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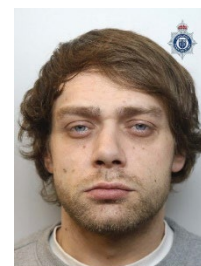


Latest Cheshire News

Northwich drug dealer jailed for four years

A 30-year-old man from Northwich has been jailed for four years after he admitted being involved in the supply of Class A drugs.

Dylan Wilson, of no fixed abode, Northwich, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 23 April, where he admitted possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of class B drugs (cannabis). The court heard how at around 9.20am on Wednesday 25 March 2026, officers from Northwich Proactive CID and Northwich Beat Team, attended an address on Lilac Drive while searching for Wilson who was wanted for unrelated offences.



On arrival, police knocked at the door but there was no response, however there was movement in the property, so officers forced entry. Once inside, Wilson was quickly located hiding in a storage cupboard near to the front door and subsequently arrested. Following his arrest, officers conducted a search of the property and found a jacket which contained between £1,080 and £2,700 worth of cocaine – also in the jacket was Wilson's driving licence. During the search officers also recovered a mobile phone, an extendable police style baton, a wooden bat, £200 cash and a small amount of cannabis. Wilson was arrested in relation to the discoveries and taken to police custody. However, on arrival he refused to leave his cell to answer any questions. Dylan Wilson, jailed for four years after he admitted being involved in the supply of Class A drugs.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Chris Forrest of Northwich Proactive CID said: *“I welcome the sentence handed to Wilson and I hope it acts as a warning to others looking to deal drugs in Northwich. Quite what Wilson thought he could achieve by hiding in the cupboard, we’ll never know, but thanks to his swift arrest and the subsequent investigation he’s now got a prison cell instead.*

“Drugs have devastating consequences on our communities, and we’re committed to doing all we can to ensure those responsible are held accountable. While Wilson is now behind bars, our fight against criminals continues and I would appeal to anyone who has any information about illegal activity taking place in their communities to contact us on 101, or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, and we will do the rest.”

Man jailed for drug dealing in Northwich

A drug dealer is now behind bars following an investigation by detectives from Northwich Proactive CID.

Ryan Dingle appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 24 April where he was sentenced to 32 months behind bars. The 38-year-old of Laburnum Road, Rudheath, had previously pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of class A drugs (cocaine).



The case against Dingle began on Saturday 13 December 2025 when officers from Northwich Proactive CID stopped a Blue Kia Sportage at Tesco on Manchester Road. Dingle was inside the vehicle and during a search he was found with six snap bags of cocaine down his trousers and a quantity of cash. He was arrested at the scene and his mobile phone was seized.

During questioning Dingle claimed that the drugs were for personal use and he was subsequently bailed pending further enquiries. However, during further analysis of his mobile phone, officers discovered a number of messages which showed that Dingle was dealing illegal drugs. Dingle was re-arrested in March 2026 and charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Ed Whalley, of Northwich Proactive CID, said: *“Despite his claims that the drugs were for personal use, the evidence we recovered clearly showed that Dingle was actively involved in the sale class A drugs in the Northwich area. Thankfully, as a result of our investigation, we’ve been able to demolish his business empire and he’s now behind bars. Information from the public is vital, and if you have any information in relation to the supply of illegal drugs in your community, please contact the team here at Northwich on 101 or at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us and we will investigate.”*

Cheshire Constabulary marks Response Policing Week of Action

Cheshire Constabulary has celebrated Response Policing Week of Action to recognise those who respond to emergencies and protect communities across Cheshire.

The national week, which started on Monday 20 April and will finish on Sunday 26 April, highlights the hard work and dedication of response officers, who are often first on the scene and show immense bravery in a wide range of emergency situations. This week was an opportunity to celebrate and support these officers, which included various activities across Cheshire Constabulary, including a focus on wellbeing, seminars and training sessions, plus senior officers joining response patrols.

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Chief Superintendent Saf Ali said: *“I want to take a moment to say thank you to all of our response officers across Cheshire. The work they do, day in, day out, often under pressure, and dealing with some incredibly difficult situations, really matters. Without them, the core aspects of everyday policing wouldn’t happen. Looking at our response times for 2025/2026, we attended 92.1% of Grade 1 (emergency) incidents within 15 minutes with an average attendance time of just eight minutes. This is up from 91.9% the year before. The work of response officers is appreciated by not only colleagues within the force, but entire communities across the county who count on them in times of need.*

“This week has been about taking some time to focus on them, their wellbeing, their development, recognising the great work that’s been happening across the force, and making sure they’ve got the support they need. Across the week senior officers, including myself, went ‘back to the floor’ to spend time with response officers, to listen, understand, and see the realities of the job, staying connected to what response policing is really like day-to-day. I am incredibly proud of all of our officers and commend their dedication to keeping Cheshire safe for those who live, work and visit here.”

