

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Football fans encouraged to celebrate responsibly during Euros 2024

With Euros 2024 beginning in Germany today (14 June 2024), football fans across the county are reminded to enjoy the tournament responsibly and leave the settling of scores on the pitch.

With thousands of football fans across Cheshire supporting their teams and enjoying the summer competition, the Constabulary is reminding those celebrating the tournament to do so responsibly and to unite with fellow fan groups to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

The Constabulary has already rolled out several precautions to keep everyone safe as the events of the tournament unfold. One way officers have been doing this is through Football Banning Orders, issuing them to residents who have previously caused disorder at football events. As part of the orders, these individuals have been required to hand over their passports to police, meaning they cannot travel to Germany to watch the tournament.

The Constabulary is also working in continued partnership with licensed premises to ensure bar and event staff are well prepared to keep people safe during these extra busy periods. Emotions are likely to run high during the matches, paired with the increased alcohol consumption, football fans are encouraged to walk away from any potentially hostile and violent situations and come together with fellow fans in the spirit of the game.

Increased police resources, such as increased patrols and the deployment of the Safer Streets Safety Bus, will also be in place across busy town centres on match days, with officers on hand to deter any anti-social or criminal behaviour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QMcfRSUT4>

Superintendent Claire Jesson, overseeing Cheshire Police's policing operation for Euros 2024, said: *"The Euros is a fantastic tournament and should be a time for people to have fun and join in with the celebrations. There will be an increased policing presence in Chester, Crewe and Warrington, particularly at licensed premises and fan zone events during evenings and weekends to provide further reassurance. To ensure everyone watches the tournament safely, you can expect to see officers out and about across the county making sure people are drinking and behaving responsibly."*

With many members of the public looking forward to meeting up with family and friends for a social drink over the Euros tournament, Cheshire's emergency services are reminding residents of the tragic consequences of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. While it may be tempting to have a drink and then drive home – it is important to remember that even one alcoholic drink can significantly affect a motorist's ability to react to their surroundings. Football fans are encouraged to make the right decisions when heading home after matches; not to get

behind the wheel if they have been drinking or taking recreational drugs. If you are stopped by police and fail a breathalyser test for alcohol or a test for illegal substances, you will face severe consequences. A drink or drug driving conviction can come with a considerable fine, a driving ban and a criminal record.

Superintendent Jesson added: *"Alcohol and drugs significantly reduce reaction time, making it harder to react quickly to unexpected situations on the road. Concentration and vision can also be significantly impaired, making it difficult to see clearly and focus on the task of driving. This combination of factors drastically increases the risk of serious and even fatal collisions. If you're heading to the pub or an event to watch the Euros where there will be alcohol, plan a safe ride home - book a taxi, designate a driver or stop over at a friend's house. We know how much fans are looking forward to the Euros and it is important people know we aren't here to spoil the fun, but to instead ensure the minority don't ruin it for the majority and everyone can celebrate safely."*

Anyone who sees any anti-social or suspicious behaviour is asked to report it to an officer or call Cheshire Police on 101.

Man jailed for breaching Crewe Criminal Behaviour Order

A prolific offender has been jailed after breaching his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Ian James McIntyre, of no fixed abode but of Crewe, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 13 June where he was sentenced to 18 weeks imprisonment. McIntyre was previously handed the two-year order at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 2 May, following multiple incidents of shoplifting across Crewe and the surrounding areas. As a result, the 45-year-old was banned from entering the Grand Junction Retail Park area of Crewe, Crewe town centre as well as several shops across the town.



However, despite being handed the order, his offending continued, stealing from convenience stores in Shavington and Nantwich. Thankfully, McIntyre's offending was brought to an end when he was identified by staff entering the Co-Operative store on Rember Street, Crewe, that he had previously been banned from under the CBO. Upon being notified by shop staff, he was promptly arrested by officers and later charged. He will remain subject to the CBO on his release from prison.

