

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



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Chief praises officers who helped bring down dangerous offender

The Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary has praised officers for their assistance in helping to bring a dangerous offender to justice and safeguard a teenage girl.

Paul Sharpe, 56, of Stockport, was sentenced to life imprisonment with an eight-year minimum term in prison on 4 September 2026 for numerous charges, including kidnap, sexual assault and related offences. The case was led by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) however officers from Cheshire Police played an important role early in the case by arresting Sharpe in Knutsford on 19 May 2026. The previous evening, on 18 May 2026, Cheshire Police was alerted by GMP to concerns for a teenager who had been reported missing in the Altrincham area and was believed to have been kidnapped. GMP carried out extensive CCTV and ANPR enquiries, identifying a suspect vehicle. Further investigations established that the vehicle was registered to Sharpe. This information was shared with Cheshire Police to help locate the victim. Response and armed patrols from Cheshire headed to the Knutsford area, to search the last known location of the vehicle near to Cottons Hotel. At around 3.40am on 19 May 2026, Cheshire Police officers located Sharpe's vehicle in the hotel car park. Officers found both Sharpe and the victim inside the vehicle and immediately safeguarded the victim and arrested Sharpe.

You can read more about the case and GMP's investigation [on the news section of their website](#).

Chief Constable Mark Roberts, Cheshire Constabulary, said: *"In policing there are no borders and this coordinated effort between GMP and Cheshire Police's Force Control Centre, response officers and ARV colleagues was pivotal in detaining a dangerous offender. I would like to extend my thanks to the officers involved in locating the vehicle and subsequently arresting Sharpe. Their swift and decisive actions prevented further harm coming to a young girl who had already suffered such a terrible ordeal. This case is an important reminder of how police forces work together to safeguard our communities and protect members of the public."*

Warrington woman charged with drug dealing

A woman has been charged with drugs offences following an investigation by Warrington Proactive CID into drug dealing in Warrington.

Cheryl Rourke, 37, from Davenport Avenue in Latchford was charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine, being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug of Class B (cannabis) and acquiring, using or possessing criminal property. She appeared at Chester Magistrates on 4 September and was remanded into custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on 2 October.

Man jailed following drugs investigation in Widnes

A man has been jailed for drugs offences following an investigation by Widnes Proactive CID.

Grant Wilcock appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 4 September where he was sentenced to six years in prison. The 34-year-old of Alton, Widnes, had earlier pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cannabis and cocaine, and possession of criminal property. The case began on earlier this year when officers became aware of a mobile phone number which was being used to sell cannabis and cocaine in the Widnes area. Officers traced the phone to Wilcock and he was subsequently arrested on Thursday 2 July. Wilcock was found to be in possession of the mobile phone as well as £3059 in cash. During a search of his address a small amount of cocaine and a further £949 in cash seized. He was subsequently charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine and cannabis and possession of criminal property and was remanded into custody.



Following conviction a Cheshire Police spokesperson said: *"Wilcock believed he was untouchable and was supplying cocaine and cannabis in Widnes while still subject to prison licence conditions relating to a conviction for the same offence. He is a prime example of a leopard who can't change his spots and once again his propensity to peddle illicit substances has seen him back behind bars. I hope that Wilcock will take the time in custody to reflect on his poor life choices and make amends upon his release. Cheshire Police will always take any information provided by the public seriously and take the necessary action to ensure the streets of Cheshire are the safest in the UK."*

Prolific shoplifter jailed in Crewe

A man from Crewe has been jailed after he admitted stealing more than £6,000 worth of goods from stores in the town.

Adrin Pirvu Appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 3 September where he was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison. The 34-year-old, of Westminster Street, Crewe, had earlier pleaded guilty to counts of shoplifting in relation to offences at Asda and Boots between Sunday 16 August and Sunday 30 August.



