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Appeal for information following serious assault in Nantwich

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At around 1.25am on Sunday 9 June, police were called to reports of a serious assault at the junction of Swine Market and Waterlode, Nantwich. The victim, a 31-year-old man from Oldham, was punched in the face by an unknown man, causing him to fall to the floor and sustain serious head injuries. The victim remains in hospital receiving treatment.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone who was in the area and witnessed anything that may aid their investigation to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes they may know the identity of the offender or has CCTV or dashcam footage of him.

Detective Sergeant Kate Palin said: *"The victim in this case sustained serious injuries and we are committed to doing all that we can to identify the person responsible. I would like to reassure residents that this appears to be an isolated incident and we are determined to establish the identity of the man responsible for the assault. As part of our enquiries we want to hear from anyone who was in the area that night and believes they may have seen something relevant to our investigation. I'd urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact us on 101, or via the website, quoting IML 1843118."*

Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Police operation tackles off-road biker ASB in Delamere Forest

In response to concerns about off road biker anti-social behaviour in Delamere Forest, Cheshire Constabulary's Western Problem-Solving Team initiated Operation Scrambler.

On Saturday 1 June officers from the Problem-Solving Team worked in partnership with several other units from the Constabulary to tackle the issue of off-road scrambler bikes and electric bikes being used in an anti-social manner in a public place. Working with the Forestry Commission and Cheshire West and Chester, the teams from Chester Local Policing Unit, Roads Policing, Drone Unit and Rural Crime patrolled the forest and spoke with visitors.

PC Tom Grant from the Western Area Problem-Solving Team said: *"A local PCSO brought the issue to our attention after speaking with residents. We then implemented the joint enforcement operation to tackle the issue head on and ensure that those using illegal bikes are dealt with robustly, helping to make our communities even safer. Pleasingly, no major incidents were reported and the response from the public was very positive. We also managed to gain some valuable intelligence to help us target those who break the law even more effectively. We will continue with operations like this to clamp down on this type of behaviour."*

Anyone who sees anti-social behaviour can contact police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or go to [Residents Voice](#)

Appeal for information following assault in Chester

Officers investigating a serious assault in Chester are appealing for any witnesses or those with footage to get in touch with them.

At 7.20pm on Thursday 6 June, police were called to reports of an assault near Abbots Nook, Chester. Officers attended the scene and found a 47-year-old man had suffered serious injuries. He remains in hospital at this time. A 33-year-old man has since been arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault. A 42-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. Enquiries into the incident remain ongoing, and officers are now appealing for any witnesses or those with any CCTV, video doorbell, or dashcam footage which could aid their investigation to get in touch.

Detective Sergeant Justin Jones said: *"Firstly, I would like to reassure the community that we are working hard to establish the full circumstances surrounding what happened. We believe it to be an isolated incident, and two people are currently in custody. We would like to appeal to anyone who witnessed the incident to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who may have any footage, or any further information which may aid our investigation. You can contact Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting IML-1841120."*

Two charged following burglary in Macclesfield

Two people have been charged in connection with a burglary in Macclesfield.

At around 2.35am on Thursday 6 June police were called to reports of a burglary at a Tesco petrol station on Hibel Road, Macclesfield. A 43-year-old man and a 45-year-old woman were subsequently arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary. Oliver Postlewhite, of Kennedy Avenue, Macclesfield, and Stacey Williams, of no fixed abode in the Macclesfield area, have since been charged with burglary. The pair have been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court today, Friday 7 June.

Man charged with multiple burglaries across Cheshire and North Wales

Detectives from Northwich Proactive Policing Team have charged a man in relation to a series of burglaries across Cheshire and North Wales.

