

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

Week ending 04 August 2024

Cheshire News & Appeals



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Museum open days return for summer 2024

Cheshire's Museum of Policing is opening its doors to the public again across August.

Housed in the police station on Arpley Street, Warrington, Cheshire's Museum of Policing preserves and exhibits artefacts spanning a long history of policing in the county. As has been tradition for a number of years, the museum will be opening its doors yet again this August, to allow visitors of all ages to immerse themselves in the history of their local police force, from its conception in 1857 right up to today.

Visitors can expect to find a number of policing artefacts including vehicles, weapons and investigative tools used to tackle crime and a wide collection of uniforms from across the force's 150-year-plus history. Museum attendees can also experience life behind bars, locked up in the Victorian-era cells and step inside a formerly operational police box – which is, unfortunately, not bigger on the inside. There is also a souvenir shop where you can take away a memento from your visit. There's no need to book, you can drop in, free of charge, anytime between 10am and 3pm on August 7, 14, 21 and 28.

MUSEUM OF POLICING
OPEN DAYS
throughout August – 7, 14, 21, 28

FREE ENTRY
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10am - 3pm

Step into the history of policing and visit our fabulous museum.

Experience a Victorian police cell, dress up in police uniforms and learn about the many investigations that have taken place throughout Cheshire over the years.

With hundreds of exhibits, our fantastic volunteers will guide you through the museum and our rich history of policing.

End your visit with a trip to our shop to take away a small souvenir of your visit.

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MUSEUM OF POLICING
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The museum is an independent charity run by volunteers in cooperation with Cheshire Constabulary, that has recently hosted schoolchildren from across the region, the force's newest recruits and retired and senior officers alike. For more information about the museum, which is funded through public donations, you can [visit the Museum of Policing website](#) or call 01606 365803.

Former restaurant manager sentenced for fraud

A former restaurant manager has been sentenced after he admitted being part of a fraud which resulted in a loss of more than £20,000.

Mario D'Agostino appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 30 July where he was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, suspended for 2 years. He also has to complete 100 hours of unpaid work. The 61-year-old of Deganwy Close, Buckley, had previously pleaded guilty to one count of fraud. During the hearing the court heard how D'Agostino had previously worked as the general manager at a restaurant on Pepper Street, Chester. The restaurant ran a customer loyalty scheme, which allowed customers to collect and redeem points against their purchases at any of the Individual restaurants. It also had an introductory offer which enabled customers to sign up to a loyalty card scheme and receive £20 off their next visit.

In April 2022 the chain which owned the Chester restaurant launched an investigation after they noticed that an unusually high number of customers were using the introductory offer at the Chester venue

compared to other sites. Their figures showed that 60% of customers were redeeming points using the loyalty scheme at the Chester restaurant, compared to an average of 7%. During the internal investigation D'Agostino admitted that he was responsible. He claimed that he, and other members of staff at the Chester site, had been creating fake email addresses and loyalty profiles in order to exploit the scheme. In total between June 2021 and July 2022 D'Agostino committed fraud to the value of over £21,000 via the scheme. The matter was subsequently reported to police, and he was later charged with one count of fraud.

Following his sentencing, Detective Constable Joe Duckworth, of the Cheshire Police Economic Crime Unit said: *"D'Agostino held a position of trust, and he abused that trust for his own financial gain. Through his actions, he exploited more than £21,000 from the loyalty scheme, causing a significant loss to the restaurant. I welcome the fact that he has now been held accountable for his actions, and I hope that his conviction will act as a warning to others that Cheshire Police will continue to pursue those involved in fraud."*

Blacon officers secure two partial closure orders to protect vulnerable residents

Blacon Beat Team have secured two partial closure orders that will protect vulnerable residents from being victims of crime.

Officers in Blacon were granted the partial closure orders for two addresses in the town by Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 26 July. The successful securing of the order comes after officers presented the court with substantial evidence that the occupants of both addresses were being exploited by organised crime groups, using their properties for the production of drugs.



As a direct result the properties, on Stamford Road and Western Avenue respectively, are now the subject of partial closure orders. This means that the addresses cannot be entered by anyone other than the occupants for the next three months - safeguarding the residents from any risk of criminal activity being conducted at their homes. This, in turn, means that anyone who does decide to enter either property will be committing a criminal offence and could be arrested.