Following the sentencing, Police Constable Declan Shaughnessy of Crewe Beat Team, said: *"Pirvu is a prolific offender and relentlessly targeted local stores over a two-week period, stealing more than £6,000 worth of items. He has no regard for how his crimes affect local businesses and I am grateful that he has now been hauled back to prison for these offences. We are dedicated to ensuring our communities remain a safe place to live, work and visit, and removing individuals like Pirvu, who are intent on committing crime and causing misery, remains a top priority."*

Three shops closed and illegal cigarettes seized following partnership operation in Ellesmere Port

Three shops are set to be shut down and thousands of pounds worth of counterfeit cigarettes and vapes have been seized, following a partnership operation in Ellesmere Port.

On Thursday 3 September, officers from the Cheshire Police Western Exploitation Team were joined by colleagues from Trading Standards when they visited businesses in Ellesmere Port, supported by a specialist tobacco detection dog. Four business premises were visited during the operation, all of which were suspected of being linked to organised immigration crime and the supply of illicit tobacco and illegal vaping products.



During the operation, officers identified sophisticated concealment methods designed to hide illegal goods. Several of these hidden compartments were located with the assistance of the tobacco detection dog, demonstrating the value of specialist resources in tackling criminal activity. As a result of the enforcement activity, approximately 18,000 illicit cigarettes were seized, along with almost 500 illegal vapes. In addition, Trading Standards have issued three closure orders at the following stores-



- Stop and Shop, Unit 3, 406 Chester Road, Little Sutton
- Vaporesso, 46 Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port
- Quick Stop Vapes, 17 Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port

The orders are set to begin on Monday 7 September, when all three shops will be closed down for a minimum period of three months. The operation forms part of ongoing efforts to disrupt organised criminality, protect legitimate businesses, and safeguard local communities from the harms associated with the illicit tobacco and vape trade.

Detective Sergeant Andrew Manson said: *"The sale of illicit tobacco and illegal vaping products often goes hand in hand with wider organised criminality. By working closely with our partners at Trading Standards and using specialist resources, we have been able to identify and disrupt this activity, seize illegal products, and take positive action against those involved. We will continue to act on intelligence from our communities to target criminal enterprises operating across Cheshire."*

Man arrested for sex offences following warrant in Northwich

Officers from the Cheshire Police Sex Offender Management Unit have arrested a man following a warrant in Northwich.

At around 7am today, Friday 4 September, officers executed a warrant at an address on Vicarage Road in Northwich. A 66-year-old man was arrested at the address on suspicion of numerous offences, including Making of indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children, Distribute indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children and Possession of prohibited images of children. The man is being held in police custody, and a search is currently underway at the address by dedicated local search officers.

Detective Inspector Louise Austin, of the Sex Offender Management Unit, said: *"Today's arrest is the result of a detailed investigation by PC Howells, during which a large quantity of child sexual abuse material was discovered and linked to the arrested man. We want to make it clear that online child abuse material is not a victimless crime. There are real, innocent children who are forced to*

endure horrific abuse, and anyone found to be engaging with this kind of content will face the full force of the law.”

Man jailed after travelling to Widnes to meet with child

A man who travelled to Widnes to meet up with who he thought was a 14-year-old boy has been jailed.

Javed Iqbal, of Castleton Road, Birmingham, was sentenced to five years in prison after appearing at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 27 August 2026. The 49-year-old had been found guilty of arranging the commission of an offence of sexual activity with a child and attempting to engage in sexual communication with a child. On 28 August 2024, Iqbal began speaking online with who he believed to be a 14-year-old boy, but this was in fact an adult posing as a child.



The ‘child’ clearly informed Iqbal that he was 14 years old and Iqbal continued to send sexualised messages, including an explicit image, and asked the child for images of himself. Iqbal then arranged to meet the child in Widnes and travelled to the area on 7 September 2024. Cheshire Police was made aware and officers attended and arrested him. Javed Iqbal, of Castleton Road, Birmingham, was sentenced to five years in prison after appearing at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 27 August 2026. The 49-year-old had been found guilty of arranging the commission of an offence of sexual activity with a child and attempting to engage in sexual communication with a child.

