

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

Week ending 30th November 2025

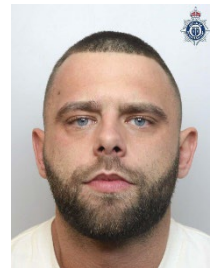
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Ellesmere Port man jailed for supplying class A drugs

A man from Ellesmere Port has been jailed after he admitted being involved in the sale of illegal drugs.



Mike Swarbrick appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 28 November where he was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment. The 31-year-old, of Nearne Place, Ellesmere Port, had earlier pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs (cocaine), production of Class B drugs (cannabis) and possession of Class A drugs (cocaine).

The court heard how on Saturday 30 December 2023 Swarbrick had been involved in a dispute in Chester city centre at around 3am and had left the scene in a taxi. The incident was reported to police and checks with the taxi company led police to Swarbrick's home in Ellesmere Port. Officers visited the address to speak to Swarbrick and on arrival they located a large cannabis farm along with cash and a quantity of cocaine.

Swarbrick was arrested in relation to the discovery and during questioning he provided a prepared statement in which he denied any involvement in the supply of illegal drugs and claimed that the cash was from the sale of puppies. Tests on the drugs recovered from the address later revealed traces of Swarbrick's DNA. Mobile phones recovered from the address also revealed messages which showed that he was actively involved in the sale of illegal drugs. Swarbrick was later charged in relation to the offences, and despite his initial denial, he pleaded guilty to the charges.

Following the sentencing DC Jessica Small, of Chester CID, said: *"This is a great result, from what started as a minor altercation, a drug dealer is now behind bars and a quantity of illegal drugs have now been removed from the streets of Cheshire. The impact of drugs is well known, and I hope that these arrests provide reassurance to the community that we are doing all we can to stop those believed to be involved in this behaviour. 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."*

Man jailed after threatening housemate with a knife and stealing his car

A 35-year-old man has been jailed after threatening his housemate with a knife and stealing his car in Warrington.

Michael Waring bit the finger of an officer who came to arrest him after he threatened his housemate with a knife Michael Waring from Marsh House Lane in Warrington appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 25 November to be sentenced after pleading guilty to affray, possession of a knife, aggravated vehicle taking, assault and assault by beating an emergency worker.



He was sentenced to 28 months imprisonment. The charges relate to an incident in Marsh House Lane in Warrington on 26 May 2025. Shortly after midnight Waring entered his housemate's bedroom and ordered him to drive him to him to 'The Pool'. He refused and Waring threatened him with a knife, then stole his car keys and mobile. Waring, 35, tried to drive off from the address but crashed into another car. Police attended and Waring was still sitting in the driving seat. They tried to remove him from the vehicle and he bit one of the officers fingers and assaulted another officer in his bid to avoid arrest.

DC Phil Jackson said: *"This is not the first time that Waring has encountered law enforcement for offences such as these. That night, under the influence of drink, he clearly acted violently towards his housemate, and then to our attending officers. His behaviour was out of order and while he may be regretting his actions that night, he still has to pay the price."*

Family of man who died following Sandbach collision pay tribute

The family of a man who died following a collision in Sandbach have paid tribute to him.

At 10.05am on Thursday 13 November, police were called to reports of a collision on Crewe Road, Sandbach. The collision involved two vehicles, a black Lamborghini and a Red Vauxhall Viva. The driver of the Vauxhall, 86-year-old David Ward from Winterley, was sadly pronounced deceased by paramedics at the scene. Following enquiries, it has now been established that David suffered a medical episode at the time of the collision and his death has been concluded as natural causes. We would like to thank the members of public that had made contact with Cheshire Police in response to the initial media appeal.

David's family said: *"David was a devoted husband to Christine, a proud father of four, and a loving grandfather to seven. Family was at the heart of everything he did, and he showed his love not through grand gestures, but through steady support, quiet wisdom, and the warm, reassuring kindness and humour he offered so naturally. He found joy in simple, peaceful moments – fishing by the water, tending to his garden, walking familiar paths and cycling with ease and freedom. These were the places where he felt most connected to the world, and where many of us picture him now."*



Two men arrested following Winsford drugs raid

Neighbourhood officers have arrested two men for drugs offences following a raid in Winsford.

