

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Latest Cheshire News

Trauma Clinicians deliver lifesaving training in Runcorn

A group of surgeons, doctors and nurse specialists from Liverpool visited Runcorn this week to deliver life-saving training on the use of Bleeding Control Kits.

Bleeding Control Kits were first introduced in Cheshire in January 2020 and since then kits have installed across the Halton area – including 31 kits in Runcorn. The kits enable members of the public to help save knife crime victims from bleeding to death severe blood loss or even death. The latest training took place at Brookvale Community Centre on Monday 19 July and was well attended by more than 25 people. The training was funded by Cheshire Constabulary and delivered by staff from the KnifeSavers charity.

Amongst those who took part in the training was Peter Bradley, whose friend died in August 2019 following a stabbing in Widnes. Following the training Peter said: *“The hands on, practical training today has ensured that there are people placed within our community that now have the right knowledge and confidence, along with the right equipment, to help if ever they encountered a situation whereby somebody had a major bleed. Unfortunately, at the time of my friend Chris’ stabbing in 2019, the equipment and knowledge wasn’t widely available and he didn’t survive. As a community we need to make sure that there are people ready to help in similar situations should they arise going forward. Today, with the help of the police and KnifeSavers 25 people made that commitment. I’d urge anybody who is interested in getting involved in fundraising to make our borough safer to contact KnifeSavers. They have been instrumental in helping me raise money to provide over 50 kits to the community.”*



PC Ian Hampson, who organised the training, said: *“Sadly, as we’ve seen previously, a person who has been stabbed can bleed to death in just five minutes, so it’s essential to stem the loss of blood as soon as possible. This is where Bleeding Control Kits can make a real difference, they enable members of the public to stem the flow of blood, with all types of wounds, before paramedics arrive. That can be the difference between life and death. I would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who came to this training, particularly the doctors from KnifeSavers, who gave up their own personal time to deliver the training.”*

KnifeSavers was formed to empower and educate people to deal with bleeding caused by knife injuries. It was founded by trauma doctors at the Major Trauma Centre at Aintree University Hospital in Liverpool, in conjunction with victims of knife crime and their families. One of the doctors who delivered the training was Mr Nikhil Misra, a trauma surgeon based at Aintree Hospital. Dr Misra said: *“Our team treats patients with*

knife injuries on a daily basis and we have the opportunity to pass on our experience and knowledge on how to control major bleeding via the KnifeSavers campaign. From our collective experience we know that time is critical in treating these injuries and that every second counts. There are now a number of documented cases of the KnifeSavers training and Bleeding control kits being successfully used to control major bleeding from knife wounds in the last few months around Merseyside, and save lives."

To find out where the nearest Bleeding Control Kit is to you, you can download the free KnifeSavers app to your smartphone. The app can also be used in a real time emergency situation, giving you a step-by-step guide on how to control major bleeding.

Family pay tribute to talented boxer following death in Chester

The family of a talented teenager who died in Chester have paid tribute to him.

16-year-old Frank Varey died on Thursday 22 July after he disappeared while swimming in the River Dee. Frank's parents, brothers and sister said: *"We are devastated beyond words, Frank was a legend in the boxing world and in life. May our Young King live on forever."*

We request for the privacy of Frank's family to be respected at this difficult time.



Further dispersal order issued in Macclesfield to tackle anti-social behaviour

Officers in Macclesfield have issued a further dispersal order following anti-social behaviour in the town.



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 is as indicated by the highlighted mapped area which is provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave. The powers are in place until 1pm on Saturday 24 July.

Insp Gareth Beasley said: *"We have been given no other option but to impose another dispersal order following further reports of anti-social behaviour in Macclesfield town centre. This order gives us further powers to deal with anti-social behaviour in the area and residents will see a visible policing presence as will be stepping up patrols to assist in enforcing the*

order I again would urge residents who have experienced ASB 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 by calling Cheshire Police on 101 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Leader of county lines drug gang who exploited vulnerable people jailed for eight years

The leader of a county lines drug gang in Runcorn who exploited vulnerable people has been jailed.