Police Constable Justin Taylor, of the Beat Management Team, said: *"Despite being issued with a two-year criminal behaviour order, Ian McIntyre continued to cause misery to local businesses, not only stealing hundreds of pounds worth of items and causing undue stress to staff and business owners. Thanks to the vigilance of staff at the Co-Operative on Remer Street in Crewe and their awareness of McIntyre's CBO conditions, we were able to charge him with breaching his order after staff caught him entering the store. 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."*

Cheshire's Rural Crime Team puts emergency services to the test with Operation Winter Store

Cheshire's emergency services returned to Manchester's Chill Factore to test their multi-casualty response to a collision in extreme weather.

On Monday 10 June, an even bigger and more ambitious Operation Winter Storm was organised and run by Cheshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team. They were joined by Cheshire Fire and Rescue, Cheshire Search and Rescue, Bolton Mountain Rescue Team, Kinder Mountain Rescue Team, regional police forces, National Highways, Buxton Mountain Rescue Team, and Electricity North West.



Doors opened at 10am with a number of experts, including those from Liverpool John Moores University and Leeds Trinity University, speaking on the subject of rescuing and treating casualties in extreme weather conditions, and researching the impact of extreme weather on our emergency and voluntary rescue services. There was also an exhibition showcasing the kit that could be used by emergency services in these extreme situations along with mini rescue scenarios played out in the -5 snowy conditions to test skills and learn from the immersive experience. The main exercise putting the rescue teams to the test went on into the evening.



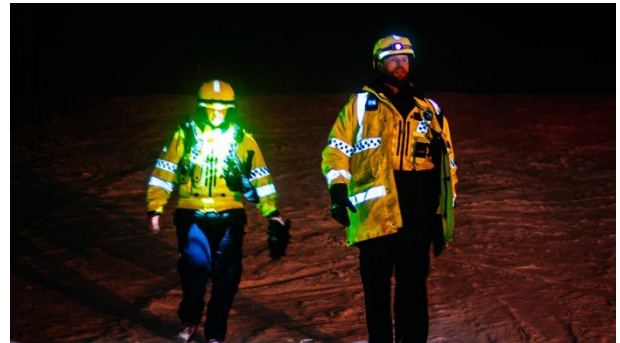
Organiser, Sgt Rob Simpson from Cheshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team said: *"The exercises test how our emergency and voluntary rescue services respond to a serious road traffic collision in challenging snowy conditions at night. This year we expanded it to incorporate more services to see how we can work together more effectively to rescue those in danger safely, at the same time as keeping each other safe in hazardous conditions. Experts in the field gave valuable insights into extreme weather rescue, adding a wealth of advice to help us when we were put through our paces."*



"We know that every year, despite warnings, people can get caught out by the snow, and the conditions for driving can be challenging – that's when people get into trouble and need our help. Conditions can be precarious with the sudden change in the weather making it challenging for emergency services trying to rescue those stranded, and in some cases, injured. Such immersive experiences are important in helping us understand how to work together in such conditions so that you can rely on us when you really need us. Being in the simulated conditions helped us to understand what challenges we face and how to get around them. We certainly came away with a lot of learning which will help us, and you, when winter comes around."



Station Manager, Dave Buckland from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service has said: *“The cold is unforgiving and puts everyone in a potentially dangerous environment, so working together like this helps us to create a coordinated and safe response, which is vital when attending rescues. The exercise was challenging and tested our crews, equipment, procedures, and capabilities to ensure we are better prepared in the future, so I’d like to thank The Chill Factor and the coordinators for this opportunity.”*



