

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

Week ending 31 August 2025

## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### **Family pay tribute to much-loved son following sudden death in Winsford**

The family of a 12-year-old boy who died following an incident in Winsford have paid tribute to him.

Logan Carter, 12, sadly died on Friday 29 August following an incident at the Wharton Recreation Ground, Winsford. Logan's family is currently being supported by specialist officers at this difficult time and have since paid tribute to him. Logan's family said: *"Logan was a much-loved Son, Brother, Grandson, Great Grandson, Cousin and friend to many. He had an infectious personality and a beautiful smile. Everyone wanted to be where Logan was. He was a little boy who was so full of life and wanted to make everyone laugh. He made every day worth living. Logan was everyone's therapy person, their calm and he will be missed more than we can ever put into words. We are taking comfort from the words of support we have received whilst we take time to come to terms with the untimely loss of our blue eyed boy."*



Investigating officers are continuing to appeal to anyone with any information relating to the incident that occurred at around 6.11pm on Friday 29 August, to please contact them via the website or on 101, quoting IML-2165641.

#### **Man arrested in relation to online racial abuse**

Officers investigating abusive social media messages which were sent to a professional footballer have arrested a man from Lancashire.

During the UEFA Women's Euros, in July 2025, police received reports that racist and abusive messages had been sent to the England defender Jess Carter. Following the reports an investigation was launched by the UK Football Policing Unit (UKFPU), working in partnership with social media companies to identify the people responsible.

Today, Thursday 28 August, officers from Lancashire Police have arrested a 59-year-old man from Great Harwood on suspicion of Malicious Communications in relation to some of the messages. He has since been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

Cheshire Constabulary Chief Constable Mark Roberts, the National Police Chief Council (NPCC) lead for football policing, said: *"The messages directed towards Jess Carter were appalling and I would*

*like to commend her for standing up to this abuse and assisting with our investigation. Nobody should be subjected to such disgusting abuse, and I expect that today's arrest will be the first of many over the coming months. We want to make it clear that racist abuse of this nature will not be tolerated. Everyone is responsible for what they do and say, and we want to ensure offenders cannot hide behind a social media profile to post vile comments."*

PC Dan Fish from Lancashire Constabulary said: *"Lancashire Police does not tolerate hate of any form, either in person or online. I hope this arrest sends out a clear message that Lancashire Police will leave no stone unturned in identifying those who engage in such unacceptable behaviour – no matter how long it takes."*

### **Woolton man jailed for Widnes burglary**

A man has been jailed following a burglary and the theft of two cars in Widnes.

Jake Swift, 20, from Speke Road, Woolton, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 22 August to be sentenced after pleading guilty to burglary and two counts of theft of a vehicle at an earlier hearing. Swift was sentenced to 30 months in prison in relation to the offences that took place at an address on Maisemore Fields on 1 August 2024.



Swift broke into the address in the early hours while the occupants were asleep upstairs. Swift proceeded to remove car keys which resulted in a BMW and Ford Fiesta being stolen from the driveway. Within 30 minutes of the call to police, Widnes officers located one of the stolen vehicles in the Whiston area. Swift was sitting in the driver's seat wearing a balaclava and attempted to make off but was promptly detained and arrested. The second vehicle was also recovered a short distance away. Due to the overwhelming evidence obtained, Swift was left with no choice but to enter a guilty plea to the burglary dwelling and theft of motor vehicle offences.

Following the sentence, PC Davies said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Swift and I hope it acts as a deterrent to others considering coming into Widnes to commit crime. Burglary is a priority for us as we understand the impact it has on people's lives. This should not be underestimated and we will continue to make every effort to bring offenders to justice by putting them before the courts."*

### **Man jailed for dealing drugs in Chester**

A 29-year-old man has been sentenced following an investigation into drug dealing in Chester.

