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Fundraising Detective Inspector getting in gear to help others affected by suicide

A DI at Cheshire Constabulary has vowed to cycle 500 miles in five consecutive days to help prevent other families from being left devastated by a suicide.



DI Deborah Morgan, of the force's Strategic Public Protection department, blamed herself when her beloved brother Ross took his own life at the age of 31 two years ago. She had received suicide prevention training the previous year as part of her job, but did not see any signs of her brother needing help. DI Morgan is now determined to help others with mental health issues. All the money raised from her daunting charity challenge will go to Mind, the mental health charity. The 42-year-old mother of two adult children said: *"I will be doing the challenge from Wednesday 4 August with my 52-year-old friend Nikki Morley, who is a beauty therapist and a mum of four adult children. Starting from Winsford, where we both live, we plan to cycle to Anglesey in North Wales on the first day and cycle back on the second. Days three and four will consist of cycling trips to Blackpool and Ellesmere in Shropshire. The last day of the challenge will be a circular Cheshire ride to hit the magic 500-mile mark. We are both keen cyclists, but we are no spring chickens anymore. However, we are determined to complete the challenge to raise funds for Mind and help to stop others from being left devastated by a suicide. I lost my brother Ross to suicide, and Nikki lost a family friend who took his own life at the age of 20."*

Statistics show that men are more likely to suffer in silence than women. They are also less likely to seek help. Three times as many men as women die by suicide, and it is the biggest killer of men under the age of 45. DI Morgan, who has been a police officer for 15 years, added: *"The circumstances of Ross' death hit me hard. I'd had suicide training through work around a year before he died, but I never spotted the signs with him. This led to me blaming myself and feeling guilty for not doing more to help Ross. Those who know me will know I am usually a very resilient person, but the experience knocked me sideways. It was only through the professional help of an occupational health counsellor at Cheshire Constabulary that I was able to understand what was happening inside my head and get myself back on track. Women are more likely to talk*

to friends, family members or professionals about mental health issues, but unfortunately men seem to see this as a sign of weakness. With the turmoil caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to look after our mental health and seek help and support when we need it. I urge any man who is struggling mentally to reach out for that support. It's okay to not be okay."

A crowdfunding page with a £3,000 target has been set up for the fundraising challenge.

DI Morgan said: *"I got into cycling less than a year ago. Before that I used to just go to the gym and a jujitsu club, but the pandemic forced me to seek a different way to stay in shape. I turned to cycling and began to ride regularly with Winsford Wheelers Cycling Club, and I recently joined Weaver Valley Cycling Club. I usually ride around 30 miles three times a week. The requirements of the fundraising challenge are obviously a lot more than that. It will push me and Nikki to our absolute limits, both physically and mentally, but we have been training hard for it and are both adamant that nothing will stop us from completing the challenge."*

Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems and lobbies the Government and local authorities on their behalf. To make a donation for the charity challenge visit the [JustGiving fundraising page](#). DI Morgan added: *"All donations will be much appreciated and will be put to very good use by the Mind charity."*

Three people charged following armed robberies in Runcorn and Helsby

Detectives investigating a series of armed robberies in Runcorn and Helsby have charged three people.

Daniel Hayes (30), of Clifton Crescent, Frodsham; Amy Jody Burns (30), of Stenhills Crescent, Runcorn, and Samuel Oultran (23), of Churchill Mansions, Cooper Street, Runcorn, have all been charged three counts of robbery. Hayes has also been charged with three counts of possession of a knife in a public place. Both Hayes and Burns have been remanded in custody and will appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today (Friday 16 July). Oultran appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court yesterday (Thursday 15 July) where he was remanded in custody; he is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 12 August. The charges relates to armed robberies at Runcorn Expressway Service Station (10/7/21), Spar in Palacefields (11/7/21) and the One Stop shop, Helsby (12/7/21).

Football tournament organised by Runcorn LPU an 'overwhelming success'

The first community football tournament organised by Runcorn Local Policing Unit for 40 years has been hailed an 'overwhelming success'.



The free KOPS 'n' Kids event at Runcorn Linnets' pitches in Stockham Lane, Murdishaw, saw 1,293 children having football fun and getting to know local police officers and PCSOs over two consecutive weekends. Teams from Runcorn, Widnes, Ellesmere Port, Warrington and Liverpool took part in a total of 306 small-sided games. There were boys, girls and mixed teams showcasing their football skills, with competitions held for every age group from under sevens up to and including under 14s. A total of 508 goals were scored during the tournament, and more than 20 of the players were scouted by professional clubs such as Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Manchester City, Burnley and Blackburn Rovers.