On 28 August 2024, Iqbal began speaking online with who he believed to be a 14-year-old boy, but this was in fact an adult posing as a child. The ‘child’ clearly informed Iqbal that he was 14 years old and Iqbal continued to send sexualised messages, including an explicit image, and asked the child for images of himself. Iqbal then arranged to meet the child in Widnes and travelled to the area on 7 September 2024. Cheshire Police was made aware and officers attended and arrested him.

A spokesperson said: “Although there was no young victim in this case, Iqbal did not know this and was intent on meeting with a child for sexual purposes, travelling a long distance to do so. He also sent explicit messages to the child, even after they clearly informed him of their age. Iqbal attempted to deny the allegations but has now been found guilty of the offences and handed a custodial sentence which reflects the severity of the charges against him. On top of his five-year sentence, Iqbal must sign the Sex Offender Register indefinitely and is subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.”

Closure order issued at Warrington shop

Officers have secured a three-month closure order against a shop in Warrington found selling illegal vapes, tobacco and cigarettes.

Officers from Warrington’s LPU Neighbourhood team were granted the three-month closure order against the Sezam store on Winwick Street and the property above it on Tuesday 1 September. The court was presented with evidence obtained by officers that showed the shop had been involved in the sale of illegal tobacco products. It was also heard that the store had failed several test purchase

operations, with it being uncovered that cigarettes and tobacco products had been sold to children on several occasions.

On 15 June, officers conducted a section 8 warrant at the shop and the flat above it alongside local Trading Standards teams, with approximately 26,400 non-compliant cigarettes, 6kg of hand rolled tobacco and 17 non-compliant vapes being found inside. The tobacco products were found within the loft space above the flat, with officers also finding a concealed chute system that led down to the shopfront, used to transport the products. The products seized were believed to be worth over £7,600. Under the closure order, the property will remain closed for a period of three months, including to its occupants. Anyone who enters it during this time could face a significant fine or even a prison sentence.



Police Constable James A'Hearne said: *"This is a great result which reflects a significant amount of work undertaken by our Neighbourhood Team and our local community partners. We know the sale of illicit products in our local communities is a big issue that matters to residents, so I hope that the closure of this shop and the recovery of the products found inside reassures residents of our commitment to holding those who break the law to account. We would continue to ask anyone with information about the sale of illicit products to report it so we can work together with our partners to tackle this issue."*

Northwich man jailed for breaching sexual harm prevention order.

A convicted sex offender has been jailed after he admitted breaching his sexual harm prevention order.

Stephen Bushell appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 1 September where he was sentenced to 12 months in prison. The 59-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to five counts of breaching a sexual harm prevention order, one count of sexual assault and one count of stalking.



Bushell was originally issued with a ten-year sexual harm prevention order (SHPO) in March 2018 for previous offences. Under the terms of the order, he was banned from having children under 16 at his home on School Lane, Lostock Gralam, and also banned from engaging in conversations with any females not known to him. However, between 20 June 2026 and 3 July 2026, Bushell repeatedly breached the order when he started to engage with a 17-year-old girl. The teenager described how Bushell approached her while she was travelling on the railway network in Northwich. Initially he would just engage in conversation with the girl, however as time progressed, he began to stalk the victim, purposefully waiting for her at the station. On one occasion he also unwantedly hugged her. The matter was reported to Cheshire Police and Bushell was promptly arrested and charged.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Sophie Ward, of Northwich CID, said: *"Bushell was well aware of the conditions of his SHPO, but he purposefully chose to ignore them. His actions have had a lasting impact on the victim, who had to change her routine to avoid Bushell and no longer feels safe travelling on the railway network. Thankfully, he has now been held accountable for his*

actions. While the victim will never be able to forget what he did, I do hope that the sentence given to Bushell will provide the victim with some reassurance. “

Chester man who breached sexual offence orders jailed

A man who breached his Sexual Harm Prevention Order and failed to comply with the Sex Offenders Register has been jailed.