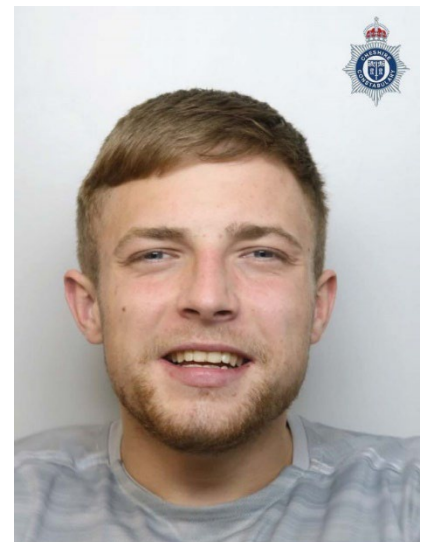
County Lines drug dealer from Ellesmere Port jailed

A county lines drug dealer who was involved in the supply of cocaine into Ellesmere Port has been jailed for over four years.

Keaton Hughes appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 7 June where he was sentenced to four years and six months in prison. The 20-year-old of Abbey Court, Ellesmere Port, had earlier admitted to being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs (cocaine).

The case began following an investigation launched by Merseyside Police’s Operation Toxic team into the sale of illegal drugs in the town. With assistance from the Ellesmere Port Proactive Team and Cheshire’s SOCU, officers were able to identify three mobile phone numbers that could be attributed to sending hundreds of daily ‘flare’ messages, advertising the sale of Class A drugs to local users.

Enquiries linked Hughes to the phones and he was arrested on Friday 3 May by officers on patrol on Westminster Road, Ellesmere Port. Upon arrest, he was found to be in possession of a Nokia ‘graft’ phone, that was later found to be one of the phones used in the sale and distribution of cocaine. A subsequent search of his home revealed two other phones used by Hughes to sell illegal drugs – these matched the mobile phone numbers that were initially identified by officers, evidencing



Hughes as the controller of all three 'graft' phones. Following this discovery, Hughes was swiftly charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs (crack cocaine).

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Stuart Wood said: *"Hughes thought he was above the law and could operate his drug supply under the radar. Unfortunately for him, the Ellesmere Port Proactive Team work tirelessly every day to put criminals like Hughes behind bars, and with the catalogue of evidence gathered against him, he had no choice but to plead guilty.*

"Illegal drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, and they cause untold damage to the lives of both those who use the drugs and become dependent on them and the wider community who suffer from the resulting crime. I hope this case, and the fact that Hughes is now facing the consequences of his actions in a jail cell, deters others from getting involved in the supply of illegal drugs. 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 can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 or giving the details online [via the website](#). Alternatively, information can also be given anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Man jailed for trying to smuggle MDMA and cocaine into festival

A man has been jailed for three years after he tried to smuggle drugs into a music festival in Daresbury.

George Chapman, of Belsize Road, Harrow, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 13 June, where he was sentenced to three years for possession with intent to supply MDMA and cocaine. At around 3.40pm on Thursday 25 August 2022, the 25-year-old had attempted to enter Creamfields music festival when he was stopped and searched by officers. A quantity of pills and a snap bag of white powder was found during the search, and Chapman was swiftly arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply drugs. While further enquiries and testing of the drugs was carried out, Chapman was released under investigation. Testing of the drugs later confirmed them to be MDMA and cocaine. Chapman was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply Class A drugs in April 2023. He later pleaded guilty to the offences.

Following the sentencing, DC Neil Fleming said: *"Chapman was under the illusion that he could travel to Cheshire, supplied with illegal drugs, and go about his weekend undetected. His plan was foiled by our officers, who stopped him before he even had chance to enter the festival. His ignorance has landed him with a three year prison sentence, where he can take the time to contemplate his actions and ask himself if it was worth it. Cheshire Police, along with event organisers and security staff, work extremely hard to ensure that Creamfields remains a safe and positive experience for all festivalgoers. We have seen the irrevocable damage illegal drugs can cause, particularly during the festival period, and those attempting to smuggle them into the event will be put before the courts and dealt with accordingly."*

Man jailed for historic sexual abuse of a child over 20 years ago

A man who was previously convicted of a series of sexual abuse on a young girl more than 20 years ago has been jailed for 28 years.