Inspector Mat Beale, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *"No one should feel unsafe in their own homes and we have taken proactive steps to safeguard these residents and, thanks to the issuing of this partial closure order, they will be able to breathe a welcome sigh of relief. Our Beat Team are committed to doing everything possible to take action against those intent on causing misery and harm to residents and this is just a small snapshot of some of the work we do day in and out to keep the public safe. I would urge anyone who has concerns about drug dealing or anti-social behaviour in their community to please report it to us and we will do the rest."*

Anyone with concerns about anti-social behaviour or drug dealing in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or call 101. Chester residents are asked to complete a Residents' Voice survey about issues in their community, you can do so by visiting [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Man charged with fraud and theft offences across Frodsham, Northwich, and Warrington

A man has been charged in connection to a series of offences across Chester, Northwich, and Warrington.

Bradley Higham, of no fixed abode in Runcorn, has since been charged with six counts of burglary with intent to steal, seven counts of fraud by false representation, two counts of breaching his criminal behaviour order and one count of theft. The charges relate to a number of incidents across Frodsham, Northwich, and Warrington, that are alleged to have occurred between Tuesday 7 May and Sunday 2 June. The 46-year-old has been remanded in police custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 23 August.

Man charged following incident in Rode Heath

Officers in Crewe have charged a 33-year-old with several offences following an incident in Rode Heath.

James Todd, of Beech Avenue, Rode Heath, was arrested at around 3.33pm on Sunday 28 July. The 33-year-old has since been charged with burglary of a dwelling, assault of an emergency worker, affray and criminal damage. Todd appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 30 July and has been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 27 August. The charges follow a police response to an incident on Beech Avenue, Rode Heath, on Sunday 28 July.

Crewe man found guilty of sexual offences

A man from Crewe has been found guilty of 43 sexual offences against children following a trial.

Clinton Royle, of Elm Drive, Crewe, was found guilty of the offences at Chester Crown Court on Monday 29 July following a 11-day trial. The 62-year-old was found guilty of 28 counts of assaulting a girl under 13, two counts of taking an indecent photograph of a child, three counts of possessing indecent photographs of children, three counts of making indecent photographs of child, and seven counts of inciting a girl under 13 to engage in sexual activity. He has been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 27 September to be sentenced. Royle was arrested following a report in 2019 about non-recent child sexual abuse offences which occurred between August 2012 and April 2016 when the child victim was between the ages of 8 and 12 years. Following his arrest an investigation was launched by officers in the Protecting Vulnerable Persons Investigations Department and various items were seized from his home, including children's clothing, hard drives, and digital storage devices. Royle denied all allegations during police interview and was released on bail whilst the investigation was on-going.

Cheshire police's digital forensic unit conducted analysis of Royle's devices. Discovering encrypted and password protected files containing thousands of indecent images of children. The files also contained recordings of Royle's offending. Further investigations were conducted, and officers were able to identify other child victims aged between 3 & 12 years at the time of the offending. Whilst Royle confirmed he was present in the videos and images with the children, he denied the offence claiming that his actions and the images were not of a sexual nature. Despite his denials, he was charged with the offences in April 2023.



Man charged in connection with Crewe Cannabis Farm

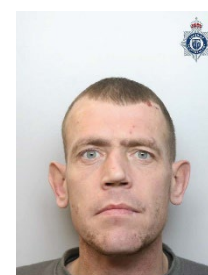
Detectives investigating the discovery of a cannabis farm at a property on High Street, Crewe, have charged a man in relation to the incident.

Thang Nguyen, of no fixed abode, was arrested on Friday 26 July. The 54-year-old has since been charged with production of class B drugs (cannabis). Nguyen has been remanded in custody and is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 27 August.

Serial shoplifter jailed following breach of CBO

A persistent shoplifter from Crewe, who was handed a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) in 2022, has been jailed for breaching the order.

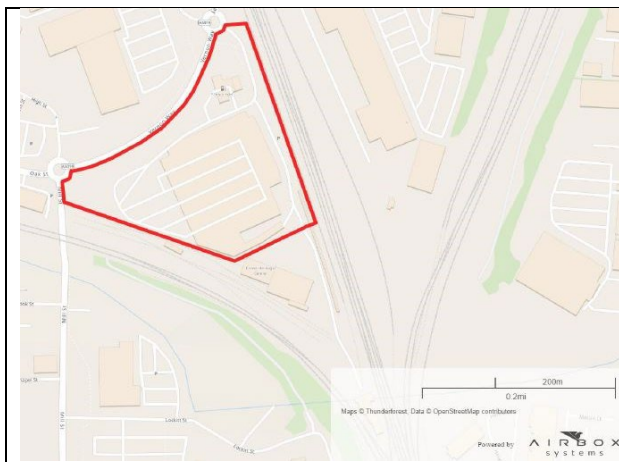
On Friday 11 November 2022, Daniel Quinlan was issued with a Criminal Behaviour Order that banned him from entering Crewe town centre and Grand Junction Retail Park for five