Brandon Bell, of Main Avenue, Cowlersley, Huddersfield, was arrested on Tuesday 4 June. The 22-year-old has been charged with four counts of burglary. Bell appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Wednesday 5 June where he was remanded in custody. He is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 3 July. The charges relate to two incidents in North Wales and two in Cheshire. The offences in North Wales both occurred on Monday 4 March at addresses in Benllech and Bangor. The two burglaries in Cheshire both occurred on Tuesday 5 March at homes in the Hartford and Kingsmead areas of Northwich.

D-Day anniversary: the story of a Cheshire officer turned Commando who stormed Normandy

As the country commemorates the anniversary of the D-Day landings, we look back at the life of Ernest Griffith Mather, a Cheshire Police Officer and army Commando, who helped storm Normandy beach 80 years ago today.



Ernest Mather wearing his green beret with the Black Watch crest

On the morning of 6 June 1944, the Allied forces launched what became the largest military operation in history, when nearly 133,000 soldiers stormed Normandy Beach on the French coast. The combined land, sea and air assault on the Nazi-occupied beach saw young men from the likes of the United Kingdom, United States, Canada and Australia drafted in as part of the operation to begin the liberation of Europe at the peak of the Second World War.

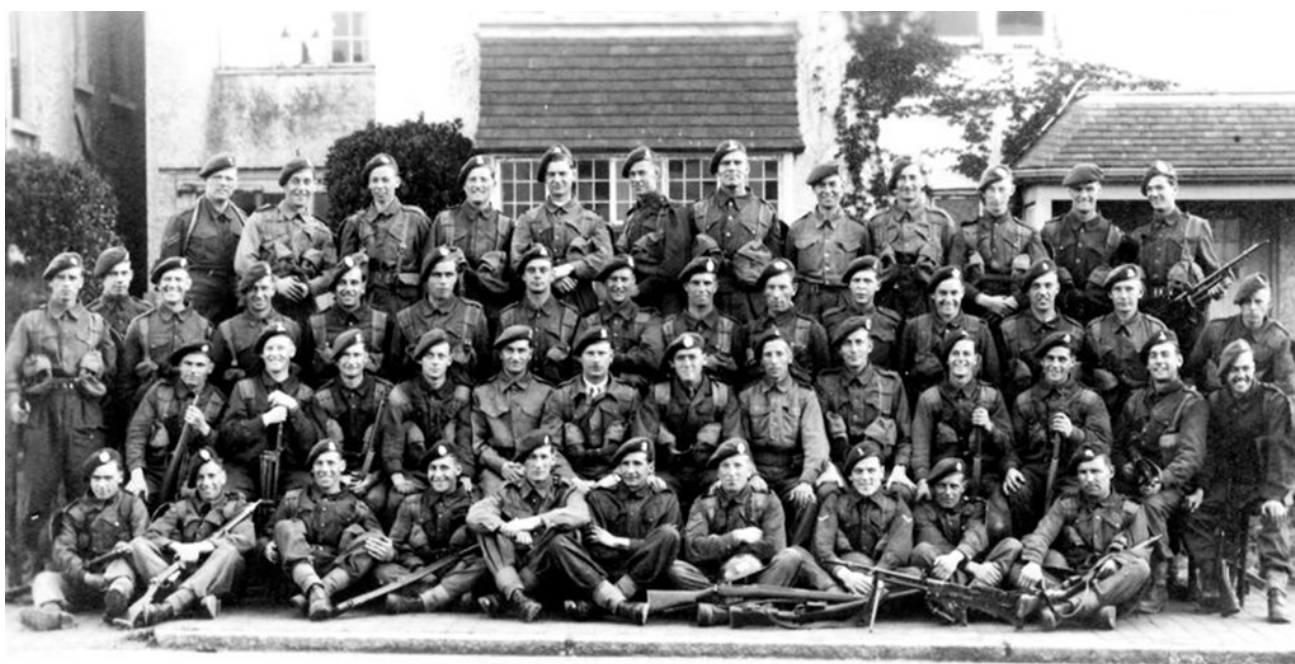
One of the thousands of soldiers involved in the perilous mission was Ernest 'Ernie' Mather, a 28-year-old Cheshire Police Officer, who had enlisted as a Commando just two years prior. Joining the Constabulary in May 1938, Police Constable 92 Ernie was posted in Altrincham, which had yet to become a part of Greater Manchester; he was unable to enlist in the army following the outbreak of the war due to the role of the police officer being considered a reserved occupation. However, these restrictions would be relaxed in 1942 and Ernie, alongside six other officers from Cheshire, enlisted.

