

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Man charged in connection with abusive calls made to 999

Officers have charged a 30-year-old man in connection with abusive calls made to the police 999 system.

Luke Barber, of Alfred Street in Widnes, was arrested on Thursday 29 July and taken into custody. He has since been charged with persistently making use of a public communications network to cause annoyance. Barber has been released on conditional bail and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on 1 September 2021. The charge relates to numerous calls made to 999 on Thursday 29 July at 11.40am. The 999 number supports people who are in danger or are witnessing a crime take place. The time lost dealing with inappropriate 999 calls can be the difference between life and death for other callers with emergencies trying to get through.

If you are a victim of crime you should contact Cheshire Police in the following ways:

- 999 if there is an immediate threat to life or property
- 101 for non-emergencies

You can also report other matters quickly and easily by visiting the force [website](#)

Cheshire Constabulary takes part in first Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week

Officers across Cheshire Constabulary took part in a series of activities to mark the first ever Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week.

From 19 July to 25 July, the week organised by community safety specialists Resolve, saw each Local Policing Unit (LPU) take part in a series of activities to take a stand against ASB. The week of action saw officers work together with local partners to tackle ASB and help make communities safer. Patrols across all areas were stepped up, resident surveys conducted and officers worked to educate young people on ASB by visiting schools and hosting engagement events such as football tournaments.



Here's a snapshot of the activity across each LPU:

- In Chester, three warrants were carried out at addresses with a quantity of drugs seized from two of the properties. Information had been received by the local community in order for the LPU's Beat Team to carry out the raids.

- In Ellesmere Port, a closure order was granted at a property on Sutton Way which had caused misery to the local community.
- In Widnes, a total of three knife sweeps were conducted and although no knives were recovered, there was positive engagement with partnership agencies.
- In Runcorn, a number of patrols targeting off-road bikes took place along with Knife Saver training in conjunction with the NHS.
- In Northwich, PCC John Dwyer attended the Winsford Youth and Community Forum to discuss a Community Action funding bid to enhance initiatives for young people in Winsford to divert them from crime and ASB.
- In Macclesfield, two off-road bikes were seized following reports from local residents.
- In Crewe, officers distributed purple bells in the town centre while conducting home visits with partner housing agencies.
- In Warrington, officers conducted licencing checks at convenience stores while also holding bike marking events across the town.

CI Gary Smith, the Constabulary's lead for Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week, said: *"This week has been a huge success and I am grateful to all of our local policing units who have worked tirelessly to crackdown on ASB. It has also been important to educate our communities on what is ASB and reaching out to those who may be victim of this crime and*



signposting where they can get the best possible support. ASB can include things such as graffiti, littering and off-road motorcycles within the community and this activity creates an environment where more serious crime can take place. This type of behaviour might not seem serious to some people, but it can cause misery to local neighbourhoods and I hope this week has shown if we all work together we can have a positive impact and drive down the levels of ASB. I would like to continue to urge anyone who feels that they are or have been a victim of ASB to get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary by calling 101 or reporting it via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/>"

PCC John Dwyer said: *"Anti-social behaviour can be a blight on our communities, and I commend the work done by the Constabulary, not just during the awareness week, but in general to combat the issues. ASB can have a detrimental impact on those it affects, and it was beneficial for me to see first-hand how our communities were fighting back and providing diversionary activities for young people to channel their energies into, and deter them away from behaving in an anti-social way. Cheshire Constabulary will continue to tackle ASB hotspots in the county, but they can only do this with our local communities contacting them and telling them where the issues are."*

Ellesmere Port home closed down for the second time

A house in Ellesmere Port which has been plagued by anti-social behaviour and drug related activity has been closed down for the second time in less than 12 months.

On Friday 30 July officers from Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit (LPU) were granted a closure order for a property on Briarfield Road at Chester Magistrates' Court. The order, which was granted under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, was applied for after officers gathered a catalogue of evidence in relation to anti-social behaviour and drug related activity at the address. All of its windows and doors have been boarded up and will remain so for three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested.

