

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Two charged in connection to aggravated burglary in Widnes

Two men from Liverpool have been charged following a burglary in Widnes.

Nathan Maguire and Curtis Lye were arrested on Thursday 20 August. Lye, 22, has since been charged with aggravated burglary with intent, grievous bodily harm with intent, possession of a knife in a public place and having an imitation firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence. Maguire, 23, has also been charged with aggravated burglary with intent and grievous bodily harm with intent.

The pair, both of Finch Lane, Liverpool, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 21 August. They were both remanded in custody to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 18 September. The charges relate to an incident that occurred on Monday 17 August, where officers were called to a flat on Grizedale following reports of a burglary.

Men charged with series of distraction thefts across the country

Three men have been charged with a series of distraction thefts totalling approximately £37,000.

The following three men were arrested on Tuesday 18 August 2026 and have since been charged with conspiracy to commit fraud by false representation and conspiracy to steal:

- Vasile Ciubotaru, 45, of Blafour Road, Ilford
- Ramonel Mandache, 51, of Henniker Gardens, East Ham, London
- Ionut Matei, 40, of no fixed abode

They appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 20 August 2026. They will next appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 17 September 2026. The charges relate to reports of 10 distraction thefts at cash machines between 9 October 2024 and 17 July 2026 across the following areas:

- Widnes, Cheshire
- Warrington, Cheshire
- Bury, Manchester
- Arnold, Nottinghamshire
- Beeston, Nottinghamshire
- Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
- Mexborough, Doncaster

Additional patrols in Chester to help keep city safe for residents and racegoers

Officers in Chester will be carrying out additional patrols this weekend to help keep the city safe for residents and racegoers.

On Saturday 22 August 2026, thousands of visitors are expected to travel to the city centre for the latest race day at Chester Racecourse. Additional patrols will be deployed across the weekend to help keep everyone safe and deal with any anti-social behaviour or disorder which may arise, as well as tackling drug-related offences. This includes both near to the racecourse itself, as well as key locations across the city.

To help support the operation, a dispersal order will also be in place from 7pm on Friday 21 August 2026 until 7am on Sunday 23 August 2026. It has been imposed under Section 34 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, making it an offence for anyone to return to a specific area for up to 48 hours to prevent disorder. The area covered by the order is highlighted in the attached mapped area. The map is provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave.



Inspector James Wilson, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *“The races are expected to bring thousands of visitors to Chester, and we are working alongside our partners at Chester Racecourse to ensure that everyone enjoys their time here safely. Whether you are a racegoer, resident or visitor, we know a vast majority of people will enjoy the weekend without disorder, however we will have an increased police presence in the area due to the influx of people expected. This, as well as the dispersal order, will allow us to take robust action should any anti-social, drug-related or other criminal behaviour arise in the city. These orders are an additional tactical option that allow us to directly combat these issues head-on, while providing a reassuring policing presence for the public. I would urge members of the public and businesses to continue to report any issues by contacting Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website or calling 101.”*

Steve Davies, COO at Chester Race Company, said: *“We’re really looking forward to welcoming guests to our Powell’s Jewellery Ladies Day fixture this weekend. It’s no surprise that it’s one of our most popular and well-loved events on the racing calendar, with a Best Dressed competition promising amazing prizes, celebrity DJs providing the music, and an excellent line-up of runners and riders all helping to make it a phenomenal day of racing. As with any event we put on at Chester Racecourse, safety is always our first priority. We take every possible measure to look after our guests and maintain our status as a welcoming venue to all. This includes working closely with local authorities to eliminate any possibility of drugs entering our site. We take a zero-tolerance approach to drugs, and this is evident at every touchpoint, so people know the score from the off-set. We’re grateful to Cheshire Police for working so collaboratively with us and other businesses across Chester to help keep the city safe and enjoyable for everyone on a race day.”*

Cheshire Constabulary working to ensure festival goers enjoy Creamfields safely

Creamfields 2026 is taking place in Daresbury over the August Bank Holiday Weekend, and Cheshire Constabulary is once again working alongside organisers to ensure that everyone attending stays safe.