Kevin Ozemelam from Bury Street in Salford appeared at Chester Crown Court on 27 August to be sentenced after admitting being concerned in the supply of cocaine, ketamine and ecstasy, and being concerned in the supply of cannabis at



an earlier hearing. The charge of requiring a person to perform forced or compulsory labour, and assault by beating were to remain on file. Ozemelam was sentenced to 50 months in prison and was handed a five year restraining order.

Ozemelam came to police attention after a mobile phone left in a taxi was handed into Chester police station on 5 April 2024. Officers found messages on the phone's lock screen which indicated drug dealing. A man attended the police station to pick up the lost phone and was arrested. He explained his friend had asked him to pick it up for him. The man's phone was also seized and an investigation into drug dealing was launched. Officers carried out a warrant at his address and found ecstasy pills, cannabis and ketamine along with snap bags and digital scales. The messages on his phone indicated the supply of cocaine, MDMA, ketamine and cannabis.

Enquiries led to Ozemelam being arrested on 2 June after being circulated as wanted in connection with the investigation. He was arrested in Merseyside and taken to Chester where his phone was seized and linked him to the man who tried to collect the phone from the police station. It appeared there was some coercion into the selling of drugs and the man originally arrested was subsequently considered a victim, with no further action made against him. Ozemelam was charged with the drugs offences, assault and requiring a person to perform forced of compulsory labour.

DI Rupert Morrey said: *"Ozemelam losing his phone turned out to be good fortune for our officers but not so for him. He is now paying the price for peddling illegal drugs in the community and we have taken a variety of drugs off the streets. We will continue to make every effort to rid the streets of illegal drugs and make life difficult for those intent on criminality."*

### **Man who threatened to burn down café jailed**

A man who threatened to burn down a café and stab several customers inside with a screwdriver has been jailed.

Terrance Maughan, 40, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 27 August, where he was sentenced to 39 months imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to threatening a person with an offensive weapon, affray and criminal damage. He also pleaded guilty to breaching a Serious Violence Reduction Order and his prison license. Alongside his custodial sentence, Maughan, of Harlech Court, Ellesmere Port, has been handed a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order that bans him from entering Chester city centre and Ellesmere Port town centre.



The court heard that on Tuesday 25 February, Maughan had attended a café on Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port and had later been asked to leave by a woman also in the premises due to him being intoxicated. In response to being asked to leave, he hit the woman on the hand and threatened to punch her and burn her alive.

Another man came to her aid and attempted to assist her in removing Maughn from the café, to which Maughn responded by punching him in the chest. He would also threaten to burn him alive on two separate occasions, and escalating his threats further by saying he would go on to burn the café itself down. Despite this, Maughan was successfully removed from the building.

However, this was not the end of the case, as he would return a short time later, brandishing a screwdriver and attempting to stab the man who had removed him earlier. The man defended himself, and Maughan left the scene after using the screwdriver to cause several hundred pounds' worth of damage to a nearby car. He would be located on CCTV a short time later, with officers finding the same screwdriver on his person upon his arrest. It had been uncovered that Terrance Maughan had only been released from prison just five days earlier and was subject to both a prison license and Serious Violence Reduction Order, with the latter being breached by failing to provide police with his personal details following his release.

In his interview with officers, Maughn denied any wrongdoing and claimed he had been attacked in the café by the customers and that he used the screwdriver found on his person to open tins and bottles as he struggled to do so otherwise. He claimed that the damage he had caused to the car was the result of someone reversing into it. During this interview, Maughn became angry and punched a nearby bin, damaging it. He would be further arrested for criminal damage, to which he responded that he did not care that he had damaged it.