At around 8am on Wednesday 26 November, police executed a warrant at an address on Bedford Rise Winsford. A 31-year-old man was arrested at the address on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine). While an 18-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class B drugs (cannabis). A quantity of illegal drugs was also recovered along with cash, drugs paraphernalia and number of mobile phones.

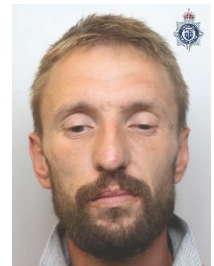
Insp Paul Heatley, of Northwich Local Policing Unit said: *"This is another fantastic result which has led to the recovery of a quantity of illegal drugs, along with the arrest of two people on suspicion of drugs offences. The impact of drugs is well known, and I hope that these arrests provide reassurance to the community that we are doing all we can to stop those believed to be involved in this behaviour. 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. We will continue to tackle drug dealing in Winsford and elsewhere in Cheshire head on, utilising all the resources at our disposal."*

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Crewe man jailed for grooming and sexually abusing teenager

A man who groomed and sexually abused a vulnerable teenage girl in Crewe has been jailed.

Richard Wiseman appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 21 November where he was sentenced to six years in prison. He was also handed an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO). The 38-year-old, of no fixed abode in the Crewe area, had earlier pleaded guilty to eight counts of sexual activity with a child and one count of sexual communication with a child.



The case began when police were made aware that a teenage girl had reported being groomed by Wiseman. Officers spoke to the victim who disclosed that Wiseman had been sexually abusing her over a seven-month period. Wiseman was swiftly arrested but denied all offences put to him during interview. However, following telecoms enquiries, officers recovered evidence from his mobile phone that showed he had sent multiple inappropriate messages to the victim. He would also talk to her in code while referring to sexual acts to avoid getting caught. Officers confronted Wiseman with the messages evidencing the abuse, and he answered no comment to all further questions. After gathering a catalogue of evidence Wiseman was subsequently charged with sexually abusing the teenager.

Following the sentencing, DS Sophie Bailey, who led the investigation, said: *"To discover that your child has been groomed is every parent's worst nightmare, and I hope that the sentence handed to Wiseman will provide the victim's family with some closure. Wiseman was well aware that his victim was underage, and as a 38-year-old man he knew what he was doing was wrong, but despite this he continued with his deceitful and harmful actions. He was able to convince his victim that the abuse he was inflicting was normal, but in reality, he was just a sexual predator who was only interested in fulfilling his own sexual needs."*

"I am pleased that this case has been brought to a swift conclusion for the sake of the victim and her family and I hope that Wiseman's sentence and the stringent conditions of the SHPO prevent him from having the freedom to harm a child ever again. I would like to thank the victim for showing such bravery throughout this investigation, and her family for the support they have provided, both to their daughter and the investigation throughout. I hope this case and the sentence that Wiseman has received encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us. We treat all reports of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any allegations will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority."

Cheshire Police were out in force to support the national Safer Business Week

Local Policing Units across the county were out in force to support national Safer Business Week.

The nationwide week of action, which ran from 10 to 16 November aimed to crack down on retail crime. They targeted key retail sites, smaller businesses and industrial estates with initiatives designed to protect property and businesses across the county. Engagement events were held across the force area with advice given to local businesses and customers. They carried out a range of activities from cyber crime prevention events to visiting shops to give crime prevention advice and support.



LPU's carried out plain clothed patrols in town centres and shopping centres and officers made 28 arrests for various offences including shoplifting, being wanted or breaching orders. All were charged and are now going through the courts. The constabulary also enlisted the help of its facial recognition team which resulted in 20 positive hits on CCTV images of people committing retail crime in the county. That's 20 people who can expect to be arrested in the near future.

Insp Scott Fletcher said: *"It was great to see the LPU's out in force making arrests, giving advice on crime prevention, and engaging with the public – all in the name of Safer Business Week. This week has also highlighted some great results that were a direct result of the hard work our officers put in when it comes to tackling shoplifting and bringing the most prolific offenders in the county to justice. By forming close links and working alongside the local businesses and retailers, and our own partner organisations, we can better protect commercial properties, safeguard their staff and customers and prevent any future offending."*

Drink driver jailed following fatal collision near Middlewich

A drink driver who killed an innocent motorist during a collision near Middlewich has been jailed.