Man arrested for fraud offences in Warrington

Officers from the Warrington Area Investigation Team (AIT) have arrested a man in connection with reports of rogue traders operating in the town.

At around 7.30am today, Thursday 23 April, officers attended an address on Poplars Avenue, Warrington. A 41-year-old man was subsequently arrested on suspicion of fraud. A number of items were seized at the address including mobile phones and financial documentation. The arrest follows an investigation involving eight victims who paid for work to be carried out on their properties in Warrington. The suspect currently remains in police custody, where he is assisting officers with their enquiries.

Police Constable Lewis Hart said: *“Today’s arrest forms part of an investigation into reports of rogue traders preying on vulnerable people and either carrying out poor work, or no work at all for extortionate prices. This investigation is part of our commitment to protecting our vulnerable residents and targeting those who try to take advantage, stealing thousands of pounds in the process.”*

Anyone with information should report it to Cheshire Police [via the website](#) or call 101 quoting IML 2227239.

Latest crime stats reveal crime has fallen in Cheshire

Official figures released today, Thursday 23 April, by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for the year ending December 2025, show that Cheshire Constabulary continues to succeed in preventing and tackling crime.

The figures show Cheshire to be among one of the safest counties in the UK, with significant reductions across the board when it comes to a range of offences, including:

- 4% reduction in overall crime
- 15% reduction in shoplifting - compared to a 1% reduction nationally
- 27% reduction in knife crime
- 8% reduction in burglary
- 7% reduction in vehicle offences

Data produced by the ONS also shows that Cheshire Constabulary has achieved the highest charge rate for overall crime in the country. The force also has the highest charge rates for violent

offences, stalking and harassment, and sexual offences, along with some of the highest charge rates for burglary, vehicle offences, and theft.

Chief Constable Mark Roberts said: *“These figures reflect the hard work of our officers and staff, who are continuing to keep Cheshire residents even safer by making the county hostile to criminals. We continue to carry out cross border operations to deter those who travel into Cheshire to commit crime. We have a real focus on neighbourhood policing and our officers work closely with their communities they serve by launching initiatives to not only catch offenders and prevent criminal behaviour but also offer advice and public reassurance to residents and businesses.*

“I am proud that Cheshire has the highest charge rate in the UK, and one of the highest charge rates for burglary. This success comes despite crime continuing to fall in Cheshire and is a result of our officers’ commitment to bringing offenders to justice. All of this sets a strong example to anyone who thinks they can come and commit crime in Cheshire and get away with it. I hope members of the public will also be reassured of the action we carry out to prevent our residents, businesses and communities from becoming victims of crime.

“Overall, these latest figures highlight Cheshire as one of the safest places to live in the country. Crime is falling and we are charging more people than ever before, which is testament to the hard work of everyone across the Constabulary.”

For more information on the figures, visit the ONS website [here](#).

Multiple stop searches conducted as part of Warrington operation

Officers in Warrington have been conducting patrols in the town centre to help ensure everyone can enjoy the night-time economy safely.

On Saturday 18 April, Warrington Town Centre Beat Team were out with specially trained drugs dogs patrolling streets and pubs. This was part of Operation Brooklyn, aimed at preventing drugs offences in the night-time economy and protecting vulnerable people. During the evening, officers engaged with licensed premises, door staff and members of the public, searched numerous people and seized a range of drugs. Positive action has been taken on those individuals found in possession of these illegal substances.

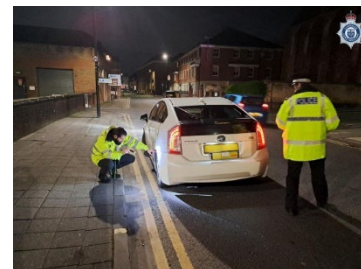
The Special Constabulary team was also out in the town centre with Warrington Borough Council and Wolverhampton Council on a taxi licensing operation. Multiple taxis were checked and action has been taken on those not complying with conditions. One vehicle was suspended for an engine management issue, two were issued defective notices and one driver has been referred for a conduct review.



