, three attempted burglary, the vehicle thefts and one count of theft of a number plate. He appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 5 July where he was sentenced to four years and nine months in prison. In addition to his prison sentence, Foreman was also handed a ten year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

The CBO comes with a number of strict conditions and means that Forman must not:

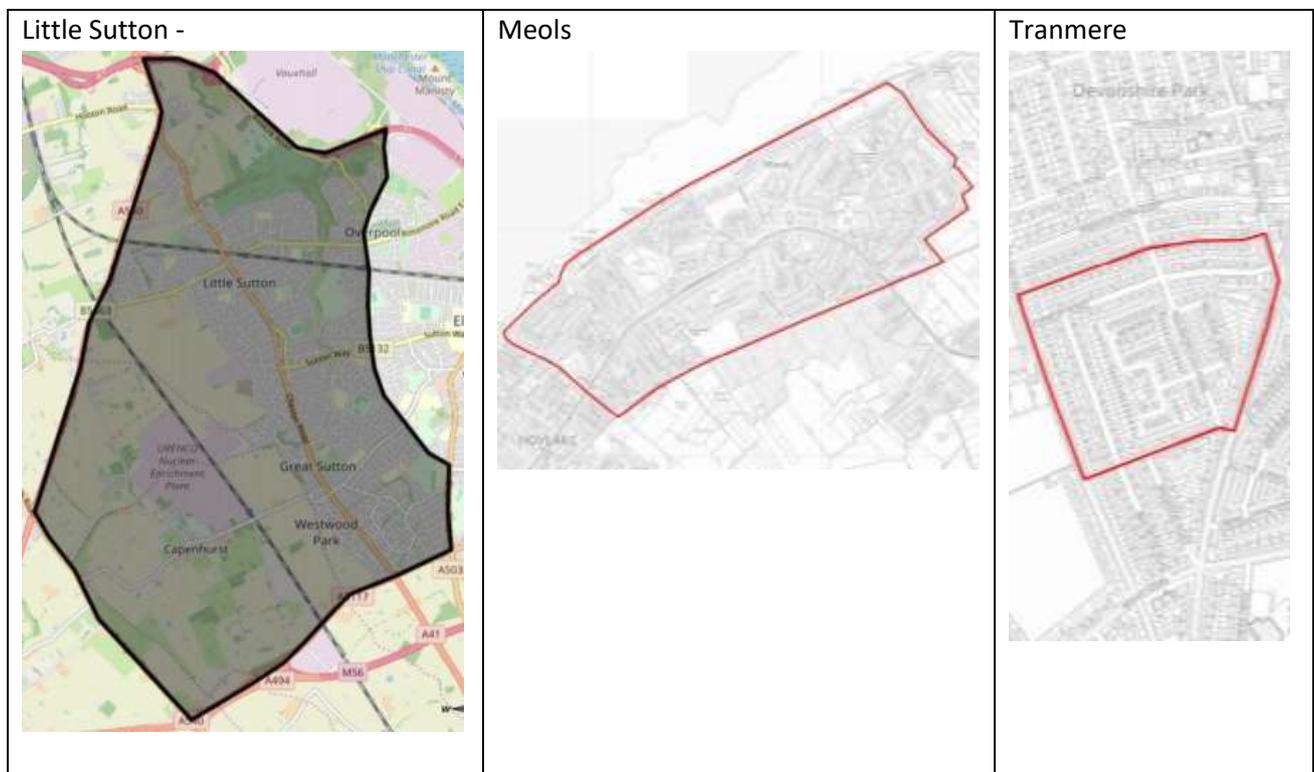
- Enter within the boundaries of any private dwelling (including gardens and outbuildings) or commercial premises outside of business hours without the permission of the owner or lawful occupier in England or Wales.
- Deliberately touch, enter or attempt to enter in or on any motor vehicle, except public transport without the consent of the owner or registered keeper
- Enter the exclusion area shaded in grey on Map A, or Map B and C outlined in red, except when passing through on a continuous journey using public transport or in a private vehicle and does not alight within the exclusion area.

If he breaches any of these conditions he faces up to five years in prison.