Following his sentencing, DC Richard Willding-Jones, said: *"It took only five days for Terrance Maughn to return to a life of crime after being released from prison on 20 February 2025. During that time, he not only breached two crime prevention orders imposed against him, but he also attempted to seriously injure two people with a screwdriver and caused substantial damage to a member of the public's vehicle and even a bin during his interview with officers."*

*"For that reason, I am glad to see the sentence handed to Maughn today, and I do hope that it provides his victims with a sense of reassurance and comfort that their attacker will be behind bars for the foreseeable future – hopefully contemplating his actions. Alongside being handed a three-year-plus custodial sentence, we have also taken active steps to deter any future reoffending when he completes his sentence and leaves prison through the obtaining of a Criminal Behaviour Order that bans him from both the centres of Ellesmere Port and Chester until the year 2030."*

### **Drug dealer handed 11-year sentence**

A drug dealer who targeted the streets of Crewe has been jailed for 11 years.

Rebaz Mohammed, of Derrington Avenue, Crewe, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 22 August where he was handed the sentence after being found guilty of numerous drugs offences. The 37-year-old was jailed for supplying crack cocaine, being concerned in the supply of heroin, possession with intent to supply heroin and crack cocaine, and possession of pepper spray. The sentence also includes



separate offences dating back to July 2022 in the Greater Manchester Police force area; threatening a person with a bladed article, possession with intent to supply heroin and cocaine, and possession of cannabis.

The Cheshire Police investigation began when a telephone number was identified as being involved in the supply of class A drugs in the Crewe area since November 2024. The number would send out flare messages to customers informing them of drugs for sale, and users would then place orders via text messages or telephone calls. This was attributed to the CJ County Line Group, which was operating in Crewe.

On Wednesday 5 March 2025, officers executed a warrant at an address in Derrington Avenue following enquiries into this crime group. Mohammed was located inside the address and was subsequently arrested. Multiple mobile phones were seized, along with a large amount of cash, plus pepper spray. Crack cocaine was seized to a total street value of £1,240, and heroin to the value of £530. Mohammed was later charged with the offences and was found guilty following a trial.

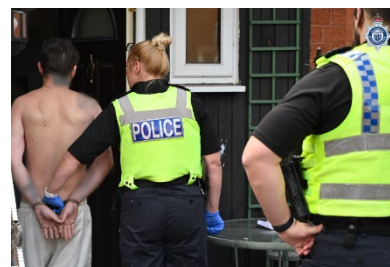
Sergeant Kevin Williams said: *"I welcome the lengthy custodial sentence handed to Mohammed which is a culmination of the hard work of our officers in investigating the supply of illegal drugs in Crewe. We executed the warrant on the back of intelligence we had gathered regarding drug dealing in the town, which led to a significant amount of drugs being taken off the streets."*

*"Mohammed tried to deny the offences, but he clearly didn't think about the strength of the evidence stacked against him and the jury saw through his lies. While Mohammed now has plenty of time in custody to think about his actions, our fight against illegal drugs and those who supply them continues. Intelligence supplied by members of the public is crucial to this fight and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug-related activity in their community to get in touch."*

### **Two arrested following Warrington warrant**

A man and a woman have been arrested and drugs seized following a warrant in Birchwood by officers from Warrington Local Policing Unit.

<https://youtu.be/GOlyiGOualg>



PC Thomas Shevlin, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"Today's warrant is part of our ongoing efforts to tackle drug-related crime in the Warrington area and I hope it provides reassurance for local residents. The impact of drugs is well known, and we're committed to doing all we can to ensure those responsible are held accountable."*

*"Information from the public is vital and I'd urge anyone with any information in relation to drug-related activity in their community to get in touch. Information can be reported online [through the Cheshire Police website](#) or via 101. Alternatively, you can report information anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."*

### **Winsford trio sentenced for county lines drug dealing**

Two men and a woman from Winsford have been sentenced after they admitted being part of county lines drugs gang operating in the town.

Iain Alexander, Helen Reynolds and Josh Shaw all appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 26 August where they were sentenced to a total of 12 years and three months in prison. Alexander, 34, of Robinson Lane, Winsford, was sentenced to seven years, while Reynolds, 44, of Ledward Street, Winsford, was jailed for five years and three months and Shaw, 20, of Bedford Rise, Winsford was handed a three year community order and a four month curfew. As part of the curfew Shaw is required to remain at his home on Bedford Rise between 8pm and 5am daily, until 25 December 2025.