Superintendent Sam Billington said: *“This was an excellent night of proactive policing in Warrington, delivering real results for our communities. Through Op Brooklyn, officers carried out 22 stop searches with the support of drugs dogs, leading to multiple community resolutions, a summons for possession offences, and the seizure of illegal drugs from our night-time economy.*

“Just as importantly, this operation demonstrated the strength of our partnership working. Our Town Centre Beat Team worked seamlessly alongside the Special Constabulary, Warrington Borough Council, and colleagues from Wolverhampton Council to carry out 18 taxi licensing checks, resulting in a vehicle suspension, defect rectification notices and a driver being referred for a conduct review.

“I am extremely proud of the professionalism and teamwork shown. We will continue to take firm and visible action to tackle anti-social behaviour, disrupt criminality, and ensure taxi licensing conditions are properly enforced. If individuals or operators place the public at risk, we will identify the issues and deal with them robustly.”



Winsford man jailed following New Year’s Eve collision

A man from Winsford has been jailed following a serious collision on New Year’s Eve which left a victim with life-changing injuries.

Anthony Abbott was sentenced to three years’ imprisonment at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 23 April. The 45-year-old of Plantagenet Close, Winsford, had previously pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by careless driving and committing a series of acts with intent to pervert the course of justice. A 42-year-old man from Stoke-on-Trent was found not guilty of committing a series of acts with intent to pervert the course of justice and assisting an offender.



The case began in Winsford on 31 December 2025, when the victim, a 63-year-old local man, was walking home through the town following New Year’s Eve celebrations. He reached a junction and set of traffic lights on the A54 High Street, near Collingham Way, at around 11.56pm and began to cross the road. As he did so, a car travelling at high-speed drove through the lights and struck the pedestrian, knocking him to the ground. The vehicle failed to stop at the scene, leaving the victim lying injured in the street. Sadly, the man lost his left leg as a direct result of the impact. In addition to the amputation, the victim suffered multiple broken ribs, fractures to the bones in his right hand and left thigh, and a displaced fracture of his upper jaw.

Emergency services promptly attended the scene and treated the victim before taking him to hospital. While at the scene, officers located a car wing mirror among the debris, believed to belong to a Volkswagen. An investigation was subsequently launched by police to locate the Volkswagen and, crucially, the person driving it.

In the moments prior to the collision, a dark-coloured Volkswagen Eos was captured on CCTV travelling at considerable speed from the direction of the Winsford Bridge roundabout towards the traffic lights where the incident occurred. The same vehicle was captured on CCTV still travelling at high speed through the town before arriving in the Plantagenet Close area at around 11.58pm. This 1.6-mile journey was completed in the two minutes following the collision.

At around 12.03am on 1 January, a black Vauxhall Corsa left the same address in Plantagenet Close. The vehicle was captured on CCTV pulling up to the scene on High Street, where police and paramedics were now responding, before leaving and returning to the address. This vehicle was

later linked to Abbott. The Volkswagen was later captured on CCTV footage at around 1.47am pulling into an industrial park in the Eardswick Lane area of Crewe.

Abbott, who had by this time been identified as the vehicle's owner, was seen exiting the Volkswagen before removing an electric bike from the passenger side and riding away from the area. Abbott was wearing clothing with reflective stripes at the time. At around 9.30am later that morning, Abbott returned to the industrial site with another man in a flatbed truck. CCTV footage showed him driving the Volkswagen onto the back of the truck, securing it and then using tape to cover its number plate.

The same truck, which was no longer carrying any cargo, was stopped by officers in the Fenton area of Stoke-on-Trent on 2 January, with Abbott found inside alongside a 42-year-old man. The pair were arrested and transferred back to Cheshire for interview. Two warrants were later executed at Abbott's home, with officers locating and seizing the electric bike and items of clothing worn by Abbott on the night of the offence. Phone data recovered from devices seized during Abbott's arrest revealed that he had discussed plans via Facebook Messenger to purchase an identical Volkswagen Eos to the one involved in the collision.

The Volkswagen involved in the collision was later discovered in Fenton, close to where Abbott had been arrested. The vehicle's front nearside wing mirror was missing and there was damage to the front bumper. During interview, Abbott was given the opportunity to account for his actions but chose to answer no comment to all questions put to him. In addition to his custodial sentence, Abbott was also banned from driving for four years and six months.