PC Warwick Evans, of Ellesmere Port Beat Team said: *"The occupant of this address was initially removed in December 2020 after officers gathered a catalogue of evidence demonstrating that property was being used as a drugs den by both dealers and users. As the building is privately owned, the owner of the property took the decision to allow the occupant to return once the closure order had ceased. Despite the initial warning, within weeks of returning to the address officers were contacted by concerned local residents reporting that the illegal activity had returned, and it was once again having a negative impact on their quality of life, leaving us with no option but to apply for a second closure order. Following this second order we are now looking at a more permanent solution to prevent the occupant from returning to the address. The Ellesmere Port Beat Management team is dedicated in targeting those who present most harm and risk to the community and I hope that this result provides reassurance to local residents. If you are affected by such activity please let us know so that we can help you and your neighbours reclaim your neighbourhood."*

Local residents are encouraged to report any concerns to Cheshire Constabulary at on 101 or at www.cheshire.pnn.police.uk/tua Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Cheshire Constabulary becomes first police force to achieve British Dyslexia Association's SMART Award

Cheshire Constabulary has become the first force ever to achieve the British Dyslexia Association's SMART Award.

The SMART Award recognises and promotes good practice for supporting the needs of those with dyslexia and neuro-diversity. In order to receive the award, the Constabulary completed six steps to help people with dyslexia feel better supported while raising awareness and understanding. The award comes ahead of the opening of the Constabulary's Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship recruitment window, with applications welcome from Monday 2 August. With the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship, candidates will receive a paid for policing degree with no need to take out any loans, and they can also earn a salary of £24,000 from day one. The force is encouraging everyone – including women, people of all ages, people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds, the LGBT+ community and those living with a disability to think about becoming part of the policing family.

Chair of the Enable staff support network, David McMahon said: *"The force has moved forward so much in terms of the development, support and understanding of dyslexia and other conditions in recent years. I am proud, for the whole of the Enable network that I lead, to have been part of that journey and to receive the SMART award accolade is further recognition of the Constabulary's commitment to its colleagues with neuro-diverse colleagues. With the introduction of further trained assessors in the future we will be looking to offer more support to those joining the organisation who may not be aware of their conditions. Dyslexia and other conditions shouldn't be seen as a blocker to entry, promotion and further opportunities within the force."*

Commenting on the award, ACC Matt Welsted added: *“At Cheshire Constabulary we pride ourselves on championing our people and empower individuality. We are encouraging everyone to consider becoming a part of our policing family and we’re keen to recruit officers with a wide range of personal experience and understanding of the multitude of cultures and communities we have here in Cheshire. Being honoured with the British Dyslexia Association SMART Award is another fantastic recognition of how we value diversity in our staff and help to ensure that we can provide a workplace where you can be you.”*

PCC for Cheshire, John Dwyer, added: *“I’m extremely proud of Cheshire Constabulary for winning this award, it demonstrates how the Constabulary empowers those who wish to join. This award goes to show that here in Cheshire we’re breaking down barriers that people may think prevent them from having a policing career. I hope this news encourages and empowers those in our communities who want to join the police to take the leap of faith and join the Cheshire Constabulary family.”*

The Constabulary is committed to recruiting people from a wider range of backgrounds and experiences and helping them to progress in their careers within the policing family. The organisation will give help to those that need it and positive action allows the force to lawfully level the playing field for everyone to apply for a career within policing. Members of the public can leave an expression of interest for positive action support via the careers pages on the force website and a member of the Talent Acquisition Team will be in touch.

The force is expecting a high number of applications for the Police Degree Apprenticeship Scheme. The application window will remain open for a minimum of 48 hours, after which the Force will continually monitor the number of applications that are received to ensure that we are able to manage the recruitment process. Once the force has received the number of applications required the recruitment window will be closed and no further application form submission will be accepted.

Please note that the application form is no longer a full competency-based questionnaire and basic information only is required for your application form submission to be complete. We therefore recommend that you do not hesitate in your application form submission and complete this stage of the process as soon as you can to avoid any disappointment. For more information on what positive action support is available visit [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Two Merseyside men jailed for burglary at a Warrington home

Two men from Merseyside have been jailed after admitting burgling a house in Warrington.

