

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Man charged following sexual assault in Crewe - Updated

He has since been remanded to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 24 October.

It remains extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these legal proceedings.

Original article - Officers investigating a sexual assault in Crewe have charged a man.

Taha Derwish, of Nantwich Road, Crewe, was arrested on Wednesday 24 September.

The 25-year-old, who is of Libyan nationality, has since been charged with sexual touching. He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 26 September.

Cheshire Constabulary and the Crown Prosecution Service reminds all concerned that criminal proceedings against Derwish are now active and that he has a right to a fair trial. It is extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings.

Call for vigilance following car thefts in Congleton and Wilmslow

Officers are urging car owners in Congleton, Wilmslow and neighbouring towns and villages to be vigilant.

The call comes after three cars were stolen across Congleton and Wilmslow. Police also received a further three reports of attempted burglaries in the area which may potentially be connected. An investigation into the thefts has been launched, and while enquiries are ongoing officers are urging residents to take action to reduce their chances of becoming victims.

DI David Jarvis said: *"Enquiries in relation to the incidents are ongoing and I appeal to anyone with information regarding the car thefts to get in touch. I'd also urge car owners in the area to be vigilant, to review any security measures they have in place and to take steps to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of this type of crime. Car thieves often scout for desirable cars in the day before returning to steal them at night, so I also ask residents to keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour in this regard and report any suspicions to us. Additional security devices such as mechanical steering locks and trackers are also effective in protecting vehicles from thieves."*

- It's important that you make sure you always lock your vehicle, even if you are just stepping away from it momentarily. Vehicle crime is more than often committed when the vehicle is left insecure.
- Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured.
- If you have a garage, use it to keep your vehicle safe from thieves. If you are parked on the drive or roadside, think about how you could improve lighting, or consider doorbell cameras or CCTV.
- If your car has keyless entry, make sure your key, and spare, are stored well away from the car. If you can, use a faraday bag. You can also turn off wireless signals on your fob if it isn't being used.

Considering these options will make life difficult for thieves.

Anyone who sees suspicious activity should report it to police on 101 or [via the website](#), if you see a crime in action dial 999.

Officers out in city centre for latest Operation Lawmaker deployment

On Thursday 18 September, officers working under Operation Lawmaker were deployed to Chester city centre for an afternoon of operation targeting the anti-social and dangerous usage of e-bikes and off-road vehicles.

Operation Lawmaker is a bespoke policing operation that is designed to curb future irresponsible riding in the area and officers across the LPU have been working proactively to target individuals intent on causing anti-social behaviour in the city centre and surrounding areas who have been endangering themselves and pedestrians. Over course of the day of action, officers issued a total of nine traffic offence reports, along with a total of five section 165 seizure notices. Officers also seized a go-kart-style vehicle. A 53-year-old man from Sealand was also arrested by an officer from the Motorcycle Unit for failing to stop for police and assaulting an emergency worker. He has since been released on unconditional bail.



CI Cameron Taylor, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"Operation Lawmaker is Cheshire Constabularies response to reports of young people riding electric motorbikes in particular within pedestrian areas of the town, driving at considerable speed and whilst often not wearing helmets - what they are doing is not only illegal it's also putting their lives and the lives of innocent members of the public at risk. The anti-social behaviour caused by the unsafe use of motorbikes in pedestrian areas is a priority issue and I want to reassure the public that officers will take a robust approach with those causing such harm within your communities. Keeping our roads safe for all road-users and pedestrians is an instrumental part of the Constabulary's involvement in the Safer Summer Streets campaign, which aims strengthen local policing in our Cheshire communities and reduce or prevent anti-social behaviour."*

"Today's action forms just a part of the wider part of the work we have been putting in to keep our streets safe this summer. Over the course of the campaign, officers county-wide have been disrupting riders and tackling the issue head on with bespoke operations such as Lawmaker, as well

as through the exploration of new diversionary and prevention tactics alongside our partner organisations to create and develop community engagement opportunities. As we approach the autumn and winter months and the conclusion of the initiative, be under no illusion, our priority remains the same: the anti-social and dangerous riding of any vehicle will not be tolerated and we will continue to respond to community concerns raised to us regarding speeding and careless driving.”

Anyone with information regarding the riding of electric bikes, motorbikes or quad bikes in pedestrian areas or on Cheshire’s roads should contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or [give the details via the website](#). Alternatively, information can be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 [or via the Crimestoppers website](#).

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following serious collision in Mobberley

Police investigating a serious collision in Mobberley are appealing for information, witnesses and video footage.

At around 1.35pm on Wednesday 24 September, officers in Macclesfield responded to reports of a collision in the Broadoak Lane area of Mobberley. Attending the scene, officers found the collision involved a grey Audi Q3 that had left the carriageway and had collided with a tree. It was later established that the driver of Audi, a 28-year-old man from Altrincham, and a two-year-old girl who was a passenger in the vehicle, had been taken to Wythenshawe Hospital by a passing member of the public. The driver sustained injuries to his arm, but they are not thought to be life-threatening or life changing. The two-year-old girl sustained injuries to her head and arm, having since been transferred to Manchester Children's Hospital for further treatment.

As part of their enquiries, the 28-year-old was arrested on of causing serious injury by dangerous driving. He remains in custody at this time and is assisting officers with their investigation. As part of enquires into establishing the full circumstances of the incident, officers are now appealing to anyone who may have witnessed or captured the incident itself to contact them.