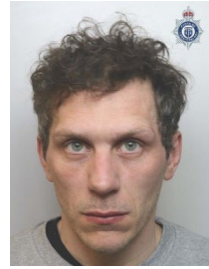
Detective Constable Hannah Lamborn, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"In what was meant to be a night of celebration, New Year's Eve 2025 was one full of tragedy that resulted in the victim in this case, a sociable and outgoing familiar face known across Winsford, having had his life completely changed forever. The effects of Anthony Abbot's blatant disregard for basic road safety are long-lasting and go well beyond the physical. Abbott's careless actions have not only resulted in another man losing his leg but also his sense of independence and the freedom to pursue the many of the activities he enjoyed. There is no sentence or conviction that can make up for that.*

"With that in mind, the victim has shown a tremendous amount of resilience throughout our entire investigation, assisting officers with their enquiries and having to relive the events of New Year's Eve. Both he, and his family, remain in our thoughts as they begin their long journey of healing. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues from the North West Ambulance Service and Response officers who dealt with the immediate aftermath of this distressing incident with the utmost professionalism. Finally, my thanks go to the team of officers assigned to this case whose tireless efforts enabled us to put all the pieces of this puzzle together and find and arrest the suspect within 48 hours of the horrific offence occurring."

Man jailed following burglary in Chester

A man who was linked to a burglary from a leftover receipt which he dropped at the scene has been jailed for more than three years.

Stefan Moores, 36, of Blackberry Lane, Brinnington, Stockport, was handed a 40-month sentence at Chester Crown Court on Friday 17 April. He had previously pleaded guilty to burglary other than a dwelling.



On 18 February 2026, staff at Sainsbury's petrol station in Caldy Valley Road, Chester, discovered the premises had been burgled overnight. The wall had been smashed through, with metal wall plates, bricks and breezeblocks removed to gain entry. More than £11,000 worth of cigarettes were then stolen from the display unit. Officers attended the scene and a receipt from a shop in Stockport was found in the rubble. Enquiries at the shop revealed that the individual who had bought the items had taken the shopping to the home address of Moores in a bag for life.

Moores was spotted leaving his address at 10pm on 17 February – the night of the burglary – and was carrying the same bag for life which his shopping had been dropped off in. He was then seen returning to his address at 6am on 18 February without the bag for life. Footwear marks found at the scene of the crime also matched footwear which was recovered from Moores' address following his arrest.

Police Constable James Wright said: *"Moores kindly left a piece of important evidence at the scene of his crime, leading our officers straight to him. He committed the offence while on prison licence after being released from prison for a similar offence committed in Chester in 2023. I welcome the substantial custodial sentence handed to him which reflects the severity of his crime and the fact that he has clearly not learnt his lesson. I hope the sentence reassures the community that we are committed to tackling crimes against businesses, including burglaries, head-on."*

Prolific Northwich burglar jailed

A prolific burglar from Northwich has been jailed again after he admitted breaking into a bar in the town.



Jonathan Heron appeared at Liverpool Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 22 April where he was jailed for 26 weeks. The 49-year-old of John Brunner Crescent, Northwich, previously pleaded guilty to one count of burglary other than a dwelling. The court heard how at around 11.30pm on Thursday 4 March, Heron forced entry into a bar on the Bull Ring after smashing a window. Once inside he stole a quantity of cash, a Samsung tablet and a CCTV hard drive. He also caused substantial damage to an internal wall in order access the petty cash. The incident was subsequently reported to police the following day and an investigation was launched by detectives from Northwich Proactive CID. Following enquiries, Heron was quickly identified as the offender by local officers who recognised the prolific offender on CCTV footage. He was later arrested at his home in Northwich.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Ed Whalley said: *"Heron is a prolific offender, and sadly despite repeated warnings and other previous convictions, he never seems to learn his lesson. Therefore, until he does, we have no option but to keep arresting him and putting him before the courts. I hope that this case provides reassurance to local businesses and residents that we're committed to doing all we can to ensure that those responsible for crimes in our community are held accountable."*

Prolific Shoplifter sentenced after breaching Criminal Behaviour Order

A prolific shoplifter from Northwich who was banned from entering several shops across the town has been sentenced after breaching his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for a second time.