Mark Anthony Foster, (who is also known as Tony), of Forster Avenue, Weaverham, was found guilty of 11 counts of indecent assault on a girl under 14, four counts of rape of a girl under 16, four counts of gross indecency with a girl under 14, plus one count of rape of a girl over 16, on Friday 12 April following a 13-day trial at Chester Crown Court. The 62-year-old appeared back at the same court to be sentenced on Thursday 13 June.



The court had heard Foster committed a number of indecent assaults and rapes on a girl between 1995 and 2001, when the victim was aged between nine and sixteen. The case came to the attention of Cheshire Police in August 2020 when the victim bravely came forward to disclose what had happened to her. She reported the offences took place in the Northwich area by Foster. Over a period of seven years, Foster groomed the victim, subjecting her to multiple indecent assaults and rapes. The offences became more violent as time progressed, including administering the victim with medication before raping her.

In interviews following his arrest, Foster continued to deny the allegations, but was subsequently charged in January 2023 and found guilty following a 13-day trial. On top of his 28-year custodial sentence, Foster will be subject to an indefinite restraining order to protect the victim, an indefinite sexual harm prevention order, and will be subject to the sex offender register for life.

Following his sentencing, the officer leading on the case, DC Paul Beesley, said: *"I am grateful for the sentence handed down to Foster, and I hope this can finally bring some sense of closure to the victim, who has had to carry this on her shoulders for more than 20 years. The offences which Foster cruelly subjected her to were incredibly violent and persistent, and even after this sustained grooming and abuse, he put her through the stressful process of a trial. The offences were some of the most horrific and violent I have seen, and the victim must be credited for her bravery on reporting this abuse to the police and I am pleased she now has the justice she deserves. Thankfully, this was the last time she will have to face him, as the jury saw through his lies and he is now serving a lengthy sentence where he can't do this to anyone else."*

As this case shows, we treat all reports of non-recent sexual offences seriously, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority, and any allegations will be thoroughly investigated. Anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse – no matter how long ago the incident took place – is urged to come forward and report it to Cheshire Police on 101 or through our website."

Seven arrested following reports of disturbances in Crewe and Nantwich

A total of seven people have been arrested following swift action by officers in Crewe and Nantwich after reports of multiple disturbances.

On the evening of Wednesday 12 June, police received a number of reports of incidents in Crewe and Nantwich involving a group of youths. The callers reported that the group had been involved in an assault and a robbery in the Nantwich area and had fled the scene on bicycles. They are then believed to have travelled to Crewe where they were involved in a disturbance.

Local officers were deployed to the area, with additional support from the Roads and Crime Unit, police dog unit, armed patrols, and the police helicopter. Following a number of enquiries, officers located the group in the Nantwich Road area of Crewe at around 12.30am on Thursday 13 June. Seven teenagers, aged between 13 and 19, were arrested on suspicion of a variety of offences, including robbery. They all remain in custody at this time.

Detective Inspector Stephen Hill, of Crewe CID, said: *"I understand the impact incidents of this nature can have on the community, but I hope the swift response of our team will provide some reassurance to members of the public. We want to send a clear message that behaviour of this nature will not be tolerated and those responsible will be held accountable. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and we would urge anyone with any information or concerns to get in touch."*

You can contact Cheshire Police on 101, or via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-1846077.

Three teenagers arrested in connection with assault in Warrington

Officers investigating an assault near Warrington town centre have arrested three teenagers in connection with the incident.

Shortly before 5pm on Thursday 30 May, police were called to reports of an assault at Time Square car park, Warrington. It was reported that a small group of youths had assaulted a member of staff and had made off from the scene. The victim, a 32-year-old man, suffered minor injuries during the incident. It was captured in full on CCTV and after reviewing the footage, three youths were identified. Two 14-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy have since been arrested on suspicion of affray. They have been released on conditional bail.