Joining the Commando Unit, a unit keen on recruiting young police officers due to their high level of physical fitness and regimented attitude, Ernie was placed under the Black Watch Regiment and travelled to Anchnacarry, Scotland, to begin basic training. Graduating from basic training in September 1942, Ernie earned the coveted green beret and joined the Number Four Commandos, who would have a key role to play when the invasion was launched less than two years later.

Initially planned to take place on 5 June, poor weather conditions across the English Channel delayed the operation. Ernie and 'A' Troop, the designated heavy weapons troop, were already on the way to France. It would be their job to bring weapons including machine guns, mortars and anti-tank artillery ashore, along with all their associated ammunition and spares. Ernie would have also had to carry a rucksack containing his equipment, personal items and extra ammunition, all whilst facing enemy fire.

As Ernie's A Troop approached the Normandy Coast on the dawn of 6 June, the go-ahead for the invasion was given and the group transferred into the landing craft that would take them onto the beach. After navigating the choppy sea conditions and avoiding heavy fire from enemy positions on the shoreline, it

would be the task of Ernie and A Troop to take a German strongpoint known as the 'Casino' in the port of Ouistreham - just 2km away from where they landed - to provide support to the French Commandos unit positioned there.



Ernie (rear row, third from the right) and the 'A' Troop Commandos

Successfully manning the beach, the troops pushed toward Casino in Ouistreham, where a fierce battle ensued. yet, despite a high number of fatalities being reported and it taking several hours for the Casino to be captured, Ernie made it through unscathed. The Commandos continued to move inland to provide support to the Parachute Troops holding the eastern flank of the main invasion force, setting up camp in nearby woodland. On 8 June, firmly camped and two days into invasion itself, the German Infantry was observed advancing towards their position and Ernie would soon be surrounded on three sides by the enemy.

Forced to make a hasty withdrawal along a ditch, Ernie only had time to take his weapons - leaving behind his rucksack containing his personal items. Like many veterans, Ernie rarely spoke about his wartime experiences, but in later life recalled the story of this hasty forest evacuation from the surrounding enemy forces to his sons. He told them that in his rucksack, abandoned in the woods, there had been a cigarette case which contained a treasured photograph of his father. He had presumed he would not see this again. However, several days later, one of Ernie's fellow soldiers returned the case with the picture inside, after he had found it amongst the possessions of a German soldier.

Ernie and the Number Four Commandos remained in Normandy for nearly two months, before withdrawing back to England in August for some well-earned leave. The team would later be redeployed for the invasion of Walcheren, Netherlands, in early November 1944, where they continued to move through Europe, dismantling the Nazi's stranglehold on the continent.

By the war's end, Ernie had left the Commandos and joined the Army of Occupation, who were tasked with protecting reoccupied territory, before returning home to Cheshire holding the rank of Sergeant and re-enlisting with the Constabulary. Following his return to the force in October 1945, he was promoted to

Police Sergeant at Timperley in June 1953, before a move to Crewe Division as a Divisional Clerk in September 1956 - where he remained until July 1965.

Ernie was also involved in moulding the next generation of young people and police officers, being posted at the Constabulary's Training School as an instructor in cadet training, as well as being involved in training and as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.



Sergeant Ernie Mather seated second from the right with a Cadet Course in 1965

30 years after joining the Constabulary, in 1968, Ernie officially retired from policing duties and would spend his retirement years regularly visiting Scotland, particularly the area where he trained to earn his green beret.

