

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Man jailed following XL bully attack in Warrington

The owner of an unregistered XL bully which killed a pensioner in Warrington has been jailed.

Sean Garner appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 17 April where he was sentenced to 12-years in prison. The 31-year-old was previously found guilty of owning a dog that caused injury while dangerously out of control following a six-day trial. Garner, of Hartsbourne Avenue, Liverpool, also pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a fighting dog.



The court heard that on Monday 24 February 2025, 84-year-old John McColl had been returning to his home on Mullen Close, Dallam. After getting off the bus, CCTV footage showed Mr McColl crossing the road before entering Garner's driveway on Bardsley Avenue. It is unknown why he entered the driveway, however just moments later a member of the public heard Mr McColl screaming for help while being attacked by Toretto, an unregistered XL Bully owned by Garner. Valiant efforts were made to help Mr McColl, with various objects used to try to stop the dog, however Toretto continued to attack him, and stood guard over Mr McColl preventing anyone from helping.

Emergency services were called to the scene at 6.38pm and on arrival police found Mr McColl lying in the driveway with serious facial injuries. However, due to Toretto remaining in close proximity, officers were unable to provide first aid. Firearms officers were called to the scene, and a decision was taken to dispatch Toretto in order to provide lifesaving treatment to Mr McColl. A second unregistered XL Bully was also located in Garners address. The dog, later identified as Malibu, was also dispatched by officers to ensure the safety of all those present. In total, 19 on-target shots were required to bring the horrific attack to a safe conclusion. After securing the scene, paramedics provided lifesaving treatment to Mr McColl at the scene before he was transported to Aintree Hospital and was later moved to Whiston Hospital.

Garner was quickly identified as the owner of the dogs and was subsequently spoken to by officers over the phone and asked to return to his home. Following the call, Garner met with his partner at a retail park in Warrington. After leaving in separate vehicles his partner returned to the address and he went on the run. A police manhunt was launched and Garner subsequently handed himself in at Runcorn Police Station on Wednesday 26 February.

During questioning Garner claimed that Toretto had been locked inside a secure shed when he left the address. However, experts giving evidence at the trial stated that the dog had not been in the shed, but had instead been left in an insecure yard at the rear of the address. He also claimed that

both Toretto and Malibu were American Bully dogs and not XL Bully dogs, despite the fact that he himself had advertised the dogs on social media as XL Bully dogs. Garner was later charged in relation to the attack. Following the incident, a necropsy was conducted on Toretto. During the examination of the dog's stomach, pieces of human flesh were discovered, including a human ear. Mr McColl spent over a month in intensive care, where he underwent several operations but despite the best efforts of all those involved, he passed away on Sunday 30 March.

Following the sentencing Detective Inspector Simon Mills, of the Major Investigation Team at Cheshire Police, said: *"John was a kind and generous dad, grandad, and great grandad who was well liked by all those who knew him. The pain and anguish that his family have endured has been unimaginable. The injuries he sustained were absolutely horrific and left him unrecognisable to friends and family. Yet despite his injuries, he fought hard to survive as long as possible.*

"Garner has shown absolutely no remorse for that happened that day, both he and his family have consistently lied in order to blame John. Despite all the claims that were made in court, and the subsequent claims online by Garner's associates, there is absolutely no evidence that the dog was secured in the shed, or that John opened the gate or released the dog. All the evidence shows that the dog escaped from the insecure rear yard and attacked Mr McColl in the front garden.

"This could have been absolutely anyone, a postman, a delivery driver, or even a child collecting a ball. Unfortunately, it was John who entered the driveway that night. Thankfully, the jury saw through Garner's lies and he has now been held accountable for his actions; I hope that the sentence handed to him today will provide John's family with some closure. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who provided help and assistance to John, including the members of the public, officers and medical staff, all of whom fought hard to save him."

Charges made following thefts in Chester

Two men have been charged following multiple theft offences in Chester.

Valentin Bozu, 25, and Laurentiu Mocanu, 40, both of Marksbury Road, Bedminster, Bristol, have been charged with one count of theft from a person, one count of theft from a motor vehicle, four counts of attempted theft from a person, and one count of theft from a shop. Bozu has also been charged with possession of cannabis. The pair appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 17 April where they were remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 29 May. The charges relate to multiple offences in Chester on Wednesday 15 April.

