

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### **Carer jailed for sexually assaulting a patient at Cheshire care facility**

A man who was caught on camera sexually assaulting a patient at a care facility in Cheshire has been jailed. Benjamin Poole appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 12 August where he was sentenced to six years in prison. The 21-year-old, from Crewe, had earlier pleaded guilty to five counts of sexual assault and two counts of wilfully neglecting an individual. Poole was employed as a care worker at the specialist centre where he was responsible for looking after a number of patients. In the summer of 2020 one of his patients, a woman in her 20's who suffered from severe seizures, started to notice that things were happening to her whilst she was having the seizures. Worried about what was happening, in November 2020 the woman decided to purchase an alarm clock which had a built-in covert camera. Within days of installing the camera the woman recorded footage of Poole sexually assaulting her while she was suffering a seizure. The incident was immediately reported to staff at the facility who contacted police. Poole was later arrested and subsequently charged with three counts of sexual assault and one count of wilfully neglecting an individual. Following the sentencing DC Amelia Stevens, said: *"As a carer, Poole held a position of trust and he was there to provide the patients with the care and support they needed during their time of need. "Poole totally abused this position, and instead of caring for the patient he used it as an opportunity to fulfil his own sexual gratification. He wrongly believed that the victim would have no recollection of what he had done, but thankfully as a result of her courage and bravery, he is now facing the consequences of his actions. While the victim will never be able to forget what happened to her, I hope that the sentence handed to Poole will help to provide some closure. I also hope that the bravery shown by the victim in this case gives other victims of sexual assault the courage to come forward and report what happened to them."* In addition to his prison sentence, Poole has also handed an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order and ordered to sign the sex offenders' register for life. If you have been a victim of sexual abuse, or know of someone who has, please contact Cheshire Police on 101, <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/> or Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

#### **Twenty-five people charged in connection with serious and organised crime offences following North-West raids**

A total of 23 men and two women have been charged with drug offences following an operation by Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) targeting organised crime in Warrington, Greater Manchester and Merseyside. All 25 have been charged with conspiracy to supply class A drugs and will appear at Chester Magistrates Court or Warrington Magistrates Court today, Thursday 12 August.

**Appearing at Warrington Magistrates Court are:** Elizabeth Andrews, 52, of Radway Road in Huyton has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Paul Ellis, 55, of Rixton Avenue in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Darren Houghton, 48, of Trafford Avenue in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin. Jack Murphy, 19, of Nightingale Road in Liverpool has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Stephen Brett, 25, of Ackers Hall Lane in Liverpool has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin and possession with intent to supply cannabis.

Callum Hubbersty, 21, of Charlton Street in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Kane Nixon, 20, of Cromwell Court in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Kyle Thomas, 25, of Watkin Street in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

James Heys, 41, of Poachers Lane in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Barry Jones, 52, of Algernon Street in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine.

Mark Little, 38, of Town Hill in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Mathew Little, 34, of Melville Close in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Connor Houghton, 20, The Crescent in Lymm has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Appearing at Chester Magistrates Court are:

Antony Cragg, 32, of Longshaw Street has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Alex Brady, 21, of Lightoaks Road in Salford has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Robert Spakouskas, 43, of Brook Drive in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Dez Challinor, 20, of no fixed address, has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Courtney Moss, 25, of Aspinall Crescent in Worsley has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Keelan Emery, 22, Nassau Drive in Swinton has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Craig Williams, 19, of Liverpool Street in Salford has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Mason Clemonds, 19, of Bank Lane in Salford has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Saje Nearon, 42, of Lytton Grove in Birmingham has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Mark Ingle, 44, of Longshaw Street in Warrington has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Daniel Kilcourse, 23, of Oronsay Grove in Salford has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

Anthony Westhead, 45, of no fixed address has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin.

The charges relate to arrests made on Wednesday 11 August as part of a number of early-morning warrants in Warrington, Salford, Worsley and Merseyside in connection with an operation focusing on serious and organised crime and illegal drugs. Following the warrants, local officers carried out extensive patrols to provide reassurance to the community.