William Crowney, known as Scott, used violence, threats and intimidation to deal crack cocaine and heroin in the town. The 32-year-old, from Worcester Road, Bootle in Merseyside, forced drug users in the town to hold and distribute the drugs on the gang's behalf. He was sentenced to eight years and four months at Chester Crown Court on Monday 19 July 2021 after pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin.



A large policing operation into the gang's drug activities led to numerous warrants being executed 10 July 2019. Crowney was arrested at an address on Thorn Road and a search of the property resulted in officers seizing MDMA, heroin and crack cocaine. His mobile phone was also seized and examination of the device uncovered several video recordings showing the ill-treatment of local drug users.

PC Dawn Taylor, of Cheshire Constabulary's proactive team in Runcorn, said: *"Crowney was the ringleader of a gang who had a dominant force in supplying class A drugs from Merseyside into Runcorn. He subjected local drugs users to inhumane treatment, significant violence and serious harm as a means of enforcing his empire. His actions have had a lasting and life changing impact on his victims. Crowney and his gang would manipulate and force their way into the homes of vulnerable adults to use as a drugs den – a term known as cuckooing and very commonly used by organised crime groups running a county lines enterprise. It has been a long operation to uncover the drug activity and the exploitation used by this gang to get to those who controlled it. I must give credit to the victims who have shown courage and bravery in relaying what Crowney did to them and trusting in officers to ensure justice was served. To continue this work in driving organised crime out of Runcorn we need the support from the public. I want to encourage residents to keep reporting drug activity and to recognise the signs of it, and cuckooing, taking place."*

If you have information about drug activity in your area please report it anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by contacting Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or visiting the [website](#). For details on how to spot the signs of county lines drug dealing and cuckooing please visit our [website](#).

Body found in search for missing teenager in Chester

Police searching for a missing teenage boy in Chester have found a body.

The 16-year-old was reported missing at around 2.30pm on Thursday 22 July after he disappeared while swimming in the River Dee. Extensive searches have been taking place throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Search teams found a body in the river shortly before 8pm. Formal identification has not yet taken place but it is believed to be that of the missing boy. The teenager's family have been informed and they are being supported by specially trained officers.

Supt Myra Ball said: *"Sadly this is the second river death that we have seen this week in the county. This appears to be another tragic accident and our thoughts are with the boy's family at this very difficult time."*

Three people charged following stop check in Macclesfield

Three people have been charged following a proactive stop check into county line drug dealing in Macclesfield.

Following the stop check on Monday 19 July, officers conducted a search at a property on Mill Street where officers discovered a quantity of cash and what is believed to be a quantity of Class A drugs. Patrick Stewart-McGovern, 20, of Stonehill Street, Liverpool was arrested and subsequently charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A (heroin and cocaine) and possession of criminal property. Amanda Greenall, 47, of Mill Street, Macclesfield was arrested and subsequently charged with two counts of permitting the use of a premises for supply and two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). Chelsie Dunne, 31, of Pall Mall, Liverpool was arrested and subsequently charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). All appeared before Chester Magistrates Court and have been remanded into custody and will next appear at Chester Crown Court at a later date.

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Insp Gareth Beasley said: *"We will not tolerate anti-social behaviour here in Macclesfield and after a recent spike in incidents, we have had to impose a dispersal order. Anti-social*

behaviour can have a devastating impact on our communities and I am determined to ensure that our residents feel safe in their neighbourhoods. I would urge anyone who has been a victim of ASB 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 by calling Cheshire Police on 101 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Update - Body recovered in search for missing teenager

Officers searching for a missing 16-year-old boy in Frodsham have found a body.

The body was recovered from the River Weaver at around 11.30am today (Tuesday 20 July). Formal identification has not yet taken place but it is believed to be that of the missing boy. The teenager's parents have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers.

