

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Four charged as part of Congleton drugs investigation

Four people have been charged following an investigation into the supply of drugs in the Congleton area.

The charges relate to a series of warrants carried out on Tuesday 28 July 2026 at three addresses – two in Manchester and one in Congleton. Lucy Dale, 49, of Worrall Street, Congleton, has been charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin. Troy Bennett, 32, of Alness Road, Manchester, was charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin, plus possession of criminal property. Sakile Mkhwanazi, 26, and Marcelino Sisse, 27, both of City Road East, Manchester, were charged with conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and heroin, possession with intent to supply heroin, crack cocaine, and cannabis, plus possession of criminal property. All four are set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 27 August 2026.

Moulton man charged with drugs offences

A man from Moulton has been charged in relation to the supply of Class A and B drugs.

Jake Dickens, of Britten Crescent, Moulton, was arrested on Wednesday 29 July, for drug supply offences. Following questioning, the 33-year-old has been charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A and B drugs (cocaine and cannabis), possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine) and possession of criminal property. The charges relate to supplying class A and B drugs in the Northwich area between 13 April 2026 and 28 July 2026. Dickens appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 30 July where he was remanded in custody; he is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 10 September.

Prolific shoplifter jailed for Ellesmere Port offences

A prolific shoplifter has been jailed following multiple offences in Ellesmere Port.

Matthew Hodson appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 28 July where he pleaded guilty to four counts of shoplifting and four counts of breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO). The 39-year-old of Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, was sentenced to 26 weeks in prison.



The court heard how Hodson had earlier appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 14 July, where he had been sentenced to 12 weeks in prison suspended for one year and handed a five-year-CBO for a number of offences in Northwich, including shoplifting. Despite the sentencing, just five days later, on Sunday 19 July, he travelled to Asda in Ellesmere Port where he stole more than

£190 worth of alcohol and also breached his CBO by concealing items in a bag while in the store. Hodson then went on to commit three similar offences at the same store, twice on Monday 20 July and finally on Friday 24 July. On each occasion he stole large quantities of alcohol and breached his CBO by concealing items in bags. The total value of the items stolen during the four incidents was £516.50.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Jenna Tapley, of Ellesmere Port Local Policing unit, said: *“Hodson is a prolific offender and despite multiple interventions by both the police and the courts to curb his behaviour, he continues to offend. During his latest crime spree, he thought that he’d be able to continue his shoplifting spree by moving from Northwich to Ellesmere Port. However, he seriously underestimated the dedication of the team here at Cheshire Police and he’s now behind bars. I hope his sentencing provides reassurance to local businesses, demonstrating that we are committed to doing all we can to tackle shoplifting in Ellesmere Port.”*

Fraudsters sentenced after defrauding vulnerable and elderly victims

A total of eight people have been sentenced for cruelly defrauding five vulnerable and elderly victims out of a total of more than £97,000.

The defendants appeared at Chester Crown Court between 27 and 28 July 2026:

- Michael Doran, 34, of Mayfield Gardens, Neston, was sentenced to 55 months after pleading guilty to five counts of conspiracy to defraud.
- Liam Bayley, 29, of Romaine Park, Hartlepool, was sentenced to 43 months after pleading guilty to five counts of conspiracy to defraud.
- Terri-Lee Readman, 26, of Romaine Park, Hartlepool, was sentenced to two years suspended for two years after pleading guilty to five counts of conspiracy to defraud.
- Bradley Carroll, 41, of Cromwell Road, Ellesmere Port, was sentenced to nine months suspended for 18 months after pleading guilty to two counts of conspiracy to transfer criminal property.
- Lynn Strange, 52, of Foxhill Close, Liverpool, was sentenced to six months suspended for 12 months after pleading guilty to two counts of conspiracy to transfer criminal property.
- Jessica Strange, 30, of Chatterton Road, Liverpool, was sentenced to three months suspended for 12 months after pleading guilty to two counts of conspiracy to transfer criminal property.
- Jerry Connors, 19, of Layhams Road, Keston, was sentenced to 15 months suspended for two years after pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud.
- Rebecca Field, 46, of Monkton Street, Eamsgate, was sentenced to 10 months suspended for 18 months after pleading guilty to one count of transferring criminal property.