Crewe shop handed closure order for three months

A closure order has been granted for a business in Crewe.

The shop in Market Street has been handed a closure order for a period of three months which was granted at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Thursday 16 April. This comes following reports of illegal activity including anti-social behaviour at the premises and failing to adhere to age limit restrictions when selling items. Evidence was collated by officers in the Crewe Problem



Solving and Prevention Team and the Crewe Beat Team, along with Cheshire East Trading Standards.

PC Dean Ashmore said: *“We are grateful for the three-month closure order granted for this premises. I hope this reassures members of the public that we take their concerns seriously and act on the information provided to us to protect the communities we serve. Anyone with concerns about suspicious or criminal behaviour in their area can report it to Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website or by calling 101.”*



Crewe man jailed for breaches of Sexual Harm Prevention Order

A man from Crewe has been jailed after breaching his Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) and engaging in sexual communication with a child.

Teejay Walton was sentenced to 30 months in prison at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 9 April 2026, after pleading guilty to two breaches of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order and one count of engaging in sexual communication with a child. The court heard that the 24-year-old had been released from prison in December 2025 following a previous sexual conviction. Alongside his custodial sentence, Walton, of Timbrell Avenue, Crewe, was placed on the Sex Offenders Register and handed a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, which remains in place until 2033. Under the conditions of the SHPO, he was prohibited from contacting anyone under the age of 16 online and from deleting internet history stored on any digital devices.



The court was told that between 22 January and 27 January 2026, Walton used social media to engage in conversation with a child who openly told him she was 12 years old. Despite this, Walton chose to continue communicating with her. He also deliberately changed the settings on his social media account to automatically delete messages after they had been sent, which was a clear breach of his SHPO. On Wednesday 28 January 2026, officers from the Sexual Offender Management Unit attended Timbrell Avenue, Crewe, and arrested Walton in connection with the breaches and the sexual communication offence. While in custody, Walton admitted that he had been speaking to someone he believed to be under the age of 16. He also admitted breaching his SHPO by communicating with the child and by changing his social media settings, although he claimed this had been done without realising it was prohibited.

Police Constable Alex Barker, of the Sexual Offender Management Unit, said: *“Teejay Walton flagrantly breached his Sexual Harm Prevention Order within a month of being released from prison, showing that he had clearly not learned his lesson. As a result of his multiple breaches, and his admission that he engaged in sexualised conversations with someone he knew to be under the age of consent, he has now been returned to prison where he is paying the price for his sickening behaviour. Officers from the Sexual Offender Management Unit regularly conduct visits to those on the Sex Offenders Register and those subject to Sexual Harm Prevention Orders to ensure breaches such as those committed by Walton do not occur, and to take appropriate action against those who choose to ignore the conditions imposed on them.”*

Man arrested after items stolen from charity in Crewe

Officers in Crewe have arrested a man on suspicion of theft after items were stolen from a charity in Crewe.

At around 5.40pm on Thursday 9 April 2026, officers received reports of an incident at Supported Community Business Special Needs Ltd (SCB Ltd), in Gateway, Crewe. It was reported that lengths of timber had been stolen from outside the premises. It was also believed that unknown suspects had entered a shed and stolen a number of tools.

PC Ryder and PC Beresford attended the charity, which provides work opportunities for adults with additional needs/vulnerabilities, and worked together with charity members and users to obtain details of the crime and commenced an investigation. CCTV highlighted a suspect and a vehicle in the area at the time. The suspected vehicle, a white van, was subsequently located and stop searched in Rolls Avenue. A large amount of timber was found inside, matching the description of that stolen from SCB Ltd. A 50-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of theft. He has since been released on bail pending further enquiries.

PC Ryder said: *“Policing can be tough because of the variety of jobs and incidents that we attend, but positive results like this for such a charitable cause act as a reminder as to why we keep doing what we do. It motivates us when times get tough and we are determined to get justice for all members of our community, striving to always do the best we can to achieve positive outcomes for victims of crime.”*

“We spent time engaging with and reassuring individuals at SCB Ltd as a large number of those who use the charity were extremely upset that their safe workspace had been a target of theft. They were overjoyed to get the timber back, and we hope the fact we have arrested a man will provide the local community with some reassurance.”



Drivers in Cheshire East under the spotlight during roads operation

Officers across the east of the county have conducted a day of action on local roads, stopping and engaging with nearly 60 drivers.

