

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Consultation launched on the sale of three police buildings

Cheshire Constabulary has launched a consultation in relation to the proposed sale of three police buildings.

Under the proposals put forward by the force, three former stations will be sold, with all of the money saved set to be reinvested into front-line policing. The proposals come as part of the force's current estates strategy, which aims to ensure that Cheshire has fit-for-purpose facilities which are required to deliver effective operational policing.

The three buildings the force is proposing to sell are -

- Lymm - Dane Bank Road, Lymm
- Middlewich – Queen Street, Middlewich
- Winsford - Collingham Way, Winsford

The buildings have no public helpdesks and are not used as working stations, meaning that the proposals will not have any impact on local policing. Officers will continue to host their community meetings at the local bases in the three towns. It is estimated that that the proposals will save approximately £109,000 per annum in maintenance and utilities costs.

A Cheshire Police spokesman said: *"Firstly, I would like to reassure residents that these proposals will have no impact on day-to-day policing in our local communities. Over the past 30 years, the way we police has changed greatly, and the buildings we are looking to sell are no longer fit for purpose. None of the buildings are currently used as working stations, meaning that their sale will have no impact on response times for officers attending incidents. The buildings do not have public helpdesks, and while Winsford and Middlewich do have contact points outside the premises, these are used very rarely, with most residents now preferring to report incidents online or via telephone. We believe that the sale of the three buildings will save over £100,000 per year, which I am sure the majority of residents will agree will be better spent on front-line policing."*

The public consultation launches today (Friday 18 October) and will run for 28 days until 12pm on Friday 15 November. To provide your feedback to the proposals please visit

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CC_Building_consultation_2024

Wistaston man jailed for rape and domestic abuse

A man from Wistaston has been jailed for eight years after he controlled and abused his former partner.

Timothy White, of Glaisdale Close, Wistaston, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 17 October, where he was sentenced to eight years in prison. He will also be the subject of a four-year extended licence upon his release.



During his hearing, the court was told that between July 2021 and 2023, White subjected his former partner to sexual abuse and controlled her life, who she saw and spoke to. The victim explained that White regularly demanded sex from her, threatening violence and smothering her with a pillow, if she refused - the victim was able to secretly record this threat which was later used as evidence against White in court.

Out of fear of being harmed, the victim felt she was left with no option but to engage in non-consensual sex with White. The abuse was not just physical, with White regularly emotionally abusing her; putting her down, criticising her appearance and calling her worthless.

White's victim was also subjected to having her life controlled, with the court hearing that he 'hounded' her if she ever left the house to see friends, needing his permission to see family - with White often attending with her - and regularly accusing her of cheating to the point where she felt she needed to hand her phone over to him to prove her innocence. He also controlled when his partner slept, purposely depriving her of rest by tapping her awake every time she fell asleep.

In July of 2023, the victim left White and the relationship, to which he then began bombarding her with messages across multiple platforms, including social media, email, phone and text messages. White also started sending her bank transfers of a penny and using the payment reference to send her messages.

The couple had also planned a holiday together before the conclusion of their relationship and, in the following August, the victim spoke to White over the phone on one of the many occasions he called her. During the call, the 32-year-old threatened that, if she were to go away without him, he would burn her house down before she came back. The victim decided to contact Cheshire Police following White's frequent contact and harassment, before disclosing the reports of rape and controlling and coercive behaviour.

Timothy White was subsequently arrested on 27 January 2024 and during his interview, denied any form of controlling behaviour, rape or harassment, claiming he was only contacting her so frequently to get back money he was owed. Despite this, Timothy White pleaded guilty to rape, controlling and coercive behaviour and stalking and appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 17 October, where he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment.

DC Caitlin Slatford, of CID Reactive East, said: *"Timothy White is a prolific abuser who completely controlled a woman's life for over two years by not allowing her to see her friends, controlling when she slept and abusing her for his own sexual gratification. White also regularly accused her of being unfaithful when, in fact, she had done nothing wrong. Thankfully now, due to his victim's courage in coming forward to disclose his horrific actions, he has been held accountable and will be spending the next eight years behind bars. Not only this, upon his release, he will be continually monitored for a further four years to prevent any reoffending."*

"I would like to commend the victim's utmost bravery throughout this whole investigation and would like to encourage anyone who has been in a similar situation to get in touch - we will always act when it comes to cases of domestic abuse and we will do all we can to get you the justice you deserve."