Allan Jones, 66, from Freemont Road, Liverpool and Peter Robinson, 57, from Chatsworth Road, Ainsdale appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 26 July and pleaded guilty at their first hearing. Robinson was sentenced to 27 months in prison while Jones was sentenced to three years in prison. Both men were fined £190. The two men had broken into a house in Tourney Green, Warrington and stole a safe containing cash. They then fled the scene. Following an investigation by Warrington proactive CID detectives, they discovered the two men had been in the area the day before to do a reconnaissance on the property. Forensic evidence, along with CCTV and witness statements, put the men at the scene on both days and they were subsequently arrested. They denied their involvement but detectives continued to gather evidence.

DC Michael McDermott said: *“Both men denied the offence until they got to court and realised the weight of evidence against them. I hope our determination to put these men before the courts reassures you that we do take burglary seriously and we do investigate them tenaciously - and with a raft of technology available to*

us. I'd also like to thank those who spotted suspicious activity and reported it to us. It shows the importance of being vigilant and looking out for friends and neighbours by telling us about suspicious activity or something that doesn't seem right. I hope this is goes as a warning to those thinking of committing crime in Cheshire that with the help of our communities we are a formidable force determined to make our county a no go area for criminals."

Peter Robinson



Allan Jones



Three women sentenced after spending thousands profited from organised crime

Three women who lived a lavish lifestyle through thousands made from serious and organised crime have been sentenced.

Ellie Tobin, also known as Helen Hartley, her mother Ann Hartley and Kathryn Walker went on extravagant holidays, drove expensive cars, purchased designer clothing and watches and resided in new build properties. The women were assisting the ringleaders of an organised crime group by moving thousands of pounds of cash into numerous bank accounts. The ringleaders, brothers Alan and John Tobin ran a smooth, and successfully profitable, criminal organisation until detectives from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit began three operations into their customers from 2016 to 2018.

This involved targeting Lee Stoba, aged 47, Anthony and Leon Cullen and Jamie Oldroyd – codenamed Operation Bullfight, Operation Samurai and Operation Dreadnought respectively. The women were arrested and charged – along with Alan and John Tobin, Robbie Broughton, Simon Leech and Brian McQuillan – after warrants were executed on Wednesday 9 September 2020. All three women were sentenced on Thursday 29 July at Liverpool Crown Court and received the following sentences: Ellie Tobin, aged 34, was sentenced to nine months in prison after pleading guilty on Wednesday 7 July to possessing criminal property. Ann Hartley, aged 62, was sentenced to 20 months in prison suspended for two years after pleading guilty on Tuesday 6 July to possessing criminal property. She was also given 10 days rehabilitation and 80 hours community service. On Tuesday 6 July Walker, aged 36, admitted to two counts of possessing criminal property and was sentenced to 16 months in prison suspended for two years. She was given 15 days rehabilitation and 80 hours community service.

A complex investigation was conducted into the finances and roles of the women from 2016 to 2020. It led detectives to discover they were living well above their means.

Ellie Tobin, of Regency Park in Widnes, was married to Alan, she spent £120,000 to £150,000 of money profited from his supply of cocaine. From March 2016 to March 2019, she paid £220,344 in cash into one bank account. The bank statements showed £29,000 of the money was spent on luxurious holidays abroad, flights and hotels to Dubai, Thailand, Ibiza, Norway and a cruise in the Caribbean. £6,000



was also spent on designer items and jewellery over two years from 2016. Police also discovered she was directly purchasing drugs internationally and contacted a number in Columbia on 30 occasions.

Her mother Ann Hartley, also of Regency Park in Widnes, was declared as earning £700 a year. An investigation into her bank accounts showed £97,000, profited from the wholesale supply of cocaine, was paid into her account from January 2016 to April 2018. The money was then transferred into Ellie Tobin's account and used to purchase the house on Regency Park.