On Wednesday 15 April, officers from Macclesfield, Congleton and Crewe carried out a roads focused day of action to coincide with the launch of Operation Spotlight. The national operation, launched earlier this month, aims to educate road users about the dangers of the Fatal Five, which are:

- Careless driving
- Drink and drug driving
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Using a mobile phone
- Speeding

Using powers under Section 163 of the Road Traffic Act, officers stopped 24 vehicles in Macclesfield, 21 in Crewe and 12 in Congleton – a combined total of 57 vehicles. Of those nearly 60 vehicles, over half (33) were found to be committing road traffic offences. Offences included using

mobile phones while driving, failing to wear seatbelts, and drivers not taking due care behind the wheel. Officers also conducted eight searches of vehicles and drivers.

Police Sergeant Claudia Bolton, of Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said: *"This operation is about engaging with as many road users as possible, promoting road safety, and enforcing road traffic legislation where necessary and proportionate. Of the near 60 drivers we spoke to over the course of the day of action, well over half were issued with road traffic tickets for a number of offences, including lack of insurance and vehicle registration issues. There were also a high number of Fatal Five offences committed.*

"We want all road users to think about how they drive, consider the conditions of the road and assess their surroundings to help reduce the risk of serious and fatal collisions that can have devastating consequences for many people. We are always extremely proactive in our approach to tackling offending motorists and are committed to doing all we can to make our roads safer for everyone. We do not simply do this for the sake of it, we do it to save people's lives."

Crewe asylum seeker hotel closed following partnership work

A hotel in Crewe which was being used to accommodate single male asylum seekers has now been closed following partnership work between Cheshire Constabulary and the Home Office.

Over recent months Cheshire police have been working closely with the Home Office following reports of a number of incidents at the Crewe Arms hotel which have resulted in concern in the local community. The Nantwich Road hotel accommodated approximately 115 asylum seekers until October 2025 since when numbers have been reducing steadily. A Ministerial decision has now been taken to prioritise the hotel for closure and the final resident has now left within the past week.

Welcoming the closure, Cheshire Constabulary's Assistant Chief Constable Alison Ross, said: *"Firstly, I want to make clear that this isn't a political stance by the Constabulary, nor is it about targeting asylum seekers. We have a duty to protect vulnerable people accommodated in these premises, as well as protecting residents in the wider local community. Over the last 12 months or so we have dealt with an unacceptable number of incidents of crime and disorder at the hotel and its immediate vicinity. Whilst our preference has always been that the hotel should be closed as soon as possible, we also recognise the value in co-operating with the Home Office and its contracted suppliers to manage the immediate demand on our resources. I would like to thank our partners at the Home Office for their cooperation and support throughout this process and I truly believe that the outcome reached is the best result for everyone."*

Man jailed for drug dealing in Northwich

A drug dealer has been jailed for facilitating the supply of class A and B drugs in Northwich.

Adam Hill appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 2 April where he was sentenced to five years in prison. The 36-year-old of Pullman Drive, Northwich, had earlier pleaded guilty to four counts of being concerned in the supply of cocaine



and four counts of being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs (cannabis). Following an investigation into illegal drug supply, detectives from Northwich Proactive CID identified a phone used by Hill to advertise the sale of class A and B drugs in the Northwich area.

On 28 April 2025, officers attended at Hill's home address where he was arrested. A search of the property revealed a quantity of cocaine and cannabis, drug paraphernalia and a mobile phone found to contain evidence of drug supply. Following an unrelated matter in October 2025, Hill was again found in possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and another mobile phone which contained messages showing his continued involvement in the sale of cocaine. He was subsequently charged with the offences.

PC Dan Lee said: *"Hill believed that he was operating under the radar and even continued to supply drugs after his initial arrest, thanks to the work of the team here at Northwich, he was identified as a dealer and removed from the streets of Cheshire. I welcome the custodial sentence handed to Hill but let this be a warning, our fight against illegal drugs is never over and we continue to tackle this issue head-on. If you have any information about drug-related activity in your community, please contact us on 101 or [through our website](#)."*

Firearms Licensing Team ranked top in the UK for processing applications

The Constabulary's Firearms Licensing Team have been ranked top in the country for the speed at which they complete applications from members of the public.