If you, or someone you know, are a victim of domestic abuse please report it by calling 101 or visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us. In an emergency always call 999.

Operation Bigwing targets criminals across mid Cheshire

Seven people have been arrested today (Thursday 17 October) and more than £500,000 seized as part of ongoing efforts to disrupt criminal activity across Northwich and Winsford.

Operation Bigwing was launched by officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit following information from our 'Residents Voice', with the aim of making the local area an even safer place to live, work, and visit. The operation involved several departments from across the force, including Northwich Proactive CID, the Roads and Crime Unit, the Police Dogs, Hidden Harm Team, Special Constabulary, and local Beat Team.

The operation kicked off at around 7.30am when officers raided three addresses in Winsford following a five month investigation by Northwich Proactive CID in relation to an organised crime gang which is believed to have been operating in the area. The raids at three homes on Cotswold Way, Beckenham Grove and Westminster Grove, resulted in the arrest of five people and the recovery of a number of items under the Proceeds of Crime Act, including three high value cars, several large televisions, clothing, and other high value items. Approximately £20,000 of cocaine was also discovered at one of the addresses.



The two men, aged 39 and 35, and three women, aged 39, 39 and 34, were all arrested on suspicion of money laundering. All are currently in custody assisting police with their enquiries.

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As well as the warrants in Winsford, officers also executed another two warrants at addresses on Beaufort Close, Hartford, and Rilshaw Lane, Winsford. During the raid in Hartford, officers arrested a 28-year-old man on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class B drugs. Meanwhile, more than £500,000 cash was recovered from the address on Rilshaw Lane and a 75-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of concealing criminal property.

Following on from the success at the warrants, Special Constables and passive drugs dogs were also deployed to Winsford and Northwich train stations throughout the day, checking for anyone suspected of using the network to transport illegal drugs into the local area. In addition to the railway network, officers from the Roads and Crime Unit were also deployed to several key routes into the area, identifying any offences committed by drivers. Officers stopped a number of motorists for a variety of offences including drug driving.



The team also used ANPR technology to identify any vehicles suspected of being involved in the county lines drugs dealing. Meanwhile, officers from the Hidden Harm Team conducted visits to five premises to check for vulnerable people at risk of exploitation. As well as targeting offenders, officers from the local Beat Teams, supported by Special Constables, conducted reassurance patrols following the raids in Winsford, engaging with local residents to help to gather further intelligence.

Following the operation, the DS who led the warrants on Cotswold Way, Beckenham Grove and Westminster Grove, said: *"These three warrants this morning in Winsford are the culmination of a detailed investigation into an organised crime gang who we believe have been operating in the local area. Our enquiries show that this group has handled hundreds of thousands of pounds in recent years, despite most of them being unemployed, and we believe that this cash has come from criminal activities. In addition to the arrests, a large number of items which are believed to have been funded by crime were also seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), truly demonstrating that crime doesn't pay."*

The Community Inspector for Northwich Local Policing Unit, added: *"Today's operation highlighted our zero-tolerance approach to criminality across Northwich and Winsford. Throughout the day we used a whole host of tactics to disrupt criminals working in the local area. While Operation Bigwing may now have concluded, it is important to note that we use these regularly as part of our everyday policing tactics. We will always ensure the full force of the law is used against those who think they can commit crime in our communities, and I hope today's operation will reassure the public that we are always striving to stay one step ahead and stamp down on illegal activity."*

"We understand the impact that criminal activity has on our communities, and over the past year the team here at Northwich LPU have had some fantastic results, seized large quantities of illegal drugs, and removed a number of offenders from the streets of our towns. However, there are always improvements to be made and we will always act upon any information or feedback we receive from local residents. By working together, we can help to make Winsford and Northwich even safer places to live, work and visit. If you have any information about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place in Winsford or Northwich please report it to us on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, and we will do the rest."

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Man jailed for smuggling drugs in Creamfields Festival

A 27-year-old man has been jailed for two and a half years after being caught smuggling a number of illegal drugs into the Daresbury music festival in his shoes and underwear.