Coaches from the Liverpool FC Foundation and Everton in the Community delivered training sessions to children at the tournament. Former professional football player and manager Brian Horton and British auto racing driver and Celebrity Gogglebox star Paul O'Neill were among those who attended to support the event and hand out trophies to the winning teams.

Others were the High Sheriff of Cheshire Robert Mee and Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire John Dwyer.

CI Leeroy Moss, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit (LPU), said: *"The tournament was an overwhelming success. The Covid-19 pandemic has severely limited the amount of football that children have been able to play in recent times. It was great seeing them having so much fun emulating their heroes competing at this year's Euros. Football fever gripped the nation this summer as a result of the Euros, and the first community football tournament organised by Runcorn LPU for four decades certainly added to the increased passion for the sport locally. We have had a lot of great feedback on the event from the teams, players and parents involved and can't thank the team at Runcorn Linnets Junior Football Club enough for agreeing to host the event for free. The same goes for the Steve Morgan Foundation for paying all the other costs involved with hosting a football tournament, such as the referee fees, trophies for the winning teams and the medals that each participating player received, and for Halton Speak Out for securing the funding on our behalf. I would also like to thank everyone who attended to support the event and hand out trophies, and the coaches at Liverpool FC Foundation and Everton in the Community for coming along to give professional training to any children who wanted to take part, as well as fellow partners Onward Homes and Merseyflow for the support that they gave us for the tournament."*

"In addition, I would like to thank professional freestyler Mr Silky Skills for entertaining everyone at the tournament with his unbelievable ability with a football and for arranging for some of his famous friends to send us good luck video messages regarding the event, including former England international football star John Barnes and former Commonwealth Games 800 metres champion Diane Modahl. We posted the videos on our Runcorn Police Facebook account over the course of the tournament."

Taking place on the Saturdays and Sundays of 3, 4, 10 and 11 July, the tournament was the first KOPS 'n' Kids event held this year, due to restrictions imposed by the Government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chief Inspector Moss added: *"KOPS 'n' Kids is a free sport-based activity scheme that our officers and PCSOs run with support from partner agencies to help children stay active and healthy and have fun. It also strengthens relationships and builds trust between young people and the police. The tournament at Runcorn Linnets' pitches in Murdishaw is one of many successful KOPS 'n' Kids events that have been held in Runcorn in recent years, and the scheme is now being rolled out to other areas of Cheshire."*

PCC John Dwyer said: *"I had the pleasure of joining Runcorn LPU for their KOPS 'n' Kids football tournament. Building a positive relationship between local policing and communities is so important. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made the event a success and well done to all the teams that took part."*



Runcorn man arrested in connection with online hate crime following England football match

Officers have arrested a man from Runcorn as part of an investigation into a racist social media message, which was posted after the Euro 2020 final.

The 42-year-old was arrested on Wednesday 14 July in connection with the post, which was directed towards the England football team following their defeat in the final on Sunday 11 July. The man was arrested on suspicion of displaying threatening, abusive or insulting written material that is likely to stir up racial hatred under section 18 of the public order act 1986. He has since been released under investigation pending further enquires.

Mark Roberts, Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary and the NPCC Lead for football policing, said: *"Hate crime in any form is simply not acceptable. The racial abuse aimed at our own players following Sunday night's game was totally abhorrent and has quite rightly shocked and appalled people across the country. Those in the England team have been true role models throughout the tournament, conducting themselves with professionalism and dignity. I'm disgusted that there are a number of individuals out there who think it's acceptable to direct such abuse at them, or at anybody else, and we are working very closely with social media platforms to trace those responsible for these utterly vile messages. I want to make it clear to anyone thinking of doing anything similar that you cannot simply hide behind a computer screen, using pseudo names to conceal your identity – rest assured that we will track you down and you will face the consequences of your reprehensible actions."*

Anyone who has been a victim, or witness of hate crime, is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tv/true-vision-report-hate-crime/>.

Road safety campaign launched in Cheshire as restrictions set to lift

A road safety campaign urging road users to 'Share The Road' has been launched in Cheshire and calls upon the public to be kind and considerate to each other to help keep each other safe on the roads.