## Detective Inspector cycles 500 miles in five days to help others affected by suicide

A Detective Inspector overcame extreme weather conditions and a series of wheel and pedal problems to cycle 500 miles over five consecutive days to help prevent other families from being left devastated by a suicide. DI Deborah Morgan, of Cheshire Constabulary'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 and is delighted that her cycling challenge has raised over £1,800 and counting for Mind. The 42-year-old mother of two adult children said: *"I did the challenge between Wednesday 4 August and Sunday 8 August with my 52-year-old friend Nikki Morley, who is a beauty therapist and a mum of four adult children. On day one we rode from Winsford, where we both live, to Anglesey in North Wales, riding back the next day. On day three we rode to Shropshire and back, on day four we rode to New Brighton and back and on the final day we rode to Rhyl in North Wales and back. It was absolutely exhausting – we had to have two breakfasts each day to give us the energy we needed – and the weather was a nightmare, going from too hot to two days of extremely heavy rain and then very strong winds on the final day. I got sunburnt one day and absolutely soaked the following two days. We also got lost on the first day, which resulted in us having to cycle several more miles than we intended to, including a big hill climb. In addition, we had a number of bike problems and had to go to two shops for replacement parts, and also had to repair punctures ourselves. Nikki and I are proud of ourselves for overcoming all of that and completing the challenge, and for raising so much money for Mind. The mental health charity will use the money to help prevent 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, said: *"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, in recent times it has been 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."* DI Morgan added: *"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 were obviously a lot more than that. It pushed me and Nikki to our absolute limits, both physically and mentally, but nothing was going*



Nikki Morley, left, and DI Deborah Morgan during the cycling



Detective Inspector Deborah Morgan during the cycling challenge

to 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. You can make a donation to the charity via the JustGiving fundraising page set up for Deborah and Nikki’s cycling challenge. DI Morgan said:

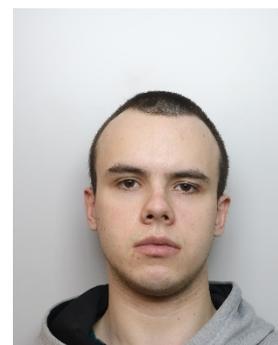
*“I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation so far. The JustGiving page is still live and all donations will be put to very good use by the Mind charity.”* The link for the page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nikki-morley1>.



Nikki Morley, left, and DI Deborah Morgan during

## Man sentenced following fatal collision in Ellesmere Port

A man who killed his friend and seriously injured another man by causing a collision in Ellesmere Port has been sentenced. Kelvin Davies, who also sustained serious injuries as a result of the incident, was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Monday 9 August. He was sentenced to six years in prison, and banned from driving for five years. He also has to take an extended retest. The 22-year-old, of Irvings Crescent in Saltney, had earlier pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and causing serious injuries by dangerous driving. At around 9pm on Thursday 19 December 2019 Davies was driving a white Toyota Cresta on the A41 Chester Road in Great Sutton. His friend, 18-year-old Kieran Lloyd, from Saltney, was sitting in the passenger seat of the car. Witnesses described seeing Davies revving his engine and dangerously overtaking other vehicles in the minutes before the collision. They estimated that the car was travelling at between 60mph and 70mph – way above the 40mph limit – as he weaved between other vehicles. As Davies drove down the single carriageway, he ignored the road markings. He instead created his own lane, driving in the middle of the road. As Davies approached the Hourd Way traffic lights, witnesses saw him pull out from a row of traffic and speed off through the junction. At that point he lost control of the car and spun onto the opposite side of the road, where the vehicle collided head on with a Volkswagen Caravelle. Kieran Lloyd died at the scene as a result of the impact of the collision. A 40-year-old man from Great Sutton, who in the Caravelle, sustained life changing injuries. The life changing injuries that Davies sustained led to him spending months in hospital. Following the sentencing, Police Constable Jim Roger, of Cheshire Constabulary, said: *“There are no real winners in this case – an 18-year-old man is dead and many lives have been changed forever. There is no doubt that Kelvin Davies was responsible for the collision and that he will have to live with the fact that his friend is dead as a result of his driving that night. The footage recovered and the statements taken from witnesses clearly show that he was driving dangerously and had no regard for anyone else on the road. One witness even recalled saying ‘he won’t live long driving like that’ as they watched Davies speed past them. Little did they know what would happen next. Our investigators estimate that Davies was travelling at 70mph at the time of the collision, and as someone who has investigated collisions for more than 13 years I truly believe that it is a miracle no-one else died that night. My thoughts are with Kieran’s family at this difficult time, and the other victim in this case and his family. Their lives have been torn apart as a result of this incident and I hope that the sentencing will bring them some closure.”*



## Ellesmere Port man sentenced for voyeurism

A man who secretly filmed people as they were using the toilet has been jailed. Matthew Thomas, of Meadowbank Drive, Ellesmere Port, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 6 August where he was sentenced to 32 months in prison. The 39-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to voyeurism, recording images of children, three counts of taking indecent images of children, three counts of making indecent images and two counts of possession of extreme pornography. An investigation was launched in September 2020 when a woman using a toilet at a business noticed a bright light, which appeared to be coming from a jacket hung up in the cubicle. Upon closer inspection the woman also noticed that there was a hole in the pocket of the jacket and a camera lens sitting up against it. Police were called and Thomas was arrested on suspicion of voyeurism.