Inspector Christopher Webster said: *"Firstly, I would like to reassure members of the public and anyone who may have seen what happened unfold, that this is an isolated incident. Three people have been arrested in connection with the incident and we hope this will bring people some reassurance that we are committed to tackling behaviour of this nature, and it will not be tolerated. Anyone with any concerns about crime in their local community can contact Cheshire Police on 101, or you can report information online via our website. In an emergency, always call 999."*

Family pay tribute to 18 year old woman who died following fatal collision near Nantwich

The family of an 18-year-old woman who died following a collision in Reaseheath have paid tribute to her.

Josie Cartwright, from Staffordshire, was driving a red Toyota Aygo which was involved in a collision with a black Renault Clio. The incident occurred at around 2.10pm on Sunday 2 June on the A51, Wettenhall Road, Reaseheath. Sadly, despite best efforts of those involved, Josie passed away at the hospital.

Her family are being supported by specialist officers and have paid the following tribute to her: *"Josie May Cartwright will be remembered as a real character, full of joy, laughter, strength, and a little mischief. She was and is, loved by all who knew her."*



A 33-year-old woman from Crewe was arrested at the scene. She has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. Officers are continuing to appeal for anyone with information or dashcam footage from around the time of the collision to come forward. In particular, officers are keen to speak to the driver of a dark saloon car which was travelling towards Nantwich who stopped to help at the time of the collision. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is urged to contact Cheshire Police [via the website](#) quoting IML 1838088 or call 101.

Family of woman killed in collision near Farndon pay tribute after man is sentenced

The family of a woman who was killed in a collision near Farndon have paid tribute to her.

The tribute comes on the day of the sentencing of Paul Bark, who had previously been found guilty of causing the death of his wife Pauline through careless driving. Bark, 43, of The Crofts, Farndon, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 10 June, where he was sentenced to two years imprisonment suspended for two years, 200 hours of unpaid work, 20 days of a rehabilitation requirement, a £1,000 fine, and a 12 month-disqualification from driving.



Following the sentencing, the family of Pauline Collings (married name Bark) paid tribute to their 'special beautiful angel Pauline, referred to by her siblings as Po'. They said: *"Pauline was and always will be a very special close sister to all her sisters and brothers, a daughter, and a very special mother to her daughter. Pauline was the life and soul; she was kind, and she had a pure heart of gold. She would go out of her way for anyone, and nothing was too much trouble."*

"Pauline loved spending her time with her daughter and her sisters, and she loved visiting her family to see her mum and brother. Pauline loved to go for dog walks with her sisters and daughter, afternoon tea, spa days, holidays, and lunch at her mum's. Pauline loved her little village job, going to the gym and so much more."

"Pauline will always be remembered as a very pretty Barbie doll with her gorgeous luscious long thick hair. Pauline was and always will be a true angel and she touched the lives of so many who knew her. She was a breath of fresh air and Pauline's memory now lives on through her sisters, daughter and all her family."

Cheshire Police were first called to reports of a collision at around 12.15pm on Wednesday 11 May 2022, on the B5130 Aldford Lane, between Farndon and Chester. Paul Bark had been driving a

yellow Citroen DS3, travelling towards Chester, with Pauline in the front passenger seat. The vehicle crossed into the opposite lane and into the path of a grey Citroen Berlingo van. The impact caused the DS3 to flip over. Sadly Pauline, who was 37 at the time, suffered multiple serious injuries in the collision and was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the van suffered serious injuries, including multiple fractures, long-term psychological injuries and has been unable to work since the collision. Bark passed both a breath and drugs test, and a collision investigator stated there was no evidence to suggest he had been distracted by a mobile phone, or that there was any fault with the vehicle itself.

