

CNWA Monthly Newsletter



We have Facebook and Instagram pages which we post to daily. Below is a selection of the posts from this month which you may find useful. If you would like to see these posts (and additional ones) in real time please visit <https://www.facebook.com/cheshirenwa>

Neighbourhood Watch Week 2026 starts tomorrow. 🍷

From 1st–7th June, we'll be celebrating the people who help make communities across Cheshire safer, stronger and more connected.

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about crime prevention.

It's about neighbours knowing each other.

It's about sharing trusted information.

It's about looking out for vulnerable people.

It's about community spirit.

And it often starts with one person deciding to do something.

This week, we'll be sharing stories, recognising volunteers and showing what Neighbourhood Watch looks like today.

Could you help your street, estate or local community feel more connected?

[#NWW26](#) [#CheshireNeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#NeighbourhoodWatch](#)



A huge congratulations to our Social Media Assistant, Leanne Gray, who has won the University of Chester Careers and Employability Recognition Award for Volunteer of the Year 2026.

Leanne was nominated by CNWA for the impact she has made in helping us modernise our community engagement and outreach. Through creativity, clear messaging and a strong understanding of digital platforms, Leanne has helped bring a fresh voice to Neighbourhood Watch in Cheshire, showing why it remains relevant today and helping us reach new audiences, including younger residents and families. Her work has supported our social media development, helped build trust online and contributed to new conversations around how people can get involved in safer, stronger communities. This award is a brilliant reminder that volunteering with Neighbourhood Watch can make a real difference, not just in your local area, but across Cheshire.

If you care about your community and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Well done Leanne and thank you for everything you continue to do for CNWA.

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Open water can look calm, but it can be dangerous, even on warm days.

Cold water shock, hidden depths, strong currents, weeds, and slippery banks can put lives at risk very quickly.

Please speak to children, young people, family and friends about the dangers of open water.

If someone gets into difficulty:

- call 999 immediately
- ask for the fire service inland, or the coastguard at the coast
- stay out of the water
- encourage them to float on their back
- throw something that floats if it's safe to do so

A conversation today could save a life tomorrow. Please share this with your local community.

Source: @rlssuk

[#OpenWaterSafety](#) [#WaterSafety](#) [#CheshireNeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#Cheshire](#) [#RespectTheWater](#)



This started as just a WhatsApp group.

After lockdown, residents at Piper's Court in Hoole, Chester, created a WhatsApp group to support each other and stay connected.

Kate helped turn that informal support network into an official Neighbourhood Watch scheme, giving the group a clear purpose and helping the community build even stronger links.

The scheme has helped residents:

- stay connected
- share useful updates
- support one another
- build better links with local police
- create a stronger sense of community

Kate's story shows that Neighbourhood Watch isn't just about crime prevention. It's about neighbourliness, connection and people looking out for each other.

Already have a street group or WhatsApp chat? You may already be halfway there.



Myth or truth?

Myth: You need loads of time to be a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

Truth: The role works around your community.

Being a Coordinator doesn't mean endless meetings or hours of extra work.

It can be as simple as:

- sharing trusted updates
- keeping neighbours connected
- using a WhatsApp or Facebook group you already have
- helping people know who to contact
- looking out for your street in a way that works for you

You don't have to do it all.

Small actions can make a big difference.

Interested in becoming a Coordinator?

[#NeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#CheshireNeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#CommunitySafety](#) [#SaferCommunities](#)



New estate? Start connected.

Moving into a new estate can feel exciting, but it can also take time for people to get to know each other.

Neighbourhood Watch helps bring neighbours together from day one.

It can help your street:

- share useful updates
- build community
- look out for each other
- feel safer and more connected

And if you already have a WhatsApp or Facebook group, you're already halfway there.

A stronger community can start with one conversation.

[#NeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#CheshireNeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#NewBuildEstate](#) [#CheshireHomes](#)
[#CommunitySafety](#)

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch

New estate? Start connected.

Bring neighbours together from day one. Share updates, build community and help your street feel safer.

A stronger community starts with one conversation.

- Share updates**
Keep everyone in the loop.
- Build community**
Get to know your neighbours.
- Feel safer**
Look out for each other, together.

Already have a street group? [Message us](#) to take it further.