Luke Weedall, of Nicholas Avenue, Rudheath, appeared at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 21 April where he was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison, suspended for on 12 months. The court heard how Weedall's latest breach occurred at around 8.50pm on Monday 16 March, when he entered B&M on Leicester Street. The 37-year-old was originally served with a three-year CBO at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 12 September 2025 where he was banned from entering the following stores –



- Tesco, Manchester Road, Northwich
- Superdrug, Witton Street, Northwich
- Home Bargains, Witton Street, Northwich
- Farmfoods, Chester Way, Northwich
- B&M, Leicester Street, Northwich
- Sainsbury's, Venables Road, Northwich
- B&M, Manchester Road, Northwich

In addition, Weedall is not allowed to put items in any carrier bags or rucksack inside any retail stores in Cheshire, and to use store-provided baskets, in order to prevent him from concealing any stolen items. He is also banned from entering any retail stores in Cheshire while wearing a face covering and banned from entering any building sites without permission from the site manager. The order will remain in place until 12 September 2028.

Inspector Paul Heatley, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *"The team here at Northwich are committed to doing all we can to tackle shoplifting and business crime in the local area, and we will use all the tools available to us to help achieve our goal. In the case of Weedall, he is a prolific shoplifter and the CBO was put in place to allow for swift action to hold him responsible for his crimes. As demonstrated, we are committed to enforcing the order, and Weedall needs to learn that if he breaks the law, he will be held accountable. I hope this will provide reassurance to local businesses, demonstrating that we are committed to doing all we can to tackle shoplifting across Northwich."*

Anyone who encounters Weedall breaching the restrictions of his order upon his release from prison is urged to contact Cheshire Police via www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard/ or call 101, to report it.

Four men sentenced following Northwich burglary

Four men from Romania who burgled a commercial premises in Northwich have been sentenced.

The men appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 17 April, where they were sentenced to the following:

- Oprea Elvis-Paris, 20, of Woodville Road, Leicester - sentenced to eight months
- Renato-Mario Grosu, 18, of Liston Close, Luton - sentenced to eight months
- Florian State, 22, of Trent Road, Luton - sentenced to eight months

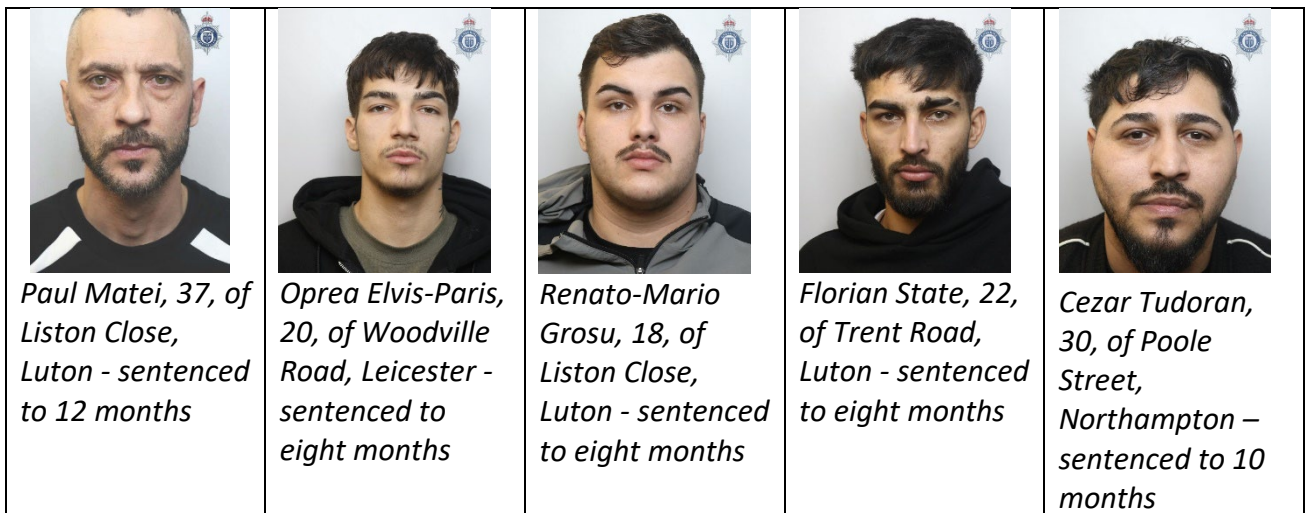
- Cezar Tudoran, 30, of Poole Street, Northampton – sentenced to 10 months

A fifth man, Paul Matei, 37, of Liston Close, Luton, appeared at Chester Magistrates’ Court on Friday 27 February where he was sentenced to 12 months in prison.