Following his arrest, officers seized three mobile phones, an iPad, laptop and other computer equipment. During an examination of the equipment officers discovered more than 100 videos of a sexual nature, including voyeurism and upskirting, dating back as far as 2008. In addition, officers also found 28 indecent images of children and two videos of extreme pornography. Following his sentencing DC Lois Elvey, previously of Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: *“What Thomas did was inexcusable – he secretly recorded his victims in order to fulfil his own sexual gratification. It was only by chance that his crimes were uncovered when one of his victims discovered a camera hidden in the pocket of a jacket. When we examined his electronic devices we discovered 67 separate videos of people using the toilet, which involved 17 separate victims, and some were under the age of 18 when the footage was filmed. We also found examples of upskirting which Thomas had filmed while on a day out. Thankfully, the strength of the evidence against him was so strong that he was left with no option but to plead guilty to all of the charges against him and he is now facing the consequences of his actions. I hope that the sentence handed to Thomas today will provide reassurance to his victims, who have shown an extraordinary amount of courage and strength throughout the course of the investigation, and allow them to move forward with their lives.”* In addition to his prison sentence Thomas was ordered to sign the sex offenders register indefinitely. He will also be subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for 10 years.

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### M6 closed between junction 20 and junction 19 southbound following collision

Officers are appealing for information following a serious collision on the M6 southbound. At 4.16am on Friday 13 August a report was received of a collision on the M6 southbound between junction 20 and junction 19 involving two HGVs, a Ford Transit van and a silver Mercedes. The driver of the Mercedes, a 56-year-old man from Newcastle-Under-Lyme, sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment. The driver of the Ford Transit a 58-year-old man from Bolton and the driver of one of the HGVs a 52-year-old woman from Redditch both sustained minor injuries. Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have dashcam footage of the vehicles leading up to or during the incident to get in touch. Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1060103 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

### Closure update

Please note that the M6 southbound between junction 20 and junction 19 will remain closed for some time due to the carriageway needing to be resurfaced. For all the latest updates, please check [Highways England](#) and [North West Motorway Policing Group](#).

## **Appeal for information following incident in Runcorn Old Town**

At around 4.55am on Sunday 15 August 2021 police were called to reports of an incident on the Queensway flyover in the Old Town area. Officers attended the scene and found that an 18-year-old local man had fallen from the bridge on to High Street. The man was treated at the scene by paramedics before being transported to Aintree Hospital. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, he died a short time later, his next of kin have been informed. Detective Inspector Alison White, from Cheshire Police, said: "Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and we're keen to hear from anyone who may have walked past or driven past the area at the time of the incident. *"The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our enquiries. At this stage, the death is not believed to be suspicious and a case file will be prepared for the coroner."* Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101, or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tua](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua), quoting IML 1061703. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

## **Detectives issue CCTV image following altercation in Warrington**

Detectives have issued a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to following an altercation in Warrington. At around 4pm on Friday 19 February, a disturbance occurred at a garage on Northwich Road. As a result, one man sustained serious injuries and was taken hospital. He has since been discharged following treatment. Officers are now keen to trace the man pictured in the CCTV image as they believe he may be able to assist with their investigation. DC Darren Burns said: *"We appreciate that a lot of time has passed since the incident but we have been working through a number of enquiries to trace those responsible. As part of those enquiries, we have identified a man who we believe could help us with our investigation."* Anyone with any information about the man, or the man himself, is asked to contact Cheshire Police by calling 101 quoting IML 921223 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be passed via Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

## **Appeal for information following serious assault in Chester**

Detectives in Chester are appealing for information after a man was seriously assaulted in the city. At around 9.35pm on Wednesday 11 August police and paramedics were called to reports of an incident at the Leadworks Park, on Leadworks Lane. Officers attended the scene and found that a 38-year-old local man had been stabbed. The victim was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital for treatment – he is currently in a critical condition. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of their investigation officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information in relation to the incident. DCI Justin Hancock said: *"This investigation is in the early stages and we're currently following a number of lines of enquiry. I'd like to reassure the local community that, at this stage, this appears to be an isolated incident. We currently have a scene in place at Leadworks Park, as well as further ongoing enquiries in other areas of the city, and we are doing everything we can to establish the full circumstances of what has happened and to trace the offender. As part of our enquiries we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area last night and witnessed the incident. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage that may be relevant to*

*our investigation. I'd urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to get in touch."* CI Mike Ankers, head of Chester Local Policing Unit added: "I understand that the incident is likely to cause concern within the community. Enquiries are ongoing and officers will be out and about on patrol in the local area over the coming days. Anyone with any concerns is encouraged to speak to them." Anyone with information or CCTV footage that may help the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Police on 101, quoting IML1059188. Alternatively you can submit information online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua> .