Up to 80,000 music fans are expected at the annual event, which returns to the area from Thursday 27 to Monday 31 August. During the festival, officers will be supporting Creamfields event and security staff and providing a visible presence to prevent incidents of crime and disorder from occurring. As part of the pre-event disruption work, a number of searches of the site area are carried out by specialist officers. These searches will continue in the run up to the event, as part of the police's commitment to making it as safe as possible for visitors. The operation extends beyond the festival site's borders, with a particular focus on supporting communities and trying to minimise the impact of the festival on local residents.

Cheshire Constabulary is also supporting Creamfields with their plans to deter trespassing, and is asking parents and responsible adults to ensure children under the age of 18 do not travel to the site. Spot checks will be in operation around the festival site and anyone who is under 18, or without a ticket, will be ejected. This year will also see retrospective facial recognition technology being used at the festival. This works by comparing CCTV footage from the event to national police databases. Any outstanding suspects who are matched will then be passed on to an investigating officer for further enquiries.

Superintendent Andy Blizzard, who is overseeing the policing operation for the event, said: *"As always, a great deal of time and effort has gone into planning for this event to ensure that we are as prepared as possible for what is the biggest event that we help to police in Cheshire. Our main aim is to ensure the safety of festival goers and to support the local community, and I know that most people who will attend will enjoy the event responsibly. The event organisers have a range of security measures in place such as searches before being granted entry and drug dogs are in attendance. Amnesty bins are also in place at entrance points of the site for prohibited items and anyone who does not use these bins but is found to be in possession of drugs or weapons will be dealt with. If you are caught trying to smuggle any drugs into the festival, you will be prosecuted - and the impact of that is long lasting. Our disruption work is not just focused on the event itself, but continues both before and after the festival, so there really is nowhere to hide. We will be working hard, alongside Creamfields, to make sure everyone can enjoy the festival safely and respectfully."*

To report a non-emergency incident at Creamfields visit www.cheshire.police.uk or call 101. In an emergency always dial 999. Local residents can find out more information about the event and how it could impact them at www.creamfields.com/residents. Concerns can be raised with the festival organisers by calling 0207 6888 900.

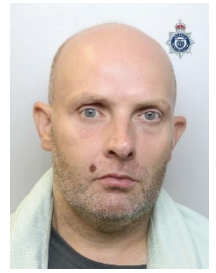
Two men convicted in relation to theft from cars in Northwich

Two men have been convicted following a series of thefts from motor vehicles in the Winnington area of Northwich.

Daryl Cobain and Jamie Clarke both appeared at Chester Magistrates Court where they admitted their involvement in the incidents. The pair also pleaded guilty to a number of thefts from shops in Northwich, while Clarke was also charged with breaching his criminal behaviour order, which

prevented him from entering certain shops in the town, thanks to an investigation by Northwich Neighbourhood policing officers.

Clarke, of Farm Road, Weaverham, appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 18 August where he was sentenced to 34 weeks in prison. The 39-year-old pleaded guilty to five counts of theft from a shop, four counts of breaching a criminal behaviour order and two counts of fraud by false representation.



Cobain, 50, of no fixed abode, Northwich, attended Chester Magistrates on Wednesday 19 August, where he pleaded guilty to one count of theft from a motor vehicle, three counts of vehicle interference, two counts of fraud by false representation and possession of cannabis. He has been remanded in custody and is set to be sentenced at Chester Magistrates Court on Wednesday 9 September.