Sergeant Russell Sime added: *"This is an incredibly tragic case, in which a woman lost her life, and a family has been left trying to come to terms with this sudden loss. Although nothing is going to bring Pauline back, I hope the conclusion of this case today, more than two years after the original incident, will bring them some sense of closure. I also hope this incident serves as a reminder to ensure you are paying full attention while driving. The consequences of not respecting the roads can be catastrophic."*

Large cannabis farm discovered in Crewe

Officers have recovered more than 2,000 cannabis plants following the discovery of a large cannabis farm at a disused factory in Crewe.

At around 4pm on Friday 7 June, officers executed a warrant at a former printer on Frances Street. After gaining entry to the building, officers discovered that it had been converted into a sophisticated large scale cannabis farm. No arrests have been made at this time and enquiries remain ongoing to identify those responsible and officers remain in attendance at the scene.



Detective Inspector David Jarvis of Crewe CID Unit said, said: *"This is a fantastic result which has enabled us to remove a significant quantity of cannabis from the streets of Crewe and further afield. The factory had been converted into a sophisticated cannabis farm, with specialist lighting and ventilation systems to maximise the amount of class B drugs being cultivated. In total we believe that the building contained well over 2,000 cannabis plants at various stages of growth, which will all now be destroyed."*

"While no arrests have been made at this time, it is clear that a number of people had been living in the premises and as part of our investigation we're keen to hear from any local residents who believe they may have seen anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone with any CCTV or doorbell footage which may aid the investigation."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 1841929.

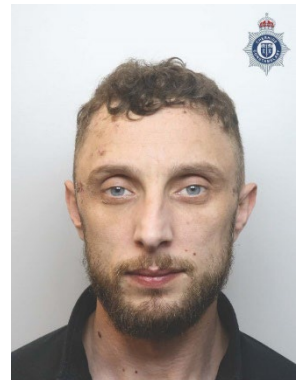
Following the discovery, residents are urged to remain vigilant and to continue to report any suspicions of illegal drug-related activity to the police. There are a number signs that could indicate that a property is being used as a cannabis farm, including:

- A strong and sickly sweet smell
- Equipment to grow cannabis being taken into a property, such as lighting and ventilation equipment
- Constantly covered or blocked-off windows – cannabis farms often have constantly closed curtains, black-out blinds or foil coverings
- People coming and going at all hours or neighbours you never see
- Strong and constant lighting day and night
- High levels of heat and condensation – cannabis farms often give off heat and the windows stay misted up
- A constant buzz of ventilation – listen out for a whirring sound as the growers try to create an ideal climate for cannabis plants to grow
- Lots of power cables – offenders often dig underground to lay cables that hook up to things like lampposts, so they do not have to pay for the enormous amounts of electricity they use.

Man jailed after assaulting woman in Winsford

A man has been jailed after assaulting a woman in Winsford.

Matthew Keay, of Wyndham Road, Blurton, Stoke-on-Trent, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 31 May where he was sentenced to three years. The 35-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm and intentional strangulation. He also admitted being in possession of a class A drug.



On Wednesday 13 September, the then 32-year-old victim in this case had been at an address in Winsford with Keay when he began repeatedly punching her to her body, face, and head. She reported he continued to attack her once she had fallen to the floor and also covered her with a bed sheet, holding what she believed to be his hand over her mouth so she struggled to breath. The victim ran from the property in distress and a concerned member of the public notified police. Officers attended and arrested Keay. Following a search, he was found to have two small bags of white powder on him, which were later confirmed to be cocaine. On top of his custodial sentence, Keay was issued with an indefinite restraining order, prohibiting him from contacting the victim in any way.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Felicity Gregory said: “I welcome the sentence handed to Keay, who is now behind bars for his horrific actions. Nobody should have to experience what the victim in this case went through and I hope this result will provide her with some closure following what must have been an incredibly traumatic ordeal. This sentence should also serve as a reminder that we are committed to tackling behaviour of this nature; it will not be tolerated.”

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police investigating indecent exposure in Widnes release CCTV images

Police are continuing to appeal for information following an indecent exposure in Widnes.

Police have now released CCTV images of a logo on the suspect's top - the letters MA in white.