Cheshire Firearms Licensing Department enables the lawful granting and renewal of firearms and shotgun certificates to suitable people and groups across the county. During the past year, the team processed 99% of applications for licenses within four months – putting them top out of the 43 forces in England and Wales. Across Cheshire, there are now a total of 9,598 firearms license holders. Firearms licensing is a critical safeguard for the public to ensure weapons are only held by those who are suitable, responsible and lawful. Timely, thorough decision-making allows risks to be identified and managed earlier, prevents unsuitable access to firearms, and supports swift intervention where concerns arise.

Nigel Haynes, Firearms and Explosives Licensing Manager, said: *"This is an outstanding result, and firmly places Cheshire at the forefront of what we do on a daily basis. I'm extremely thankful to the team for all the hard work that keeps both the public safe and the department where it deserves to be."*

Chief Superintendent Gareth Wrigley said: *"I want to add my thanks and recognition to everyone for their continued commitment and high standards in achieving these results. As the head of the department, I see first-hand the dedication that goes into maintaining these results – which are crucial in ensuring we keep Cheshire even safer."*

Man sentenced for having indecent images of children in Runcorn

A man has been sentenced for having and making indecent images of children in Runcorn.

Rory James appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 2 April where he was sentenced to 22 months in prison. The 43-year-old of no fixed abode was previously found guilty by a jury of three counts of making indecent images of children, possessing indecent images of children, and possessing prohibited images of children. He was also ordered to sign the sex offenders register and subjected to a 10-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order as well as a rehabilitation activity requirement.



James was found in possession of a total of nine indecent images of children ranging from category C and B to category A, which is the most serious. He was also found in possession of extreme pornography. Detectives from Cheshire Constabulary's Online Child Abuse Investigation Team acting on information they received, discovered the images after executing a warrant at his address.

DC Anna Hull said: *"Our team is dedicated to protecting children and are actively making enquiries into information we receive about those who may be involved in making, sharing or taking indecent images. You may think you're safe looking at these abominable and illegal images in your own home, but that is not the case, and we may come knocking on your door one day."*

Albanian crime gang jailed following UK wide burglary series

Four Albanian men and a British woman have been sentenced to more than 38 years in prison for the roles they played in a series of high value burglaries across the UK.

Kristian Gropcaj, 30, George Pepa, 31, Krisjjan Dedndreaj, 28, Sidorjan Lleshi, 26, and Jade Tubb, 33, were sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Monday 13 April and Tuesday 14 April 2025. Below is a breakdown of their sentences:

- Dedndreaj, of Crabtree Road, Walsall jailed for 9 years for conspiracy to commit burglary and a concurrent sentence of 5 years for conspiracy to possess criminal property.
- Pepa, of Crabtree Road, Walsall jailed for 9 years for conspiracy to commit burglary and a concurrent sentence of 4½ years for conspiracy to possess criminal property.
- Lleshi, of Durlstone Drive, Sheffield, jailed for 10 years and 9 months for conspiracy to commit burglary, one count of burglary and conspiracy to possess criminal property. An additional 15 counts of burglary were also taken into consideration.
- Gropcaj, of Gas Street, Birmingham; jailed for 10 years for conspiracy to commit burglary and a concurrent sentence of 5½ years for conspiracy to possess criminal property.
- Tubb, also of Crabtree Road, Walsall, sentenced to one year in prison suspended for two years, for possession of criminal property.
- A sixth defendant 29-year-old Endrit Nikolli, of Crabtree Road, Walsall, is due to be sentenced on Wednesday 29 April.



The investigation against the gang began in October 2024 when detectives at Macclesfield Proactive CID became aware of a series of burglaries across the eastern area of Cheshire, including incidents in Macclesfield, Prestbury, Weston and Willaston. On each occasion the offenders would typically gain entry by using ladders to access first floor windows and balconies. Once inside they would ransack the properties, stealing jewellery, designer handbags, watches and cash.

After a number of local enquiries, officers engaged in meetings with other forces across the UK who reported similar incidents in their areas. Following collaboration between Derbyshire Police, Nottinghamshire Police and Staffordshire Police, detectives from Macclesfield were able to link the incidents in Cheshire to several others across the UK through footwear marks left at the scenes. After linking the incidents, officers used Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to identify vehicles which were present at all of these incidents.