Adam Boulton appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 25 November where he was sentenced to ten years in prison. The 36-year-old of Essington Way, Tunstall, had earlier pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving, driving with excess alcohol and dangerous driving.



At around 5.35pm on Thursday 12 December 2024, Boulton was driving a grey Range Rover Velar on the A54 Holmes Chapel Road, in Sproston. As the car was travelling towards the M6, Boulton was seen crossing a double solid white line in the middle of the road and colliding head on with a white Vauxhall Corsa, which was travelling in the opposite direction. Police, fire and ambulance were called to the scene and on arrival Boulton was found slumped over in the driver's seat, with a number of empty bottles of gin also found in the passenger footwell. Officers described how he smelt strongly of intoxicants and was slurring his words. Boulton was immediately arrested before being taken to hospital as a precautionary measure, where blood samples were taken.

The driver of the Corsa, 52-year-old Paula Chadwick, sustained a number of serious injuries. She was released from her car by firefighters before being treated by paramedics and taken to hospital. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, Paula passed away on Friday 13 December at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

An investigation into the incident was launched and during their enquiries officers spoke to multiple witnesses who all described how Boulton had been driving erratically in the moments prior to the collision. They also stated that he had veered over onto the opposite side of the carriageway without any warning and for no apparent reason. Detectives also recovered evidence which showed that Boulton had been driving dangerously on the A556 in Tabley, just hours before the collision in Sproston. Blood tests results later revealed that Boulton's blood contained 262 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, almost three and a half times the legal drink drive limit.

During questioning, Boulton claimed that he believed that there was a mechanical fault with the car and that he been struggling to control the vehicle. Despite his claims, tests showed that there was no evidence of any fault. Following a thorough investigation by detectives from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at Cheshire Police, a case file of evidence was presented to the Crown Prosecution Service who charged Boulton with causing death by dangerous driving, driving with excess alcohol and dangerous driving. He later pleaded guilty to all the charges.

Following the sentencing Insp Andrew Dennison of the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation unit said: *"This was a tragic but entirely preventable collision caused by Boulton's poor driving and his catastrophic decision to drive while under the influence. Driving a motor vehicle is a privilege, not a right, and it comes with great responsibility to act within the rules laid down when you pass your test. That day Boulton chose to deliberately ignore those rules, he knowingly got behind the wheel whilst drunk, and as a result of his actions an innocent woman lost her life. Paula's family have been left devastated following her death and I hope that in some small way, this gives the family some comfort knowing justice has been served. I would like to pass on my gratitude to the members of public who assisted at the scene and for the courts for handing down this sentence on Boulton."*

In addition to his prison sentence, Boulton was also banned from driving for seven years upon release from prison. Once he has completed his driving ban, he will also be required to undertake an extended driving test.

Further illegal and anti-social vehicles removed from the streets of Crewe as Operation Lawmaker reaches nearly 400 seizures in 2025

Officers working under Operation Lawmaker seized a further ten vehicles and arrested two people during a recent deployment in Crewe, taking the total of nuisance and illegal e-vehicles seized to nearly 400 across Cheshire.

On Friday 21 November, officers working under Operation Lawmaker were deployed to Crewe for a day of operational activity targeting the use of e-bikes, e-scooters and other vehicles being driven in an illegal and anti-social manner. The Beat Management Team, Problem-Solving Team and Roads and Crime Unit worked collaboratively throughout the day, with their efforts yielding several positive results, including:

- 19 traffic offences being reported
- Ten e-vehicles being seized for not having insurance
- Four fixed penalty notices being issued
- A 37-year-old man seen riding an illegal e-scooter was arrested on suspicion of immigration offences.

As well as this, officers arrested a 56-year-old man from Crewe, who appeared to be using an e-bike whilst drunk. Claudiu Sanciu, 56, of Bedford Street, Crewe, has since been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He has since been released on unconditional bail to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 15 January 2026.