Following his sentencing, DS Graeme Carvell, of Ellesmere Port Proactive CID, said: *“Dillon Foreman is a prolific offender who targeted his victims in their own homes, the one place that they should be able to feel safe. Thankfully, as a result of the work by the dedicated team of detectives here at Ellesmere Port, along with our partners at Merseyside Police, Foreman is now facing the consequences of his actions. I hope that the sentence handed down by the courts provides some closure to the victims and enables them to move forward with their lives, I also hopes that it acts as a warning for other offenders. The message is clear, if you come to Cheshire to commit crime you will be caught and you will be brought to justice.”*

Jane Muckley, Community Safety Officer, at Ellesmere Port Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, added: *“I welcome the sentence that has been handed to Foreman and I hope that it acts as a deterrent to other offenders. In addition to his significant prison sentence he will also have to comply with a strict ten year Criminal Behaviour Order, which is another example of our commitment in targeting those who undermine our communities and bring misery to residents. I would like to thank all of the officers involved in this case for their support, including our colleagues at Wirral ASB Unit.”*

Below are the maps of areas included in Foremans CBO:



### **Update – Three people charged following Northwich drugs stop**

Three people have now been charged with drugs offences following a stop check by officers from Northwich local policing unit.

The trio were all arrested at around 11.30pm on Monday 5 July after officers stopped a Kia Rio near to the A556 in Peover. Kelly Munn, 43, of Anfield Road, Liverpool, has since been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine). She has been remanded in custody and will appear at Chester Magistrates Court later today, Wednesday 7 July. Leoni Bloor, aged 46, of Parkfield Road, Northwich, has been charged with possession of class a drugs (cocaine). She has been bailed

and will appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 3 August. Terry Murphy, aged 46, Dalemeadow Road, Liverpool, has been charged with possession of class b drugs (cannabis). He has also been bailed to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 3 August.

## **Eight arrested in cross border operation targeting organised crime in Crewe**

A cross border operation targeting those involved in organised crime led to eight arrests in Crewe.

Merseyside Police teamed up with officers from Crewe Local Policing Unit and British Transport Police (BTP) as part of an ongoing initiative centered on county lines drug dealing. The activity took place on 2 July with police executing three warrants and conducting patrols across the town including at Crewe train station.

- A 43-year-old local man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply heroin and has been released under investigation.
- A 51-year-old man from Manchester was arrested near Westminster Park on suspicion with intent to supply cocaine and heroin and possession of a knife.
- A 19-year-old local man was arrested on suspicion of possession of cannabis, possession of criminal property and possession with intent to supply cocaine and heroin.
- A 28-year-old local woman was arrested for breaching a court order.
- A 21-year-old local man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply heroin and has been released under investigation.
- An 18-year-old local woman was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply heroin and has been released under investigation.
- A 21-year-old man from Manchester was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a class A drug, possession with intent to supply a class A drug and possession of cannabis. He has been released on conditional bail.
- BTP arrested a man on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A and class B drugs.

Officers from the Roads and Crime Unit heavily patrolled the roads network including the M6 motorway in a bid to prevent criminals travelling into Cheshire. They also issued 13 TORS for various driving offences, two reports of dangerous driving and executed two stop searches involving an individual and a vehicle.

DI John O'Driscoll, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *"The purpose of the operation was to focus on those believed to be involved in drug criminality that emanates from Merseyside. We know that criminality has no borders and that organised crime groups will do all they can to profit from the supply of drugs, often using vulnerable adults and young children to assist them. By working with other forces it provides a greater opportunity to target individuals whether they are travelling into Crewe on foot, by using the motorway or road network or by train. A lot of our work relies on information and intelligence from the local community, spotting the signs of drug crime and reporting it to police. If you can help please do call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Constabulary on 101. Together we can make the town a much safer place for the community while police continue to make the town a hostile place for criminals."*

## Closure Order and Criminal Behaviour Order to curb anti-social behaviour in Widnes

An address in Widnes which has been plagued by anti-social behaviour and drugs related offences has been closed for three months and its occupant handed a three year Criminal Behaviour Order.

On Thursday 1 July officers from Widnes LPU's Appleton beat team and the problem solving team secured a closure order for the flat in Dean Close. Officers applied for the orders which were granted by North Cheshire Magistrates' after gathering a catalogue of evidence of repeated anti-social behaviour and drug related activity connected with the property. Following the hearing Keiran Thomas-Bailey, 19, was removed from the property and the flat has been boarded up. He is also subject to an three year Criminal Behaviour Order which bans him from inciting others to act in an anti-social manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more person not of the same household in the County of Cheshire.