Between July and September 2023, five victims in Ellesmere Port, Rochdale, Coventry, and Northamptonshire were targeted by Doran and the other defendants. This involved persuading the victims to take out cash or write cheques for unwanted building work which was never completed or completed to an incredibly poor standard.

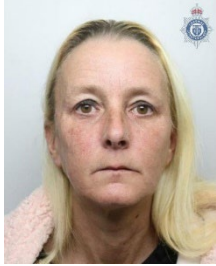
The case began in late July 2023 when Connors attended the address of a vulnerable man in Ellesmere Port and persuaded him to write out cheques worth £34,500 to pay for roof repair work. This was never carried out. Connors arranged for Field to pay these into her account, taking a cut

for herself and using the rest to pay for Rolex watches for Connors. At around the same time, Doran and Bayley, acting separately to Connors, approached the same vulnerable victim and obtained further cheques. They also regularly took him to local ATMs where they would get him to withdraw money. Doran purchased meals and bought food and groceries items after coercing the victim to hand over his bank card. Doran and Bayley stole a total of £33,150 from him. Several of the cheques were paid into the bank accounts of Readman and then transferred back to Doran and Bayley. Doran also used Carroll to cash the cheques, who then in turn arranged for them to be transferred into the bank accounts of Lynn and Jessica Strange, who withdrew the cash.

The two groups of fraudsters came into conflict over their victim, as his money ran out. Messages recovered from the phones of the offenders showed that Doran and Connors were fighting over who had the right to continue defrauding him. The offences only came to light in late September 2023 when the victim's regular direct debits started to bounce due to lack of funds. He turned to a friend for help, who quickly informed Cheshire Police. Further police enquiries identified four further vulnerable victims who were targeted by Doran and Bayley.

An elderly lady in Rochdale was persuaded to hand over cheques, cash and bank transfers to the value of £7,800 to Doran and Bayley in late July and early August 2023. The money was laundered through the bank accounts of Readman and Lynn Strange. An elderly man from Ellesmere Port handed over £5,000 to Doran and Bayley which was paid into the bank account of Readman. This victim was also taken to his bank by Doran and Bayley on two occasions in August and September 2023 to withdraw cash totalling £2,800. Doran obtained two signed blank cheques from an elderly woman in Coventry in September 2023. The cheques were then written out to the total value of £13,000 and paid into the bank account of Readman. An elderly woman from Corby in Northamptonshire had unnecessary repairs to her roof of extremely poor workmanship in September 2023. Doran obtained a cheque for £2,000 for this work and Bayley paid this cheque into the bank account of Readman. Following enquiries into these incidents, all eight defendants were arrested and later charged.

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DC Rob Mackay, Ellesmere Port Proactive CID, said: *“This has been a lengthy and complex investigation, and I welcome the sentences handed to the defendants who have now been held accountable for their despicable behaviour. They purposefully targeted vulnerable and elderly victims, stealing their hard-earned cash for their own benefit. They even drained the bank account of one of their victims dry, leaving him struggling to keep up direct debit payments while they plotted over who they could target next. Sadly, two of the elderly victims pursued by this group have since died and never got to see justice served. I hope the conclusion of this court process today will at least provide some comfort to their loved ones, knowing that these fraudsters have now had to answer for their crimes.*

“I hope this case serves as a reminder to people to report any similar offences if they believe they have fallen victim to fraud. You can report information online or by calling 101.”

Officers and members of the public thanked following life-saving intervention

Four officers from Cheshire Constabulary and four members of the public have been thanked for their efforts in administering emergency first aid to a seriously injured child following a biking accident.

