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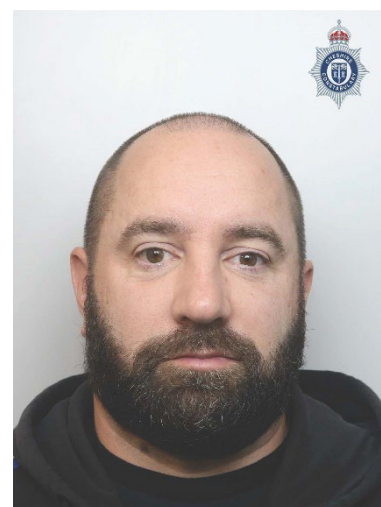
Latest Cheshire News

Former care worker jailed for 19 years for string of sex offences

A former Ellesmere Port care worker has been jailed for a string of sexual offences.

Kevin Cooper-Shaw, 45, of Kingsmead Road North, Oxton, appeared at Chester Crown Court on 31 May to be sentenced after the jury reached a verdict of guilty on 21 of the 23 charges. These were:

- Seven counts of sexual activity with a child
- One count of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity
- One count of rape
- One count of attempted sexual activity with a child
- Seven counts of sexual activity with a child by a person in a position of trust
- One count of sexual activity in the presence of a child by a person in a position of trust
- Two counts of making an indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child
- One count of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity by a person in a position of trust



He was subsequently sentenced to 19 years in prison.

Cooper-Shaw worked at the care home in Ellesmere Port between April 2018 and October 2021 where he was tasked with safeguarding and caring for vulnerable children and young people. During this time, Cooper-Shaw groomed a teenage girl at the care home, committing multiple offences against her.

The matter came to police attention in November 2021 and an investigation was launched by the Western Protecting Vulnerable People Unit. Cooper-Shaw was arrested soon after the report to police. When detectives reviewed his devices, they found him to be in possession of a number of indecent images of children.

Following Cooper-Shaw's conviction, investigating officer DC Katie Ashcroft said: *"The level of offending in this case and the acts he subjected his victim to were truly horrific. Cooper-Shaw was meant to be in a position of trust, safeguarding and caring for young people. Despite knowing this,*

and how vulnerable the victim was, Cooper-Shaw violated and betrayed that trust, abusing and deeply traumatising the young victim at a time when she should have been made to feel safe.

"I'd like to thank the victim for their immense courage and strength they've shown throughout this investigation - first to come forward to report the crimes, and then also to give evidence and help convict this man for his predatory and warped behaviour. I hope this encourages others who have been subjected to such abuse to come forward. They will get the support and advice they need to help them come to terms with their ordeal, and if they so wish, put their abuser before the courts."

Drug dealer jailed following warrant in Northwich

A man from Northwich has been jailed after he admitted dealing class A drugs in the town.

Renny Hamer appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 28 May where he was sentenced to 40 months in prison. The 33-year-old of Denton Drive had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (cocaine) and being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs (cocaine).

The investigation initially began in December 2023 when officers became aware of a mobile phone number which was being used to sell cocaine in the Northwich area. The number was used to send flare messages advertising the sale of substances to repeat buyers. Officers traced the phone to Hamer after they recovered CCTV footage of him purchasing credit for the phone at a local supermarket.

A warrant was conducted at his flat on Denton Drive on Friday 26 April where officers seized several items, including a quantity of cash and the mobile phone which had been used to sell the drugs. Officers also searched Hamer's car outside the property where they discovered a plastic tub containing a large quantity of cocaine which had a street value of between £5,760 and £11,840. Hamer was arrested at the address and later charged with dealing class A drugs.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Claire Heatley, said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Hamer and I hope that his conviction sends out a warning to other dealers planning to target the Northwich area. Illegal drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that those involved in the supply of such drugs are held accountable. Following his arrest Hamer attempted to evade justice, claiming that he did not send any of the messages and answering no comment to many of the questions put to him."*

"Thankfully, because of the evidence we were able to gather against him he had no option but to plead guilty to the charges against him. While this investigation has now concluded, our fight against illegal drugs, and those who supply them, continues. Intelligence supplied by members of the public is crucial to this fight and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug-related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter."