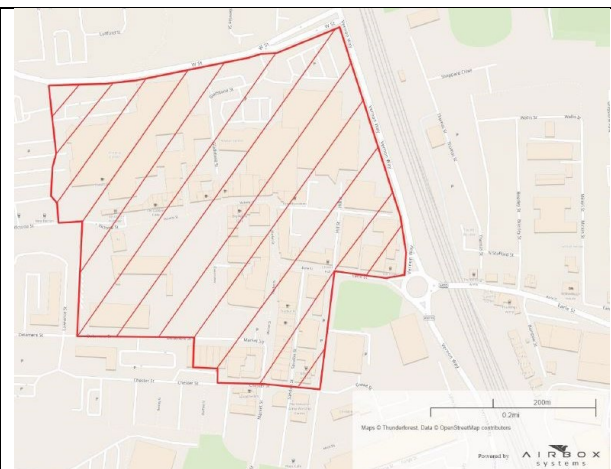
years. However, on Thursday 4 July 2024, Quinlan appeared back at Chester Crown Court where he was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment after being found guilty of breaching the CBO. Quinlan was also found guilty of five counts of theft from a shop, one count of attempted theft, and one count of section 39 assault. The court heard that Quinlan breached his CBO when, on Friday 2 February 2024, he entered an exclusion zone he had previously been banned from under the initial order. In addition to his sentence, Quinlan will be subject to a three-year Criminal Behaviour Order upon his release. Under the order, the 40-year-old of no fixed address but of Crewe, remains banned from entering Crewe town centre and Grand Junction Retail Park for the next three years.

Quinlan is also banned from entering:

- The Cooperative store on Remer Street, Crewe
- The Cooperative store at Huntsbank Business Park, Crewe
- Farmfoods on Oak Street, Crewe
- Tesco on Vernon Way, Crewe



Tesco, Vernon Way



Crewe Town Centre



Grand Junction Retail Park, Crewe

Police Constable Justin Taylor, of Crewe Beat Management, said: *"Criminal Behaviour Orders are preventative orders with strict restrictions that are imposed to stop persistent offenders committing further crimes and the breaching of them comes with considerable repercussions, as Quinlan has found out today. Once he has been released from prison, Quinlan will be subjected to a subsequent CBO with further restrictions, preventing him from entering multiple retailers across Crewe as well as the town centre itself. I hope this serves as a reminder that we will always take swift and immediate action against offenders who feel they can flout the law and steal from our local retailers without any consequences. Anyone who*

encounters Quinlan breaching the terms of his CBO following his release is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it."

Former Warwickshire Police officer sentenced after assaulting Nantwich woman.

A former Warwickshire Police Detective Sergeant has been sentenced after he pleaded guilty to assaulting a woman in Nantwich.

Paul Whitehurst appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 29 July, where he was sentenced to 18 weeks in prison and banned from entering Nantwich for 10 years. He had also been handed an indefinite restraining order which prevents him from contacting the victim. The 53-year-old of Barony Road, Nantwich, had previously pleaded guilty to four counts of section 39 assault.



The charges relate to four incidents involving a woman from Nantwich, which occurred between October and December 2023. During one of the incidents Whitehurst pushed the victim across a caravan following a disagreement between the pair, on another occasion he verbally abused her and threw a pint over her after she spoke to another man at a pub. In the final attack he pinned his victim to the floor following another disagreement.

Following the guilty plea, Detective Constable Lauren Constable, from Cheshire Constabulary, said: *"Police officers are placed in a position of trust and there are clear guidelines about the standards expected from them, both in and out of work. Whitehurst was aware of these standards, having worked as a detective sergeant in the Professional Standards Department at Warwickshire Police. But sadly, he chose to ignore them. Not only did he assault his victim multiple times, but he also went on to breach the bail conditions that were set for him by the court. I would like to take this as an opportunity to thank the victim for the bravery she has shown throughout this case, and I hope that the guilty plea will provide her with some closure. As this case demonstrates, Cheshire Constabulary is committed to investigating all offences – no matter who the alleged offender is. Police officers, staff and volunteers are not above the law and will be treated in the same way as any other suspect."*

If anyone sees Whitehurst breach the order banning him from Nantwich, they should contact Cheshire Police on 101.