Sgt John Roberts, of the Crewe LPU Neighbourhood team, said: *"We know how disruptive the use of illegal e-bikes and scooters is to residents in Crewe and across Cheshire. We will continue our high-visibility patrols in hotspot areas at key times across our town, targeting those who intend to cause a nuisance in their community."*

"As we approach the Christmas period, I would like to remind parents and guardians in particular, to reconsider any purchases of e-bikes and e-scooters for their young people. Whilst it might seem like a great present, e-bikes are illegal to use by anyone under the age of 14 for their own safety. These bikes can reach considerable speeds in a matter of seconds with any modifications. E-scooters can only legally be used on private land with the owner's permission and when insured for use in public spaces such as roads and pavements."

"Keeping everyone safe when using our roads remains our top priority as we move into the winter months. Be under no illusion, if we see these being ridden where they shouldn't be, we will take appropriate action."

These results come as Cheshire Constabulary can reveal that Operation Lawmaker have seized over 380 e-vehicles in just ten months, nearly double the number of total vehicles seized in all of 2024. Lawmaker was rolled out county-wide back in 2024 in direct response to community concerns of illegally and dangerously driven e-bikes and off-road vehicles in our town centres, pedestrianised areas and on our roads. Since then, deployments of Operation Lawmaker have been a regular



occurrence across the Constabulary's seven main Local Policing Units (LPUs), a number of arrests made, many vehicles being seized and crushed.

In its first year, through the proactive multi-department, multi-agency approach to tackling nuisance and dangerous riders in our communities, a total of 205 e-vehicles (electrically assisted pedal bikes, e-bikes, and e-scooters) were removed from our streets. Lawmaker officers also recently played a substantial role in the Safer Summer Streets initiative that supported the Government's wider Neighbourhood Policing Plan. Now, however, this continued intensified effort has resulted in a further 383 vehicles being seized in the ten months to October 2025 – over 175 more than the entirety of those seized from January to December 2024.

CI Cameron Taylor, of the Constabulary's Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"This fantastic achievement goes a considerable way to further protecting everyone who uses our roads and visits our town centres - it is the direct result of the hard work and determination our officers and staff have delivered under Operation Lawmaker. It is because of them, alongside the assistance of our community and partner organisations, that our results have nearly doubled to well over 380 seizures in just ten months compared to the entirety of 2024. These results also mean that, by the end of 2025, we will have seized over one bike a day under Op Lawmaker. With well over month to go until the end of the year, we shan't be resting on our laurels and will still be out ensuring that every rider, driver and pedestrian is respecting the rules of our roads and taking swift action against those who choose to do otherwise."*

Woman arrested within ten minutes of 999 call following serious assault in Runcorn

A Runcorn woman suspected of serious assault offences has been arrested by responding officers who utilised their knowledge of the local area to locate her within ten minutes of the 999 call being made.

At 3.45pm on Saturday 22 November, a 999 call was made from the Runcorn area to the force control centre with the caller stating that an unknown man had been attacked by a known woman. Officers from C-block were swiftly deployed and attended to the victim, who had sustained a laceration to his arm from a knife. A search was then launched to locate the suspect who had since left the scene. A Response Sergeant who had also attended the scene utilised his local knowledge of the area and previous interactions with the suspect to swiftly locate and safely detain her within the Whitchurch Way area of the town, just ten minutes after the initial emergency call was made.

The knife that was believed to have been used during the incident was also recovered a short while after by colleagues on the scene. The 46-year-old local woman was arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault and was then taken into custody. She has since been released on conditional bail.

Insp Nick Bamber said: *"Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the responding team, the victim was safeguarded, the suspect detained, and the weapon recovered all within just ten minutes of the initial call. This incident highlights the outstanding teamwork, awareness, and professionalism of our officers in responding swiftly to serious incidents."*

Body found in search for missing Chester man

Police searching for a missing man in Chester have sadly found a body.