Between Wednesday 12 and Friday 14 August officers received numerous reports of a group of men who were attempting to access insecure vehicles on Alderley Road, Penrhyn Road, Woodlea Court, Foxendale Close and Blossom Heights. A number of items were stolen, including a large quantity of cash and several bank cards. An investigation into the incidents was launched by officers from Northwich Proactive Policing Unit. Following enquiries, officers recovered CCTV footage which linked Cobain to four incidents on Penryn Road, Foxendale Close and Blossom Heights. In addition, they also recovered footage which showed Cobain and Clarke using the stolen cards to make a number of fraudulent transactions. After identifying the pair as being involved in the incidents, both men were quickly located and arrested. Clarke was detained by an off duty Special Constable in Weaverham.

Following the convictions, Police Constable Ed Whalley, of Northwich Proactive CID said: *"Both Clarke and Cobain were relentless in their offending, targeting innocent people's belongings for their own selfish gain. I have no doubt that had they not been arrested they would have continued to offend. However, within days of these incidents being reported we were quickly able to identify the pair as the offenders, and they are now being held accountable for their actions. This is a great example of the teamwork between Northwich Proactive CID and the local Neighbourhood officers, who all played key roles in helping to secure these convictions. I hope that the swift conclusion of this case will provide reassurance for local residents."*

A third defendant has also been charged in relation to incidents. Jonathan Pardoe has been charged one count of theft from a motor vehicle, three counts of vehicle interference, two counts of fraud by false representation and possession of cannabis. The 50-year-old appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 19 August where he pleaded not guilty to the charges and is listed for trial at Crewe Magistrates Court on Wednesday 30 September.

Warrington man jailed following multi-officer assault

A man from Warrington has been jailed for assaulting several officers who had tracked him down after being witnessed driving dangerously and whilst disqualified.

Christopher Fleming appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 14 August, where he was jailed for 14 weeks (three months and one week). The sentencing comes after Fleming, of Gregory Close, Warrington, pleaded guilty to using a motor vehicle on a public road without insurance, failing to stop for police, driving without due care and attention and driving whilst disqualified. Fleming had also pleaded guilty to three counts of assaulting a police officer and obstructing an officer in the execution of their duty.



The case against Fleming began on 13 August in the Firs Lane area of Warrington, when an on-duty Police Constable approached a blue BMW 1 Series that was being driven by Fleming, and requested him to remain where he was. The stop was made following a report that a man matching his description had entered a blue BMW, allegedly under the influence of alcohol. Fleming, however, chose to ignore the officer and drove off at speed. A short time later, an officer from the Rural Crime Team spotted the same BMW driving in excess of the speed limit in the Cromwell Avenue area and made attempts to stop the vehicle. Again, Fleming wilfully ignored officers and continued driving at high speeds, running a set of red lights, with the officer later finding the BMW in the Helmsdale Lane area, with no sign of the driver.

The force's Dog Unit was deployed to the scene, with PD Raffi and his handler tracking Fleming to an address on Gregory Close, roughly a mile away. Officers converged on the scene and the 42-year-old was found inside the address, claiming he had not been out of the property in some time and had not been driving the BMW. It was also uncovered that Fleming had been banned from driving in 2005 and had not yet taken the extended test required of him to regain a driving licence. Actively resisting attempts the officers made to detain and arrest him, Fleming became violent, making threats and kicking two of the officers and even attempting to grab another's taser. Working together, the officers successfully detained the man and placed him in the back of a police van, ready to be taken to custody.

In custody, Fleming also lunged at one of the officers, with his teeth making contact with the officer's arm. This resulted in Fleming being taken to the floor as officers worked to calm him down, ensuring he did not harm himself or the officers further as he was secured in the custody cell. When invited to explain his side of the story in interview, Fleming gave no comment answers to all questions put to him in relation to both the dangerous driving and assault elements of the incident. Despite this, he chose to plead guilty on his first appearance in court and was sentenced immediately.