Cheshire Constabulary hails volunteers throughout week-long celebration

Cheshire Constabulary is shining a light on its volunteers and commending them for their dedication to helping to keep Cheshire safe.



The recognition coincides with Volunteers' Week 2024 (3 – 9 June) and National Specials Weekend also forming part of the week-long celebration (7 – 9 June). This year is the 40th year of Volunteers' Week, and the Constabulary will join thousands of others recognising the contribution volunteers make across the UK.

The contribution of volunteers can sometimes go unrecognised, visible only through the incredible impact of their volunteering. So, to mark the occasion and to say a big thank you to our volunteers, the Constabulary is

taking the time during this week to celebrate the Forces Special Constabulary, volunteers, and cadets for their valuable contribution to policing and their dedication to help keep our local communities safe.

From those who give us guidance in audit and scrutiny roles, to those who support our community engagement, and those who support us operationally – their dedication in helping to keep people safe in Cheshire does not go unnoticed. To say a big thank you, the Constabulary held a celebration evening at HQ on the 4 June for the Forces volunteers to come together and find out more about each other's roles and hear about all the good work our volunteers do day in and day out.



Over the course of the week, a series of images will be shared across the Force's social media channels celebrating our volunteers and also highlighting the dedication of our Special Constabulary through a "spotlight feature". The post will not only shine a light on the role of a special constable - and give them the necessary recognition they deserve - but also inspire members of the public that they could do it too.

Over National Specials Weekend our specials will be out all over the county, helping to keep our communities safe. With specials-led operations targeting royal security, policing Warrington pride, night-time economy support, arrest attempts, patrols, warrants, traffic and licencing.

Assistant Chief Constable, Bill Dutton, said: *"The contribution our volunteers make is an integral part of making the communities of Cheshire even safer. Cheshire Constabulary is able to achieve more thanks to the ongoing commitment of our volunteers. Volunteer week gives us the opportunity to highlight and celebrate the personal sacrifice and contribution of every volunteer from Custody Visitor to Special Constable and the difference they make to our communities. Volunteers are able to learn new skills, and some of our Special Constables have recently been successful obtaining response driving and Taser qualifications. In turn, our volunteers bring experience and expertise from their own professional and personal lives. The passion and dedication of our volunteers is inspiring and the constabulary is richer for their contribution."*

Volunteering opportunities with the Constabulary

Special Constabulary: The Special Constabulary is a force of warranted, uniformed volunteer police officers. Volunteer officers are warranted constables, with all the powers of a regular police officer. Special constables' integration in the local communities in which they live, work and serve is a further strength, helping to build links between policing and communities. If you are interested in becoming a Special Constable, take a look on our social pages or [sign up on the careers section of our website](#).

Police Support Volunteer: Police support volunteers are not warranted police officers and possess no policing powers. They perform a range of supporting tasks and functions which better enable police officers and staff to focus on core duties.

Police Cadet: Police cadets are young members of the community, aged between 13 - 18, that are involved in a wide range of activities and events. As well as learning about police procedures and the law, cadets also play a vital role in community events, engaging with members of the public and educating them on crime prevention.

To find out more about what volunteer opportunities are available [visit the careers section of our website](#).

Man charged following Warrington drugs raid

Detectives have charged a man with drugs offences following a warrant in Warrington.

At around 8.45am on Tuesday 4 June, officers conducted a raid at an address on Ludlow Close, Warrington. A number of items were recovered from the property and a man was arrested on suspicion of drugs offences. Francesco Vrapì has since been charged with illegally abstracting electricity and cultivating cannabis. The 30-year-old of Ludlow Close has been remanded in custody to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Wednesday 5 June.

A55 Closed eastbound following serious collision near Chester

The A55 in Chester was closed eastbound following a serious collision near to junction 39.