With the government no longer encouraging people to work from home from 19 July and the volume of traffic expected to increase, Cheshire's emergency services are asking the public to look out for one another to prevent serious injury. More than 280 people were seriously injured on Cheshire's roads in 2020 – that's more than five people per week and sadly 29 people lost their lives. The campaign, which has seen all partners from the Cheshire Road Safety Group come together, aims to raise awareness that all road users have the right to use the roads safely, regardless of how they choose to travel on it, and inconsiderate actions can have serious life-changing consequences for innocent road users.

Head of Cheshire Police's Roads and Crime Unit, Supt Jon Betts, said: *"It is really important that road users respect other people using the roads and be kind and considerate to each other. Every person using the roads is a human being with a story to tell. They also have people who care about them, waiting for them to arrive home safely. Delivering that knock on the door to tell someone their loved one isn't coming home is really hard for officers to do, but even harder to hear it. Quite often road users will use multiple modes of transport throughout their lives, whether that be by car, motorcycle, pedal cycle, horse or on foot – yet the relationship between road users can often be quite fraught. Throughout the pandemic we saw a lot more people take to the roads on their pedal cycles, or walking. With the expectation that people will keep up with their cycling and walking it is vital that all road users look out for one another to help keep each other safe and remember that everyone has the right to use the roads and come home safely."*

Road Safety Manager for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Andy Gray, said: *"As a road user who uses multiple modes of transport myself, it concerns me that people can behave in a way that endangers others giving no consideration for the different ways that other road users use our roads. It costs nothing to be kind and considerate, an attitude that many people put into practice with other aspects of their lives but, for some reason, gets left behind when they travel on the roads. I would urge the public to adopt the 'be kind' ethos when they take to the roads and help make the roads safe for all. Firefighters have seen too many needless collisions occur because road users are not looking out for one another or feel like they have more right to be using the road than someone else. Collisions can have a lasting effect physically and mentally, not just for those involved but for all those left picking up the pieces. Be considerate when overtaking, take the time needed to look properly for other road users and remember we all Share The Road."*

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, said: *"One death on our roads is one too many. We all have a responsibility to use the roads safely, and I echo the sentiments of everyone when they say to be kind to other road users. No-one wants to have that dreaded knock on the door. I hope we can all learn and continue to embrace the community spirit the pandemic has helped to instil in one another and keep each other safe as life begins to return to the normality we've all craved for so long."*

Criminal Behaviour Order given to woman in Crewe for persistent offending

A prolific offender from Crewe has been ordered to adhere to the terms of a CBO for the next five years.

The Criminal Behaviour Order was imposed on Amanda Lee by Crewe Magistrates' Court on Monday 12 July 2021. The 50-year-old, of Mount Pleasant in Crewe, has 15 convictions from 1996 to 2018, including anti-social behaviour, harassment, public order offences and abusing the 999 system.



The CBO which was applied for by local officers in the centre of Crewe in a bid to curb Lee's offending, bans her from doing these five things in Crewe. They are:

- Not to be in possession of alcohol in an open container within the exclusion zone (namely the area bordered by Vernon Way, West Street, Hightown, Browning St, Richard Moon St, Flag Lane, Dunwoody Way, Oak St)
- Not to use abusive language or threatening behaviour in a public place. Including using a dog to threaten or intimidate people
- Not to contact police on 999 or 101 or by any means (including using a third party to contact police on your behalf) unless you have a genuine reason for doing so
- Not to urinate or defecate in any open space, public or private
- Not to enter Preece Court

PC Alex Barker, of the Crewe Beat Management Team, said: *"A Criminal Behaviour Order is sought once all reasonable avenues have been explored regarding persistent offenders. In this case, Lee's attitude and behaviour has been ongoing since the 1990s and she has been convicted numerous times for incidents that impacts greatly on residents. She has persistently shown no consideration at all for the actions her offending has had on others. There comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action to protect the community and businesses in the area."*

Lee has been made aware that it is a criminal offence to breach the terms of a CBO. The sanctions imposed for doing so can be severe, with a maximum penalty being five years in prison. Anyone who encounters Lee breaching the terms of her CBO is asked to report it to Cheshire Constabulary by calling 101.

County lines drug dealing gang jailed for total of 43-and-a-half years

Members of an organised crime group who flooded the Chester area with heroin and crack cocaine have been jailed for a total of 43-and-a-half years.



James Bolland, Daniel Rubert, Kyle Byrne, Dylan Griffiths, Sean Roddy, Stephen Clarke, Anthony Skyner, David Young, Graham Mallon, Zahra O'Bad, Carl Henderson and Paul Williamson have all been sentenced following a six-month investigation into the large scale supply of class A drugs from Merseyside.