Chief Inspector Cameron Taylor said: *"Christopher Fleming's arrest and subsequent conviction was the result of a team-effort; officers from several specialist departments coming together with a common goal in mind: to locate and arrest a dangerous driver who posed a serious risk to other road-users and pedestrians. I would like to thank the attending officers for the utmost professionalism they showed throughout this particularly challenging arrest and transfer to custody. Our officers do not come to work to be physically assaulted in any form, they come to work to protect the public and bring those who have done wrong to justice - which is exactly the result we have achieved here."*

Northwich man charged following serious collision in Widnes.

A man who was arrested following a serious collision on the Mersey Gateway in Widnes has now been charged.

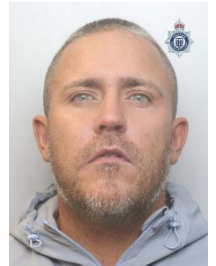
At 6.45pm on Monday 17 August, police were called to reports of a collision on the northbound carriageway of the A533 Mersey Gateway. Officers attended and found there had been a collision involving three vehicles, a black Ford Focus, a black Mercedes and a grey Audi. The road was closed while emergency services dealt with the incident. There were no reports of any life-threatening injuries, but a number of casualties were treated by paramedics.

The driver of the Ford Focus was arrested at the scene in relation to the incident. He was initially taken to hospital as a precautionary measure, before being taken to police custody. Lewis Verdin, of College Way, Hartford, Northwich, has since been charged with driving while disqualified, dangerous driving, driving without insurance and failing to stop following a collision. The 25-year-old has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Wednesday 19 August.

Winsford man sentenced for dealing cocaine

A man from Winsford has been sentenced after he pleaded guilty to supplying class A drugs

James Cross appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 18 August where he was sentenced to 32 months in prison, suspended for 24 months. The 39-year-old of Lyndale Court, Winsford, had previously pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine and possession with intent to supply cocaine.



The court heard how in July 2025, officers became aware of a mobile phone number which was being used to supply class A drugs in Winsford. The number was a pay as you go and was not registered to any individuals. However, following enquiries, officers discovered that on Wednesday 20 August 2025 a top-up voucher for the number had been purchased at a shop on Weaver Street. CCTV recovered from the store showed that the person buying the voucher had travelled to the store in an Audi A3 which was registered to Cross. Further messages were recovered from the phone, which showed that Cross was regularly making arrangements to buy and sell cocaine, often travelling to Liverpool, Trafford, Crewe and Tarvin.

On Wednesday 15 October, officers from Northwich Proactive Policing Unit were driving an unmarked car on Wharton Road, when they spotted Cross's Audi. They followed the car into Lyndale Court, and Cross was arrested for drugs offences as he exited the passenger door. As he was arrested, Cross attempted to pass two mobile phones to other people in the car, but was intercepted by officers who seized the devices, along with £600 cash. A search was also conducted at his home where officers recovered approximately £1770 worth of cocaine. Cross was taken to police custody where he answered no comment to all the questions put to him by officers. He was later released on bail, before being charged with drugs offences.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Dean Butterworth, of Northwich Proactive Policing Unit, said: *"Drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities and we are committed to doing all we can to ensure those responsible are put before the courts. In this case, as soon as we received*

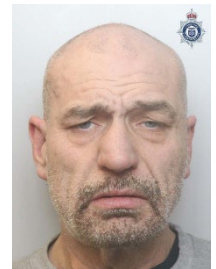
the intelligence that the mobile phone was being used to supply illegal drugs, we were quickly able to identify Cross as the owner through the CCTV footage, leading to his arrest. Following our subsequent investigation, we were able to gather a catalogue of evidence linking him to the supply of cocaine in the Winsford area and leaving him with no option but to admit his guilt. While Cross has now been sentenced, our fight against illegal drugs remains ongoing. If you have any information in relation to the supply in your community, please call us on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us

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

Man jailed for Class A drug dealing in Winsford

A man from Winsford has been jailed after he admitted being involved in the supply of class A drugs.