The collision, between a HGV and a pedestrian, was reported to police shortly after 5pm on Tuesday 4 June. As a result of the incident the eastbound carriageway was closed between junction 38 (Wrexham Road) and junction 40 (Tarvin Road). The closure was in place for several hours and while local diversion were in place, motorists were advised to avoid the area if possible. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and anyone who witnessed the incident, or anyone with any dashcam footage of the incident is urged to contact Cheshire police. Information can be reported online at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or by calling 101 quoting IML 1839763.

Shoplifted jailed after breaching Criminal Behaviour Order

A prolific shoplifter has been jailed for more than nine months after breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Gary Bloor, 41, of Parkfield Road, Northwich, was sentenced to 42 weeks at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 25 May, after pleading guilty to numerous offences. Bloor was made subject to a CBO in July 2023, prohibiting him from entering any retail premises in the CW8 and CW9 areas of Northwich without notifying staff of his presence and seeking their permission to shop at the premises. He was also banned from entering while wearing a head or face covering and must not remain inside a retail premises in those areas after being asked to leave.



Despite this order, Bloor entered Sainsbury's in Venables Road, Northwich, at 9pm on Saturday 30 April where he stole razor packs to the value of £288. On two occasions, he stole a Hoover from the store, each worth £350 - at 8.20pm on Wednesday 15 May and just before 9pm on Thursday 16 May.

On Monday 20 May, Bloor attempted to steal another Hoover, however staff approached him before he could leave the store. In addition to shoplifting offences, Bloor pleaded guilty to attempted burglary and burglary in Northwich.

At 3.52am on Friday 24 May, Bloor approached Tesco Express on Chester Road and used an unknown object to hit the shop window, causing the glass to smash. He did not gain entry to the shop and walked off in the direction of Williamsons Bakery. Bloor kicked the glass panel in the door, causing it to smash, and gained entry to the premises. It was unknown if anything was taken. Thankfully, Bloor's offending was brought to an end when he was identified from CCTV footage and later arrested by officers. He will remain subject to the CBO on his release from prison.

Detective Sergeant John Lyons, of Northwich Proactive CID, said: *"Bloor continues to cause misery to local businesses, not only stealing hundreds of pounds worth of items, but also causing damage to premises and undue stress to staff and business owners. However, officers were able to compile a catalogue of CCTV evidence against him, leaving him with no choice but to plead guilty. I hope his custodial sentence will reassure the businesses which were affected by his crimes and send a message to those who are intent on committing these types of offences that they will not be tolerated."*

Two men arrested following suspicious activity in a Macclesfield car park

Two men have been arrested on suspicion of a number of offences following reports of suspicious activity between the occupants of two cars in a Macclesfield car park.

At 11.16am on Monday 3 June officers attended a car park off Percyvale Street and blocked the entrance with a police vehicle before approaching the suspect cars. One driver fled from the scene but returned and was subsequently arrested, while a second man was removed from the second car and arrested. Both men, aged 30 and 45 were taken to custody to be interviewed. Leon Crawford, 45, of Thistley Hey Road, Kirkby was charged with possession of a bladed article in a public place and failing to attend court. He will appear at Chester Magistrates on Tuesday 4 June. The 30-year-old man remains in custody on suspicion of driving while disqualified, no insurance, possession of an offensive weapon in a public place, failing to provide a drug sample, assaulting an emergency worker and going equipped.

Appeal for information after aggravated burglary in Ellesmere Port

Detectives are appealing for information and video footage following an aggravated burglary in Ellesmere Port.

Sometime between 9.25pm and 9.35pm on Thursday 25 April, two unknown men forced entry into an address on Atherton Road, Ellesmere Port. Once inside, the men threatened the occupants and demanded they hand over money. One man was wearing a balaclava and the second man wore a crash helmet. The men quickly searched the address for cash before fleeing. Fortunately, nothing was taken during the incident. Enquiries into the incident are ongoing and officers are urging members of the public with information which could aid the investigation to get in touch.