Shortly after 2.15pm on Monday 20 July, a child who was cycling in the Shrewsbury Way area of Chester fell from his bike and sustained a serious injury in the form of a deep wound and a suspected arterial bleed. Two members of the public, who were in the area at the time and witnessed the boy fall from his bike, recognised the potential life-threatening nature of the incident and immediately came to his aid. As they continued to administer the emergency first aid, the pair were joined by a third member of the public who assisted in medical treatment, whilst a fourth called 999, remained in constant communication with the Force Control Centre, updated the child’s family of the situation over the phone and flagged down a nearby police patrol.

The officers flagged down were PCs Brockley and Ricardo who, without hesitation, joined the members of the public in applying first aid, maintaining direct pressure on the life-threatening wound, working tirelessly to manage the bleeding all whilst persistently pursuing an ambulance response and seeking further medical assistance. As concerns grew regarding the severity of the child’s injury and ambulance delays, Sergeant Bithell and PC Wall were deployed to the scene due

to having specialist trauma equipment and advanced trauma training. On arrival, they quickly assessed the situation and utilised their enhanced medical skills to apply a haemostatic agent and a tourniquet.

In the space of 25 minutes, the members of the public and attending officers were able to turn the situation around, bringing the amount of blood lost from the deep wound under control and prep the child for the arrival of ambulance crews a short time later. Following the incident, the boy was taken to hospital where, after extensive surgery, he was discharged and sent home. Due to the efforts of all involved, he is expected to make a full recovery. The efforts of the members of the public and the officers on the scene has led to them all being nominated for a Chief Constable's Commendation Award, the highest level of recognition for individuals or teams who have gone above and beyond in their community.

Inspector Nick Bamber said: *"What makes this incident particularly deserving of recognition is that the outcome was not the result of one person's actions, but of a group of individuals who each stepped forward when confronted with a child in desperate need of help. Every person involved played a vital role. The members of public who stopped, acted and helped save a life. The attending officers demonstrated professionalism, composure and determination under immense pressure, while specialist officers brought the advanced skills needed to stabilise a potentially fatal injury. Given the severity of the wound, the significant blood loss and the suspected arterial bleed, it is entirely reasonable to conclude that the combined actions of all those involved were instrumental in preventing a far more serious, and potentially fatal, outcome. Their actions represent the very highest standards of public service, and I cannot thank them enough."*

Man jailed following Ellesmere Port retail park road rage incident

A man who assaulted shoppers and crashed his car during a road rage incident in a retail park car park in Ellesmere Port has been jailed.

Neil Jones, of Morningside Road, Liverpool, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 28 July 2026 to be sentenced after pleading guilty to dangerous driving, assault by beating, common assault, and threatening a person with an offensive weapon in a public place. The 48-year-old was jailed for two years and three months. He was also sentenced to an additional two years for an unrelated Merseyside Police case of causing death by careless driving, meaning his total sentence is one of 51 months.



At around 3pm on 23 December 2025 a family had been walking across the pedestrian crossing at the Coliseum Shopping Park off Coliseum Way when Jones sped towards them narrowly missing one of the children. One of the adults shouted at the car to slow down and threw two soft toys which hit the back of the car. Jones pulled into a disabled parking bay and got out of his vehicle. He shouted at the man accusing him of damaging his car and squaring up to him. Jones then pushed him in the chest. The man pushed him back to create space and two members of the public approached to try and diffuse the situation.

Jones then went to the boot of his car to retrieve a red claw hammer and brandished it at the man he had assaulted and then turned on another member of the public. He then went back to his car and locked himself inside. Other members of the public surrounded the vehicle to try and prevent

him from leaving while a security guard tried to break Jones's door window to try and get him out. Jones reversed his vehicle and crashed into another trapping a man between two vehicles. He then managed to drive away. A witness was able to give officers who turned up at the scene the car's registration number and Jones was subsequently stopped by Roads and Crime Unit officers. They spotted the damage to the rear of the car and he was arrested.