Karl Lamb appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 18 August where he was sentenced to 27 months in prison. The 53-year-old of Wharton Gardens, Winsford, had previously pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of class A drugs (cocaine).



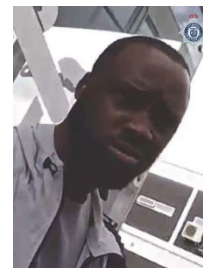
The court heard how on Friday 16 January 2026, officers were called to reports of an unrelated incident at Lamb's address in Winsford. Police were deployed to the address and Lamb was quickly arrested in relation to the matter. He was searched by officers and found in possession of more than £950 cash. Following the arrest, officers conducted a search of his address where they discovered a box of white powder, digital scales and a note pad containing a list of customers. The white powder was later tested and confirmed as cocaine with a street value of up to £4,250.

A mobile phone was also seized which contained messages showing that Lamb had been actively involved in the sale of cocaine between 16 May 2025 and January 2026. During questioning he claimed that he was not involved in the sale of illegal drugs and the cash which was seized following his arrest was from the sale of a car, he also stated that he had found the box of drugs in his garden, just before officers arrived at the scene. Despite his claims he was later charged with drugs offences.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Ed Whalley, of Northwich Proactive CID, said: *"Lamb thought that he would be able to evade justice by lying to officers with his ridiculous claim that he had simply 'found' more than £4,000 worth of class A drugs in his garden, just before officers came to arrest him. However, due to the strength of the evidence we were able to gather against him, his web of lies quickly fell apart and he had no option but to admit his guilt. Drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, causing widespread misery. As such, cutting off supplies of illegal drugs and removing dealers from our streets is of paramount importance. I would appeal to anyone who has any information about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place in their communities to contact us on 101, via the website or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."*

London man jailed following Crewe knife-point robbery

A man from London has been jailed for committing an armed robbery at a mobile phone shop in Crewe.



Steven Zehi, of Great Amwell Lane, Hornsey, London, was jailed for eight years and six months at Wood Green Crown Court on Monday 17 August after previously pleading guilty to three counts of robbery and possession of a knife in a public place. During the hearing, the court was told that on Friday 27 June 2025, Zehi entered a mobile phone retailer in the Market Street area of Crewe and made enquiries about purchasing a phone. A member of staff showed Zehi a number of devices, including an iPhone 16 Pro Max. Zehi then attempted to snatch two phones from the counter. When the shop worker resisted and challenged his behaviour, Zehi produced a knife and made threats to stab him, stating that he would return later to kill him. Following the confrontation, Zehi fled the scene with the iPhone.

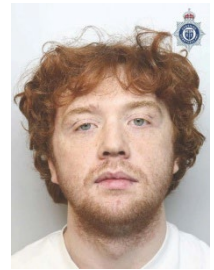
Officers attended the shop shortly afterwards and launched an investigation, supported by a description of the suspect provided by the victim. CCTV enquiries showed that a man matching the suspect's description fled the Market Street area towards Crewe Railway Station before boarding a train. Retroactive facial recognition software was used on CCTV footage taken both inside the shop and at Crewe Station, resulting in a positive identification of Steven Zehi. With Zehi identified as the suspect, he was circulated as wanted to police forces nationwide and to the British Transport Police. Zehi was later located and arrested by Armed Response Officers and British Transport Police as his train arrived at Coventry Station approximately two-and-a-half hours after the incident. Officers recovered both the stolen iPhone and the knife used in the robbery upon his arrest. Zehi was later transported back to Cheshire for interview. However, the 28-year-old refused to leave his cell and declined to answer any questions put to him by officers. Enquiries also identified Zehi being wanted for two other robbery offences in London on Wednesday 30 April and Tuesday 10 June 2025, which he also pleaded guilty to in court.