The court heard how Walker, of Chamomile Close in Liverpool, was John Tobin's partner. Her bank account was used to deposit nearly £157,000 of cash from Jan 2016 to Jan 2020. Records showed she paid £830 each month for a rental property however there was no evidence of employment wages. A warrant executed at her partner's address in Liverpool established the pair were living an extravagant lifestyle. Four Rolex watches, with a total value of £80,000, were found along with designer clothing and jewellery. Walker also used the money profited from the criminal enterprise to rent a property in Portugal, purchase a BMW X6 worth £60,000 and travelled to the Canary Islands, Dubai, Thailand and Spain from Apr 2016 to Feb 2017.

DI Rob Balfour, from Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: *"Money and greed are the driving force of organised crime. We will always investigate people that cause misery in our communities and showcase a lavish lifestyle. All three women knew where the money was coming from and they took full advantage of it by spending it on lavish holidays and goods. They reaped the rewards of the organised crime group, led by family members who were making their money from their extensive drug dealing all over the UK. These women could not legitimately make the money they wanted or needed to live the lifestyle they quickly became accustomed to, so turned a blind eye to where the money was coming from and just continued living the high life. Ellie Tobin's prison sentence should be seen as a warning that if you do not face up to what you have done, you risk prison. Kathryn Walker and Ann Hartley admitted responsibility and their sentences were suspended. Ellie Tobin, even after pleading guilty, continued to blame others and tried to distance herself from the criminality. This coupled with a conviction for council tax fraud during the conspiracy period in which she attempted to save money on her council tax while the organised crime group were at their height meant she now faces a period in custody which may have been avoided if she had faced up to what she had done at an earlier stage."*

The investigation team will continue with a financial investigation with the aim of recovering all assets that have been funded by this criminality.

DI Balfour added: *"I would like to thank and praise the small team that has completed this investigation. Their dedication to obtain and present the evidence of this extremely complex case has been incredible. The sentencing from both trials and eventual guilty pleas from all defendants is testament to the level and quality of evidence that was obtained by our investigators. We are committed to recovering money and assets obtained through criminal enterprise and I would urge any member of the community that thinks that anyone has far more money than they should, please report it to the police. We will investigate. We are committed to recovering cash or assets from criminals. The recovered money will ultimately be returned into local communities to support local projects."*

If you have information please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Constabulary on 101.

Family pay tribute to 19-year-old man who died in Warrington collision

The family of a 19-year-old man who died in a collision in Warrington have paid tribute to him.

Harry Abbey, from Warrington, was the motorcyclist involved in a collision with a Ford Fiesta and combine harvester. The incident occurred at the junction of Hollins Lane and Watery Lane at 11.54am on Wednesday 21 July. Sadly, Harry passed away at the scene. His family are being supported by specialist officers. His family has paid the following tribute to him: *"Harry Abbey, aged 19, died on Wednesday 21 July following a fatal road traffic accident. He lived at home with his Mum, his Dad, and his brother. He was so loved and will be truly missed by all his family and friends. Harry lived life on his terms, he made friends easily and was true and supportive to each and every one of them. His untimely death leaves a gaping hole in all our lives."*



Officers want to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have captured relevant dashcam footage. Information and footage can be provided by calling 101 quoting IML 1042565 or via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Burglar who repeatedly targeted charity shop in Northwich is jailed

A prolific burglar who repeatedly targeted a charity shop in Northwich has been jailed for 14 months.

Andrew Davies, 42, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to burglary at Chester Crown Court on Monday 26 July. He was also ordered to pay a £128 fine. The court heard how, in recent years, the Age UK charity shop on Witton Street had been targeted on four occasions by Davies from October 2017 and June 2021. On each occasion the glass panel at the foot of the store's main entrance door was smashed in order to gain entry.



Due to the fact the store was persistently targeted, a CCTV system was donated. It was this new CCTV system that helped capture footage of Davies breaking into the shop once again on Tuesday 8 June 2021. Davies made an untidy search and after being unable to locate the till – he snatched a charity box before fleeing the scene. After being alerted to the incident, officers attended the store and discovered the stolen charity box, which had been emptied, dumped nearby. Two days later Davies was spotted by officers in Chester City Centre where he initially provided false details to them. However, officers were quickly able to

establish his true identity. Further enquiries at the address where Davies was staying uncovered CCTV from the night of the burglary that pictured him wearing the same clothing as the suspect in the Age UK CCTV. He was taken into custody where he admitted the offence. He was subsequently charged and remanded for sentencing.