Luke Moran appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 10 October, where he was jailed for two and a half years after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine), possession with intent to supply class B drugs (ketamine) and attempted possession with intent to supply class B drugs.



During his hearing, the court heard that in the early hours of Friday 26 August 2022, security officers in the Gold Campsite of the Daresbury dance festival heard the sound of a nitrous oxide canister being degassed from one of the tents. Upon opening the tent, security officers found Moran with another man and two women surrounded by numerous nitrous oxide canisters - which were prohibited on site - inside.

A subsequent search of the tent was conducted, and the security officers found three small bags containing varying quantities of white powder. The security team also witnessed Moran dropping a large clear bag containing several smaller bags with white powder inside. Further bags containing white and brown substances were found within a pair of trainers next to Moran's tent.

Following the search, Moran attempted to flee but was quickly stopped by security, with him and the other tent occupants being escorted to an Eviction Hut on the site, where Cheshire Police officers were waiting to search him. Upon arrival at the hut, Moran was searched by officers who found a pack of snap bags containing white powder that was concealed in his tracksuit waistband and a further pack containing bags of white powder being produced from his boxer shorts.

£645 in cash that was found in his wallet and rucksack. As a result of the find, Moran was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and was taken to Runcorn custody where he was interviewed by officers - answering no comment to all questions posed to him. Despite this, Moran, of

Connington Avenue, Manchester was charged and ordered to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 10 October, where he was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment.

Following his sentencing, DC Neil Fleming said: *"Every year we and the Creamfields events and security teams do our utmost to ensure that everyone attending the festival can have a safe and enjoyable time, and for the most part festivalgoers have respected the laws. Moran will have no doubt been aware of these laws and the restrictions at Creamfields and would have had ample opportunity to re-think his actions before it was too late, with amnesty bins and surrender points placed at all festival entries, but he decided to run the risk - which did not pay off. Anyone who, like Moran, decides to risk bringing illegal drugs into Cheshire should seriously reconsider their choices, as we will always take swift and robust action and they will be dealt with the full extent of the law."*

Winsford man jailed for controlling and coercive behaviour.

A man has been jailed for more than five years after he pleaded guilty of controlling and coercing a woman in Winsford.

Joshua Verdin appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 11 October where he was sentenced to five years and two months in prison. The 26-year-old, of Abbots Way, Winsford, previously pleaded guilty to controlling and coercive behaviour and several counts of assault. The court heard how Verdin had been in a relationship with the victim for a number of years, throughout which he had controlled the victim and isolated her from her friends and family.



During their relationship he regularly accused the victim of being unfaithful and even claimed that she was working as a prostitute. On one occasion, Verdin stole the victim's glasses and took a photo of them at another man's house, before accusing her of having an affair with the man. He also restricted her personal hygiene, prevented her from going on diets or straightening her hair, claiming that she was she only doing it to impress other people.

Verdin also demanded money from the victim and had her personal bank details saved on his mobile phone. He would regularly check her mobile phone, deleting messages and would also sleep with the phone in his pocket to prevent her from contacting anyone else. During the relationship, Verdin was also physically and verbally abusive towards the victim, and often threatened to kill her if she was ever unfaithful. On one occasion he also pushed her out of bed following an argument while she was pregnant, causing bruising to her elbow. On another occasion, he also kicked her on the body and head, which caused her ear to split.

The offences came to light in January 2024 when the victim's mother reported her concerns to police. Verdin was subsequently arrested and later charged in relation to the offences.

Following his sentencing, DC Charlotte Wilson, who led the investigation, said: *"Firstly, I would like to praise the victim for having the courage to speak out, as well as the bravery that she has shown throughout the investigation. Verdin had completely dominated the victim, his controlling behaviour isolated her from her family and his actions left her both physically and mentally scarred. He accused the victim of being unfaithful, but in reality, he was the cheat, and the victim had done nothing wrong. Thankfully he has now been held accountable for his actions, and everyone knows what a coward he really is. As this case demonstrates, for anyone suffering through domestic violence, there is always hope, and the police will always take your experience seriously and ensure you are heard."*

If you, or someone you know, are a victim of domestic abuse please report it by calling 101 or visiting www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us. In an emergency always call 999.