The investigation revealed that a county lines drug dealing gang, who called themselves The Johnno Team, were using pay-as-you-go mobile phones to send flare text messages to known drug users in the Chester area. The messages informed addicts and other drug users of when and where they could buy class A drugs from the gang. Drug runners were used to transport crack cocaine and heroin to the Chester area from Merseyside. In addition, vulnerable people living in the Chester area were coerced into letting their homes be used as bases for class A drug dealing, which is a criminal practice known as cuckooing.

On Thursday 25 April 2019 these properties and the known homes of the gang members were raided by the team leading the investigation at Chester Local Policing Unit (LPU), with support from Merseyside Police. Significant quantities of illegal drugs and cash were seized during the dawn raids in the Chester, Liverpool and St Helens areas. The officers who executed the warrants also seized a number of mobile phones belonging to members of The Johnno Team.

Analysis of the phones and cell site data helped to build up a picture of group's sophisticated criminal enterprise, as did ANPR and CCTV footage. The extensive evidence gathered showed that Bolland, 27, Rubert, 28, Byrne, 29, and Griffiths, 26, had leading roles in the team, managing the operation. Bolland was the main ringleader. Roddy, 54, O'Bad, 28, Henderson, 30, and Williamson, 55, were responsible for driving the vehicles that were used to transport the drugs and other members of the group to the Chester area. The role of Clarke, 48, Skyner, 31, Young, 21, and Mallon, 56, was to hand over the drugs to users in the Chester area and collect the cash. Bolland, who lived in Higher Parr Street, St Helens; Rubert, who lived in Noble Close, Saltney, Chester; Byrne, who lived on Barrymore Road, Liverpool; Griffiths, who lived on Oakfield Road, Liverpool; Clarke, who lived in Lorenzo Drive, Liverpool; Skyner, who had no fixed address; Mallon, who lived on Blacon Point Road, Chester; and Young, who lived in Stanley Street, Liverpool; all pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply heroin and crack cocaine. Rubert also admitted possessing cannabis with intent to supply the class B drug. He also pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice in relation to him falsely reporting to the police that two men wearing balaclavas had threatened him and stolen his girlfriend's car. He was in fact inside the vehicle when it crashed into a parked car on Victoria Road in Saltney, Chester, on Wednesday 27 June 2018. Following the collision, he fled the scene on foot. Bolland, Rubert, Byrne, Griffiths, Clarke, Skyner and Young were all sentenced between Wednesday 24 June and Friday 26 June 2020. Roddy, who lived on Lynwood Road, Blacon, Chester, pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to supply heroin and crack cocaine but was convicted of the offence following a three-day trial. He was sentenced on Friday 13 November 2020 and has since died in prison. O'Bad, who was living in Liverpool; Henderson, of Trafalgar Road, Wallasey, Merseyside; and Williamson, of Park Avenue, Saughall, Chester; pleaded guilty to lesser charges, which were accepted by the prosecution.

Those charges were being concerned in the supply of heroin and crack cocaine in the case of O'Bad and encouraging or assisting in the commission of an offence in the case of Henderson and Williamson. The trio were sentenced on Friday 27 November 2020. Mallon, who was caught in possession of 42 wraps of heroin and cocaine when he was arrested, was sentenced on Thursday 8 July 2021. All 12 offenders were sentenced at Chester Crown Court. The sentences they received were:

- Bolland: Eight years in prison
- Rubert: Seven years in prison

- Byrne: Five years in prison
- Griffiths: Four years and nine months in prison
- Roddy: Four years and six months in prison
- Clarke: Four years in prison
- Skyner: Four years in prison
- Young: Three years and six months in a young offenders' institution
- Mallon: Two years and nine months in prison
- O'Bad: A suspended prison sentence of one year and six months
- Henderson: A suspended prison sentence of one year and six months
- Williamson: A suspended prison sentence of one year and six months.

Bolland was also handed a 10-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), which prohibits him from associating with any of the other 10 offenders, going to the Chester area, forcing or coercing anyone to allow him into or to stay at their home, possessing a mobile phone which is not registered in his name and possessing more than one mobile phone at any one time.