All three had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (crack cocaine and heroin) and Conspiracy to Supply Class B drugs (amphetamine). The case initially began in July 2024 when officers from Northwich Proactive CID received intelligence from Merseyside Police in relation to a mobile phone number that was being used as a graft phone by a county lines team. The number had been used to send flare messages advertising the sale of crack cocaine and heroin in the Winsford area, during the investigation into this a second mobile phone number was identified that was also being used to advertise the sale of crack cocaine and heroin for the same county line.

Officers discovered that the graft phones had been in regular contact with mobile phones registered to Reynolds and Shaw. Following enquiries, at 11.35am on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, officers attended a storage facility on New Road, Winsford. On arrival, a grey Vauxhall Astra registered to Reynolds was parked next to the one of the storage units with the container door was also open. Moments later, Reynolds walked out of the unit carrying a bag containing individual wraps of heroin and cocaine. She was immediately arrested, and a search was undertaken on the unit resulting in the recovery of approximately £42,000 of class A drugs (crack cocaine and heroin).

Keys to a further storage unit were located and this was searched and £1,240 worth of crack cocaine and heroin, and a large amount amphetamine was located. While officers were dealing with the incident, they became aware that Alexander was a short distance away outside the old Liquid Lounge bar on Church Street. He was also arrested, and when searched he was found in possession of nine wraps of brown powder along with more than £300 cash. Officers also recovered a mobile phone which he had attempted to discard at the scene.



Following questioning, the pair were both charged with two counts of conspiracy to supply class A drugs (crack cocaine and heroin). On Wednesday 4 December Shaw was arrested at his home address for his involvement in the county line. He was also charged with two counts of conspiracy to supply class A drugs (crack cocaine and heroin) and conspiracy to supply class B drugs (amphetamine).

Following the sentencing DC Lara Hill, of Northwich Proactive CID, said: *"This case is a great example of partnership work between forces. Once we received the intelligence that the mobile phone was being used as part of county lines criminal activity, we were able to identify Reynolds, Alexander and Shaw as being involved. Following our subsequent investigation, we were able to prove that all three were involved in drug dealing in the Winsford area, and they are now being held accountable for their actions."*

If you believe drug activity is occurring in your community, please report it via our website or by calling 101.

### **Over 100 drivers dealt with during illegal car meet in Alderley Edge**

Following the deployment of a dispersal order in Alderley Edge last weekend, officers removed 36 drivers from the area and caught nearly 67 vehicles driving at dangerous speeds.

Prior to the recent bank holiday weekend, Cheshire Police were made aware of an illegal car meet set to take place in the Wilmslow and Alderley Edge areas on social media. Many of the messages falsely suggested that the meet had been authorised by Cheshire Police.

In preparation for the attendance of potentially hundreds of people, many of whom were likely to be in high powered motor vehicles, a dispersal order was put in place along the A34 and the wider Alderley Edge area from 10am on Sunday 24 August, which remained in place until 10pm on Monday 25 August. Despite this order being in place, a large number of spectators and drivers attended the area, with officers taking proactive measures against a number of vehicles seen driving dangerously and anti-socially.

In total, officers issued 34 traffic offence reports in relation to a number of motoring offences and removed 36 people from the area under the dispersal order that was in place across the area. The Constabulary's own speeding detection van and was also deployed to the area along with response vehicles equipped with automatic number plate recognition cameras, identifying a total of 67 speeding drivers. Other highlights included:

- 34 stop vehicle checks being conducted
- Four vehicles seized (under section 59 of the Police Reform Act)
- One arrest made for drug driving and being in possession of a controlled drug.