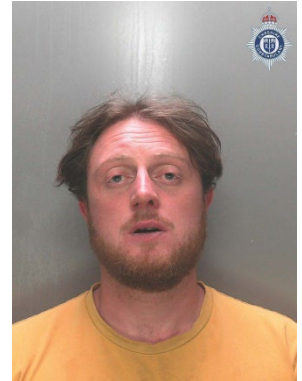
Detective Constable Max Jones said: *"This was an absolutely terrifying ordeal for the victims who have been left extremely shaken up since the incident occurred, and we want to reassure local residents that we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. Enquiries are ongoing and as part of our investigation, we want to hear from anyone who was in the Atherton Road area around the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our investigation."*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the ongoing investigation should [visit the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML-1808854. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Wrexham man jailed for thefts in Chester

A 32-year-old man from Wrexham has been jailed for his part in thefts in Chester.

Jonathan Higgins from Langdale Avenue, Rhosyllen appeared at Chester Magistrates on 24th May to be sentenced after pleading guilty to theft by finding, two counts of theft from a vehicle and one count of theft from a shop. Higgins was sentenced to 24 weeks imprisonment and another six weeks for breach of a suspended sentence order. The theft related to shop lifting offence at Nisa in New High Street in Ruabon on 17 February this year where Higgins entered the store and stole several packs of steaks before hiding them in his jacket. He then left the store without paying for any goods.



A second man, Thomas Nathan Edwards, 29, from Ffordd Offa, Rhosllanerchrugog appeared at Chester Magistrates on 30 May to be sentenced for his part in these offences. Edwards was sentenced to 200 hours unpaid work, £1597.33 compensation, Victim surcharge £114, £85 court costs for the tool theft and £483 fine, £193 surcharge, £120 court costs for the theft from the Royal Mail Van. The charges relate to their spree on 28 November 2023 when Edwards and Higgins both attended the Chester area in Edwards work van.

They travelled to the Blacon area and whilst on Nevin Road, Chester they forced entry into a Royal Mail van and stole a large quantity of parcels and Royal Mail clothing from inside the vehicle. They then drove across Chester to Roman Crescent, Wrexham Road where Higgins used a Royal Mail Post Bag as a disguise and stole a joiner's power tools that were left on a driveway while he was working. The pair fled the scene in Edwards vehicle. The pair acted together with Edwards acting as Higgins getaway driver. Sadly the parcels and tools stolen were never recovered.

The pair were identified via mobile phone footage and CCTV of both incidents. Officers attended Edwards address the day following the thefts. His vehicle was seized and clothing items from the Royal Mail van were recovered inside his vehicle. He subsequently handed himself in to Police the following day.

Higgins remained unidentified for several months until a Local North Wales PCSO spotted a media appeal displaying Higgins image. Recognising him from previous incidents he provided his identity to Chester officers who swiftly dealt with Higgins.

Police Constable James Wright of Chester Proactive Team said: *"This goes to show the value of CCTV and doorbell footage in catching thieves in the act. In this case someone filmed them stealing the items from the Royal Mail van - they were literally caught red handed. My message to opportunist thieves who think they can come to Chester to steal is that you will be caught, and you will be brought to justice."*

Police appeal for witnesses following robbery in Poynton

Officers investigating reports of a robbery in Poynton are appealing for any witnesses or those with CCTV footage to get in touch with them.

On Saturday 1 June, it was reported that two unknown men had stolen a pedal bike from a teenage boy who was cycling along Chester Road, Poynton, in the direction of the train station. The caller stated the incident occurred between 5pm and 5.15pm, when the teenager was approached by two men on a black moped. They were described as between the ages of 19 and 21 and were wearing black tracksuits and balaclavas.

The suspects demanded the pedal bike and showed the victim a knife. They left the scene with the bike, travelling in the direction of the A555. The teenager was also assaulted during the incident. The stolen bike is a silver Boardman MTR/8.6.