Macclesfield woman handed community order for stalking man and stealing his post

A woman from Macclesfield has been issued with a community order after stalking and harassing a man – going as far as placing a tracking device on his car and intercepting his post.

Veronica Jackson, of Chalford Road, Macclesfield, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 26 June where she was sentenced with a community order after previously pleading guilty to theft and, without reasonable excuse, intentionally delaying a postal packet in the course of its transmission by post. Jackson was later also found guilty of stalking.

The case began on 11 April 2023, when the victim, who was known to Jackson, began receiving WhatsApp messages from her demanding payments of money allegedly owed - claiming that she knew where he worked and could find him. The 44-year-old continued to send similar messages over the next four days, before sending him a screenshot of a map showing him travelling to Bolton as well as his journey's start and end times.

On Sunday 28 April, the victim was informed by his employer that a woman had called his place of work asking if he worked there, however, this was not confirmed by the staff member. Less than a week later, the victim received an email from Jackson, again, asking for payments. The email also referred to the victim's

housing situation, confidential information she should not have known about. Following this, the victim noticed he had not been receiving post and visited the Post Office to enquire whether any letters or parcels had been withheld. He was informed by the Post Office that a request had been made to forward his post to an address in Macclesfield. Visiting the address, he found Jackson's car outside and believed this was how she became aware of his housing circumstances.

On 9 May 2023, Cheshire Police officers arrested Jackson on suspicion of harassment, theft of mail and mail interference. Jackson admitted to redirecting the post and pointed officers to a number of letters that showed that they had been redirected from her victim's address to hers. Her phone was also seized. Upon examination of the device, officers found map screenshots similar to those previously sent to the victim that showed his location and journey times. The map was part of an app used to manage vehicle tracking devices and a profile assigned to the victim's car had been created.

Officers conducted a search of the victim's car, however, due to the amount of time between the offence and the search, no device was found – with it impossible to tell whether it had been removed by a third party or had fallen off in transit. Despite this, Jackson was subsequently charged and appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court where she was handed the community order. Under the order, Jackson must complete 100 hours of unpaid work within 12 months. Along with this, Jackson must also pay a surcharge of £314.

PC James Hails, of Macclesfield's Area Investigation Team, said: *"Jackson's behaviour left her victim's privacy significantly disrupted, with his personal correspondence being intercepted and his movements monitored through the use of a concealed tracking device. These acts of frequent harassment, along with contact Jackson made to his place of employment, left the victim fearing that she was around every corner and he was constantly being watched. This case highlights how anyone can become a victim of stalking, and the psychological and emotional impact it can have on those it affects. This type of behaviour will never be tolerated by Cheshire Police and I would like to assure anyone who feels that they may be a victim of stalking or harassment, that we take every report seriously and that we will always take swift action to safeguard victims."*

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information after man found collapsed in Widnes

Detectives are appealing for information and video footage after a man was found with collapsed in Widnes.

Shortly before 1am on Saturday 3 August officers were called to reports that a man had been found collapsed on the Cherry Sutton estate. Police and paramedics attended the scene and located a 63-year-old local man who had a number of injuries to his head. The man was treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospital where he is condition is currently described as critical but stable. His next of kin have been made aware. An investigation has since been launched to establish how the man sustained the injuries.

Detective Inspector Claire Barber said: *"We understand that this incident may cause some concern and I would like to reassure the public that we are committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what took place. As part of our ongoing enquiries we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area between 12am and 1.00am and believes that they may have seen the man or anything out of the ordinary. The same goes to anyone who was driving in area around the time of the incident and may have any CCTV or dashcam footage."*

Anyone with information is asked to visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting IML 1886068. Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

Appeal for witnesses following serious collision in Northwich

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision in Northwich.

Shortly after 4.40pm on Friday 26 July, police were called to reports of a collision on the A533 at the junction with Jack Lane in Davenham, Northwich. Officers attended and found the collision involved a white Honda motorcycle and a white Mitsubishi Outlander. The motorcyclist, a 55-year-old local man, sustained life-threatening injuries as a result of the collision and remains in hospital where he is receiving treatment. Enquiries are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or anyone with any dashcam footage of the incident.