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The five men had all pleaded guilty to burglary at a previous hearing. The court heard how during the evening of Thursday 19 February, five unknown men gained unauthorised access to a commercial premises on Griffiths Road, Northwich. Once inside, the men stole £50,000 worth of power tools and copper cabling before fleeing the scene.

The incident was reported to police the next day. Following enquiries, officers from Northwich Proactive CID identified a white Ford Transit van involved in the incident. The van had travelled from Luton to Northwich and back again on the day of the burglary. After establishing Matei was insured on the vehicle, officers attended his address in Luton and conducted a search of his home where they recovered a significant quantity of the stolen tools. Matei was arrested and subsequently charged with the offence of burglary. Four other men, who we now know to be Elvis-Paris, Grosu, State, and Tudoran, were also arrested at the address and later charged in relation to the incident.



Detective Sergeant John Lyons of Northwich Proactive CID said: *“This burglary involved a significant level of planning, with the offenders travelling halfway across the country to carry out their crime. They deliberately targeted a commercial premises, resulting in losses of more than £50,000 worth of equipment and causing considerable disruption to the business.*

“However, thanks to the work of our officers from Northwich Proactive CID, the group were quickly identified, traced back to Luton, and subsequently arrested. I hope the outcome of this case reassures local residents and businesses of how seriously we take burglary and the lengths we will go to bring offenders to justice. Anyone considering travelling to Cheshire to commit crime should be under no illusion, they will be detected, pursued, and held accountable.”

Early action on stalking can save lives, say Cheshire police

Cheshire Constabulary is highlighting the clear and significant link between stalking and serious violence and urging professionals and the public to recognise the warning signs early.

The message comes during National Stalking Awareness Week (20–26 April), which this year highlights the link between stalking and homicide and the importance of early intervention.



Stalking is not harmless persistence or unwanted attention - it is a pattern of fixated, intrusive and threatening behaviour that causes fear, strips victims of their freedom and, if not identified and addressed, can escalate rapidly to serious harm.

As part of National Stalking Awareness Week, Cheshire Constabulary is urging professionals, victims and loved ones to trust their instincts and look out for the following signs of stalking:

- Fixation on daily routines - following, monitoring movements, or using tracking devices
- Obsessive and repeated communication - constant calls, messages, emails, or contacting people connected to you
- Threatening or intimidating behaviour - including suicide threats, “last resort” thinking, or threats towards others
- Unwanted attention or ‘love bombing’ - unannounced visits, repeated gifts, or constant declarations of love
- Unwanted sexual contact - sexual assault, harassment, or unwanted touching
- Criminal behaviour to cause fear or gain attention - damage to property or breaking into homes or vehicles

Cheshire Constabulary has taken a nationally leading approach to tackling stalking through its specialist Harm Reduction Unit (HRU), created to transform the response to stalking by shifting the focus away from victims repeatedly having to prove their fear, and instead placing responsibility firmly on perpetrator management and professional intervention.

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Doleman, Stalking Lead for Cheshire Constabulary, said: *“Stalking is not a series of minor or isolated incidents - it is a pattern of behaviour that causes fear and, if left unchecked, can escalate to the most serious forms of violence, including homicide. Through our Harm Reduction Unit, we deliberately place responsibility where it belongs - on the perpetrator - supported by professionals working together to identify risk early and act decisively.*

“By focusing on behaviour patterns rather than single incidents, and by bringing together policing, health professionals, advocates and probation partners as one team, we are able to intervene sooner, manage offenders robustly and keep victims safe. Our outcomes show this approach works. We have some of the highest charge and conviction rates for stalking in the country, and most importantly, victims tell us they feel believed, supported and protected.”

The Harm Reduction Unit takes primacy for the most serious and complex stalking investigations and is the only specialist unit in the country with a dedicated stalking investigation team. The unit brings together detectives, clinicians, advocates, probation and policing specialists who collectively

own and manage risk - rather than risk being carried by the victim alone. This collaborative, victim centred model has delivered measurable results:

- The highest charge rate for stalking and harassment nationally
- 98% conviction rate for HRU stalking cases reaching court last year
- A significant increase in early safeguarding, with one Stalking Protection Order secured every week
- The longest known single victim stalking sentence ever recorded in the UK

Cheshire Constabulary is also working with the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and academic partners to test innovative AI software aimed at improving the early identification of stalking behaviours in control rooms and enhancing officer response. If you are experiencing persistent, unwanted behaviour that causes fear or distress, it is stalking and it is a crime.