Inspector Dan Welch, of Crewe Local Policing Unit's Neighbourhood Team, said: *"I am very glad to see the Steven Zehi has been held accountable for his actions and will be spending the foreseeable future behind bars. The victim in this incident was left considerably shaken by the ordeal and showed considerable bravery despite the situation. Nobody should ever expect to go to work and be faced with the threat of physical violence or serious injury whilst simply trying to do their job. What this case has shown is that the installation of CCTV cameras in local business and retail settings can be crucial in enabling investigating officers to identify suspects. It was the use of CCTV footage taken from the scene of the robbery and at Crewe Station, paired with the deployment of Retroactive Facial Recognition software that allowed officers to quickly identify Zehi as our suspect, circulate him as wanted, and then have him arrested by BTP colleagues less than three hours after the offence took place. I would like take this opportunity to thank our policing colleagues both within Cheshire and on the railway networks and beyond for their efforts that has allowed us to secure this conviction."*

Drug dealer jailed for selling cocaine in Widnes

A drug dealer who sold cocaine in Widnes has been jailed.

Bentley Lang-Cole appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 6 August where he was sentenced to three years and six months in prison. The 23-year-old of Smithdown Road, Picton, Liverpool, had earlier pleaded guilty to being concerned in the offer to supply cocaine. The court heard how Lang-Cole was identified following an investigation led by Widnes Proactive CID into the supply of illegal drugs into the town.



Enquiries led officers to identifying a mobile phone number used by Lang-Cole to send hundreds of daily 'flare' messages, advertising the sale of cocaine to users in Widnes. Lang-Cole was later arrested during a warrant at his address. During searches, officers seized a large quantity of cash and the phone Lang-Cole used to sell the drugs.

A Cheshire Police Spokesperson said: *"Illegal drugs have a devastating impact on our communities, and we're committed to doing all we can to identify those responsible and ensure they are held accountable for their actions. In Lang-Cole's case, he thought that he'd be able to hide his activity by using a 'graft phone' to peddle his illegal drugs. However, he clearly underestimated the dedication of the team here at Widnes and is now paying the price for his actions. While Lang-Cole is now behind bars, our fight against illegal drugs remains ongoing, and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in Widnes to get in touch."*

Partnership patrol tackles anti-social behaviour and rough sleeping in Northwich

A multi-agency community safety patrol has taken place in Northwich following reports from businesses and residents about anti-social behaviour and rough sleeping in and around the town centre.



The patrol, organised by the Northwich Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Unit, brought together partners from Cheshire West and Chester Council's Community Safety Team, Housing Services, outreach services and Cheshire Police. During the operation on Thursday 13 August 2026, officers visited 10 locations across Northwich town centre and surrounding areas. The team spoke with several individuals, offering advice and support, while also taking enforcement action where appropriate.

The patrol included visits to known locations and discussions with Northwich Town Council to identify any new areas where people may be sleeping rough. As a result of the operation, several referrals were made to Housing Options to help individuals access support and accommodation services. The team also issued a Community Protection Warning in response to anti-social behaviour and confiscated alcohol under the town centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

Councillor Stuart Bingham, the Council's Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Neighbourhood Pride, said: *"Partnership working is vital in helping us address anti-social behaviour and support vulnerable people in our communities. These patrols allow us to respond to concerns raised by residents and businesses, while ensuring that people who need help can access the right support services. We will continue to work closely with our partners to keep Northwich town centre safe, welcoming and accessible for everyone."*

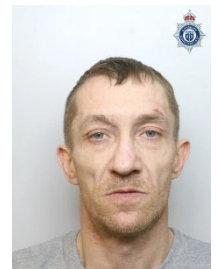
Inspector Paul Heatley, from Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *"We know that anti-social behaviour and rough sleeping can have a significant impact on local communities, businesses and visitors to the town centre. These joint patrols allow us to take action where enforcement is needed, while also working with partners to make sure vulnerable people are connected with the support services available to them. By sharing information and working together, we can address issues more effectively and help keep Northwich a safe and welcoming place for everyone."*

People concerned about someone sleeping rough can report it through StreetLink, a national service that connects people sleeping rough with local support services. Alerts sent through StreetLink are passed to Forum Housing's outreach team, who will attempt to locate the individual and offer support. To make a referral, visit the [StreetLink](#) website. The Northwich ASB Unit is a partnership between Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire Constabulary, working together to tackle anti-social behaviour and improve community safety across Northwich and Winsford.