Michael Stuart Mason from Southbank, Chester appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 17 August to be sentenced after pleading guilty to nine counts of breaching a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) and one of failing to comply with the Sex Offenders Register. The 77-year-old was sentenced to 22 months in prison, and his SHPO was extended for a further five years to 2036.



Mason had to sign the Sex Offenders Register and was subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order after being given a suspended sentence at Mold Crown Court for distributing indecent images, possessing prohibited images and possession of extreme pornography in 2021. The court heard that between 1 January and 20 April this year Mason failed to notify police that he had obtained a HP Laptop which he was required to do so under the Sexual harm Prevention Order. He also failed to notify them of his new address which meant he'd failed to comply with the notification requirements for the Sex Offenders Register.

PC Gina Davies from the Sex Offender Management Unit said: *“We are dedicated in our efforts to make sure these offenders are adhering to their orders which are in place to manage them in the community. Mason showed absolute disregard for these orders – but the message is clear, if you fail to comply, you will be put before the courts and face time in jail.”*

Wythenshawe man jailed for Handforth burglary spree

A Wythenshawe man has been jailed after escaping from a prison and going on a crime spree in Handforth.

Matthew Gradwell from Benchill Road, Wythenshawe appeared at Chester Crown Court on 1 September to be sentenced after pleading guilty to escaping lawful custody, three counts of burglary and theft, theft of a motor vehicle, two counts of theft from a motor vehicle, causing serious injury by dangerous driving and driving while disqualified. The 39-year-old was jailed for six years and six months.



On 16 June police were called to an address in Handforth after a resident reported a burglary. A black Mercedes GLC had been stolen from the driveway along with other vehicle keys, a PlayStation 5 and a handbag with a purse in it containing bank cards, driving licence and some change. Colleagues from Greater Manchester Police were notified about the burglary and stolen vehicle. Greater Manchester Police spotted the car on them and pursued the car through Wythenshawe. The car reached in excess of 100mph during the pursuit and in a continued effort to evade police, Gradwell mounted the pavement causing a pedestrian to fall into the road and be seriously injured. A short while later he crashed the stolen car into a tree.

Gradwell ran from the car and tried to hit a pursuing officer with a wheelie bin as he tried to escape. He was subsequently tasered and arrested. He was found to be in possession of the stolen bank cards, driving licence, vehicle keys and a screwdriver. Further enquiries by officers established that not only was Gradwell disqualified from driving, but he also had absconded from HMP Kirkham since 27 December 2025. Officers in Cheshire were alerted to the fact the owner of the driving licence lived in a house not far from the house that was burgled in Handforth. Officers attended the address and saw that a large bay window was wide open. The occupants were unaware they had been burgled until police showed up and asked if the person on the bank cards and the driving licence lived there. They then discovered their purse was missing from their handbag.

Meanwhile, two further residents had contacted police to report someone had stolen items from their car. One of the occupants reviewed her Ring doorbell and saw someone approach her front door and try to cover the camera. Two suspects then managed to open the car before rummaging through the vehicle. Two prescription sunglasses were taken from the car. The second victim reported his car had been broken into and an iPad, charger and a laptop charger were stolen. CCTV enquiries showed two suspects entering the vehicle on the driveway. The addresses were all in walking distance of each other.