PC Matt Uren said: *“What is shocking about this case is that Davies continued to target the charity shop for his own gain. He had no regard for the shop or the money which had been donated by the people of Northwich to this well deserving cause. I hope the sentence handed down by the courts will act as a deterrent for those who think that they can get away with committing offences in our area.”*

Man charged following stop check in Warrington

Officers have charged a man with drugs offences following a stop check in Warrington.

Michael Sherwood was arrested on Saturday 24 July after officers stopped a red Vauxhall Astra on Lysander Close. The 49-year-old has since been charged with possession with intent to supply class B drugs and possession of criminal property. Sherwood, of Vulcan Close, Warrington, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates’ Court today (Monday 26 July).

Drug dealer found with ammunition hidden inside home in Warrington jailed for 18 months

A class B drug dealer has been jailed after police found ammunition hidden inside the home he shared with his brother in Latchford.

Stephen Leah, of Southworth Avenue in Bewsey and Whitecross, also had drug paraphernalia, numerous ‘graft’ phones and a quantity of cannabis at the flat. The 23-year-old was arrested alongside his brother, Marc Leah, after police executed a warrant at the address on Banks Crescent on 9 April 2020. A through search of the property located two Rimfire rounds of ammunition and six shotgun cartridges concealed within a carrier bag and placed beneath the sink in the kitchen. Scales, deal bags and a quantity of cash were also found during the search. Detectives conducted analysis on seven mobile phones to find three of the phones contained messages, photos and videos related to drug dealing along with a dealers list.



On Friday 23 July at Chester Crown Court Stephen Leah was sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to possession of cannabis with intent to supply, conspiracy to supply cannabis and possession of ammunition. His brother, aged 21, admitted to possession of ammunition and was issued an £85 fine at Warrington Magistrates Court.

DC Rob Thorpe said: *“The items seized inside the flat, and the subsequent analysis from the three mobile phones, showed clear evidence of Stephen Leah’s involvement as a mid-level dealer of cannabis. Stephen Leah made a concerted effort to conceal the ammunition inside a bag underneath the kitchen sink, in the property he shared with his brother. He clearly believed it would never be found and police would never conduct a raid at the address to find the subsequent paraphernalia. Leah could see the evidence was stacked up against him, he had no option but to admit to his crimes and face the consequences of his actions.”*

Police close Ellesmere Port drugs den

A property in Ellesmere Port which has been plagued by anti-social behaviour and illegal drugs activity has been closed down thanks to the work of local officers.

On Friday 23 July officers from Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit (LPU) attended Crewe Magistrates' Court where they were granted a closure order for a third floor flat on Sutton Way. The order, which was granted under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, was applied for after officers gathered a catalogue of evidence in relation to numerous issues at the property, including drug related activity and anti-social behaviour. The occupant of the address, a 47-year-old man, has now been ordered to leave the address and find alternative accommodation. The property has now been boarded up and will remain so for three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested.



PC Warwick Evans said: *“This closure sends out a clear message that we will not tolerate any sort of behaviour that has such a negative impact on our community and the quality of life of others. Over recent months local residents have raised issues about the property with us and complained that it was making their lives a misery. The action taken today not only reinforces the message that we are listening to what residents say, but also acts as a warning to others who believe it’s acceptable to behave in such a way. I have no doubt that the closure order is the right result for the community and it will have a positive impact on the area, enabling local residents to start to return to normality.”*

Anyone with any concerns is encouraged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or www.cheshire.police.uk/tua. Alternatively information can be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following an assault in Wilmslow

Police are appealing for information from members of the public in relation to an assault in Wilmslow.

At 3pm on Sunday 30 May a 33-year-old man was running along Stanley Road in Handforth. He accidentally knocked the back of a black Mercedes that was parked on the curb. The man carried on running along Manchester Road towards Wilmslow when the Mercedes pulled up alongside him. A man got out of the car and assaulted the victim using a plate. The suspect then ran away from the scene in the direction of Handforth. The man sustained facial injuries and was taken to Wythenshawe Hospital for treatment. An investigation has been ongoing and officers have been following a number of lines of enquiry.