Collared: e-scooter rider jailed after dog leads officers to owner who failed to stop for police

A man from Runcorn has been sentenced after his dog, whom he had left behind whilst fleeing from police on an illegal e-scooter, led officers to his address.

Charles Foy appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Friday 7 August, where he was sentenced to three months imprisonment and banned from driving for four years and three months. Foy, of Beaconsfield Road, Runcorn, had previously been found guilty of failing to stop for police, driving whilst disqualified, using a motor vehicle without insurance and failing to provide a drug test during a one-day trial in March 2026.



The court heard that in February of this year, an officer on patrol spotted the 41-year-old riding an e-scooter, a vehicle that cannot be insured and is illegal to use on public roads, with two dogs running alongside him. The officer noted that there was also a considerable smell of cannabis coming from the rider and, based on these observations, indicated that Foy pull over. However, Foy actively ignored this and made attempts to escape the pursuing officer by driving down cul-de-sacs and narrow alleyways.

During his escape attempt, one of the dogs running alongside the scooter, a labrador, fell behind – unable to keep up with the high speeds of the e-scooter. The officer then exited the patrol car and then followed the distressed animal to an address on Beaconsfield Road. At the property, which appeared to be unoccupied, the second dog that had been running alongside Foy appeared at a ground floor window. After several attempts to rouse any occupants inside the address to come to the door, officers entered the property and conducted a search. A short time later they would come across an open loft hatch and find Foy underneath several pieces of insulation. The 41-year-old claimed he had been asleep in the loft due to the overcrowded nature of the property and that he had not been out riding the e-scooter that night. He would also tell officers during interview that he was unaware that police cars were fitted with sirens.

PC Mike Smith, of Runcorn Response, said: *"Whilst Foy showed no loyalty to his own dog as he attempted to make good his escape from pursuing police, the pup ultimately remained loyal and provided us with a vital lead - taking us straight to the address of his master. The custodial sentence and the four-plus-year road ban handed to Foy reflects the serious nature of the offences he committed. Not only did he appear to be riding under the influence of substances that could severely impair his reaction times, but the fact of the matter is that he was riding an illegal vehicle that can reach considerable speeds in a matter of seconds and can have devastating effects should a collision occur. Vehicles like e-scooters and e-bike cannot be ridden on public roads due to the fact that they cannot be insured. In these cases, they may actually be classed as a motor vehicle, meaning the rider would need a licence, insurance and a helmet - something many riders like Foy do not possess."*

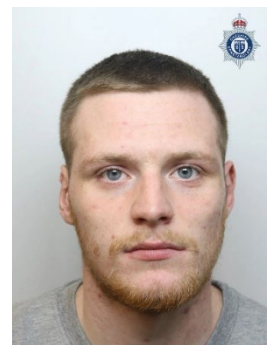
Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal to trace wanted man from Warrington

Officers in Warrington are appealing for help in tracing a wanted man.

Declan Taylor is wanted on recall to prison. The 27-year-old is described as white, around 5'8" tall, with blue eyes and short brown hair. Taylor is from Warrington and has a number of connections across the town.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, or on 101, quoting incident reference number 26000612164.

