

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Wilmslow officers continuing to safeguard community from burglaries

Police in Wilmslow are continuing work to protect residents from burglaries and vehicle thefts and have issued safety advice to prevent residents from falling victim to criminals.

Since September 2021, Neighbourhood officers and PCSOs have been delivering Operation Fierce in the Wilmslow West and Chorley ward, which has proactively provided door-step education to residents of over 1,300 houses about methods to keep their homes and vehicles secure. Thanks to the dedication of local officers and the community, home and vehicle security in the area has improved by more than 80%, helping to make Wilmslow a hostile place for criminals.

In addition to the preventative work of Operation Fierce, officers carry out patrols in hot-spot areas, on foot and in vehicles, to deter crime and identify offenders. These measures work alongside the force's commitment to attending all reported burglaries, which are overseen by a dedicated burglary investigation team at Macclesfield.

PCSO James Morris, of Wilmslow Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: *"We have noticed an increase in burglaries where offenders have been targeting car keys with the intention of stealing vehicles. There is often a rise in burglaries during the summer holidays and into the autumn, so we would urge residents to do all they can to make it harder for offenders."*

"Keep your vehicles secure and don't leave the keys visible in your property near windows and doors, where they can easily be stolen. Additionally, installing a wheel lock can also act as a deterrent to prevent your vehicle from being driven away."

"Adding internal door bolts is a cheap and easy method to further secure your home. Even if a burglar comes equipped to break into the exterior of your house, securing internal doors with bolts is another barrier that they may not be prepared for – and will certainly slow them down, making it unattractive to continue."

"You can help us by reporting suspicious behaviour in your area, such as vehicles driving or walking slowly past properties without good reasons. Or, if you have CCTV or video doorbells, make sure they are correctly switched on and you know how to operate them should you need to."

Further tips to protect your property:

- Keep all windows and doors, including outbuildings, sheds or vehicles locked.

- Use the security measures on modern windows which allow them to let some air in but still be locked.
- Driveway bollards or security posts are visible measures to deter thieves.
- In the home, keep all valuables out of sight and ensure that large amounts of cash are never kept in the home.
- In an emergency, always call 999.

Runcorn man jailed for sexual offences

A man from Runcorn has been jailed after attempting to incite three people to engage in sexual activity and sexually assaulting a child in public.



Mohammad Alhadi, of Halton Brook Avenue, Runcorn, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 2 September, where he was sentenced to eight months imprisonment and made subject of a Restraining Order and a Sexual Harm Prevention Order. The sentence follows an earlier hearing where the 26-year-old pleaded guilty to Sexual Assault by Touching. The court heard that on Tuesday 7 May, in the space of just 45 minutes, Alhadi approached three people and attempted to engage in sexual activity with them. He also inappropriately touched one of the victims who was 15.

During the first incident, which occurred at around 3pm, a 15-year-old boy was approached by Alhadi on Halton Brook Avenue, who claimed he needed help. Whilst Alhadi was talking to the boy, he made a sexual hand gesture toward him before going on to touch the victim's genitals over his trousers. Distressed by the incident the victim fled, but he was able to take a picture of Alhadi before leaving the scene, which officers would later use to connect him to the incident.

Shortly after, Alhadi had been sitting on a bench near City Fields, Runcorn, when he conversed with a 21-year-old dog walker passing by. During their conversation, Alhadi began making inappropriate comments to the dog walker, before asking him to engage in sex with him. Alhadi proceeded to make gestures of a sexual nature toward him, before putting his hands into his trousers and touching himself inappropriately. Alhadi was then chased away by the victim.

In the final incident, which occurred just after, Alhadi approached a second 15-year-old boy on Halton Brook Avenue, who was walking home from school and asked him for help. The boy asked what he needed, to which Alhadi replied with "sex" and offered him ten pounds. The boy walked away from Alhadi, who followed him, repeatedly asking him to engage in sex, until the boy entered his parent's home nearby and informed them of the incident.

After receiving descriptions and photographs of Alhadi from all three of the victims, Cheshire Police officers located and arrested him at his home address on Wednesday 8 May. During his arrest, officers seized the items of clothing he was seen wearing in the photograph taken by the first 15-year-old boy he approached. During his interview with officers, Alhadi was presented with this photograph, and he responded that it was not him, but rather someone dressed very similar to him. He also denied that he approached the three victims, asked them for sex, touched himself and touched the genitals of one of the 15-year-old boys. Despite his denials, Alhadi was charged and

later pleaded guilty of Sexual Assault by Touching. He then appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 2 September, where he was sentenced to eight months imprisonment. He was also issued with Restraining Order against the first 15-year-old boy and a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, which he must adhere to for ten years.

