

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Chief Constable supports Crewe community boxing club plans

Cheshire Constabulary's Chief Constable Mark Roberts has expressed his full support to the building of new boxing gym in Crewe designed to support local children.

Chief Constable Mark Roberts recently visited what will become the site of the brand-new South Cheshire Amateur Boxing Club as the project gets underway to build a boxing gym that is looking to support local children. South Cheshire Amateur Boxing Club recently secured funding to transform a piece of derelict land in Crewe to construct a purpose-built building twice the size of their current premises. To officially commemorate the start of the project, and extend the Constabulary's full support of the initiative, Chief Constable Roberts and Cheshire Crimebeat's Mark Watson, helped the team officially break the ground of the new site to let the building work commence.



Following the launch of the building project, Chief Constable Mark Roberts said: *"I am always happy to support local initiatives such as this to help local residents, in particular children, channel their energy into something positive. Aside from the benefits of regular exercise, boxing teaches discipline and valuable life skills and the team at the club do fantastic work, all as volunteers."*

The Constabulary are long-standing supporters of South Cheshire Amateur Boxing Club, with it having ties to the force's own boxing section and being founded by Constabulary Personal Safety Trainer Nathan Clarke, who has been a driving force behind the development of the sport in Crewe. Not only this but Crewe-based Detective Chief Inspector Christian Morris regularly helps out the team with the boxing coaching and several of the local PCSO's having since become members of the club to make use of its gym.

Detective Chief Inspector Christian Morris said: *"Cheshire Police boxing have been an integral partner of South Cheshire ABC for the past 13 years and the new purpose-built boxing facility and open-door policy will support the continued vision of providing a safe and effective environment for the young people of Cheshire."*

Cheshire Constabulary will be continually working alongside partner agencies including Cheshire East Council and local schools as construction on the new premises gets underway, with the Chief Constable and the wider boxing team hoping that the new gym will act as a hub to encourage as many young people in the area as possible to take up the sport, whilst helping to reduce anti-social behaviour in the town.

Chief Constable Roberts added: *"This is exactly the type of initiative the Constabulary wants to support and it was brilliant to meet everyone coming together with a shared goal. I know the team are determined to build on the success of the boxing club and are literally building it from the ground up. Nathan and Christian do a fantastic job and hopefully with their new premises they can attract even more local residents to the club."*

Five men jailed for Warrington burglaries spree

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Five men have been jailed for their part in a string of burglaries in Warrington. They appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 29 August to be sentenced after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit a burglary with intent to steal.

Harley Jones-Joyce, 18, of Hollyhedge Road, Manchester was sentenced to four years two months, Niall Richie, 19, of Plowden Road, Manchester was sentenced to one year nine months, Conrad Strachan 21, of Hearle Drive, Manchester was sentenced to two years in prison, Harry Hosker, 29, of Glazebrook Lane, Rixton-with-Glazebrook was sentenced to five years, and Alex Higson, 28, of HMP Liverpool was sentenced to six years five months. Strachan was also sentenced to one year three months for a Greater Manchester Police matter along with Ritchie who was also sentenced to one year three months.

				
Niall Ritchie	Harry Hosker	Alex Higson	Conrad Strachan	Harley Jones-Joyce

The charges relate to nine burglaries which occurred in the Warrington East area between August and November 2023. The gang targeted high powered vehicles and valuable jewellery.

In January this year, detectives from Warrington Proactive Policing Team (PPT), supported by colleagues from Halton PPT, Macclesfield PPT and Greater Manchester Police, conducted a series of warrants across Greater Manchester following an investigation into the burglaries. CCTV gathered as part of the investigation provided an opportunity to identify the suspects and provided an avenue for further investigations. Detectives would later find they had been in regular communication with each other and that the burglaries were not far from Hosker's address at the

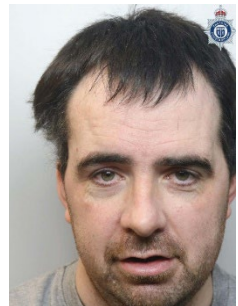
time. They were also in communication with each other before and after the burglaries and some stolen items belonging to the victims were recovered from their addresses during the warrants. They also left mole grips at one of the addresses which was tested for DNA and came back matching that of Higson.

DS David Gerrard said: *"Further enquiries showed that they even went to the lengths of travelling to one of the victims' holiday homes in the Lake District to steal their car after stealing jewellery and a calendar at the Warrington address. The calendar had their holiday cottage postcode written on it. The suspects were regularly in contact with each other and discussed potential targets and sent photos and videos of the stolen vehicles to each other. They also photographed stolen property and recorded themselves handling it. The evidence against them was substantial resulting in their guilty pleas and now they have thankfully been brought to justice. I hope this reassures residents that we do understand the devastating impact of burglary and treat this type of crime very seriously - stopping at nothing to find those responsible."*

Northwich man jailed after admitting sexual activity with a child

A 39-year-old man from Northwich has been jailed for 25 months after pleading guilty to three counts of sexual activity with a child.

Daniel Brinksman of no fixed address was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on 29 August after pleading guilty to the offences during his trial. He was also given a restraining order not to contact the victim and an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order. Brinksman had met his 15-year-old victim on Grindr in 2015 after the boy joined the site in a vulnerable state as he was struggling with his sexuality. They struck up a conversation and Brinksman pressured him into meeting that same day at a park in Northwich. Brinksman sexually assaulted the victim leaving him traumatised.