Through this work officers discovered that a red Ford Focus which was insured to Gropcaj had been present during many of the incidents. They also found that a hire car booked by Tubb had been used during many of the other burglaries. Telephone checks were subsequently conducted on Gropcaj which revealed he had been in regular contact with Nikolli, Dedndreaj, and Pepa. Further enquiries revealed that the four men had been meeting on a regular basis at a coffee shop in the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham. In addition, officers were also able to establish that Tubb was in a relationship with Nikolli. Traces of DNA from Nikolli had also been found at the scene of a burglary in Staffordshire.



Following a culmination of months of investigation work, on Wednesday 2 July, officers from Macclesfield Proactive CID and Cheshire Police Serious and Organised Crime Unit led a series of raids at addresses in Walsall, Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham, leading to the arrests of Nikolli, Pepa, Gropcaj and Tubb. The raids were supported by officers from Staffordshire Police, Derbyshire Police and Nottinghamshire Police. Dedndreaj was not present at the time of the warrants, but he was later arrested in Surrey by officers from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit at Cheshire Constabulary.

During the raids officers recovered 13 designer handbags, along with 14 watches worth almost £17,000. Several mobile phones were also recovered during the warrants, and during analysis officers recovered hundreds of images of the stolen items, along with messages which contained links to Google maps which correlated with the scene of the burglaries. In addition, officers recovered messages which showed there was a sixth member of the gang – Sidorjan Lleshi, who was living in Sheffield. A raid was subsequently conducted at Lleshi's home on Wednesday 3 September where the 26-year-old was arrested.

All six defendants were later charged with conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to possess criminal property. Through all of the evidence gathered, officers were able to link the gang to at least 59 burglaries across the UK. These included eight in Cheshire, two in Cleveland, nine in Derbyshire, two in Leicestershire, five in Nottinghamshire, seven in Staffordshire, two in Warwickshire and nine in West Mercia. The estimated total value of the items stolen is in excess of £1 million and while some items have been recovered, the vast majority are believed to have been sold on.

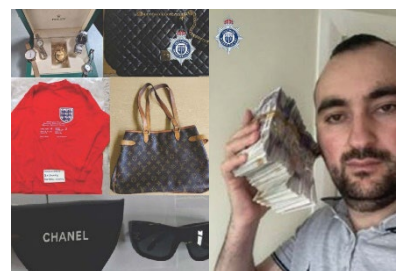
Following the sentencing, Detective Sergeant Laura Fox, of Macclesfield Proactive CID said: *“I would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues at Derbyshire Police, Staffordshire Police and Nottinghamshire Police for all the support that they have provided. This investigation is a result of a detailed collaboration between forces across several months, with an unwavering commitment and tenacity to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.*

“Nikolli, Gropcaj, Dedndreaj, Pepa, Lleshi and Tubb were all members of a high-level organised crime gang responsible for at least 59 high value burglaries across the UK. All of the incidents were carefully orchestrated, with the gang researching their targets before committing their crimes, even expanding their crime spree across multiple forces in an effort to go undetected. The gang specifically targeted wealthy victims, with the aim of stealing as much high value property as possible. Between them, they even set weekly targets for the amount of gold that they wanted to steal. Nikolli, Gropcaj, Dedndreaj, Pepa and Lleshi were all responsible for conducting the burglaries, while Tubb was happy to spend their ill-gotten gains.

“Throughout our investigation it has been clear that the gang had absolutely no regard for the impact that their offences would have on the victims. Instead, they regularly gloated about their crimes and shared images of ill-gotten gains. Thankfully, as a result of the evidence gathered during the course of the investigation, all six defendants had no option but to plead guilty to the charges and are now facing the consequences of their actions.”

Detective Chief Inspector David Worthington, of Macclesfield Proactive CID, added: *“As this case demonstrates, if you commit crime in Cheshire, you will be caught and you will be brought to justice. Our officers are committed to travelling the length and breadth of the country to ensure that those who cause harm in our communities are held accountable for their actions. I hope that the sentencing of these offenders will provide some reassurance for the victims in this case and allow them to move forward with their lives. I also hope that this case acts as a warning to anyone else who is thinking of coming to Cheshire to commit crime.”*

Following the conclusion of the case, Cheshire Police has now launched an appeal to trace the rightful owners of hundreds of suspected stolen items which were recovered during the investigation. These include designer handbags, jewellery, watches and clothing, as well as other items. For more details [visit our dedicated appeal page](#).