William Webb was reported missing on Sunday 23 November, having last been seen in the Northgate Street area of Chester at around 4am that morning. Searches for the 21-year-old had been ongoing since his disappearance, and sadly on Monday 24 November, officers located a body in the Shropshire Union Canal. Formal identification has not been confirmed, but it is believed to be that of William. His family have been informed of the development, and they are being supported by specialist officers. The death is not being treated as suspicious.

DCI Ian Murray said: *"This was a young man who had his entire life ahead of him, and in what will be a difficult time for them, I would like to extend our thoughts to William's family, friends and everyone who knew him. Despite this not being the outcome we hoped for, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues from the Constabulary and the Northwest Underwater Search Team for the utmost professionalism they have shown throughout, as well as William's family, friends, and the local community who all helped with the search for William."*

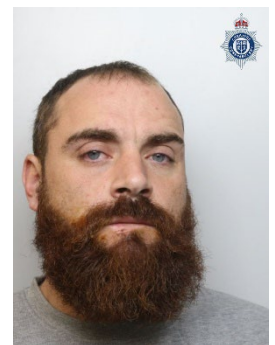
Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal to trace wanted man from Chester

Police are appealing to the public for help in tracing a wanted man from Chester.

Kieran Forshaw-Roddy is wanted in connection with assault offences. 37-year-old is described as white, with a ginger beard, short brown hair and blue eyes. Froshaw-Roddy is from Chester and has links to the Blacon and Upton areas. As well as this, he is believed to have links the Queensferry, Mold, Holt and Saltney areas of North Wales.

Anyone with any information in relation to the whereabouts of Forshaw-Roddy is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting incident reference number 25000669578.



Appeal to trace wanted man from Stoke

Officers are looking to trace a wanted man from Stoke-on-Trent.

Adrian Jones is wanted in connection to theft offences. The 41-year-old is from Stoke-on-Trent and has links to the Crewe and Whitchurch areas.



Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Jones is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, or on 101, quoting incident reference number 25000784297.

Investigation launched following fail to stop collision in Warrington

Detectives have launched an investigation following a fail to stop collision in Warrington.

At around 5.45pm on Tuesday 25 November, police were called to reports of a collision on Westbrook Way, Burtonwood, near to Asda superstore. Police attended the scene and found a pedestrian have been involved in a collision with a silver BMW. The driver of the car failed to stop at the scene. The pedestrian, a 45-year-old local man, sustained serious injuries and was taken to Aintree Hospital where he remains at this time.

A 50-year-old man from Penketh has since been arrested in relation to the incident. He is currently being held in police custody on suspicion of failing to stop following a collision and causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone with any information or video footage which may aid the investigation is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-2221519.

Appeal for witnesses and video footage following Elton pursuit.

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage after two men made off following a pursuit in Elton.

At around 2pm on Monday 24 November, officers attempted to stop a blue Vauxhall Corsa on the A5117 Hapsford. The vehicle made off and travelled into Elton, where the two occupants abandoned the car on Marsh Lane and made off on foot. The two men, one in all dark clothing, the other in a dark jacket and light grey trousers, are believed to run down Pogo's Wood, and onto Holm Drive. Enquires to identify the two men are ongoing and as part of the investigation officers are urging residents in the Elton area to check their CCTV and doorbell cameras between 2.10pm and 2.20pm on Monday 24 November, to see if they have any footage which may aid the investigation.

Anyone with any footage, or anyone with who witnessed the incident, is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 2220745.

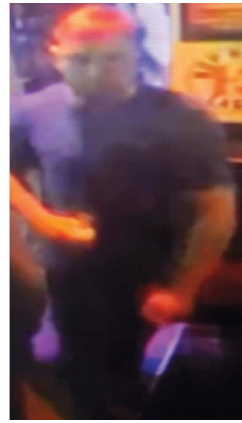
Police release CCTV images following Nantwich serious assault

Police have released CCTV images of a man they'd like to speak to following a serious assault in Nantwich.

At 12.05am on 1 September 2025 a 37-year-old man was assaulted in the White Horse pub in Pillory Street. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance with serious facial injuries, which he is having ongoing treatment for.

DC Toby Hills said: *"I'd urge anyone who witnessed the assault or recognises the man in the CCTV to contact us so we can progress with our enquiries."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website quoting IML 2167167. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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