Supt Alexander McMillan, from Cheshire Constabulary said: *"This appears to be a tragic accident and our thoughts are with the boy's family at this difficult time."*

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1041072.

Saltney woman sentenced for drugs dealing following police stop check in Chester

A woman from Saltney who was found in possession of a large quantity of illegal drugs when she was stopped for speeding in Chester has been sentenced.

At around 7.15pm on Wednesday 23 December police on patrol in the city spotted a Jaguar XR speeding on Western Avenue in Blacon. As officers followed the vehicle it pulled into the car park outside the Spar store and the passenger, Kyle Cave, attempted to run into the shop to avoid officers. The 29-year-old was quickly apprehended, while his sister Ronnie Cave, who was driving the car, remained in the vehicle. Upon searching Kyle officers discovered a quantity of cocaine and cannabis and was arrested for possession of illegal drugs. Officers went on to search the car where they recovered a large bag on the back seat which contained a large quantity of Cannabis was discovered as well as a set of scales and snap bags. Ronnie admitted that the drugs were hers was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis) as well as drug driving after failing a drugs test at the scene. During a follow up search at the 27-year-old's home on Saltney Terrace, Saltney, officers found another 190 grams of Cannabis with a value of between £1,370 and £2,105.

The pair were subsequently charged in connection with the incident and both pleaded guilty to the offences. Kyle, of Graham Road, Chester, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 1 June where he was sentenced to 18 months conditional discharge for the possession of class A and B drugs. Ronnie returned to Chester Crown Court on Thursday 15 July where she was sentenced to eight months in prison, suspended for two years, for possession with intent to supply class B drugs. She was also ordered to pay £156 victims surcharge and complete a drugs rehabilitation course.

PC Ashley Davies, from Chester CID said: *"This is a great result, from what began as a simple speeding offence, we've been able to remove a large quantity of illegal drugs from the streets of Chester and a drug dealer is now facing the consequences of her actions. During questioning Ronnie attempted to claim that all of the drugs were for personal use and that she had purchased them for the Christmas period. However, her claim unravelled when we found a bum bag belonging to her which contained £350 cash and a list detailing the names of all her customers and how much money they owed. I hope that this case acts as a warning to other people who are planning to come to Chester to deal drugs."*

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Widnes officers appeal to locate wanted man

Police in Widnes are appealing to the public to help locate a wanted man.

David Power, lives in Widnes, but also has links to the Liverpool area. The 38-year-old is wanted on recall to prison. Power is described as white, around 5' 6" tall and of medium build. He has short brown hair and blue eyes. Anyone who sees Power or has information regarding his whereabouts is urged not to approach him, but to call Cheshire Constabulary immediately on 999 quoting IML 1033744.

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



Appeal for information following fatal collision in Warrington

Officers are appealing for information following a fatal collision in Warrington.

At 11.54am on Wednesday 21 July officers were called to the junction of Hollins Lane and Watery Lane following reports of a collision involving three vehicles, a black Yamaha motorcycle, a blue Ford Fiesta and a yellow combine harvester. Sadly, the motorcyclist, a 19-year-old man, died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers.

Police are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have captured dashcam footage of the vehicles around the time of the incident to come forward. Anyone with information or dashcam footage is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1042565 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, anyone with information can report it to Crimestoppers anonymously via 0800 555 111 or via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Detectives investigating an incident in Widnes appeal for information

Detectives investigating an incident in Widnes are appealing for members of the public to come forward with information.

At around 4.20pm on Thursday 1 July a man riding a bicycle was injured on Catherine Street. The incident involved a 63-year-old cyclist and a Ford Focus that was travelling towards Guest Street and Thomas Street. He was taken to Whiston Hospital by ambulance after sustaining serious injuries to his body and has since been discharged.