Following sentencing Police Constable Haddon Hunter, of Runcorn LPU Neighbourhood, said: *"I would like to commend the bravery of Alhadi's victims in coming forward to police and having the courage to speak out. As a result, Alhadi has been jailed and is now facing the consequences of his horrific actions. Not only has Alhadi been issued with a custodial sentence, but upon his release, he will be closely monitored by our officers under the conditions of both a restraining order against one of his victims and a Sexual Harm Prevention Order. I hope today's result reassures victims of incidents of this nature that any allegations will be thoroughly investigated by police and that we will always listen and do our very best to get the justice you deserve."*

Woman jailed for death by dangerous driving

A woman who caused the death of a 61-year-old man in Crewe by dangerous driving has been jailed for 50 months.

Oghenevwaire Shittu, 39, of Ruskin Road, Crewe, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 4 September after previously pleading guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.



Shortly before 10.10am on Friday 9 February, Shittu was driving a green BMW along Nantwich Road, Wistaston, when she collided with Stephen Rae from Crewe. Stephen had been crossing the road and was waiting at a central refuge island clearly marked with two fluorescent bollards. The BMW was seen on CCTV travelling towards Crewe when it made a noticeable movement from its position in the road towards the central island. It continued to drive onto the island and hit Stephen. CCTV footage did not show any evidence of the BMW's brake lights being activated. Members of the public rushed to Stephen's aid, who sadly suffered multiple injuries and was later pronounced dead at hospital.

Shittu was subsequently arrested at the scene. She passed drug and alcohol screening, as well as a roadside fitness procedure. In interview, she gave no defence as to how the collision occurred. She said she was familiar with the road and there were no distractions inside or outside the vehicle. She was found to have been driving without a valid licence, having only held a UK provisional licence since 2022, and was also driving without any insurance in place. On top of her custodial sentence, Shittu will be disqualified from driving for five years and must then take an extended driving test.

Following the sentencing, the family of Stephen Rae said: *"Stephen was a much-loved son and nephew. We are relieved to be at the end of this lengthy process. But despite someone being held accountable for Stephen's death, no sentence is ever going to bring Stephen back to us."*

Sergeant Andrew Dennison added: *"When you get behind the wheel of a vehicle, you need to be aware that driving is a privilege, not a right, and nothing justifies not paying full attention to the road. While Shittu is now behind bars for this offence, nothing is going to bring Stephen back, and*

our thoughts remain with his family and friends at this time. This collision could easily have been avoided, so if any good can come from this tragic event, I hope it reminds people of the sudden devastating consequences of not paying attention when driving."

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for witnesses and information following robbery in Runcorn

Officers investigating reports of robbery and assault in Runcorn are appealing for any witnesses or those with information to come forward.

On Sunday 4 August, police received reports of a robbery near to Boston Avenue, Runcorn. The caller reported that at around 11pm the four adult victims were walking down Halton Brow, near the underpass of the Central Expressway that leads to Boston Avenue, when they were attacked from behind by four teenagers. The suspects were believed to be 15-16 years old and included one girl and three boys. The suspects stole a handbag during the incident but discarded it as they fled the scene, in the direction of Castle Rise. The female suspect was described as having blonde hair and was around 5' 5". One of the male suspects was described as having ginger hair and was around 5' 8". The further two male suspects were wearing balaclavas. One of the victims sustained a broken ankle during the incident, while the other victims suffered cuts and bruises.

DC Gemma Nicolson said: *"Enquiries to trace the suspects have been ongoing since the incident and we are now appealing for anyone who witnessed this incident to come forward. The same goes for anyone who has any information which may aid in identifying those responsible, or any relevant CCTV or dashcam footage."*

You can report information to Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting 24000678118.

CCTV appeal following theft of a bicycle in Macclesfield

Officers are looking to speak to this man

At around 9.55am on Saturday 3 August, an unknown man stole an orange Ragley Piglet bicycle from outside of the Burger King restaurant on London Road, Macclesfield.

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. The man is described as white, of slim build and with a distinctive cross-type tattoo on his right arm. At the time of the incident, he was seen wearing a dark green/black vest and a bucket-style hat.



PSCO Melissa Mellor, of Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said: *"As part of our enquiries, we are appealing for any witnesses to this incident to get in touch with us to help progress our investigation. This incident will have occurred in a busy location, so we are asking anyone who may have been in the area at the time to contact us if they recall seeing anything suspicious which may aid our enquiries. The same goes for anyone who recognises the man in the CCTV images as we believe they may hold vital information. We would also like to appeal directly to the man pictured to get in touch with us."*

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police quoting 24000674205 via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or call 101. Information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Appeal for information following serious collision near Chester

Officers from Cheshire Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision in Christleton.