DC Jason Smith said: *"Jones was prepared to go to trial but once the jury was sworn in there must have been a dawning realisation that despite his protests of innocence his outrageous behaviour was witnessed by many and he had no choice but to change his plea to guilty. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured in this highly volatile situation, but for all those involved it was a frightening experience where they had no idea whether this was going to escalate into a dangerously violent conclusion. It is not what you should have to expect to encounter when Christmas shopping with your family."*

Warning issued following deliberate fires in Ellesmere Port

Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service are issuing a warning in relation to the starting of fires following several incidents in Ellesmere Port.

Over the past few weeks, officers in Ellesmere Port have been made aware of several reports of fires deliberately being started in areas across the town. The reports officers received mentioned that young people had been observed starting the fires and then fleeing the scene either on foot or on bikes. Officers have been working alongside colleagues from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service in response to this recent spate of incidents and a number of enquiries are already underway to identify those responsible.

Chief Inspector Dan Reynolds said: *"Only recently in Cheshire, we have seen the devastating impact that fires have had on our residents, communities and green spaces; this activity is an extremely dangerous form of anti-social behaviour that we will not tolerate. As well as endangering the lives of their neighbours, those involved are putting their own lives at risk by starting the fires and impacting the resources of both police and fire teams who could be responding to actual emergencies but are instead attending avoidable incidents."*

"If you are a parent we would ask you to talk with your children and highlight this risk to them as these fires appear to be started deliberately with disregard to the danger. "We would much rather work with our young people to make our town safer for everybody that lives, works and visits here. We have [previously run sessions alongside our colleagues from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service regarding the dangers of starting fires](#) - we would much rather take action through education than through prosecution."

"That being said, we have launched enquiries into identifying those responsible for these incidents and we will not hesitate in seeking charges for these offences should this behaviour continue. Arson is a serious crime that can result in a criminal record and even prison time. If you have information regarding these offences, please pass it your local officer or via Crimestoppers. We are all united in our approach to keeping the communities of Ellesmere Port and Neston safe."

Ellesmere Port Station Manager Andrew Gray added: *“Deliberately setting fires is both dangerous and irresponsible. Although these incidents may seem minor, fires can spread quickly in dry conditions, putting people, property, wildlife and open spaces at risk. Every time our firefighters attend a deliberately started fire, it ties up valuable emergency resources that could be needed elsewhere for house fires, road traffic collisions or other emergencies where lives may be at risk. These fires don't just create unnecessary demand on the emergency services; they also leave lasting damage to local green spaces that should be there for everyone to enjoy. We would ask people to think about the consequences of their actions and help us protect our communities by reporting any suspicious behaviour or fire setting activity.”*

Anyone with information regarding fires or anti-social behaviour in their area should contact Cheshire Police on 101, give the details online, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. If you see a fire do not attempt to tackle it yourself, instead call 999 immediately.

Man charged with attempted murder following incident in Ellesmere Port

Officers in Ellesmere Port have charged a man with attempted murder.

Shaun Murphy, 47, was arrested on Saturday 25 July in the Millfield area of Neston, Ellesmere Port. Murphy, of Rockybank Road, Tranmere, has since been charged with one count of attempted murder. He appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 27 July, where he was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 24 August. The charges relate to a collision which occurred at around 4pm in the Millfield area, where a 52-year-old man sustained serious injuries.

As part of enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the incident, officers are keen to speak to anyone with any information, or who witnessed the incident, to get in touch. In particular, officers are looking to speak to:

- A man believed to be riding a bike in the area at the time of the incident
- The driver of a white Fiat 500 that pulled up to the scene
- Members of the public who stopped at the scene to provide emergency first aid to the victim

Officers are also keen to speak to anyone who may have relevant CCTV or dashcam footage from the Millfield, Reins Court, and Millcroft areas from around the time of the incident. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting incident reference number IML-2381691.

Man charged with weapons offences in Chester

Officers have charged a man with weapons offences following an incident in Chester.

Owen O'Sullivan was arrested at around 9.50pm on Thursday 23 July in the Christleton Road area of Chester. The 22-year-old has since been charged with possession of a knife in a public place and using threatening words/behaviour likely to cause alarm. O'Sullivan, of Christleton Road, Chester, appeared at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Saturday 25 July, where he was released on bail to appear at the same court on Tuesday 11 August.