Men jailed for bringing cannabis into Cheshire concealed in mattresses

Three men have been jailed for a combined total of more than 17 years for their role in bringing millions of pounds worth of cannabis into Cheshire hidden inside mattresses.

Weijei Chen, John Kinsella, and Luke Kinsella appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 8 October where they were jailed, after previously pleading guilty to drugs offences.

- Chen, 29, of Birchfield Road, Liverpool, was sentenced to seven years for importing and supplying cannabis.
- John Kinsella, 34, of St Julien Drive, Liverpool, was sentenced to six years and six months for importing and supplying cannabis.
- Luke Kinsella, 23, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to four years for being concerned in the supply of cannabis.



On the morning of Monday 15 January, CCTV captured a number of vehicles arriving at a storage unit in Tan House Lane, Widnes. A black Audi A3 parked up, which was being driven by John Kinsella. Luke Kinsella and Chen were passengers in the vehicle. A few minutes later, further vehicles entered the car park, including a HGV towing a trailer which had an orange shipping container on it. This had been shipped from Canada to Liverpool, and then transported to Widnes. Inside the container was a large number of mattresses.

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Cheshire Police had received intelligence regarding a HGV arriving at the location carrying a large amount of class B drugs. As the trio stood opening the container, officers arrived at the scene. John and Luke Kinsella, who are brothers, as well as Chen, were all detained. The trailer and the orange shipping container were seized and later searched at a secure location. Eight large mattresses were recovered from the trailer. There was a total of 668 packages hidden inside the mattresses, which included a total of 334kg of cannabis. This was valued at up to £2.6 million.



Following enquiries, officers identified Chen as the one who rented the storage unit and arranged for the importation and delivery of the drugs. A number of messages were found between Chen and John Kinsella, showing John Kinsella was dealing cannabis, and sourcing it from Chen. He was aware of the shipment Chen had arranged, and agreed to assist in unloading it with his brother, in return for being supplied cannabis for onward sale. Luke Kinsella was present on the day of the strike, and subsequently accepted he knew the contents of the container and was going to receive cannabis in return for assisting in unloading it, which he was going to sell.

DS Tom Ashton said: *"Illegal drugs are a blight on our community and these three men played pivotal roles in bringing millions of pounds worth of drugs into the country. As such, I welcome the lengthy custodial sentence handed down to Chen, John Kinsella, and Luke Kinsella. As a result of intelligence received, officers from the Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit reacted swiftly and effectively to intercept the shipment and arrest those involved in the criminality. Subsequent investigations by the team unearthed*

evidence of a long standing conspiracy between the defendants and, with support from the force's in-house Drugs Expert Unit and Digital Forensics Unit, we were able to present a case to the CPS and ultimately the courts, accurately evidencing the hierarchy of those involved, which is reflected in the sentencing. I hope this serves as a stark warning to anyone who thinks they can bring drugs into Cheshire and get away with it – you will be caught."

Police urge public to be vigilant following distraction thefts in Warrington

Police in Warrington are reminding residents to remain vigilant following recent reports of distraction thefts in the area.

Over the past few weeks, police in Warrington have received several reports of distraction theft at banks and building societies in the town. Officers have heard reports that these incidents have involved members of the public who have withdrawn large amounts of cash and have, unbeknownst to them, been observed by thieves and followed.

An example of one of the distraction techniques used recently included victims being approached by pairs of suspects, with one engaging them in conversation and the other taking their money from open bags or pockets. Officers have also heard that victims have been approached and told they had something on their clothing that should not be there, and while they have been searching for it, their money has, again, been taken. Police are keen to remind the public to be vigilant and take steps to keep them safe from thieves.

PC Graham Davies, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"As we move into the latter half of the years and Christmas being not too far away, many of us may be withdrawing larger amounts of cash, so I'd urge anyone planning to do so to please remember to be vigilant and take care. This really can happen to anyone, anywhere, and thieves can have very sophisticated ways of distracting you before stealing your belongings. Some people may not even realise it has happened to them until much later. If you are approached by anyone you do not know, you feel like you are being followed or simply if you feel you have been the victim of a distraction theft, report it straight to a neighbourhood officer or contact us on 101."*

There are a few simple precautions residents can take to deter opportunistic thieves:

- Carry your purse in a zipped-up bag, and always keep the bag close to you and where you can see it
- Never leave your bag in a shopping trolley or basket
- Avoid withdrawing large amounts of money if not necessary
- Be aware of people around you, following you, or getting too close to your person and your belongings

Anyone who sees someone acting suspiciously around others or has any information about incidents of this nature is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Problem property in Great Sankey closed down by police

Police in Warrington have secured a closure order following reports of anti-social behaviour and illegal drug use at a property in Great Sankey.