At 11.43am on Tuesday 3 September police were called to reports of a collision on Pepper Street. Officers attended the scene and found there had been a collision between a blue Volkswagen Transporter panel van and two pedestrians. The pedestrians, two teenage boys aged 13 and 15, were both treated at the scene by paramedics before being taken to hospital. One of the boys had since been discharged, while the second remains in Aintree Hospital at this time. His injuries are described as serious. The driver of the van, a 59-year-old man, was uninjured. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing.

Inspector Anton Sullivan, of the Roads and Crime Unit at Cheshire Police, said: *"This was a serious collision which has left a teenage boy with possibly life changing injuries, and we are committed to doing all we can to establish what took place. As part of our enquiries we're keen to hear from anyone who was in area and witnessed the collision taking place. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam or CCTV footage which may aid the investigation. I'd urge anyone with any information to call us on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 1909918."*

Police appeal for information and CCTV footage following death of 16-year-old boy

Police investigating the death of a 16-year-old boy from Nantwich are appealing to the public for CCTV footage and information.

Jonty Evans was last seen in the Queens Drive area on Friday 30 August between 10.45pm and 11.15pm. Sadly, the teenager was later found dead in the river Weaver near Riverside, Nantwich, on Sunday 1 September, his next of kin have been informed. As part of ongoing enquiries, officers are appealing for information from the public to help establish Jonty's movements in the hours before his death.

Detective Inspector Nigel Parr, of the Major Investigation Team, said: *"Enquiries are currently underway to establish Jonty's movements in the hours that led up to him entering the water and, as*

part of our investigation into this incident, we are asking anyone who may have captured Jonty on any CCTV, dashcam or ring doorbell footage to please get in touch. I would also like to ask anyone who has any information that may help officers in understanding the circumstances surrounding Jonty's death to please come forward. Our thoughts remain with Jonty's family, and we would urge people to respect their privacy at this very difficult time."

Anyone with any CCTV, dashcam, Ring doorbell footage or any information relating to this incident can submit it to police directly via [MIPP](#). Alternatively, information can also be passed on to Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#), quoting IML-1907900.

Appeal for witnesses following collision in Crewe

Officers are appealing for any witnesses or those with dashcam footage to come forward following a collision in Crewe.

At around 7pm on Friday 30 August, police were called to reports of a collision at the junction of Broad Street and McLaren Street, Crewe. The collision involved a blue quadbike. Officers attended the scene along with paramedics and the rider of the quadbike, a 40-year-old man, was taken to hospital with serious injuries, where he remains at this time.

Inspector Anton Sullivan said: *"Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this incident, and we are now asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or the moments leading up to it, to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone with any relevant dashcam or CCTV footage."*

You can report information to Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or call 101, quoting IML-1907271.

Appeal for information following serious collision in Warrington

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

At around 9.35pm on Friday 30 August, police were called to reports of a collision on Birchwood Way, Warrington. Officers attended the scene and found the collision involved two cars – a black Honda Jazz and a black Skoda Roomster. Two occupants of the Honda, a 5-year-old boy and a 35-year-old woman, sustained serious injuries and are currently being treated in hospital. The driver of the Skoda, a 25-year-old woman, sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone with information which may aid their investigation.

Sergeant Jon Dixon said: *"This was a serious collision which has left a woman and a child with serious 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."*

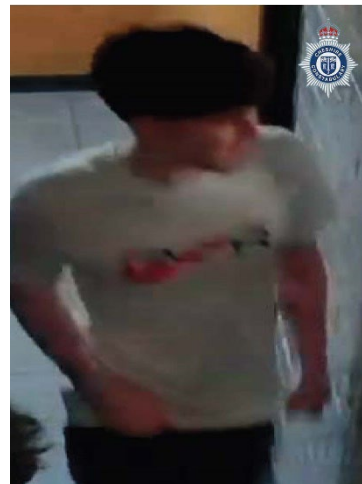
Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1907383 or [visit the website](#).

CCTV Images released following Winsford assault

Detectives investigating an assault at a pub in Winsford have released a CCTV image of a man they are looking to speak to.

The victim stated that they had visited the Hive in Winsford with friends on Friday 31 May. While they were at the pub, the 31-year-old man was assaulted by an unknown man who punched him in the face as he was leaving the toilet. As a result of the incident the victim suffered multiple fractures to his cheek and eye socket.

Enquiries in relation to the incident have been ongoing and now investigating officers have released CCTV images of a man they are looking to identify.



Detective Constable Kelly Mitchell, of Northwich CID, said: *"The victim in this case sustained serious injuries, so we are keen to hear from anyone who may have seen the incident itself take place or has any information that may aid our investigation. We would also like to directly appeal to the man in the CCTV images, as we believe that he may have vital information that may aid us in our enquiries."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1839948, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

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