DI Nick Henderson, of Chester LPU, said: *"Class A drugs and those who supply them blight our communities, causing untold damage to both those who use them and the wider society who suffer from the resulting crime. As such, cutting off supplies of illegal drugs and removing drug dealers from our communities is of paramount importance. In the case of the Merseyside-based organised crime group who referred to themselves as The Johnno Team, they were flooding the Chester area with heroin and crack cocaine. Their sophisticated criminal enterprise incorporated pay-as-you-go mobile phones, flare text messages, drug runners and using the homes of vulnerable residents to sell, supply or store drugs. Acting like a business with each member having a defined role, the group systematically exploited vulnerable people for financial gain and had no regard for the law. Thankfully, the team at Chester LPU were able to gather a mountain of intelligence and evidence against The Johnno Team and uncover the extent of the operation and the roles that each member were playing. The convictions secured and the sentences handed out by Chester Crown Court are the results of a long and complex proactive investigation, which included a series of raids being conducted simultaneously in the Chester and Merseyside areas. It also involved suspects and vehicles that were not located during the dawn raids being subsequently intercepted. We hope that this case sends out a clear message that county lines drug dealing and all other forms of serious and organised crime will not be tolerated in Chester or anywhere else in Cheshire."*

A county line sees organised crime groups use mobile phones, known as a 'line' or a 'graft', to extend their criminal enterprise into new locations, usually from a city into rural areas. They often target vulnerable people, including children and disabled people, to facilitate their drug dealing operation.

CI Mike Ankers, also of Chester LPU, said: *"I would like to thank all of the officers and staff involved in the extensive investigation for the dedication and commitment they have shown to dismantle this organised crime group and make the 12 offenders face the consequences of their actions. There is misery behind every drug deal. We do extensive work with our partners to break the cycle of serious and organised crime and protect vulnerable people who are the victims of criminal enterprises. I hope that this case reassures communities that we are committed to doing all we can to tackle this type of criminality. I also hope that it*

deters other organised crime groups from trying to operate here. As this case show, Cheshire is not an easy target for such groups. It is, and will remain, a hostile place for criminals.”

PCC for Cheshire John Dwyer added: *“This is another example of the sterling work being done by Cheshire Constabulary to disrupt and dismantle organised crime groups and help the victims of drug dealing enterprises. I can’t praise the team at Chester LPU enough for their work to secure these convictions. I would like to assure the people of Cheshire that this type of proactive police work will continue to help keep them safe in line with one of my key priorities of protecting vulnerable people.”*

DI Henderson said: *“To aid our fight against serious and organised crime we need members of the public to be our eyes and ears and to come forward with information regarding drug dealing in their communities. If something doesn’t look right or doesn’t feel right, then it probably isn’t right. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter, and victims of cuckooing will be safeguarded. Together we can help to keep vulnerable people and our communities safe.”*

Suspected drug dealing activity can be reported to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. If you do not feel comfortable speaking to the police, you can give information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Northwich drug dealer jailed for more than five years as part of county lines crackdown

A man responsible for bringing class A drugs from Liverpool into Northwich has been jailed.

Tony Bloor appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 July where he was sentenced to five years and seven months in prison. The 42-year-old was arrested at around 1pm on Saturday 17 April officers stopped a grey Vauxhall Astra on the A533, Northwich Road in Bartlington. Bloor was a passenger in the vehicle and when searched by officers he was found in possession of approximately 100 street deals worth of heroin and more than 150 deals worth of crack cocaine. He also had £110 cash and a mobile phone. It was estimated that the drugs would be worth more than £2,500 if sold individually. At the time of his arrest Bloor of Middlewich Road, Northwich attempted to claim that the drugs were for personal use, telling officers “It’s my weekly supply”. However, upon appearing at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 July he pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine).



Following his sentencing Sgt David Christmas, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *“I welcome the sentence handed to Bloor and I hope that his conviction sends out a warning to other dealers planning to target the Northwich area. His arrest came about as part of an ongoing crackdown on county lines drug dealing and for this operation, we are using all of the tools available to bring those responsible to justice. In this case, while Bloor attempted to claim that the drugs were for personal use, it is clear that he was acting as a dealer, bringing illegal drugs from Liverpool into Northwich to sell on in the area. Thankfully, as a result of our work we were able to intercept Bloor and remove more than £2,500 worth of class A drugs from the streets of Northwich. Bloor is now behind bars and we will continue to crackdown on county lines dealers coming into our town.”*

CI Gary Smith, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *"Illegal drugs have a hugely detrimental impact and we are committed to doing all we can to remove those involved in the supply of such drugs from our communities. Information from the public is vital for this fight and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter."*

You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 or giving the details online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> .

Police seize luxury items in Winsford warrant

A man has been arrested during a warrant today (Tuesday 13 July) as part of a police investigation into money laundering in Winsford.