He is not to be in company with named individuals on the order within the County of Cheshire and he is also not to be in company with a group of three or more including himself, other than immediate family members on Dean Close, Dean Street, Hibbert Street, Elliot Street, Gladstone Street and Dickson Close Widnes. If Thomas-Bailey breaches this Criminal Behaviour Order, he risks going to prison.

PC Chris Martin, from Widnes beat team, said: *"This is a quiet close in the town centre which was plagued by Thomas-Bailey and his friends. Residents had to endure anti-social behaviour and drug related behaviour. The fear and intimidation made for a toxic environment for residents who were really suffering because of this. The local beat team and the problem solving team worked with residents, the housing association and local authority to compile enough evidence to make sure Thomas-Bailey was brought before the courts and relieve residents of their toxic nightmare. I hope this reassures residents who may be going through the same issues that our local beat teams are here to help you make your neighbourhood a happier and safer place. Please don't suffer in silence, contact your local beat team."*

Over the next three months regular checks of the home will be conducted to ensure the closure order is not breached. If anyone is found to have breached the order they are liable to arrest and up to six months' prison, or a £5,000 fine, or both.

Insp Shaun Pyke added: *"People should be able to live in their homes without having to endure this sort of behaviour and this closure order and Criminal Behaviour Order is another example of our commitment in targeting those who undermine our communities and bring misery to residents. This is an excellent result giving all residents respite from this toxic behaviour. I want to thank the local residents, local authority and housing associations for their support, and the officers for their great work and dedication in making our communities better places for residents."*

Anyone who is concerned about anti-social behaviour in their community is urged to call Cheshire Police on 101 or provide the details via [www.cheshire.police.uk/tua](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua). Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## **Man sentenced to 25 years for kidnap and rape of 15-year-old girl in Chester**

A man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for the kidnap and rape of a teenage girl in Chester.

Joshua Hughes, of no fixed address, grabbed the 15-year-old near to Grosvenor Park and dragged her to a nearby secluded location where he raped her. Today, Monday 5 July, the 27-year-old appeared at Chester Crown Court to receive his sentence after he was found guilty of kidnap and rape on Thursday 10 June following a four-day trial.

On sentencing Hughes, Judge Berkson said: *“On that night it is clear from the evidence that your intention was to kidnap a girl to have sex with. You are indeed the predatory rapist the jury found you to be and have shown no remorse for your behaviour.”* Judge Berkson also commented on the *“immense amount of police work”* that had taken place and said that the victim in this case *“suffered severely from these events”* and he hoped the sentence would bring some closure for her and her family. Hughes was sentenced to 18 years in prison with a further seven years on licence. He will also be on the sex offenders register and have a sexual harm prevention order when released from jail.



The incident took place at around 8.20pm on Saturday 31 October 2020. The victim and her two friends were walking up the steps near to the suspension bridge towards the city centre when they were approached by Hughes. Hughes put his arm around the victim’s neck and pulled her away to a nearby location, where he committed the rape and then climbed over a wall and fled the scene. The victim’s friends ran for help, one of them called 999 and alerted other members of the public. Officers quickly arrived at the scene and located the victim, ensuring that she received the support and care needed.

Detectives launched a complex investigation including forensics, extensive CCTV and numerous witness enquiries. From these enquiries Hughes was identified as a suspect and arrested on 4 November 2020.

DCI Justin Hancock from Cheshire Constabulary’s Western Crime Unit, said: *“Joshua Hughes subjected a 15-year-old girl to a truly horrendous ordeal that night. He grabbed her while she was out with her friends in public and, despite her desperate pleas for him to let her go, he continued to drag her away where she feared for her life. The quick thinking of her friend to call 999 ensured a swift police response so that vital evidence was preserved. I would like to thank the victim for the strength and bravery she has shown throughout the investigation and to thank the young witnesses who gave evidence to help secure his conviction. Hughes has rightly been given a significant sentence and will also be on the sex offenders’ register. Upon his release from prison a sexual harm prevention order will be placed upon him, both of which will remain in place for life.”*

DCI Hancock added: *“These types of offences are extremely rare. Hughes is a dangerous and predatory criminal and I hope that the sentence gives the public some reassurance that justice has been served and that Chester remains a safe place to live and enjoy.”*

## **Man charged following serious assault in Chester**

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Chester have charged a man in connection by the incident.