Widnes drug dealer jailed following county lines week of action

A man found with nearly £80k worth of cocaine in his kitchen cupboard has been jailed for over six years.

Benjamin Hurley, of Newsham Close, Widnes, was sentenced to six years and eight months imprisonment at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 9 April 2026 after previously pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of criminal property. During the hearing, the court was told that on Wednesday 4 March 2026, officers in Widnes, working as part of a County Lines Intensification Week of action, executed a warrant at the 34-year-old’s address.



Officers located Hurley in the bedroom of the property and explained they were there as part of an investigation into the distribution of class A drugs within the local area. Hurley promptly told officers to arrest him, adding that they would find “cash and gear” in a kitchen cupboard downstairs. Shortly after his arrest, officers searched the property and found approximately 810g of cocaine in various containers, including plastic bags of different sizes and a tin for powdered baby milk, hidden in a kitchen cupboard. A set of digital scales and Hurley’s passport were also discovered. In addition, just under £32,000 in cash, a number of high-value designer items - including clothing and watches - four vehicles, and a customer list were seized as part of the investigation.

Hurley told officers at the beginning of his interview in custody that he intended to plead guilty to all offences and admitted that selling drugs was his main source of income. He also stated that the substances recovered during the search consisted of a mixture of cocaine and a cutting agent. Hurley was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of criminal property, pleading guilty to both offences at the first opportunity.

Police Constable Powell, of Widnes Local Policing Unit’s Neighbourhood Beat Team, said: *“Benjamin Hurley knew what he was doing was wrong, offering no defence for his actions as he knew that the evidence against him was overwhelming. It was clear from the sheer quantity of illegal goods and criminal property found throughout his address that we were dealing with an organised individual involved in the supply of significant amounts class A drugs.*

“The drugs in question were also not 100% pure cocaine, as he openly admitted to mixing in additional substances to bulk out his overall supply – this highlights the dangers of buying illegal drugs as you can never really tell for certain what has gone into them. Hurley’s arrest and subsequent sentencing formed part of wider activity carried out by the Widnes Beat Team during County Lines Intensification Week, creating a hostile environment for those seeking to profit from the supply of illegal drugs both within Cheshire and beyond its borders.

“We cannot achieve results like this without information from our communities - no amount of information is too small when it comes to tackling organised crime. If you believe someone is being exploited, an address is being used as a base for drug dealing, or even if something just doesn’t feel right, report it to us or contact Crimestoppers anonymously and we will take action.”

If you believe drug activity is taking place in your community, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following burglary at fire station in Bollington

Officers are appealing for information following a burglary at Bollington Fire Station.

On Thursday 16 April, Cheshire Police were made aware of a burglary at the fire station in Albert Road, Bollington, which is believed to have occurred between 9.45pm and 11pm on Wednesday 15 April. During the incident suspects gained entry to the station and stole cutting equipment, damaging a fire engine in the process. Officers are now appealing for anyone who witnessed what happened or has any other information to get in touch with them.

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox, of Macclesfield Proactive CID, said: *“This is a serious offence, and we are urging anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area to please get in touch with us. We would also ask people to check video doorbell, CCTV or dashcam footage to see if they have captured anything relevant to our investigation. This offence targeted vital equipment used by our colleagues at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service when rescuing casualties trapped in vehicles that have been involved in collisions. Please also be wary if you see any large cutting equipment like this for sale which does not appear to be advertised via a legitimate source, as it may have been stolen.”*

Steve Barnes, Assistant Chief Fire Officer at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: *“It is extremely disappointing to see Bollington Fire Station targeted in this manner. This has damaged both our premises and a vital community asset. The kit taken is essential equipment that is designed to save lives in the event of road traffic collisions, which should be in the service of the community at times of need. Fortunately we have been able to quickly repair the fire engine and return it to operational duty, helping to keep Cheshire safe from fire and other emergencies. We would ask anyone who may have information to come forward to help Cheshire Police investigate this incident.”*

You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2309622.

Appeal for witnesses following collision in Gawsworth

Officers are appealing for witnesses and those with dashcam footage to come forward following a collision in Gawsworth.

At 2.41pm on Wednesday 15 April, police were called to reports of a collision in Woodhouse End Road, Gawsworth. The incident involved a white Ford Transit van. The driver, a 35-year-old man, suffered serious injuries and was taken to hospital where he remains at this time.