Inspector Steve Griffiths, of the Serious and Complex Investigation Unit said: *"This was a serious collision which has left a man with life-threatening injuries, and we're committed to doing all we can to establish what took place. As part of our investigation, we are keen to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the collision or who may have dashcam footage of it. We're also keen to hear from anyone who thinks they may have any dashcam footage of the vehicles involved in the minutes prior to the collision."*

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1880160 or [visit the website](#).

Appeal for information following serious collision in Middlewich

Police are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage after a motorbike rider sustained serious injuries following a collision in Middlewich.

At 2.37pm on Tuesday 30 July, officers responded to reports of a road traffic collision in Middlewich. Attending the scene on Birch Lane, Middlewich, officers found the collision involved a white Hyundai I10 and a Honda motorcycle. The rider of the motorcycle, a 31-year-old man from Winsford, sustained serious injuries. He was taken to Royal Stoke University Hospital via air ambulance, where he remains at this time. His condition is described as stable. The driver of the Hyundai, a 69-year-old woman from Middlewich, sustained minor injuries to her neck and head.

Inspector Steve Griffiths, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"I'd urge anyone who witnessed the collision but has not yet spoken to police to please contact us. The same goes for anyone with dashcam footage that may help us identify the car and driver involved in the collision."*

Anyone who witnessed the collision and could help the investigation should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-1883191.

Appeal for information following serious collision in Macclesfield.

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage after a pedestrian sustained serious injuries following a collision in Macclesfield.

Shortly after 11.30am on Monday 29 July, police were called to reports of a collision on the car park of Tesco Express on Broken Cross. Officers attended the scene and found that a pedestrian had been hit by a grey Audi A3. The pedestrian, a 76-year-old woman, sustained serious injuries to her legs and was taken to hospital. Her condition is currently described as stable. The driver of the car, a 74-year-old man, was uninjured. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are appealing for anyone with any information to come forward.

Inspector Steve Griffiths, of the Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit at Cheshire Police, said: *"Tesco Express is a busy store and there are likely to have been a number of people around the shop at the*

time of the incident who may hold vital information. I'm particularly keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone who saw the aftermath of the incident. The same goes for anyone with any 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 1882191.

CCTV appeal following theft in Warrington

Officers investigating a theft from a bar in Culcheth have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to in relation to the incident.

At around 7am on Saturday 29 June, two unknown offenders stole approximately 30 chairs and 45 stools from a bar on Common Lane, Culcheth, Warrington. Officers investigating the theft have now released a CCTV image of a man that they would like to speak to in relation to the incident.

Police Constable Molly O'Kell, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"As part of our enquiries we want to identify and speak to the man in the CCTV images as we believe he may be able to assist with our enquiries. If you think you recognise him or know who he is please call the team here at Warrington Police Station on 101, quoting IML 1859299, give us the details via the website. I would also like to appeal directly to the man in the CCTV images to get in touch."*

Information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.



CCTV appeal following burglary in Chester

Officers have issued CCTV images following a burglary in Chester where two E-bikes were stolen.

At around 4.30am on Saturday 22 June, two unknown offenders forced entry into a garage and stole two E-bikes, worth approximately £4,000 each, from a garage on West Mount in Chester. As part of the investigation, police have now issued CCTV images of two men that may have vital information.





One of the men we would like to speak to



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Police Constable James Wright of Chester Proactive Team said: *"A number of enquiries have been underway since the report was made to us and as part of these, we have released CCTV images of two men we would like to speak to in connection with the incident, along with images of the stolen bikes. I am also keen to hear from anyone who may have seen something that didn't look quite right in the area around the time of the incident. The same goes to anyone who may know the men in the CCTV or the men themselves, to come forward to assist with our investigation."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire police on 101 [or via the website](#) quoting IML 1853248. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following high value theft near Chester

Police are appealing for information and video footage following a high value theft in Coddington.

Sometime between 1am and 5am on Thursday 25 July unknown offenders broke into a vehicle parked outside a farm on Aldersey Lane. Once inside the vehicle they stole a number of power tools believed to be worth more than £10,000. The offenders also attempted to gain access to a container at the farm, but were unsuccessful. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information or video footage which may aid the investigation.

Detective Constable Richard Connolley of Chester Proactive Policing Team, said: *"While I appreciate this incident occurred in a rural location, there may be residents in the local area who may be able to assist our enquiries. I'm particularly keen to hear from anyone with any CCTV footage which may show the offenders travelling to the scene. I'd also like hear from anyone who believes they may have been offered any of the stolen tools, the majority of which were Makita branded items."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 1879001. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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