At around 9.50pm on Saturday 3 July police were called to reports of an altercation in the toilets at a hotel on Milton Street. Officers attended the scene and found a 59-year-old man from Chester had sustained serious injuries. The man was taken to hospital where he is currently recovering. A 30-year-old man from Merseyside was arrested at the scene in connection with the incident. Plumb Hysa has since been charged with section 18 wounding with intent and possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. Hysa of Ash Street, Bootle, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court later today, Monday 5 July.

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

### **Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious collision on the M6 near Knutsford**

Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious collision on the M6 near Knutsford yesterday (8 July) in which a driver sadly died at the scene.

Three other people received what are believed to be minor injuries. The collision, which involved three HGVs, was on the southbound carriageway between junction 20, Lymm Interchange and junction 19, Knutsford shortly before 12.40pm. Both carriageways were shut to assist emergency services. The northbound carriageway reopened a short time later. The southbound carriageway reopened this morning (9 July).

Anyone with any information or video footage in relation to the collision is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/> quoting IML 1032250.

### **Police arrest man following collision in Davenham**

Police investigating a collision in Davenham have arrested a man.

At 6.42pm on Friday 2 July officers were called to the A533 following reports of a collision involving a silver Ford Ranger, a silver Honda Civic, a white Mazda and a blue Volvo horse box. The driver of the Honda Civic, a 27-year-old man from Warrington was taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford Ranger left the vehicle and fled from the scene. A 35-year-old man from Middlewich has been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving. He remains in custody assisting police with their enquiries.

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1027813 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

## **Detectives appeal for information following collision in Wilmslow**

Detectives are appealing for information following a fail to stop collision in Wilmslow.

Emergency services were called to Gravel Lane at around 2.50am on Sunday 27 June following reports of a collision involving a pedestrian and a white Mercedes Vito. The pedestrian, a man in his 20's, sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment. He has since been released from hospital. The Mercedes car fled the scene of the incident. A 33-year-old man from Manchester was arrested on suspicion of assault but has since been released under investigation. Officers are now appealing for anyone with information to come forward to help with their investigation.

DC Towe said: *"The victim sustained serious injuries consistent with being struck with a vehicle. This whole incident has been a frightening experience for the victim, who was lucky not to have been more seriously injured. We have carried out a number of enquiries and we are now asking for the public's help. We are asking for anyone who may have seen the incident, anyone who has information or dashcam footage, and particularly any sightings of a white Mercedes Vito driving in the area prior to this incident, to contact Cheshire Police. The same goes for anyone who may have CCTV footage or may know who is responsible and has not yet come forward."*

Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting incident IML 1023335 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

## **Appeal following an arson at house in Runcorn**

Detectives investigating a fire at a house in Runcorn are appealing for information from members of the public.

At 3am on Sunday 4 July the property in Kilncroft was deliberately set on fire. A 50-year-old woman was taken to hospital with serious injuries and she remains in a stable condition. A 33-year-old man also sustained injuries that are believed to be minor. Police have since launched an investigation and are encouraging anyone with information to get in touch.

DS Helen Newman, from Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"This is an appalling incident which could have cost the occupants their life. A woman is currently being treated in hospital after she sustained serious injuries to her body as she jumped from a window in an attempt to flee the fire. We are determined to find those responsible and have been conducting numerous enquiries in the area including house-to-house. Local officers will also be patrolling the area to provide reassurance to residents. We need information from the local community but I know there may be some people who are reticent in coming forward. Please be assured that you can speak to us in confidence or alternatively provide information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers either by phone on 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website."*

Information can also be provided by contacting Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1028983 or by visiting the website.

## Detectives appeal for witnesses and video footage following Frodsham Burglary

Detectives investigating a burglary in Frodsham are appealing for information and video footage from members of the public.

Sometime between 8am and 9am on Saturday 3 July unknown offenders forced entry into a flat above the Top Shop store on Langdale Way. Once inside the offenders searched the address and left with a quantity of cash and silver tableware. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or video footage that may aid their investigation to get in touch.

DC Carl Humphreys said: *“Enquiries in relation to this incident are in the early stages and we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. The store beneath the flat was open at the time of the burglary and as part of our investigation we’re keen to hear from anyone who visited the shop around the time of the incident and believes they may have seen anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone who was passing through the area at the time of the burglary. We’re also keen to hear from anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our investigation. I’d ask anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact the team here at Chester on 101 to help ensure the people responsible for this incident are brought to justice.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML1028267 give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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