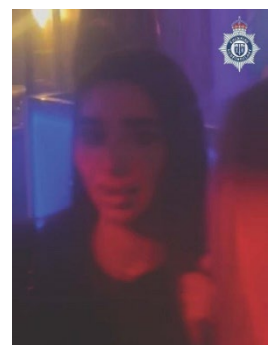
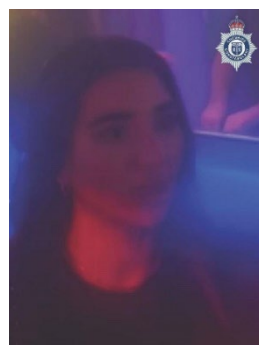
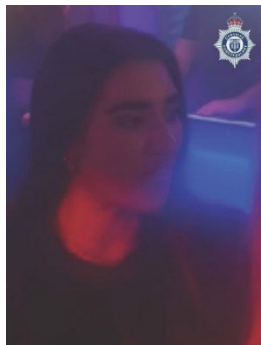
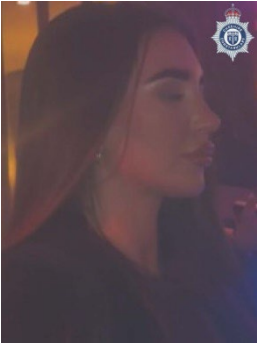
Sergeant Russell Sime said: *“We would like to appeal to anyone who witnessed the collision to please contact us, as we establish the full circumstances. We’re also asking anyone with dashcam footage who may have captured what happened or was driving in the area at the time to get in touch. You can report information to us by visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or please call 101, quoting IML-2309220.”*

Images released following assault in Chester

Officers have released images of a woman following an assault in Chester.

At 12.15am on Sunday 1 March, the victim, a 32-year-old woman was in Red Door in St John Street, Chester, when she was assaulted by an unknown woman. The victim suffered minor facial injuries during the incident. Officers have now released images of a woman they would like to speak to as they believe she may have vital information.

Anyone with any information as to the identity of the woman pictured should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting 26000166724. We would also appeal directly to the woman pictured to contact us.



Appeal for information following bike robbery in Northwich

Police are appealing for information from the public after a pushbike was stolen from a teenager in Northwich.

At around 7pm on Thursday 23 February, a 14-year-old boy was cycling down Darwin Street, towards the river Weaver. As the teenager approached the Roberts Street roundabout, he was pushed off his bike from behind by an unknown male. As the victim lay on the floor, the offender then stole his bike and cycled off in the direction of Spencer Street, and on to Navigation Road.



Detective Constable Connor McGregor, of Northwich CID said: *“The victim in this case was left shaken as a result of his ordeal and we’re keen to hear from anyone with any information which may aid our enquiries. We’d particularly like to hear from anyone who resides on Darwin Street or Spencer Street, which may have any CCTV footage of the incident, or the offender fleeing the scene.”*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 2276654. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following Northwich burglaries

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following two burglaries in the Northwich area.

At around 3.35pm on Tuesday 14 April, police were called to reports of a break-in at an address on Runcorn Road, on the outskirts of Barnton. Then, at 4.30pm the same day police were called to

reports of a burglary at an address on The Avenue in Comberbach. Both incidents are believed to have taken place during Tuesday afternoon, and on both occasions the offenders forced entry into the addresses and stole cash and jewellery. Initial enquiries suggest that the incidents are linked and officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information which may aid the investigation. They would also like to hear from anyone who driving on Runcorn Road and the Avenue between 2pm and 4.30pm and may have any dashcam footage.

Police Constable Dean Butterworth, of Northwich Proactive CID, said: *“To know that somebody has targeted your home – a place you should feel safe in, is sickening, and we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. Enquiries in relation the incident are ongoing, and we’re keen to hear from anyone with any information or video footage which may aid our investigation. I’m particularly keen to hear from anyone with any footage of a small car, possibly grey or blue, which was reported to be parked outside the address on Runcorn Road, on the outskirts of Barnton, between 2.15pm and 3.45pm.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the ongoing investigation should visit the website or call 101, quoting IML-2308643.

Appeal for information following collision in Great Sankey

Officers are appealing for information and dashcam footage following a collision in Great Sankey.