From an antisocial behaviour hotspot to one of the safest areas in Widnes.

When Dave moved into a new-build estate in Widnes, the area was facing serious issues including antisocial behaviour, vandalism and crime.

Rather than waiting for someone else to step in, Dave brought neighbours together, set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and worked closely with local police.

Through community action, better communication and neighbours looking out for one another, the area was transformed.

Today, what was once a hotspot is now one of the safest areas in Widnes.

This started with one person.

If you care about your street, your neighbours and your community, you could make a difference too.

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch

Success Story

From ASB hotspot to one of the safest areas in Widnes

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- He brought neighbours together, set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and worked closely with local police.
- Today, the area is one of the safest in Widnes.

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Could this work in your area?
[Message us](#) to get started.

Dave Brown
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Which?

Urgent recall: Dunelm is recalling a range of novelty doorstops as the sand inside some products may be contaminated with a small quantity of asbestos.

The affected products include a wide range of animal and fabric doorstops sold between January 2019 and February 2026, including:

- Albert Dog Doorstop
- Churchgate Swithland Doorstop
- Cockapoo Doorstop
- Cow Doorstop
- Darcy Duck Doorstop
- Elements Cord Ball Doorstop - Navy
- Elements Cord Ball Doorstop - Ochre
- Floral Jacquard Doorstop - Black
- Floral Jacquard Doorstop - Natural
- Fox Doorstop
- Frog Doorstop

- Geo Doorstop - Black
- Geo Doorstop - Natural
- Gilly the Giraffe Doorstop
- Giraffe Doorstop
- Hamish the Highland Cow Doorstop
- Hare Doorstop
- Hedgehog Doorstop
- Honeycomb Doorstop
- House Doorstop
- Lenny the Labrador Doorstop
- Llama Doorstop
- Mushroom Doorstop
- Owl Doorstop
- Pear Shaped Doorstop
- Pearl the Pig Doorstop
- Pom Pom Doorstop - Grey
- Pom Pom Doorstop - Natural
- Pug Doorstop
- Ralph the Schnauzer Doorstop
- Sam the Sausage Dog Doorstop
- Sandy the Boucle Sausage Dog Doorstop
- Stevie the Schnauzer Doorstop
- Velvet Cylinder Doorstop - Emerald
- Velvet Cylinder Doorstop - Grey

If you have one of the affected products, stop using it immediately and keep it out of children's reach.

Return the product to your nearest Dunelm store for a full refund.

If you are unable to get to a Dunelm store, follow the disposal guidance above and place the product in your general household waste.

 **[POLICE APPEAL]** Can you help [Ellesmere Port Police](#)? Full details below

[Ellesmere Port Police](#)

Officers are appealing for witnesses and those with footage to come forward following a serious collision in Ellesmere Port.


At 8.33pm on Thursday 7 May, police were called to reports of a collision in Merseyton Road.

The incident involved a white BMW 320i and a brown Sym Jet 14 motorcycle.

The rider of the motorcycle, a 30-year-old man, was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the car, a 24-year-old man, was arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Read more > <https://orlo.uk/k5iOF>

 **[POLICE UPDATE]** Although this post is talking about Elworth this problem occurs everywhere.

[Sandbach Police](#)

 Parking Concerns – Elworth Cricket Club Area 

We've been made aware of ongoing issues with vehicles parking outside Elworth Cricket Club, particularly along surrounding roads and pavements.

🚫 Why this matters:

- Obstructed pavements can force pedestrians, including children and families, into the road
- Reduced visibility creates hazards for drivers and other road users
- Emergency access may be restricted
- Damage to verges and footpaths

👍 Our advice:

- Please park considerately and legally
- Avoid blocking pavements, driveways, or access points
- Allow enough space for pedestrians, wheelchairs, and pushchairs to pass safely
- Use designated parking areas wherever possible

👮 What we're doing:

We will be working alongside Elworth Cricket Club and will be monitoring the area. Where necessary, enforcement action may be taken against vehicles parked dangerously or unlawfully.

🙏 We appreciate the community's support in keeping the area safe for everyone.

[#ParkingMatters](#) [#RoadSafety](#) [#Elworth](#) [#CommunitySafety](#)