Officers across Chester LPU target anti-social use of e-bikes

An operation has taken place in Chester targeting illegal and dangerously-ridden e-bikes and off-road vehicles.

On Thursday 23 July, officers were deployed across Chester Local Policing Unit (LPU) as part of Operation Lawmaker. The operation follows a number of recent incidents involving the use of e-bikes and the anti-social use of vehicles. The operation involved Chester Beat Management Team, Western Problem Solving Team, NPAS Fixed Wing Aircraft, Bike Unit, Roads and Crime Unit and Force Control Centre. The operation achieved the following results:

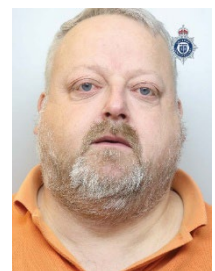
- One arrest for drug driving
- One arrest for disqualified driving
- One PG9 dangerous vehicle condition report being issued
- Six Traffic Offence Reports issued
- Nine vehicle seizures for offences such as having no insurance and no licence
- One man reported for summons to court

Inspector James Wilson said: *"Thanks to a collaborate effort from various teams across the force, our officers produced some excellent results, including nine vehicles seized in just one day. We recognise how disruptive the use of illegal e-bikes, e-scooters, and dangerously ridden off-road vehicles are to residents and this operation sent out a clear message that the illegal use of vehicles will not be tolerated, and we will use a range of resources to tackle this issue. You can report issues of this nature to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or visiting the Cheshire Police website. In an emergency, always dial 999."*

Fake mortgage advisor sentenced

A man who posed as a mortgage advisor and defrauded four people out of more than £200,000 has been sentenced.

Adam Francis, of Rowan Rise, Banton, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 24 July, where he was sentenced to 25 months in prison, suspended for two years, and up to 20 days rehabilitation requirement. The 48-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to four counts of fraud by false representation. A further count was ordered to lie on file.



Between February 2017 and August 2018, the four victims had each been seeking help for new mortgages and approached Francis after seeing his adverts in which he offered his services as the 'Mortgage Man'. Francis worked with a second defendant, a qualified accountant, who has since died. Francis met all of the victims in person, purporting to be mortgage or financial adviser, with his associate working as the accountant. Between the pair, they convinced all of the victims that they were reputable professionals who were offering legitimate services. They told the victims that in order to secure the deals, they needed to hand over mortgage deposits and various charges, and solicitors fees.

To help persuade the victims that the mortgages were legitimate, Francis engaged with a number of professionals, giving the complainants the impression he was carrying out the required work and starting off the mortgage process. He also spoke with estate agents, made initial enquiries with legitimate mortgage advisers, and instructed solicitors, including paying initial fees, to help to obtain the relevant documentation and emails which were then provided to the victims who believed that their money was safe and the conveyancing process was under way. In reality, Francis and his associate had already stolen all the money.

The victims only became aware that they had been conned when they contacted the solicitors to check how their mortgages were progressing, only to be told that their mortgages had not progressed and there was no money held in any client account. After discovering that they had been deceived, the victims reported the allegations to Cheshire Police and Francis was arrested. Between them, the four victims reported losses of just over £203,436. Following his arrest, Francis answered no comment in relation to all of the fraud allegations. Despite his silence, he was later charged with four counts of fraud by false representation.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Catrin Phoenix, of the Economic Crime Unit at Cheshire police, said: *"Francis was a cunning and deceitful individual who convinced his victims into handing over more than £200,000, believing that he was a legitimate mortgage adviser and money was being used towards their mortgage. In reality, Francis had no financial qualifications, and he used the victim's cash for his own personal gain. While we have been unable to recover any of the victim's cash, I do hope that the fact Francis has now been held accountable for his actions will provide them with some closure."*

During the sentencing, His Honour Judge Everett described how Francis *"took the victims for a ride,"* and stated his actions were *"totally shameful"* and *"a con from beginning to end"* which caused significant distress to the victims.