Detective Sergeant Keith Graham said: *"We would like to reassure the public that we are doing all we can to trace those responsible. We are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed this incident to get in touch with us, as well as anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage of what happened. We would also like to appeal to anyone who may have seen those matching the description of the suspects in the nearby area either before or after the reported incident. You can report information to us online via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting IML-1837472."*

Appeal to trace motorist following fatal collision in Widnes

Officers investigating a fatal collision are appealing to help trace a motorist who is believed to have witnessed the incident.

At around 4pm on Friday 19 April, police were called to reports of a collision on Deacon Road, Widnes. Officers attended the scene and found that a cyclist had fallen from an electric bike. The cyclist, a 60-year-old man from Widnes, was treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to Aintree Hospital. His injuries were initially not believed to be life threatening, but sadly his condition deteriorated, and he passed away on Wednesday 22 May. Now, as part of the ongoing enquiries officers are appealing to help trace the driver of a grey Audi Q2 which stopped at the scene of the collision.

Sergeant Russ Sime, of the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"As part of our ongoing investigation we're keen to speak to a woman who was driving a grey Audi Q2 and stopped at the scene following the collision but left a short time later after their child became upset. I would like to reassure the woman that she had not done anything wrong, we just need to speak to her to help establish exactly what took place. I would urge the woman, or anyone who thinks they know who she is, to call us on 101 quoting IML 1804116. the same goes for anyone else in relation to the collision."*

Information can also be reported online at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us.

M6 closed northbound following serious collision near Knutsford

The M6 in Cheshire was closed northbound following a serious collision near Knutsford.

The incident was reported to police at around 4am on Tuesday 4 June, and involved four HGVs and a tanker. One person is believed to have sustained serious injuries, he was taken to the Royal Stoke Hospital. His injuries are not believed to be life threatening at this time.

Superintendent Gareth Wrigley said: *"I appreciate the disruption that this incident is likely to cause and I want to reassure motorists that we are working hard to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. However, due to the scale of the collision, we are expecting the closure is expected to remain in place for several hours. Local diversion are in place, but we are urging motorists to avoid the area and delay their journeys if possible."*

Anyone with any information in relation to the collision is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML 1839287.

UPDATE 8.30AM -Two lanes of the northbound carriageway were reopened, however temporary closures may need to be put back in place while recovery work is undertaken. Officers continued to urge motorists to avoid the area and delay their journeys if possible.

UPDATE 12pm - All of the vehicles were recovered from the scene and the incident has been passed to Highways England. Following assessment, it has been found that three lanes of the carriageway will need to be resurfaced, therefore only one lane was open. Highways were working to complete the work as quickly as possible, however the lane closures were expected to remain in place throughout rush hour and into the evening. Therefore, police are continuing to urge motorists to avoid the area if possible.

Cheshire Constabulary release new video to spread awareness of Project Servator

Cheshire Constabulary has released a new video to inform members of the public about Project Servator, and highlight the positive work undertaken by police and partner agencies to disrupt crime and keep Cheshire safe.

Project Servator is a policing tactic used to disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public. These deployments are carried out by officers who are specially trained to spot tell-tale signs that someone may be planning or preparing to commit a crime. They are unpredictable and can happen anywhere, at any time, using both uniformed and plain-clothed officers. Project Servator utilises many of Cheshire Constabulary's other resources, such as police dogs, CCTV, and drones, all working together to disrupt criminality. Officers will also interact with the public, private security, partner agencies, and local businesses to build a network of vigilance.

The new video also helps to spread awareness of the vital role members of the public play in helping Project Servator disrupt criminality in the community. It urges people to report anything they see or hear that doesn't feel right. This could be directly to a police officer, to a member of security staff, or by calling 101. In an emergency, always call 999.