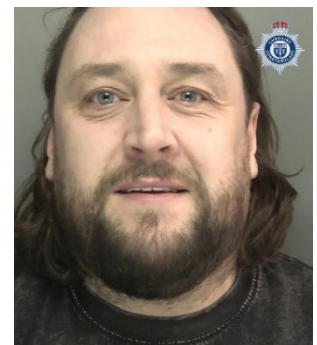


Appeal to trace Thorn Cross absconder

Police are appealing for help in tracing a man who has absconded from HMP Thorn Cross. Kyle

Kyle Chase was last seen leaving HMP Thorn Cross in Warrington at around 9am on Friday 14 August and has not since returned. Chase was last seen wearing a black jacket, black shorts, grey trainers and a grey cap. He was also believed to be carrying a black ruck sack. He is described as white, around 5'9" tall, with brown hair and a beard. The 41-year-old has a number of links to the Merseyside area.

Anyone with any information regarding Chase's whereabouts is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, quoting incident number IML-2398980.



Images released following attempted stone theft in Warrington

Officers investigating the attempted theft of stone from a church in Warrington have released images of people they would like to speak to.

At some time between 4am and 7am on Tuesday 28 May, an unknown number of people accessed the church ground of St Elphin's on Church Street, Warrington. It is believed that the suspects filled a wheelie bin, that had been taken from outside of an address on St Katherine's Way, with historic stone from around the church yard. Both the bin and the stone were recovered, but officers are now appealing to anyone with any information in relation to the incident to come forward. As part of their enquires, officers have now released a CCTV image of a man who they believe holds vital information in connection to the incident.



Police Constable Jonathan Lightfoot, of the Rural Crime Team, said: *"Churches are quite often targeted by offenders due to their vulnerabilities and it being seen that stealing from them is a victimless crime - this could not be further from the truth. Stealing from our heritage sites is a crime against us all. We treat this very seriously in Cheshire and will follow all evidence to track down the suspects. As part of our investigation into this incident, we would like to speak to the man pictured – we believe he holds vital information. Anyone who recognises him is asked to contact Cheshire Police. I would also encourage the man pictured to get in touch."*

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, quoting incident number 26000422049.

Police appeal for help in tracing wanted man

Police are appealing for help in tracing a wanted man from Warrington.

Francis Steven Dixon is wanted on recall to prison but is thought to be out of the country. The 51-year-old is believed to be either in Spain, Turkey or Cyprus. Dixon is 5ft 11ins tall and of proportionate build, he has brown hair and green eyes.



Anyone who knows of his whereabouts should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 1697846. Alternatively, information can be passed anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police urge victim to come forwards following reports of robbery in Macclesfield

Officers are urging the victim of a robbery in Macclesfield to come forward.

On Monday 17 August 2026, police received reports of a robbery in Byron Street, Macclesfield, from a witness. Footage showed that at 11.56am, the male victim was carrying a green suitcase when he was assaulted by a male suspect. The suspect then stole the suitcase and fled the scene after entering a white VW Tiguan which had pulled up at the roadside. The vehicle turned around

and headed in the direction of Cross Street. The victim is described as a white man and was wearing dark grey/navy shorts, t-shirt and shoes, and has multiple tattoos.

Two people have since been arrested in relation to the incident after the Tiguan vehicle was located in Wythenshawe. A 37-year-old man and a 41-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of robbery. They remain in police custody at this time.

Detective Sergeant Tiffany Berry-Perkin said: *"We have not yet had contact from the victim of this incident, and we would like to speak to them to ensure they are OK and check on their welfare. We would urge them, and anyone who may have any other information about what happened, to please get in touch with us. A number of arrests have been made and we would like to make contact with the victim as our enquiries into the incident continue. You can contact us by calling 101 or reporting information online, quoting IML-2398058."*

Police appeal for witnesses following Widnes aggravated burglary

Police are appealing for witnesses following an aggravated burglary at an address on Grizedale in Widnes.

At 11.59am today (Monday 17 August) police were called to a flat on Grizedale following reports that intruders had got into the flat and assaulted the occupant with a knife before stealing his clothing. The two male suspects were seen running off towards Bankfield Road. The victim has been taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2398044. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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