Four men arrested following pursuit near Alsager.

At 12.30pm on Sunday 26 July, police attempted to stop a beige Citroen C3 near Alsager following intelligence that the car was linked to a number of burglaries in Staffordshire.

The car failed to stop and made off at speed. Additional officers were called to the scene, and a stinger was used to bring the vehicle to a stop on Liverpool Road East in Church Lawton. One man remained inside the car and was arrested at the scene, while three other people made off on foot. The police helicopter and a police dog attended and, following a search of the area, all three suspects were located nearby and arrested. These included -

- A 24-year-old man from Crewe, arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving, failing to stop for police, driving without a licence, drug driving, driving without insurance and possession of a knife and theft of a motor vehicle.
- An 18-year-old man from Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, arrested on suspicion of possession of a knife and theft of a motor vehicle.
- A 16-year-old boy from Ball Green, Stoke-on-Trent, arrested on suspicion of possession of a knife and theft of a motor vehicle.

- A 17-year-old boy from Chell Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, arrested on suspicion of possession of a knife and theft of a motor vehicle.

The 24-year-old man and the 18-year-old man both remain in police custody at this time, while the two teenage boys have been bailed pending further enquiries.

Inspector Deborah Morgan, Force Incident Manager at Cheshire Police said: *"This was a real team effort, and all those who attended the incident played key roles in helping to arrests the four suspects; including the police dog who helped to track down the fourth suspect. Burglary is a deeply personal crime that can leave victims feeling unsafe and insecure in their own homes and here at Cheshire Police we're committed to doing all we can to tackle the issue. As a force we have one of the highest charge rates for burglary in the UK, and over recent years we have seen a decrease in the number of burglaries in our county. I hope that today's arrests will reassure residents of our commitment to tackling this type of crime, and I'd like to thank all the officers involved for their quick response."*

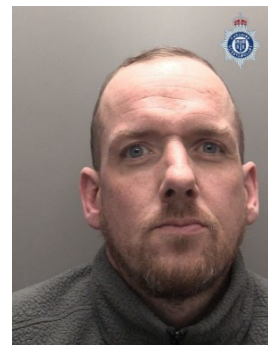
Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal to trace wanted man from Runcorn

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

Alan Airey is wanted on recall to prison. The 41-year-old is described as white, around six feet and two inches tall, with short brown hair and blue eyes. Airey is of no fixed address, but of Runcorn.

Anyone with any information in relation to the whereabouts of Airey is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website, or on 101, quoting incident reference number 26000568179



Appeal to trace wanted man in Widnes

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

Scott McGuffie is wanted for breaching a Protection from Harassment Order. He is described as 5'10" tall, of medium build, with short brown hair and blue eyes. The 43-year-old resides in Widnes and is also known to have links to Warrington, Halewood and Liverpool.

Anyone who sees McGuffie is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us-quoting-26000420285. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Police appeal to trace wanted man from Runcorn

Police are appealing for help to locate a wanted man from Runcorn.

Blake Courtney, 18, is wanted for failing to appear in court. He is described as white, around 5'7" tall, with brown hair and brown eyes. Courtney is known to frequent the Halton area.

Anyone with information as to his whereabouts is asked to contact us [via the website](#) or call 101 quoting IML-2312454.



Appeal for witnesses following arson in Congleton

Officers are appealing for any witnesses to come forward following an arson in Congleton.

At around 1.30am on Thursday 30 July, officers in Congleton located a car on fire in Wood View Row. A 26-year-old man has since been arrested on suspicion of arson and is assisting officers with their enquiries. As part of their investigation into the incident, officers are appealing for anyone with any information or any witnesses to get in touch with them.

Sergeant Welch said: *"Firstly, we would like to reassure members of the public that this is believed to be an isolated incident and there is no risk to the wider community. We have made an arrest and as part of our enquiries, we would ask anyone who saw what happened or has captured any CCTV, video doorbell or dashcam footage which may be useful to please contact us. You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101, or visiting our website, quoting IML-2384616."*

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