PC Mike Henry, Project Servator Co-ordinator for Cheshire Police, said: *"I'm really pleased to be spreading further awareness of Project Servator with the release of our new video. This features footage from our deployments and really showcases the positive engagement from members of the public, partner agencies, and local businesses across Cheshire."*

"Project Servator was pioneered by City of London Police in 2014 and is now used by a number of police forces. After trialling the approach in June 2019, Cheshire Constabulary became an accredited Project Servator force in March 2020. Since then, the tactic has resulted in some great outcomes, including drug-related arrests, and a wanted person being arrested after being spotted by Project Servator officers, to name just a few recent examples."

"Project Servator adds another layer to our existing security measures by making it more difficult for criminals to operate, while simultaneously providing a reassuring presence for members of the public. Working with the community is a vital part of Project Servator's success, so please help us by reporting anything which doesn't feel right. If you spot a deployment, don't hesitate to come and talk to us."

[Read more about Project Servator](#) on our website.

Latest Appeals

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Detective Sergeant Kate Palin said: *"The victim in this case sustained serious injuries and we are committed to doing all that we can to identify the person responsible. I would like to reassure residents that this appears to be an isolated incident and we are determined to establish the identity of the man responsible for the assault. As part of our enquiries we want to hear from anyone who was in the area that night and believes they may have seen something relevant to our investigation. I'd urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact us on 101, or via the website, quoting IML 1843118."*

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Police appeal for witness following serious collision on the A55

Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious collision on the A55.

At just after 5pm Tuesday 4 June a collision between a HGV and a pedestrian occurred on the A55 eastbound carriageway Huntington in the direction of Liverpool. Sadly, the pedestrian, a 22-year-old man, died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. Police investigating the collision are appealing for witnesses, dashcam or CCTV footage of the incident to come forward to help with their enquiries into the circumstances.

Inspector Steve Griffiths said: *"The A55 and surrounding areas will have been busy at the time of the collision, so we are urging anyone who saw what happened to come forward to assist us in establishing exactly what happened. The same goes for anyone who may have footage."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML 1839763.

Police appeal for witnesses following a theft at an Appleton school

Police are appealing for witnesses following a theft at a school in Appleton.

Sometime between 4pm and 30 May and 7.30am on 31 May thieves broke into a storage container at Broomfield Junior School in Bridge Lane. Tools and copper piping were stolen from the container.

PC Will Austin said: *"I'd urge anyone who spotted any suspicious activity in the area around these times or in the run up to the thefts to contact police. The same goes for anyone who has CCTV or dashcam footage that may help us identify the suspects."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 1838624. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Detective Constable Max Jones said: *"This was an absolutely terrifying ordeal for the victims who have been left extremely shaken up since the incident occurred, and we want to reassure local residents that we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. Enquiries are ongoing and as part of our investigation, we want to hear from anyone who was in the Atherton Road area around the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our investigation."*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the ongoing investigation should [visit the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML-1808854. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for witnesses following serious collision near Nantwich

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision in Reaseheath near Nantwich.

At around 2.10pm on Sunday 2 June, police were called to reports of a collision on the A51, Wettenhall Road, Reaseheath. Officers attended the scene and found the collision involved two vehicles, a black Renault Clio, and a Red Toyota Aygo. The driver of the Toyota Aygo, an 18-year-old woman, sustained life-threatening injuries as a result of the collision and was taken to Royal Stoke Hospital for treatment. The driver of the Renault Clio, a 33-year-old woman from Crewe, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving. Enquiries are currently ongoing, and officers would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident.

Inspector Steve Griffiths said: *"This incident occurred on a busy stretch of road at time of day when many people will have been driving, so we are asking anyone who witnessed the incident, or captured any dashcam or CCTV footage which may aid our enquiries, to get in touch. We are particularly interested in speaking to the driver of a dark coloured vehicle possibly a Lexus or BMW that was travelling towards Nantwich at the time, who may have witnessed the collision and could help to assist with our investigation. Please contact us via our website, <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us>, or call 101, quoting IML-1838088."*

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