Officers raided the address in Chiltern Way following the investigation by Northwich Proactive CID. A 27-year-old man from Winsford was arrested on suspicion of transferring criminal property under the Proceeds of Crime Act. He is currently in custody assisting police with their enquiries. Cash and luxury goods including watches, handbags and large flat-screen televisions were seized from the property in Winsford.

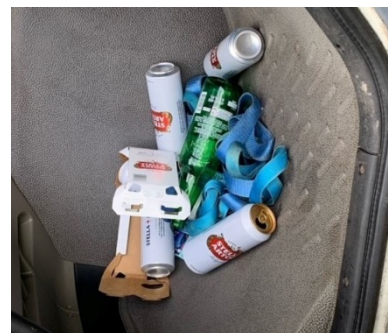


CI of Northwich Local Policing Unit, Gary Smith said: *"Today were able to secure a Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) warrant at the address, and seize any items of substantial worth believed to have been funded by crime. The arrest is another great result for the residents of Winsford. Organised crime will not be tolerated, and today we are sending a clear message to anyone believed to be involved in organised crime that we will come into your home, arrest you and remove all your ill-gotten gains. Our Proactive CID at Northwich alongside local officers and PCSOs are continuing to work closely with the community to keep making these arrests and seizures. We want to make it difficult for criminals to ply their trade in our communities and send a clear message to others – we are on to you and will stop at nothing to make sure crime doesn't pay. I want to reassure the public we are doing all we can to crackdown on organised crime groups who are operating in Winsford – today's warrant being a prime example of this. We can't do our job without the public's help and cannot repeat enough the message that you are vital in helping your community by telling us when illegal activity is happening. If anyone has any information about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place in Winsford then they should report it to Cheshire Police on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and we'll do the rest."*

HGV Driver jailed for drink driving

A HGV driver has been jailed after he was caught drink driving on the M62.

Jack Marlow was arrested on Wednesday 7 July after officers received reports from other motorists regarding the manner of his driving. Marlow initially refused to stop for officers, but eventually pulled over near to junction 6, Tarbuck Island. When searching his cab officers found a number of cans of alcohol. Following his arrest Marlow provided a reading of 113 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath – more than three



times the legal limit of 35 microgrammes. Marlow appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Thursday 8 July where he pleaded guilty to drink driving and failing to stop for officers. The 26-year-old of Bridgewater Way, Huyton, was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison, he was also banned from driving for 118 weeks and ordered to pay £128 costs.

Following his sentencing Insp Anton Sullivan, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"Marlow was more than three times over the limit and was in no fit state to be behind the wheel of a HGV which can be deadly in the wrong hands. Thankfully, as a result of the quick thinking motorists who reported his driving, we were able to arrest him and quickly bring him to justice – thanks to them it is highly possible that a serious collision was avoided."*

Officer completes charity cycle from Nantwich to London while overcoming long covid

An officer from the Regional Commercial Vehicle Unit at Cheshire Constabulary cycled from his hometown, Nantwich, to London raising money for the Nantwich Foodbank, while still suffering from long covid.

On Friday 2 July, Chris Buckley cycled over 200 miles with members from Nantwich Cycling Group (NCG). He has so far raised nearly five thousand pounds for charity. The ride took the group just over 16 and half hours to complete, after starting in Nantwich on Welsh Row at 4:30 on Friday morning. All 13 of the riders managed to finish the cycle and, for Chris, his spirit and determination carried him through considering he was having physio treatment to his knee on the day before! Chris also says that it has changed how he looks at life and has realised that anything can be done if you truly want it:



"My old knee injury flared up the day before and I was lying on a physio bed at 6:30 pm on Thursday having treatment – Friday morning at 4:30am I set off for London," explained Chris. "The NCG team spirit and determination saw me through the day....and the odd painkiller or two! I have always been a 'glass is half empty' sort of person but having completed the challenge I feel physically and more importantly mentally stronger. One thing I took from the ride was that I believe if you really want something, work hard, believe in yourself, push through the barriers, you will achieve your goals. The only thing stopping you achieving your goal is yourself."



Chris, after completing the ride shared his experience and the feeling to hit the finish line, in the capital: *"It was great to see so many interesting places riding through the Cotswolds, the scenery and little villages were stunning. I cannot describe the sense of achievement I felt as we turned the corner on to The Mall and saw Buckingham Palace in the distance – if I am honest, I don't think it has fully sunk in yet"*, he added.

The [fundraising page on Virgin Money is still open](#) to sponsor the ride that Chris along with NCG have done to raise money for the Nantwich Foodbank.