Investigating officer DS Helen Harrison said: *"Brinksman's actions were horrific. The impact of the assaults are something that the victim has struggled to overcome over the years and it has had an acute and damaging impact on his mental health. After bravely coming forward to police and having the courage to go through a trial, now aged 24, he is seeing his abuser jailed for his horrific actions. This result has helped the victim in his recovery, and he was even able to read out his victim impact statement to the court. I hope this encourages victims of sexual abuse to come forward and reassures them that we are here for you, we will listen, and we will do our very best to get justice for you."*

Man charged following vehicle search on Sandbach Motorway Services

Officers from the Roads and Crime Unit have charged a man with drug offences.

At around 12.15pm on Wednesday 28 August, officers stopped a grey Mitsubishi Shogun on the Sandbach Motorway Services that had been travelling on the M6. Officers conducted a search of the car and discovered a number of items, resulting in the arrest of a man on suspicion of drugs offences. Following questioning, Mark Danson since been charged with possession with intent to

supply class B drugs (amphetamine). Danson, 41, of Beatrice Avenue, Burnley, is due to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court today, Thursday 29 August.

Officers issue CCTV following incident on bus in Chester

Officers have issued a CCTV image of a man they want to speak to following an incident on a bus in Chester.

At around 6.15pm on Thursday 18 July, a 35-year-old woman was travelling on the number 11 bus, between Airbus and Chester Bus Interchange, when an unknown man inappropriately touched her. The incident is believed to be isolated, and police have been conducting a number of enquiries to trace the person responsible. As part of their investigation, officers have now issued an image of a man they are looking to speak to.



Police Constable Craig Maddocks said: *"I want to be clear that we are doing all we can to locate the person responsible and do believe this to be an isolated incident. We have a number of enquiries ongoing and as part of these we are now appealing for assistance to identify the man in the CCTV as we believe he may have vital information to assist us with our investigation. I would also appeal to the man himself to please come forward and anyone else who believes that they have information about the incident and has not yet spoken to police to please do so by calling us on 101."*

Anyone with information is asked to report it to Cheshire Police by [visiting the website](#) or by calling 101 quoting IML 1873190. Information can also be provided to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

Creamfields policing operation a success

The policing operation for Creamfields music festival has come to a successful conclusion.

Making sure people attending Creamfields stayed safe was once again a top priority for the force and event organisers at this year's event. The festival involved a significant policing operation both over the bank holiday weekend itself, and during the planning phase. Cheshire Police worked closely with the organisers to make the event as safe as possible and limit any adverse impact on the local community.

In total 32 people were arrested at the festival for a variety of offences. In addition, more than 50 people were dealt with by police and will go through the criminal justice processes at a later stage. With a number of people also dealt with via local resolution. A total of 125 crimes were reported for a variety of offences compared to 164 last year - the most common being drug related.

Superintendent Sarah Heath, who led the policing operation for Creamfields 2024, said: *"Almost 80,000 people attended this year's event and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the vast majority of festival-goers for their cooperation and their behaviour throughout. There was a really good atmosphere at Creamfields, and it was clear that attendees were there to have a good time. Storm Lillian tested the adverse weather plans, but those who needed to take shelter were guided to the designated areas, kept safe and warm until the winds subsided. A considerable rebuild was*

required in some areas but the gates opened on time and the event continued uninterrupted with the festival enjoyed by most, respectfully and safely.

"A conscious effort was made to target and take action against those who were intent on supplying illegal substances at the festival - before and during the event. With officers conducting pre-event site searches, the use of surrender bins, along with an extensive search process by security personnel at entrances to the site. We had an increased presence with officers from Project Servator in attendance. This team's aim was to disrupt a range of criminal activity while providing a reassuring presence for the public - and the result of this activity is clear through the reduction in crime at Creamfields this year. The policing operation extended beyond the festival coming to an end with officers supporting Creamfields with their plans to deter trespassing and keep people safe. Our robust approach saw a number of dispersal notices issued and an arrest for burglary.

"I want to say a massive thank you to the local community for their support before, during and post event. We recognise the disruption the event can cause, and we are pleased that a number of local residents have come forward to express their thanks for working hard to keep them safe – rest assured our efforts will continue."

Project Servator is a national operation that works with partner agencies, including other police forces, businesses and the public, to continue to protect people and to make it difficult for criminals and terrorists to operate.

Chester man who defrauded a woman out of more than £20,000 to face multiple charges

A 29-year-old man has been summonsed to court following an investigation into fraud offences totalling more than £20,000.

Thomas Mark Leatherbarrow from Sumner Road, Chester has been summonsed to appear at Domestic Abuse Warrington Magistrates Court on 9 September 2024 to face six counts of fraud by false representation. The offences occurred between July 2017 and May 2022.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for help in tracing missing teenager from Crewe

Police are appealing to the public for help to trace a missing teenager from Crewe.

Louie Brookes was last seen in the Frank Webb Avenue area of Crewe on Sunday 28 July. The 17-year-old is described as white, around 5'6" tall, of proportionate build, with long curly black hair and green eyes. The teenager is from Crewe, but also has links to Williston area of Ellesmere Port.

Inspector Josh Jones, of Crewe LPU, said: *"We are growing increasingly concerned for Louie's welfare and would urge anyone who sees him, or anyone who knows of his whereabouts to please contact police. I would also like to appeal to Louie directly to please contact us and to let us know that you are safe and well."*



Anyone with any information in relation to Louie's whereabouts is asked to contact Cheshire Police [via the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML-1885731. Alternatively, information can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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