Detective Chief Inspector Doleman added: *“Early recognition and professional action can be life-saving. Cheshire Constabulary remains committed to ensuring victims feel safe, are safe, and stay safe, and to preventing stalking from escalating into serious harm or homicide.”*

[Visit our guide to identifying stalking and available support](#) for more information.



Avon rep sentenced following burglary in Bollington

An Avon representative who broke into the home of a vulnerable customer in Bollington has been sentenced.

Jonathan Martin appeared at Chester Crown court on Friday 17 April where he was sentenced to one year in prison, suspended for two years. The 48-year-old of Hurdsfield Road, Macclesfield, was also ordered to pay £515 compensation, ordered to complete 180 hours unpaid work and 25 days rehabilitation activity. He was also given a four year restraining order which prevents him from contacting the victim. Martin had previously pleaded guilty to one count of burglary, two counts of fraud by false representation, one count of attempt to commit fraud by false representation and one count of driving without insurance.

The court heard how on Saturday 14 March the victim, an 81-year-old woman, awoke to find that her home on Cedarway in Bollington had been burgled. The offender had searched through the victim's purse and had stolen her bankcard. The victim contacted her bank to inform them of the incident and was shocked to discover that £250 had been withdrawn from her account. The incident was also reported to police and following CCTV enquiries Martin was identified as the suspect and arrested. During questioning, Martin initially answered no comment to all the questions put to him by officers. However, he later made a full admission.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Alice Wragg, of Macclesfield Proactive CID said: *“Martin was well aware that the victim was a vulnerable old woman and had visited her home on a number of occasions while working as her Avon representative. Yet despite this he purposefully chose to take advantage by burgling her home. In total he stole more than £500. While the victim will never be able to forget what happened to her, I do hope that she will be able to move forward with her life.”*

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox of Macclesfield Proactive CID, added: *"Thankfully, as a result of the work of the team here at Macclesfield, we were quickly able to identify Martin and he is now being held accountable for his actions. The message continues to be clear, if you come to Cheshire to commit crime, you will be caught and you will be brought to justice."*

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Arrests made following burglary at fire station in Bollington

Update 23/4/2026: A 38-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman, both from Manchester, have since been arrested on suspicion of burglary and theft of a motor vehicle.

Original appeal 17/4/2026: Officers are appealing for information following a burglary at Bollington Fire Station.

On Thursday 16 April, Cheshire Police were made aware of a burglary at the fire station in Albert Road, Bollington, which is believed to have occurred between 9.45pm and 11pm on Wednesday 15 April. During the incident suspects gained entry to the station and stole cutting equipment, damaging a fire engine in the process. Officers are now appealing for anyone who witnessed what happened or has any other information to get in touch with them.

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox, of Macclesfield Proactive CID, said: *"This is a serious offence, and we are urging anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area to please get in touch with us. We would also ask people to check video doorbell, CCTV or dashcam footage to see if they have captured anything relevant to our investigation. This offence targeted vital equipment used by our colleagues at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service when rescuing casualties trapped in vehicles that have been involved in collisions. Please also be wary if you see any large cutting equipment like this for sale which does not appear to be advertised via a legitimate source, as it may have been stolen."*

Steve Barnes, Assistant Chief Fire Officer at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: *"It is extremely disappointing to see Bollington Fire Station targeted in this manner. This has damaged both our premises and a vital community asset. The kit taken is essential equipment that is designed to save lives in the event of road traffic collisions, which should be in the service of the community at times of need. Fortunately we have been able to quickly repair the fire engine and return it to operational duty, helping to keep Cheshire safe from fire and other emergencies. We would ask anyone who may have information to come forward to help Cheshire Police investigate this incident."*

You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or visiting cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2309622.

Appeal for information following serious collision near Northwich

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision in Oakmere.

Shortly after 6.15pm on Wednesday 22 April, officers on patrol came across a collision on the A556, Chester Road, near to the junction of Hogshead Lane and Stoneyford Lane. The incident involved two vehicles, a grey Fiat Panda Active and a white BMW M135i XDrive. The driver of the Panda, a man in his 70's, is believed to have sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to Manchester Royal Infirmary. The driver of the BMW was uninjured.

Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and anyone with any information or video footage which may aid the investigation is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 2313939.

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