Police are keen to hear from anyone who may have dash cam or CCTV footage around the Lugsdale Road, Alford Street, Lacey Street, Catherine Street and Victoria Road areas between 4pm and 5pm. DC Emily Ascroft, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *"The cyclist sustained serious injuries that resulted in him being in hospital for a number of days. We have been following numerous enquiries to establish how he sustained his*

injuries and I am keen to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information that could assist the investigation. I am also asking people who may have dash cam or CCTV footage to get in touch. The vehicle involved is a dark grey or silver Ford Focus, five door hatchback, 2010 model. I would also urge the driver of the vehicle to make contact with police.”

If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1032482 or visit the [website](#)

Appeal for information following concerns for man in Chester

Detectives are appealing for information following concerns for a man in Chester.

The 34-year-old man was located outside a block of flats on Byron Close shortly before midday on Monday 19 July. He was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital by ambulance where he is described as being in a critical condition. An investigation is underway to establish how he came to be in this condition. Officers are appealing to members of the public who were in the area at the time to come forward with information. Police are also particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have information or witnessed an assault the man is believed to have been involved in at 5.30pm on Sunday 18 July. The assault took place behind Tesco on Weston Grove in Chester and two men dressed in dark clothing were seen fleeing the scene.

DCI Adam Waller, from Cheshire Constabulary’s Major Investigation Team, said: *“At this stage we are in the process of establishing how he has come to be in a serious condition in hospital and his whereabouts between 5.30pm on Sunday 18 July and 12pm the following day. We are reviewing CCTV and conducting house-to-house enquiries in the Byron Close and Weston Grove area but appealing to the public to come forward with information. This includes information on an assault which the man is believed to have been involved in the day before. At this stage it is unclear if the assault is linked to his current condition and therefore I need the public to get in touch if they saw it take place or have information surrounding it. If you have dashcam or CCTV footage in both areas, and officers have not been in touch with you, please submit it to us.”*

You can provide information by calling Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1040900 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Information can also be given through the [special online portal](#).

Appeal for information following serious collision in Mow Cop

Officers are appealing for information following a serious collision in Mow Cop.

At around 8.40pm on Friday 16 July, officers were called to Chapel Street following reports of a collision involving a white KSR Moto Motorbike and a blue Nissan Pulsar. The motorcyclist a 29-year-old man was taken to hospital with serious injuries. He remains in a stable condition in hospital. A 28-year-old man from Newport was arrested on suspicion of drug driving and driving without due care and attention. He has since been released under investigation.

Anyone with any information or dashcam footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1038833 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers via 0800 555 111 or via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Appeal for witnesses in relation to an incident in Runcorn

Detectives investigating an incident in Runcorn are appealing for information from members of the public.

Between 4pm and 4.20pm on Friday 18 June a disturbance involving a man and a woman occurred outside an address on Masseyfield Road. The man then got inside the passenger side of a black Audi that was being driven by a woman. A group of men, wearing balaclavas and armed with knives and machetes, surrounded the car causing damage to the windows. The driver attempted to drive away from the men and the car went into the front of a house on Bartlegate. The car then drove away from the area. A man inside the property sustained minor injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment. A number of enquiries have been ongoing to establish those involved and the circumstances surrounding the incident. As part of the investigation police are appealing to the public to come forward with information, CCTV or dash cam footage which could be of assistance.

DC Faye Taylor, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“Since the incident was reported there have been a number of enquiries made to understand exactly what took place and the reasoning behind it. The investigation is still ongoing and I am urging anyone who was in the area at the time or knows anything about what happened to get in touch. I know people may be reticent in coming forward and I would encourage them to report information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers. If anyone has CCTV or dash cam footage of the incident it can also be submitted anonymously via the public mailbox. Any information – no matter how small can greatly assist with our investigation.”*

A 35-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and attempted section 18 assault. A 32-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault and threats to kill. Both have since been released on conditional bail.

If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or by visiting the website and quoting IML 1016452. Information can be provided anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website.

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