Sgt Matthew Picton is incredibly proud of Chris for completing such a challenge for a charitable cause while suffering from long covid. *"To cycle from Nantwich to London in the time that he did, it is such an incredible achievement for Chris, considering he has had Covid-19 and is still suffering from long covid. To come back from that and still finish the route is remarkable and it just goes to show what kind of person Chris is. He is heavily into his cycling and does train a lot with the club he is in. The charity is local to him and, for a charity that has been affected so much by the pandemic; it will be a massive boost to them."*

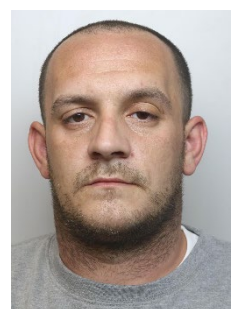
Picton has also expressed that Chris had to be forced to take a full day off before the charity event, as he would only take an hour to prepare, but it was granted to him on behalf of Cheshire Constabulary. *"We had to force Chris to take a full day off prior to his ride. He was only asking for one hour off at the end of the day, which just shows the type of person he is. I made sure that he got a full day off and was paid by the Constabulary for it, as it is such a good cause. It is not an easy job that we do so for Chris to be recognised for his charity work is fantastic for the force,"* he said.

Supt Paul Beauchamp, a former superintendent of Chris's is equally as impressed with the work he has done and his contribution in aid of a local charity. *"What Chris has achieved is incredible and is a credit to his spirit and character. What is also important is his message and how he has achieved what he has; it is a lesson and example for us all. I know that Chris has applied similar determination in his professional life having had setbacks, but ultimately getting to where he wanted to be, and his commendations for selfless acts of bravery say a lot about him. Chris and his fellow riders should be really proud of what they've achieved and how this has helped so many people in real need of help."*

Drug dealer jailed following successful stop and search in Runcorn

A Runcorn man who was caught red handed dealing drugs has been jailed.

At around 3.30pm on Wednesday 28 April plain-clothed officers on patrol in Runcorn Old Town witnessed Simon Johansen acting suspiciously in an area that addicts are known to go to in order to buy drugs. Officers attempted to speak to the 30-year-old on Ellesmere Road, but he attempted to make off on foot. Police pursued Johansen and he was subsequently arrested as he tried to enter a flat on Bridge Street. He was searched at the scene and found to be possession of cannabis. During a search of the flat Johansen's had attempted to enter on Bridge Street officers recovered almost £5000 of cannabis and more than £2000 in cash. While searching the flat officers also arrested Narelle Crilly who was present at the address. The 34-year-old was later charged with being concerned in the supply of class B drugs, while Johansen was charged with possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis). The pair subsequently pleaded guilty to the charges against them.



Johansen, of Compass Close, Murdishaw, Runcorn, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 28 June where he was sentenced to 12 months in prison. He was also have to serve a further eight months from a suspended sentence from October 2020, which was also for possession with intent to supply class B drugs. Crilley, of Bridge Street, Runcorn, was sentenced to seven months in prison suspended for 18 months.

PC Chris Nicholls, Beat Manager for Runcorn Old Town, said: *"This is a great result and the case shows the importance of the police's power to stop and search people they suspect to be breaking the law. As a result of our ability to stop and search Johansen, a drug dealer is now behind bars and a large quantity of illegal drugs have been removed from the streets of Runcorn. These drugs cause untold damage to the lives of both those who use them and become dependent on them and the wider community who suffer from the resulting crime. Drug dealing in Runcorn will not be tolerated and while this investigation has now concluded, our fight against illegal drugs, and those who supply them, continues. Intelligence supplied by members of the public is crucial to this fight and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter."*

You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 or giving the details online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> . Alternatively, information can also be given anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police appeal for information following fatal collision

The family of a man who died following a collision near Knutsford have paid tribute to him.

Darren Maironis, aged 48 and from Tyldesley, died on Sunday 18 July following a collision between a van and a cyclist on Chelford Road near to the junction of Bridge Lane in Goostrey. The collision occurred shortly before 4pm on Saturday 17 July.

Darren's partner said: *"On Sunday 18 July, Darren Maironis tragically passed away after being involved in a road traffic collision during a time trial event in Cheshire. Darren was a keen cyclist and all round fitness fanatic, a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, teacher, coach and beloved friend to many. His passing leaves a gaping hole in our family that will never be filled and words cannot describe how much he will truly be missed."*



Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the collision – or has any information, which could assist with their enquiries – to come forward.