Detective Constable Harry Bayley of Macclesfield Proactive CID said: *“Not only was Gradwell absconding from prison, but he was also on a crime spree leaving a trail of victims feeling violated in their own homes by his actions. Gradwell showed a complete disregard to the law and safety of members of the public in his efforts to evade police resulting in life-changing injuries sustained to an innocent member of the public out walking. Thankfully he is back behind bars where he belongs.”*

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox of Macclesfield Proactive CID, added: *“This case demonstrates the continued joint relationship working with our colleagues in Greater Manchester Police. Burglary is a horrific offence, and I hope that the sentence handed to Gradwell will provide some closure to the victims and also provide reassurance to the local community. I also hope that the case acts as a warning to anyone else who is thinking about coming to Cheshire to commit crime.”*

Tribute issued following fatal collision on the M56

The family of a 38-year-old man who died following a collision on the M56 in Cheshire have paid tribute to him.

Krisstoffer Henshall died during the early hours of Monday 31 August after he was involved in a collision while walking on the M56 eastbound between junctions 14 (Hapsford) and 12 (Runcorn). Following his death, Kriss’ family said: *“Our family is heartbroken by the sudden loss of Kriss, and we are struggling to understand and process this devastating news. He will be missed beyond words. We respectfully ask for privacy as we mourn his loss and support one another through this difficult time.”*



Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and anyone with any information or video footage which may aid the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting ML-2407733.

Constabulary supports successful Creamfields operation

The policing operation to support Creamfields music festival has come to a successful conclusion, with a total of 38 arrests made.

Cheshire Constabulary once again worked alongside event organisers for this year's event in Daresbury. The event attracted capacity crowds of 80,000 people, with around 55,000 camping on site across the four-day festival. Creamfields took place between Thursday 27 and Monday 31 August and involved a significant operation both over the Bank Holiday weekend itself, and during the extensive planning phase for the event. Officers supported event and security staff and provided a visible policing presence to make the event as safe as possible, while minimising the impact on local residents. A total of 122 incidents were reported for a variety of offences over the course of the event, the most common being drug-related. A total of £246,000 worth of illegal drugs were seized throughout the operation.

Supt Andy Blizard, Creamfields Silver Commander, said: *"The Creamfields policing operation brought together teams from across the organisation, who worked alongside partner agencies, event staff and Cream Global to deliver a safe event for those who attended. The vast majority of festival-goers were cooperative, and we also worked alongside the event organisers to minimise the impact to the wider community, with local residents praising the engagement and support provided by our neighbourhood policing teams."*

"As with previous years, we targeted those who were intent on supplying illegal substances at the festival - before and during the event. Officers conducted pre-event site searches, the event utilised surrender bins, and there were also extensive search processes carried by security personnel at entrances to the site. We also supported Creamfields with their plans to deter trespassing, and for the first time we used retrospective facial recognition to help identify outstanding suspects."

"The policing operation also extends beyond the festival coming to an end, All of those who were arrested at the festival and are being investigated will now have to face the consequences and pay the price for their actions."

A man who assaulted a woman at a hotel in Chester has been jailed.

Michael Wright, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 30 months in prison at Chester Crown Court on Friday 28 August 2026.

The 31-year-old had pleaded guilty to assault by beating, criminal damage and inflicting grievous bodily harm without intent. On 5 June 2026 at around 10.10pm, police received reports of an assault at a hotel in Pepper Street, Chester. Officers attended and the female victim was found with an injury to her face. Inside the hotel room, a mirror had been smashed, and Wright had lacerations to his hand. He was subsequently arrested for assault and criminal damage. The victim told police Wright had an argument with her, during which he hit her several times. She suffered a large laceration to her face and bruises.

Police Constable Gemma Yates said: *"No-one should have to be subjected to this kind of behaviour, and I welcome the custodial sentence handed to Wright. Not only did he assault the victim, but he also smashed a mirror during the incident, which must have been an incredibly frightening situation."*



If anyone has been a victim of these kinds of offences, please contact Cheshire Police to report it on 101 or visit our website and report online."

Man charged following altercation in Winsford

Officers have charged a man following reports of a disturbance at a public house in Winsford.

Mark Wynne was arrested at around 11pm on Sunday 30 August following reports of an altercation between two men outside the Queens Arms on Dene Drive. The 41-year-old of Pinewood Road, Winsford, has since been charged with public order offences. Wynne has been released on bail and is set to appear at Crewe Magistrates Court on Wednesday 21 October.