The property on Finsbury Close has been shut down by officers following the securing of a closure order under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 from Crewe Magistrates' Court on 10 October. The order will run for three months and is a direct result



of officers responding to the concerns of residents regarding the behaviour at the property.

Officers from Warrington worked with the housing association, which owns the property, to encourage local residents to come forward and provide evidence against their disruptive neighbour. The occupant has since been ordered to leave the property and find alternative accommodation, with all windows and doors being secured for a period of three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time will be committing a criminal offence and could be arrested.

Sgt Anna Bell said: *"We would like to thank the members of the community who came forward over the past few months and supported our team in investigating complaints surrounding the property and the issues raised. I want to urge anyone with concerns about ASB or other criminality in their community to please contact local officers and we will do everything we can to address these issues and achieve justice."*

Anyone with concerns about anti-social or suspicious behaviour in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via the [Cheshire Police website](#) or call 101.

Two Crewe men charged with drugs offences

Two men have been charged with drugs offences following an investigation by Crewe Pro-active CID.

Jack Peberdy, 22, from Vincent Street, Crewe was charged with conspiracy to supply a class A drug (cocaine) and possession with intent to supply a Class B drug (cannabis). Brad Plant, 20, from Edward Phipps Way, Haslington was charged with conspiracy to supply a Class A drug (cocaine). Both appeared at Crewe Magistrates Court on 11 October and have been bailed, with conditions, to appear at Chester Crown Court on 8 November.

North West regional Project Servator deployments

Three police forces across the North West have collaborated in a security operation to disrupt criminal activity and strengthen their network of vigilance across the region.

On Friday 11 October 2024, specialist Project Servator teams from Cheshire, Merseyside, and Greater Manchester deployed at various locations in the centre of Warrington, Liverpool, and Manchester. Project Servator deployments are intentionally unpredictable. The tactic aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity, including terrorism, while providing a reassuring presence for the public. The deployments use specially trained uniformed and plain-clothes officers to spot the tell-tale signs that someone may have criminal intent such as gathering information to help them plan or prepare to commit a crime.



Sergeant Danny Cheevers, Force Coordinator for Project Servator at Merseyside Police said: *"Project Servator teams in different forces often work in partnership like this to disrupt criminality. During these deployments, officers will encourage the public, including people working in local businesses, to be extra eyes*

and ears, and report suspicious activity. The aim is to build a network of vigilance and make it difficult for terrorists considering their targets and other criminals to operate in the region."

Constable Mike Henry, Force Coordinator for Project Servator at Cheshire Constabulary said: *"Some criminals travel between force areas and this operation has been a great opportunity to combine expertise from neighbouring forces and disrupt criminality not only locally but also at a regional level."*

Project Servator officers from Cheshire travelled to Liverpool and Manchester

Sergeant Cheevers at Merseyside Police added: *"These deployments will continue across the region, and we want to reassure the public that there's no cause for concern if they encounter one. Feel free to talk to the officers and they will explain what they are doing and how you can help keep people safe. Everyone has an important part to play, and what we're asking is straightforward: remain alert and trust your instincts. If you see something that doesn't feel right, tell a member of staff or a police officer. Don't assume someone else will do it. However insignificant you think something may be, trust your instincts and report it because your actions could save lives."*

To report suspicious activity, call the police on 101. Suspicious activity is anything that seems out of place, unusual or does not seem to fit in with day-to-day life. If it is an emergency, always call 999. Guidance on how to help, including what suspicious activity to look out for, and confidential reporting is available at www.gov.uk/act .

Appeals

Appeal for witnesses following collision on M6

Officers investigating a serious collision on the M6 are appealing for any witnesses or those with footage to come forward.