Sgt Russell Sime, of the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit, said: *“This incident has resulted in a very young child sustaining serious injuries; we are doing all we can to fully establish what occurred here. As part of these enquiries, I would like to ask that anyone with any information regarding the incident please come forward. The same goes for anyone who may have captured the vehicle involved in the collision on any dashcams or CCTV cameras.”*

Information can be submitted to Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting incident reference IML 2182131.

Appeal for information following e-bike robberies in Ellesmere Port

Police investigating a number of e-bike robberies in the Ellesmere Port area are appealing for witnesses and information.

On Tuesday 23 September, officers in Ellesmere Port responded to two separate incidents involving the theft of e-bikes within the town. The first incident occurred at around 7pm in the Stanney Playing Fields area, in which three unknown men wearing balaclavas approached a 12-year-old boy and threatened him with what was believed to be a machete, demanding he hand over the e-bike he was riding. The boy initially refused but was then forced off the e-bike and one of the men then rode it away from the scene. Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information in relation to it is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or via 101, quoting IML-2181744.

The second incident occurred at around 11.23pm in the Rossmore Road area. A 32-year-old man was riding an e-bike down the road in the direction of Overpool, when he was approached by two unknown men on a motorbike. The pillion passenger proceeded to hit the man with what was believed to be an axe and demanded he get off of the bike and hand it over. The man complied, with the pillion passenger taking the bike from him, holding it on his lap after climbing back on to the motorbike. The pair then headed in the direction of Overpool Cemetery toward Rivacre Road. As part of enquiries into this incident, officers are appealing to anyone who has any information or CCTV/dashcam footage in relation to the incident to contact them. Any information of video footage can be submitted to Cheshire Police via the website or passed to the force via 101, quoting IML-2181838.

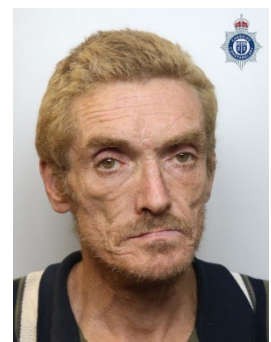
DS Tom Philpotts, of Ellesmere Port CID: *"Firstly, we would like to reassure the community that we are doing all we can to trace those responsible as I understand the level of concern incidents such as these cause. Whilst these incidents did occur within a few hours of each other, we do not believe them to be connected to one another at this stage, but we are exploring a number of lines of enquiry. These two incidents occurred in busy places, so we are appealing for anyone who witnessed what happened and has not already spoken to police to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam footage or those who witnessed any suspicious activity relating to either incident."*

You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or by visiting the Cheshire Police website and reporting it online.

Appeal to trace wanted man from Winsford

Police are appealing for help from the public in tracing a wanted man from Winsford.

Daniel Hepple, 44, is wanted on recall to prison. Hepple is described as white, around 5'8" tall, with brown eyes and light brown hair. He is from Winsford, but has links to the Perranporth area of Cornwall and may have links to the Stockport, Derby and Staffordshire areas.



Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Hepple is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting 25000567040.

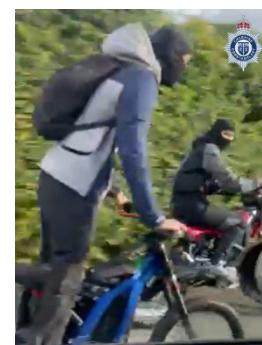
Images released following reports of dangerous driving in Chester

Officers investigating several reports of anti-social and dangerous riding of e-bikes in Chester have released CCTV images.

Over recent weeks, officers in Chester have received several reports of several off-road and e-bikes driving dangerously in the Heath Road and Mill Lane areas. Callers to local officers have reported witnessing a red scrambler-style bike and a blue e-bike driving at excess speeds and crossing traffic lanes, endangering both the riders of the bikes themselves and other road users. As part of their enquiries, officers have now released CCTV images of two men they would like to speak to in relation to the incident.

PC David Griffiths, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *"This anti-social and, frankly selfish, riding is completely inexcusable and I would like to reassure local residents that enquiries are ongoing to identify those responsible. We want to establish exactly what took place during the incident, and we believe these individuals hold vital information, so if you recognise the identities of any of the men pictured, please get in touch with us. I would also appeal directly to the men pictured to contact us."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, or call 101, quoting 25000770603.



Appeal for information following attempted robbery in Disley

Officers are appealing for witnesses and information following an attempted robbery in Disley.

At around 5.55pm on Tuesday 16 September, a man was driving a Ferrari Portofino along the A6 Buxton Old Road in the direction of Disley when he noticed a black motorbike behind him with two male riders, dressed in black. When the driver was stopped at the Disley centre traffic lights the motorbike pulled up alongside the car, which had the window half-way down, and one of the riders demanded the driver hand over his watch, speaking with a local accent. The driver closed the window but one of the riders then damaged the Ferrari by hitting it with what is believed to be a bladed article. The driver of the Ferrari left the scene and the motorbike continued to follow him for approximately 10 minutes in the direction of New Mills before fleeing.

DS Thomas Binder said: *"Firstly, we would like to reassure the community that we are doing all we can to trace those responsible. This incident occurred at a busy time of day, so we are appealing for anyone who witnessed what happened and has not already spoken to police to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone with any dashcam footage or those who witnessed any suspicious activity which they believe could be relevant either before or after the incident is believed to have taken place. You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or by visiting the Cheshire Police website and reporting it online, quoting IML-2177305."*

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