Sometime between 7pm and 7.30pm on

Wednesday 8 May two teenage boys were followed by a man as they walked onto the pedestrian bridge over Watkinson Way heading towards Page Lane.

The man called out to them before exposing himself. The boys alerted a man on a bike who chased after the suspect. The suspect is described as white, 5ft 8ins tall and of slim to medium build. He had blond hair, a blue long-sleeved top, black trousers and black shoes.



DC Phil Jackson said: *"The same man had been on the 110 bus from Warrington to Widnes and CCTV has captured the white letters which are on the top and coat leading us to think this is work-wear featuring a business name. I'd urge anyone who recognises the logo or has any information that may help us with our investigation to contact us."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML 1818996. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Police appeal for witnesses following serious collision in Barthomley

Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious collision in Barthomley.

At 10.58pm on Saturday 8 June police were called to a collision involving a car and a pedestrian on Radway Green Road, Barthomley. The pedestrian, a 40-year-old man, was taken to hospital with serious injuries and remains in a poorly condition. The driver, a 26-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by careless driving and has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Inspector Steve Griffiths said: *"We'd urge anyone who was in the area and witnessed the collision but has not yet spoken to police to contact us. The same goes for anyone who has dashcam or other footage of the collision."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML 1843020.

Police appeal for help in tracing wanted man from Sandbach

Officers are appealing to members of the public for help in tracing a wanted man from Sandbach.

Bradley Higham, of London Road, Sandbach, is wanted in relation a number of thefts from Churches. The 46-year-old is described as white, around 6' tall, with brown eyes, and a receding hairline. Higham is from Sandbach but has links to Warrington, Runcorn, and Northwich.

Anyone who sees Higham or has any information regarding his whereabouts is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or via the website quoting IML-1836284. Information can also be reported online to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.



CCTV images released following reports of criminal damage in Crewe

Officers have released CCTV images of individuals they are looking to speak to in relation to a series of incidents in Crewe.

Over the past months, officers in Crewe have received several reports of criminal damage outside of the Nags Head on Market Street, Crewe, which has been converted into flats. At around 11pm on Thursday 23 May, two unknown individuals caused further damage to the property, throwing bricks and breaking an exterior window. Officers have now released CCTV images of the men they would like to speak to in relation to these incidents.



Police Constable Lorna Allix, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *"Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and as part of our investigation we are keen to speak to the individuals in the footage as we believe they may be able to help with our investigation. Several similar reports at the same address have been made over recent months, and we are appealing to anyone with any information regarding incidents at this address to come forward."*

Anyone with information or video footage that may help the ongoing investigation should contact Cheshire Police on 101, or via the Cheshire police website at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us> quoting IML-1831052. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Appeal to trace man following serious assault in Crewe

Officers investigating a serious assault at an address in Crewe have issued an appeal for a man they are looking to speak to.

Alex Fitzpatrick is wanted in relation to an incident at an address on Albion Street on Saturday 1 June. The 27-year-old is described as white, around 5' 8" tall, of slight build with short brown hair. He resides in Widnes and has a number of links to the Runcorn and Crewe areas.

Anyone with any information in relation to Fitzpatrick's whereabouts is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1837624.

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



Police appeal for information following burglary in Warrington

Officers investigating a burglary in Warrington in which two motorbikes were stolen are appealing for information and witnesses.

Between 2am and 3am on Wednesday 5 June, five unknown men entered the grounds of an address on Chapel Lane, Rixton-with-Glazebrook, Warrington, by climbing an exterior fence. The men proceeded to forcibly access five secure storage containers using an on-site hacksaw, removing two motorbikes from one of them.

The bikes are described as a white Yamaha TY125 worth around £1000 and a red/black Honda CRF worth £1400.

It is also believed the men caused substantial damage to a Mercedes Sprinter van.

Detective Sergeant Paul Munnerley, of CID Proactive North, 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-1840310."

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



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