Man charged following incident at Warrington Hospital

Police have charged a man with multiple offences following reports of an incident at Warrington Hospital.

Police have charged a man with multiple offences following reports of an incident at Warrington Hospital. Stephen Vickers was arrested at around 1.45am on Saturday 29 August following reports of a disturbance in the Emergency Department at Warrington Hospital. The 42-year-old, of Weavers Fold, Warrington, has since been charged with S39 Assault and Outraging Public Decency. Vickers has been since bailed and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Thursday 17 September.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following Widnes battery burglary

Officers investigating the theft of a large quantity of batteries from an industrial site in Widnes are appealing for information and witnesses.

On Thursday 3 September, officers in Widnes responded to a call relating to a burglary from an industrial site in the Hale Road area of the town. The caller reported that an unknown number of people had forcibly accessed a storage container and stole approximately 170 Pylon Tech US2000D, US3000D, and US5000 solar panel



batteries from a storage container at the SWS North West Ltd site. The US2000D and US3000D models are not available for the general public to buy. Also taken were Force H3 and BMS batteries and a quantity of power cubes, with it being estimated that between £100,000 and £120,000 worth of stock was stolen. The exact time and date of the burglary is not known, but it is believed to have occurred between Thursday 27 August and Thursday 3 September.

Detective Sergeant McClatchey said: *“Enquiries are currently ongoing to positively identify those involved in the theft of this very specific type of battery and, as part of this investigation, we are now appealing to anyone with any information to come forward. The batteries in question are exclusively used within solar panels and contain a considerable amount of lithium, meaning they pose a considerable public health and environmental risk if handled incorrectly or damaged. So, with that in mind, I would please like to ask the public to remain cautious if they come across anyone looking to sell batteries on such a large scale and to report any concerns to our officers.*

“We would also like to ask anyone who works and frequents the Hale Road area of Widnes to please review any CCTV or dashcam footage they have, to see if anything that could aid our investigation has been captured.”

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, or by calling 101, and quoting incident reference number IML-2410058.

Residents urged to be vigilant following spate of thefts from vehicles in Ellesmere Port

Officers are warning residents in Ellesmere Port to remain vigilant and ensure their vehicles are secure following a spate of thefts from vehicles in the town.

Over the recent days, police have been called to a number of reports of thefts from insecure motor vehicles in the Great Sutton and Little Sutton area. These include incidents on Spinney Drive, Overpool Road, Jenkinson Lane and Hope Farm Road. Enquiries in relation to the incidents are ongoing additional patrols are being undertaken in the local area.

Detective Sergeant Tom Philpotts of Ellesmere Port Proactive CID said: *“Enquiries in relation to these incidents are ongoing and from our initial enquiries, we believe that the incidents involve one man, who was possibly riding a bike, who has been attempting to access insecure vehicles. Additional patrols have been deployed to the local area we’re also asking residents in the area to check their CCTV and doorbell footage to see if they have any video footage which may aid our investigation. In addition, we’re also urging residents in the area to make sure their vehicles are kept secure at all times.”*

Anyone with any information or footage which may aid the investigation is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2409232. Information can also be reported to Crimestoppers, anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via the [Crimestoppers website](#).

Appeal for information following theft of Guinness stock in Runcorn

Officers investigating the theft of two HGV trailers containing over 800 barrels of Guinness from a depot in Runcorn are appealing for witnesses.

At around 7.45pm on Monday 31 August, a lorry entered an industrial estate in the Aston Lane area of Runcorn. The lorry is then connected to a HGV trailer containing barrels of Guinness before leaving the site at 7.55pm and driving in the direction of the Mersey Gateway. Then at 9.12pm, a second lorry arrived at the same site and connected it to another trailer containing barrels of

Guinness. The lorry left the site at around 9.30pm, in the direction of Rainhill and Watkinson Way. It was estimated total value of all the items stolen is approximately £205,000.