Sgt Simon Degg said: *"This is a busy route and it's likely that there would have been a lot of people travelling in the area at the time. I'm keen to hear from anyone who witnessed what happened or has seen anything significant. If you have any information – no matter how small – or dashcam footage, which could assist our investigation, then please get in touch."*

The driver of the van – aged 42 – was arrested in connection with the incident and has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1039437 or information can be passed on via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-b/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

Appeal for information following an aggravated burglary in Blacon

Detectives investigating an aggravated burglary in Blacon are appealing for information from members of the public.

At 10.25pm on Thursday 15 July three men entered a house on Canterbury Road and assaulted the occupant inside. He sustained significant injuries to his head and was treated at the Countess of Chester Hospital. An investigation is underway to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident.

DC Beth Higginson, of Chester CID, said: *“A number of enquiries have been undertaken and as part of the investigation I am seeking further information which the public may be able to provide. At this stage it is unclear whether the men were on foot or in a vehicle and what direction they travelled in when they left the scene. I am asking residents who live in the area and have dash cam or CCTV to check their footage to see if there is anything that could assist with the investigation and to let us know. I would also encourage anyone who thinks they saw anything suspicious prior to and after the incident to come forward.”*

If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1038126. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal to trace Handforth man wanted in connection with an assault

Police are asking the public to help them trace a man who is wanted in connection with an assault.

Sohan Malik is from Handforth but officers believe that he may be in the Manchester area. The 46-year-old is described as 5 foot 8 inches and of medium build. He has short brown hair and brown eyes. He sometimes uses the names Saleem Utakhar Choudhury and Hassan Malik. Anyone who sees Malik or has information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary immediately on 101 quoting IML 1028176. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Appeal for information following serious assault in Stockton Heath

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Stockton Heath are appealing for members of the public to come forward.

Between 11pm and 11.15pm on Sunday 11 July a fight took place in the middle of London Road outside the restaurant Stockyard. The altercation involved a number of males and resulted in a 22-year-old man sustaining serious injuries to his face. The victim was taken to Warrington Hospital and has since been released. Enquiries have been ongoing to establish the circumstances surrounding the assault and officers are appealing for information to assist with their investigation.

DC Joe Davies, of Warrington CID, said: *"The investigation is in its early stages and to assist with my enquiries I am appealing for anyone with information to come forward. There were a lot of people in the area that night watching the football match and may have seen the fight take place. Perhaps you were driving past at the time and have dash cam footage, you helped to break up the fight or you have information on who may have been involved. Please do come forward – no matter how small you think the information might be."*

Two 17-year-old boys were arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault and have since been released on conditional bail.

Anyone who has any information is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1035067. Information can also be passed on anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website.

Appeal for witnesses following serious collision in Ellesmere Port

Police are appealing for information and video footage after a pedestrian sustained life threatening injuries following a serious collision in Great Sutton.

At 7.40am today (Wednesday 1 July) police were called to reports of a collision on the A41 Old Chester Road. Officers attended and found there had been a collision between a pedestrian and a white tipper style van at the corner of Whetstone Hey. The pedestrian is believed to have sustained life threatening injuries and was taken to Aintree Hospital. The driver of the van was uninjured. The 55-year-old from Ellesmere Port, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of drug driving (cannabis). The road remains closed at this time while collision investigation work is undertaken.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tua , quoting IML 1036720.

Appeal for witnesses and video footage following serious collision in Chester

Police are appealing for information and video footage after a man sustained serious injuries following a collision in Chester.

At 1.51am on Monday 12 July police were called to reports of a collision on the Deva Link Road in Chester. Officers attended the scene and found there had been a collision between a HGV and a pedestrian. The pedestrian, a 22-year-old man from Northwich, sustained serious injuries and was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital. His condition is currently described as critical. The driver of the HGV, a 56-year-old man from Warrington, was uninjured.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tua , quoting IML 1035217

Police appeal for information following a burglary in Runcorn

Police are appealing for witnesses following a burglary at an address in Runcorn.

Between 8pm and 8.45pm on Sunday 11 July an intruder entered an address in Clifton Road while the residents were in the property. They made a search of the house and fled the address with cash and jewellery.

DC Adam Murdoch said: *"We've been making a number of enquiries in the area and are appealing to anyone who may have information or dashcam footage that will help us with our investigation to contact us."*

Anyone with information should contact DC Adam Murdoch on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML1034974. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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