PC Hollie Geal, of Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said: *“Since the assault took place we have been conducting CCTV enquiries and attempting to speak to a number of witnesses who are believed to have seen the assault take place. As part of the investigation I am encouraging anyone with information to make*

contact with police or if you have dash cam or CCTV footage that hasn't been provided to us then please get in touch. If you think you may know the identity of the offender or were in the area at the time and not yet spoken to officers please come forward."

If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1000649 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following an indecent exposure in Macclesfield

Police are appealing for information from the public after a man exposed himself in front of a woman in Macclesfield.



The incident occurred at between 10.20pm and 10.30pm on Friday 16 July in the Peel Street area of the town. It is believed that the man followed the woman from the train station before exposing himself on Peel Street. The suspect is described as a white man, in his mid-30's, around 5' 11" tall, of medium build, with short blond hair and small eyes. The man was wearing a blue T-shirt with white piping on the sleeves, and light blue jeans. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of the investigation officers have released CCTV images of a man who may be able to help with their enquiries.

PC Phoebe Keen, of Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said: *"I would like to reassure the local community that this appears to have been an isolated incident and we have not received any reports of similar offences in or around the Macclesfield area. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and we are committed we are doing everything we can to trace the person responsible. As part of our investigation we are appealing for anyone who was in the area and believes they may have seen the offender to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offender is, or have dashcam or CCTV footage of him."*

Anyone with information or footage that may help officers with their investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or visit [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1039382. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following fatal collision in Wilmslow

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

At 9.35pm on Monday 26 July officers were called to the junction of Manchester Road and Dean Row Road following reports of a collision involving a black Indian Scout Bobber motorcycle and a silver Vauxhall Astra. Sadly, the motorcyclist, a 70-year-old man from Wilmslow, died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. A 35-year-old woman from Manchester has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. She remains in custody assisting police with their enquiries. 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 1047310 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](#).

Appeal after man is stabbed in Crewe

Detectives are appealing for information from members of the public following a stabbing in Crewe.

Shortly before 1pm on Monday 26 July a 44-year-old man sustained an injury to his arm believed to have been caused from a knife. The victim is also believed to have been hit to the head. The assault occurred at an address on Walthall Street. He was taken to Leighton Hospital where he is currently described as being in a critical but stable condition. Enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances and officers are appealing for witnesses.

DI Ian Robinson said: *“This was a serious attack that has left a man in hospital and at this stage I believe it to be targeted. This afternoon we have been conducting numerous enquiries in the area and are appealing to anyone who may have information or seen the assault take place to please get in touch. I would also appeal to anyone who may have CCTV or dash cam footage that they think could assist with our investigation to contact us. There will be local officers patrolling the area to provide reassurance to those in the community and if you have any concerns or information please do speak to them.”*

A 27-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of assault and is currently in custody waiting to be questioned.

If you have information that can assist police with their enquiries please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1046893. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following suspicious incident in Woolston

Police are appealing for information from the public following a suspicious incident in Woolston.

At around 9.45pm on Sunday 27 June a 16-year-old girl was approached by an unknown man while walking on the pathway near to Grey Mist Lake, at the rear of Woolston Community Recycling Centre. The man offered the girl cash in exchange for sexual activity, and attempted to lead her down a dead end pathway. The victim ignored the man and continued her walk, before two unknown men then walked past, prompting the suspect to walk away. The suspect was described as a white man, in his early twenties, with dark shoulder length hair. He was wearing a dark blue Berghaus style coat, with dark jeans and black trainer; he was also carrying a Herron Food shopping bag.

PC Naomi Burnell said: *“This is a concerning incident and I would like to reassure local residents that we are committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what has taken place. Enquiries are ongoing and I would like to hear from anyone with any information which may aid our investigation. I’m particularly keen to hear from the two men who were walking in the area and disturbed the suspect. I would ask anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact the team here at Warrington on 101 quoting IML 1023972.”*

Information can also be reported online at www.cheshire.police.uk/tua or anonymously via Crimestopper on 0800 555 111.

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