At around 5.30pm on Tuesday 7 April, were made aware of reports of a road traffic collision in the Whitehorn Avenue area of Great Sankey. The collision involved a grey Toyota Aygo and a Blue Mini Cooper. The driver of the Toyota, a 41-year-old woman, sustained minor injuries. The driver of the Mini, a 29-year-old man, also sustained minor injuries. No arrests have been made in connection to this incident. Officers are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the collision occur or is in possession of any dashcam footage that may prove useful to get in touch.

Police Constable Jess Alice, of the Warrington Area Investigation Team, said: *“We are conducting a number of enquiries to fully establish the circumstances surrounding what happened here. As part of our enquiries, we are asking any drivers with dashcams that may have captured the incident itself to please make contact. I would also ask the same of anyone else who may have seen the collision occur or has any information relating to it, to please get in touch.”*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, or on 101, quoting incident number 26000273882.

Appeal for information following fatal collision near Frodsham

At 8.19am on Monday 13 April, police were called to a two-vehicle collision on Manley Road, near New Pale Road and Yarrangall Green.

It was reported that the collision involved a grey Vauxhall Corsa and a Blue Mini Cooper. Sadly, both drivers involved in the collision, a 29-year-old woman and a 59-year-old man, were pronounced dead at the scene. Their families have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collisions or anyone who believes they have any dashcam footage of the incident. The road remains closed at this time, with diversions in place.

Sergeant Amy Hollis, of the Serious Collision Investigations Unit, said: *“We are working to establish the full circumstances surrounding this incident to determine what has happened and, as part of our enquiries, we are now appealing to anyone who witnessed it to get in touch with us. I would also like to ask the same of anyone who may happen to have any dashcam footage or additional information which could aid us in our enquiries.”*

“Our thoughts remain with both of the families of those who have sadly died following this collision, they remain supported by the Constabulary and have requested privacy at what will be a very difficult time.”

Anyone with information or footage in relation to the collision is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101, or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us>, quoting IML-2307754.

Appeal for witnesses following assault in Widnes

Officers are appealing for information following an assault in Widnes.

The assault occurred on Tuesday 7 April at around 9.10pm at the corner of Avondale Drive and Bankfield Road, Widnes. The victim, a 19-year-old woman, was assaulted by a man, causing minor injuries to her head. The suspect was described as a white man, aged in his mid-20s, of a slim build, around 5’ 7” tall, wearing a black face covering, black sunglasses, black shorts and a dark grey jacket.

PC Dan O’Brien said: *“We are currently conducting a number of enquiries to help trace the suspect and as part of this we are asking anyone who witnessed this incident or may have any dashcam, CCTV or video doorbell footage to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who may have seen anything suspicious around the time of the incident. You can report information by calling 101 or visiting our website at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-2304914.”*

Appeal for witnesses and footage following serious collision in Warrington

Officers are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage following a serious collision in Warrington.

At 9.22pm on Monday 13 April, police were called to reports of a collision on Ordnance Avenue, at the roundabout with Admirals Road, Warrington. The collision involved a blue Kia Sorento and a red Daelim motorcycle. The motorcyclist, a 21-year-old woman, was taken to hospital with serious injuries, where she remains at this time. The driver of the car, a 67-year-old woman, was arrested in relation to the incident and is currently assisting officers with their investigation.

Sergeant Amy Hollis said: *“As we work to establish the exact circumstances of this collision, we are asking anyone who witnessed what happened and has not already spoken to police to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who may have been driving in the area and has any dashcam*

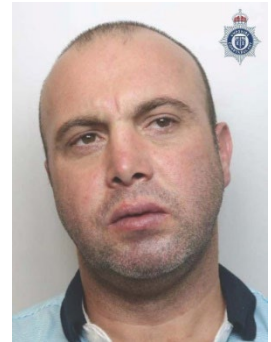
footage which could aid us. You can contact Cheshire Police by visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or please call 101, quoting IML-2308231."

Appeal for information to trace wanted man

Police are appealing for information to locate a wanted man from Runcorn.

Seamus Maughan is wanted on recall to prison. The 43-year-old is described as white, around 6' tall, of medium build, and has short brown receding hair. Maughan has links to Runcorn, Dartford, and Woolwich.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call 101. You can also report information [via the website](#) or alternatively anonymously via Crimestoppers, quoting reference IML 2182677.



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