CI Zoe Bowden, of Macclesfield Command, said: *"Illegal car meets can very easily endanger residents and other road users, and we understand the concerns they cause our local communities. I*

*hope that the action taken this weekend will provide some reassurance and act as a warning to those planning to come to Cheshire to engage in this activity. As these results demonstrate, we have a zero-tolerance approach to this kind of behaviour, and we will take action against those who break the law.*

*“We are also continuing to analyse video footage from the area, and anyone caught committing driving offences can look forward to a visit from officers. Our message remains the same, anti-social behaviour, anti-social use, and dangerous use of vehicle will not be tolerated on any of Cheshire’s roads.”*

If you have any concerns or information on any criminal activity taking place, please contact us on 101 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.

### **Man charged following incident in Runcorn**

A man has been charged following an incident at the Royal British Legion in Runcorn.

Gerrard Foott, of Rupert Row, Runcorn, was arrested in the early hours of Monday 25 August. The 58-year-old has since been charged with assault, possession of an offensive weapon, and having an article with intent to destroy property. He appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 26 August where he was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 23 September. The charges relate to an incident that occurred at the Royal British Legion on Castle Road, Runcorn, at around 11.30pm on Sunday 24 August.

### **Policing operation to support Creamfields comes to conclusion**

The policing operation to support Creamfields music festival has come to a successful conclusion, with 43 arrests made.

Cheshire Constabulary once again worked alongside event organisers to ensure everyone attending the music festival in Daresbury enjoyed it safely. The festival, which took place between Thursday 21 and Monday 25 August 2025, involved a significant operation both over the bank holiday weekend itself, and during the extensive planning phase for the event.

<https://youtu.be/9gWyJtlbL98>

Officers supported Creamfields 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 186 crimes were reported for a variety of offences over the course of the event, the most common being drug-related. This resulted in 43 arrests. Further individuals will go through the criminal justice process at a later stage or were dealt with via community resolution.



CI Jamie Lewis, who oversaw the policing operation, said: *“As Creamfields 2025 comes to an end for another year, we’d like to thank the vast majority of festival-goers for their cooperation throughout the music festival. The same goes for local residents. We recognise the disruption the event can cause, and we continue to work alongside the event organisers to minimise the impact to the wider community.*

*“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. Project Servator deployments also took place in the run-up to Creamfields, aiming to disrupt a range of criminal activity while providing a reassuring presence for the public.*

*“The policing operation extended beyond the festival coming to an end, with officers supporting Creamfields with their plans to deter trespassing and keep people safe. All of those who were arrested at the festival and are being investigated for drug offences will now have to face the consequences and pay the price for their actions.”*

### **Man charged following reports of indecent exposure in Macclesfield**

Detectives have charged a man following reports of indecent exposure in Macclesfield.

Mark Bradley was arrested on Sunday 24 August, following reports that an unknown man had exposed himself on Sunday 23 August and Saturday 24 August. The 64-year-old, of Juniper Rose, Macclesfield, has since been charged with two counts of exposure. The charges relate to incidents on Westmorland Close playing field and Becks Lane in Macclesfield. Bradley has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday 26 August.

### **Woman sentenced for stealing £20,000 from her elderly mother**

A woman who stole almost £20,000 from her elderly mother has been sentenced to 10 months in prison suspended for 12 months. She was also handed an 18-month supervision order.

Janet Davies was also ordered to pay £237 in costs and undertake 150 hours of unpaid work during the hearing at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 21 August. The 65-year-old of Great King Street, Macclesfield, had previously pleaded guilty to the charge of retaining a wrongful credit. The court heard how Davies had secretly applied for attendance allowance on behalf of her elderly mother. Davies’ mother had no knowledge of the application or the payments that were being regularly made to her account.

Davies would then use and spend her mother’s money she was receiving from the Department of Working Pensions. Under the guise the benefits were for her mother, Davies had fraudulently received payments totalling £19,577.45, between 2017 and 2021. The matter was reported to

Cheshire Police and following her arrest, Davies denied all offences put to her by officers. Despite her silence, she later pleaded guilty to the charge.