## **Officers appeal for information following collision in Crewe**

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a collision in Crewe. A report was received at 7.26am on Wednesday 28 July of a collision involving a black Ford Fiesta and a white Hyundai on Groby Road between the junctions of Stoneley Road and Warmingham Road. The driver of the Hyundai, a man in his 20s, was taken to hospital with serious and life-threatening injuries. Officers are asking for anyone who may have been in the area at around the time of the collision or may have captured dashcam of the vehicles involved. Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1048249 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

## **Detectives issue CCTV following theft at antiques shop in Northwich**

Detectives have issued CCTV images following a theft at an antiques shop in Northwich. At sometime between 1.19pm and 1.34pm on Sunday 1 August, unknown offenders are believed to have entered the shop in Blakemere Village and approached a cabinet containing stock. A large quantity of pocket and wrist watches were then taken. Officers have now issued CCTV still images of two men they would like to speak to in



connection with the incident. DC Claire Heatley said: *"This was a brazen theft where a large number of items totalling approximately £2,500 were taken during daylight hours. A number of enquiries have been underway since the incident and as part of these enquiries, we are looking to speak to the men depicted in the CCTV as we believe that they could assist us with our investigation. If you know the men, or the men themselves, we urge you to contact us – the same goes for anyone with any information in relation to the theft or may have seen these items being sold on."* Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1051555 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

## **Investigation launched after man dies in Runcorn collision**

An investigation has been launched after a 24-year-old man died in a collision in Runcorn. Callum Ferns was riding a motorbike that was involved in a collision near to Wigg Island at around 7pm on Thursday 5 August. Callum, from Runcorn, was taken to Halton Hospital and died a short time later. His family are being supported by specialist officers. An investigation into the circumstances of the fatal collision has been ongoing and police have recovered six motorbikes and an off-road buggy as part of their enquiries. Police are now appealing for information from members of the public. Sergeant Andrew Dennison, of Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Complex Collision Investigation, said: *"This has been a fast-moving investigation to establish the circumstances surrounding the collision. An unusual feature of this collision was that all the vehicles and people had been removed from the scene of the collision prior to the attendance of emergency*

services. As part of our enquiries I am appealing to the public to come forward if they saw four people on motorbikes riding around the Wigg Island area at approximately 6pm. They were all riding off road bikes and not wearing helmets as they entered Wigg Island from Mason Street. I am also encouraging anyone with information about the collision, CCTV or dash cam footage to also contact police." Five men, aged 22, 23, 24 and 29, and one woman, aged 21, have been arrested on suspicion of offences including causing death by dangerous driving and perverting the course of justice. They have all been released under investigation. If you have any information please contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1054649.

## Appeal for witnesses following two assaults in Great Sankey

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following two assaults in the Great Sankey area of Warrington. The first incident occurred at around 9.40pm on Thursday 8 July when a man who was walking his dog on Farmleigh Gardens confronted a group of youths who are believed to have started a fire in a woodland area. The 53-year-old man told the youths to extinguish the fire, at which point he was pushed to the floor and assaulted. The man was received minor injuries and was taken to hospital following the incident. The second incident took place at around 10.50pm on Saturday 24th July when a 34-year-old man who was cycling on the footpath between Whittle Avenue and Belmont Crescent found his pathway blocked by a group of three to four youths. The group assaulted the man and attempted to steal his bike before fleeing the scene. The victim sustained serious injuries to his face and was taken to hospital for treatment. Enquiries in relation to the incidents have been ongoing and officers are now appealing for information from the public. PC Kieran McGregor said: "These are both concerning incidents and I would like to reassure residents that we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. At this stage we are keeping an open mind as to whether the two incidents are linked. Enquiries have been ongoing and as part of our investigations we're keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident who believes they may have seen anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone who believes they have any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation." Anyone with any information in relation to either of the incidents is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit [the Cheshire Police website](#), quoting IML 1045778. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

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