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

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for witnesses following burglary in Warrington

Police investigating a burglary in Warrington are appealing for witnesses and information after a quantity of cash was stolen from a church.

Between the evening of Thursday 30 May and the early morning of Friday 31 May, an unknown number of individuals unsuccessfully attempted to forcibly access St Thomas' Church on London Road, Stockton Heath by breaking an exterior padlock that secured the front door. Following this, the unknown individuals proceeded to enter the building through the breaking of a window. Once inside, around £20 in cash was stolen from a donations box.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of their investigation, officers would like to appeal for any witnesses to come forward.

Detective Sergeant Alexander Reeves, of CID Proactive North, said: *"As well as appealing for witnesses, we are also looking to speak to anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the area in the evening of Thursday 30 May and the early hours of Friday 31. The same goes for anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage which they believe will be of assistance. While our enquiries continue, we're also urging residents in the area to remain cautious and ensure that their properties and outbuildings are kept secure at all times."*

Anyone with any information which may aid the investigation is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-1836284. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following burglary in Chester

Detectives are appealing for information and video footage following a burglary in Chester.

At around 1am on Wednesday 29 May two unknown men entered the grounds of an address on Wicker Lane, Chester. Once within the grounds, the men attempted to forcibly access a secure steel container but were unsuccessful. The men proceeded moved further into the grounds and successfully accessed a second container, removing two off-road motocross bikes from inside.

The bikes are described as blue Yamaha YZ125's and are worth around £3,500 each.

Detective Constable Richard Connolley, of CID Proactive West, said: *"We are asking anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the area shortly before or after the time of the incident to please contact us. We are also keen to hear from anyone who believes they have been offered or have purchased either of the stolen bikes. To report any information, you can contact Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or call 101, quoting IML-1834774."*



Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

CCTV image released following theft from a shop in Crewe

Police have released CCTV images of a man they would like to speak to in connection with a shoplifting incident in Crewe.

Officers are looking to speak to this man. At around 4.18pm on Wednesday 22 May, an unknown man entered the Cooperative store on Parkers Road, Crewe. The man filled a trolley with meat and alcohol products and the proceeded to leave the store without paying for any of the items.

Constable Justin Taylor from Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *"I'd urge anyone who recognises this man to contact police so that we can progress with our enquiries. I would also like to appeal to the man directly to contact us. Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting occurrence number 24000466341."*



Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses following collision in Crewe

Officers investigating reports of an attempted robbery in Crewe are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident to get in touch with them.

At 9pm on Thursday 23 May, police were made aware of reports of an attempted robbery near the junction with Bright Street and Richard Moon Street. The incident occurred at around 8.50pm when the 54-year-old victim was approached by an unknown man. She reported he had grabbed her and asked for her handbag. The victim managed to break free from the man and the suspect fled the scene in the direction of Goddard Street. The suspect has been described as Asian, 6' tall, of a stocky build, was wearing dark trousers and a light-coloured bobble hat, and spoke with a foreign accent. Officers are now appealing for any witnesses to get in touch with them.

Detective Sergeant Robert Bushell said: *"We are currently conducting enquiries and as part of this, we would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed what happened. "The same goes for anyone who has any dashcam or CCTV footage of the reported incident, or any other information which may aid our investigation. "You can contact Cheshire Police on 101, or via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-1830795."*

Appeal for witnesses following attempted robbery in Crewe

Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was seriously injured in Widnes.

Sometime between 7pm and 7.30pm on 25 May there was a report of a disturbance involving a number of men at the Crown Avenue junction with Westminster Close. One of the men was seriously injured. He is currently in a serious but stable condition in hospital. As part of police enquiries into the incident two men aged 19 and 21 have been arrested on suspicion of a section 18 assault.

DI Ali White said: *"We're appealing for any information or dash cam footage to help us with our enquiries. In particular, there was a blue vehicle seen driving off towards Phillips Road with its boot open which we're keen to identify."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 1832298. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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