The trailers are described as white Tri-Axle Curtain side trailers with GXO company branding on curtains and rear doors. The trailers also have unique ID numbers on their rear doors in the top left corner. The ID numbers of stolen trucks are DL736 or DL542. Both HGVs were believed to have been driven by men. The first man is described as white with a short dark beard and wearing a beanie hat and the second believed to be wearing a cap. Officers are now appealing to anyone with any information or dashcam and video footage taken from around the time of the incident, to come forward.

Detective Sergeant McClatchey said: *"It is famously said that "Guinness is good for you", but that is only the case when it has been bought and paid for. It is with this in mind that we have wasted no time in launching enquires to identify those responsible for the theft of £115,000 worth Guinness and the two trailers that housed the barrels – we will settle for nothing less than the full recovery of all the items stolen.*

"As part of our investigation into fully established what has occurred, we are now appealing to anyone who has any information in relation to the theft to please come forward and speak to officers. We would also ask any motorists who were driving in the area at the time of either of the incidents to please review any dashcam footage to see if you have captured anything that could aid our investigation."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, or by calling 101, and using incident reference number IML-2408641.

Police appeal for witnesses following Congleton assault

Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault in Congleton.

Sometime between 12.10am and 12.30am on 20 June a man was assaulted outside the NatWest Bank on High Street by a man who was with a group of other men. He was helped by a couple to receive medical assistance and went to hospital the following day with serious facial injuries.

DC Sarah Sayer said: *"There were a number of people around at the time of the incident and I would urge those who saw the assault and have not yet spoken with police to contact us. I'd also like to get in touch with the couple who assisted the victim and anyone who has information about the assault that may help with our enquiries."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting 26000490844. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal renewed following fatal collision on the M56 in Cheshire

Detectives investigating a fatal collision on the M56 in Cheshire have renewed their appeal for information.

Krisstoffer Henshall was walking on the eastbound carriageway of the M56 between junctions 14 (Hapsford) and 12 (Runcorn), at around 12.50am on Monday 31 August when he was involved in a collision with three cars – a black Dacia Duster, a red Kia Niro and a black Ford Focus. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, 38-year-old Kriss was pronounced dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and they are being supported by specialist officers. Enquires to establish the full circumstances surrounding the incident are ongoing and officers are continuing to appeal for information from the public.

Detective Sergeant Russ Sime, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"We are aware of a number of rumours circulating in relation to this collision, including reports that Kriss had been to Creamfields, which are simply incorrect and I would urge people not to speculate. This is an extremely difficult time for his family and friends, and our priority is to establish what took place.*

"As part of the investigation we are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident or believes they may have seen Kriss on the motorway prior to the collision, to get in touch. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam footage which may aid our investigation. Anyone with any information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-2407733."

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

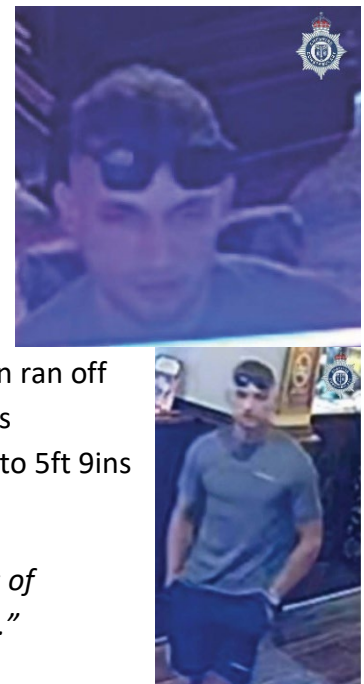
Police release CCTV images following Chester pub assault

Police have released CCTV images of a man they'd like to speak to following an assault at a pub in Chester.