Following her sentencing, DS Laura Fox, of Macclesfield CID said: *"Davies knowingly took advantage of her elderly mother to commit audacious acts whilst in a position of trust. She should have been managing and supporting her vulnerable mother's finances, not exploiting them for her own financial gain. Her offending has had a detrimental effect on the victim in this case and resulted in a significant financial loss for the Department of Working Pensions, and subsequently Davies is now facing the consequences of her actions."*

To report suspected fraud offences, call Cheshire Police on 101, give the details [via the website](#) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### **Appeal for witnesses following sudden death in Winsford**

Police in Winsford are appealing for information following the death of a 12-year-old boy in the town.

At around 6.11pm on Friday 29 August, officers in Winsford were notified by colleagues from the North West Ambulance Service of an incident at a park in the town. Attending the scene near to Ledward Street, Winsford, officers found that a 12-year-old boy had been seriously injured after falling from park apparatus. The boy was treated at the scene by paramedics but, sadly, despite best efforts, he passed away at the scene. His next of kin have been made aware and are currently being supported by specialist officers. As part of ongoing enquiries officers are now appealing for anyone with any information in relation to the incident to come forward.

DS John Rhodes, of the Protecting Vulnerable People Investigations Unit, said: *"This was a deeply tragic incident involving a very young victim and our thoughts remain with the family and friends of the boy who sadly died at the scene. As part of our investigation into this incident, we are asking anyone who may have been in or around the Wharton Recreation Ground area just off Ledward Street in Winsford at around the time of the incident and saw anything that may aid us in our enquiries, to please get in touch. At this stage I would also like to ask the public not to feed into any speculation, particularly on social media, as this remains an ongoing investigation."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or 101, quoting IML-216564.

### **Appeal for witnesses and footage following attempted robbery**

Officers are appealing for witnesses and those with dashcam footage to come forward following an attempted robbery near Poynton.

Shortly before 6.25pm on Saturday 23 August, police received reports of an attempted robbery on A523 London Road, Adlington. It was reported that two pedal cyclists had been approached by two men on a motorbike. The suspects on the motorbike then assaulted the cyclists in an attempt to steal one of the pedal cycles. A member of the public intervened and the suspects fled the scene empty-handed. Officers are now appealing for any witnesses to get in touch with them.

DC Sarah Sayer said: *"This incident occurred at a busy time of day so we are urging anyone who was travelling in the area around the time of the incident to check their dashcams for any relevant footage. The same goes for anyone who witnessed what happened and has not already spoken to police. If anyone has any further information which could help us to trace the suspects, please contact us. You can get in touch via [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) or call 101, quoting 25000699988."*

### **Police appeal for help in locating man wanted on recall to prison**

Police are appealing for help in locating a man wanted on recall to prison.

Alan Grimes, aged 57 years, from Widnes is wanted on recall to prison after breaching the conditions of his licence following his release. Grimes is described as a white male, with greying hair, 5 feet 10 inches tall and of slim build.



Anyone with information on his whereabouts can call 101 or 999 if sighted and quote reference IML 2160239.

### **Images release following disorder in Warrington town centre**

Police investigating an incident in Market Gate, Warrington, have released CCTV images of two men they would like to speak to.

At around 6.04am on Tuesday 19 August, officers in Warrington responded to reports of a number of people fighting in the Market Gate area. Attending the scene, officers found that a man had been seriously assaulted. Following their enquiries, officers have since arrested an 18-year-old man from Penketh and a 23-year-old from Orford. Officers are now looking to identify two men, whom they believe have vital information in relation to the incident.



PC Graham Davies, of Warrington LPU, said: *“We are looking to identify these two men as we believe they have vital information that may help us in our investigation into this incident. I’d also urge anyone who witnessed the disorder take but has not yet spoken to police to get in touch to help us with our enquiries. And if anyone has any dash cam or CCTV footage please also get in touch.”*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website, quoting 25000594428.

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