At around 3.20am on Friday 18 October police were called to reports of a collision on the M6 northbound between junction 18 and 19. The incident involved a car transporter and a black Ford Fusion. The driver of the car, a 40-year-old man, was taken to hospital with serious injuries where he remains at this time. The driver of the car transporter was uninjured.

Sergeant Russell Sime said: *"We are continuing our enquiries into this incident, and we would now urge anyone who witnessed what happened to come forward. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam footage. You can report information to us via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or call 101, quoting IML-1942535."*

Appeal for witnesses following suspicious incident in Ellesmere Port

Officers in Ellesmere Port are appealing for witnesses following a suspicious incident.

On Sunday 13 October, police received reports of an incident on Randle Meadow, near the junction with Brompton Way, Ellesmere Port. The caller stated that at around 2.30pm, an 11-year-old child had been walking along the road when a black Audi saloon car pulled up alongside and the occupants tried to engage with her. They were not known to the child, and the child left the scene.

Three men were arrested in relation to the incident. A 44-year-old man and a 37-year-old man have since been released on conditional bail. A 45-year-old man has been released with no further action against him. Police are now keen to speak to any witnesses or anyone with any information in relation to this incident.

DS Tim Cope said: *"We are keen to speak to any witnesses to this incident as part of our ongoing enquiries, specifically a male and a female dog walker who were noted as being in the location at the time of the incident. Additionally, we would like to speak to any other individuals who recall being stopped and spoken to by two male occupants of a black Audi around this time, date and location."*

You can report information to Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting IML-1939177.

CCTV image released as investigation into death of Nantwich teenager continues

Police investigating the death of a teenager from Nantwich have released CCTV images of two people they would like to speak to.

Jonty Evans was last seen at around 12.54am on Saturday 31 August, walking along Waterlode, Nantwich, before crossing the road and entering Mill Island, near the junction of Mill Street. Sadly, the teenager was later found dead in the river Weaver near Riverside, Nantwich, on Sunday 1 September.

Officers have been working hard to establish the circumstances surrounding how Jonty entered the water and are keen to speak to anyone who entered the Mill Island area or was in the vicinity of Riverside, known locally as 'the beach', between 12.30am and 6am on Saturday 31 August 2024.

Officers are also looking to identify two people who were seen entering Mill Island at around 12.53am. Investigating officers believe these people may hold vital information and, as part of their enquiries to identify them, have now released CCTV images. Investigating officers are looking to speak to this couple who entered Mill Street at 12.53am



DI Nigel Parr, of the Major Investigation Team, said: *"Enquiries into piecing together Jonty's movements in the hours that led to him entering the River Weaver near Riverside, Nantwich, have been ongoing since he was found. Our investigation has led us to discover that Jonty was last seen at around 12.54am on Saturday 31 August, walking along Waterlode, before he crossed the road and walked down Mill Island, near the junction of Mill Street. We have also found that, at around 12.53am, two people were seen to have entered Mill Island. We believe that these people may hold crucial information and, as part of our ongoing enquiries, we are looking to identify them. If you know the identity of any of these people, or have any information regarding them, please contact us. We would also like to appeal directly to the people pictured to get in touch."*

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 and information following robbery in Handforth

Officers investigating reports of an armed robbery in Handforth are appealing for any witnesses or anyone with any information to come forward.

On Sunday 13 October at around 5pm, police received reports of a robbery in Meriton Road. A teenager who had travelled on his e-bike from Meriton Road Park was approached by three suspects near the junction of Meriton Road and Wilmslow Road. The suspects were riding mopeds and chased the victim back to the park.

The victim fled towards his three friends who were still present in the park and the suspects, who were believed to be armed, subsequently approached the group and stole two e-bikes, a coat, and a hat. They then left the scene. The suspects are believed to be between 17 and 18 years old, males, and were dressed all in black including gloves and balaclavas.

DS Stephen Joyce said: *"We understand this incident is very concerning for members of the public, however we would like to reassure people that we are doing all we can to trace those responsible. As part of enquiries into this incident, we would like anyone who witnessed what happened, or saw anything before or after the incident which could aid our investigation to get in touch. The same goes for anyone with any relevant CCTV or dashcam footage. You can report information to us via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting IML-1939220."*

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