At 12.10am on 14 August police were called to the Old Queen's Head on the Parade after a man was assaulted. The victim, who was on his own, had been invited to drink with a group of people. The group asked him for money which he withdrew from a cash machine. A man and woman left once they had the money, and a second man went to follow them. The victim went to follow him, and he was assaulted by the man who then ran off towards Eastgate Street. The victim sustained a broken jaw. The suspect is described as white, approximately 21 to 26 years old and around 5ft 8ins to 5ft 9ins tall. He was wearing a grey t-shirt, navy shorts, and white trainers.

DC Ashley Frowe said: *"I'd urge anyone who recognises the man or knows of whereabouts to contact us so that we can progress with our investigation."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](http://www.cheshire.police.uk) quoting 26000662930. Alternatively, information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Police appeal for information following deliberate van fire in Runcorn

Police are appealing for witnesses and CCTV after a van was deliberately set alight in Runcorn.

Shortly after midnight on Monday 31 August 2026, a van was set on fire parked along the street on Cornwall Close. Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service attended to extinguish the fire, and enquiries are

continuing to find those responsible. One suspect is seen to walk up to the van before the fire is then started, and the second suspect assists on a moped. The two then leave on the moped towards the bottom of Cornwall Close.

DC Rhiannon Jones said: *"I would urge anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area or has CCTV footage that may help us with our enquiries to contact us. The same goes for anyone who may have information about those responsible."*

Anyone with information should Contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2407709. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following fatal collision in Warrington.

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision in Warrington.

Shortly before 6pm on Monday 31 August, police were called to reports of an incident on Greenwood Crescent, Warrington. Police and paramedics attended and on arrival they found there had been a collision between a brown Benelli BKX 125 motorbike and a grey Kia XCeed. Sadly, the rider of the motorbike, a 29-year-old man from Merseyside, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information which may aid the investigation.

T/Sergeant Rimmer, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"Enquiries in relation to this incident are in the early stages and we are committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what took place. Greenwood Crescent is a busy residential road and as part of our investigation, we're keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any video footage of the incident. We'd also like to hear from anyone with any video footage of the vehicles involved prior to the collision. I would also ask residents to check their doorbell cameras to see if they have any footage which may aid our investigation."*

Anyone with any information or video footage in relation to the case is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML 2408164.

Appeal for information following Warrington assault

Detectives investigating reports of an assault in Warrington are appealing for information from the public.

At around 5.30pm on Sunday 16 August, police were called to reports of an altercation on Orford Lane, Warrington. Following enquiries, two men aged 66 and 80, were arrested on suspicion of public order offences, racial abuse and assaulting an officer. Two 14-year-old boys, a 16-year-old boy, an 18-year-old man and a 19-year-old man were also arrested on suspicion of violent disorder in connection with the incident. All have since been released on bail pending further enquiries.

Detective Constable Stephen Wolstenholme said: *"Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and we're committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what took place. As part of our*

enquiries, we're keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the assault, or anyone with any information which may aid our investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 or [visit the website](#) quoting IML 2397574."

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision on the M56 in Cheshire.

At around 12.50am today, Monday 31 August, police were called to reports of a collision on the on the M56 eastbound between junctions 12 (Runcorn) and 14 (Hapsford).

Police and paramedics attended the scene and found that there had been a collision between a pedestrian and three cars, a black Dacia Duster, a red Kia Niro and a black Ford Focus. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved the pedestrian, believed to be a 38-year-old man from Golborne, was pronounced dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and they are being supported by specialist officers. The M56 eastbound was closed while officers dealt with the collision, it reopened at around 9.15am.

Detective Sergeant Russ Sime, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"This is a tragic incident, and our thoughts are with the family of the deceased. Enquiries to establish the full circumstances surrounding this collision are ongoing and as part of the investigation we are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident or believes they may have seen the pedestrian on the motorway prior to the collision, to get in touch. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam footage which may aid our investigation. Anyone with any information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML-2407733."*

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

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