

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Crime continues to fall in Cheshire according to latest figures

Crime continues to fall in Cheshire as it remains the safest place in the North West according to the most recent figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The latest figures were released on Thursday 24 July 2025, covering the year to March 2025 compared with the previous 12 months. These reveal that Cheshire has the lowest crime rate in the North West compared with the other police forces in the region, with 69.8 offences per 1,000 people. This is well below the North West average of 91.9 and the national average of 87.2.



Across the 12 months to March 2025, crime in Cheshire has fallen by 1%. The force has seen notable reductions in drugs offences (-2% compared with a national average increase of 12%), vehicle offences (-15% compared with -8% nationally) and possession of weapons (-4% compared with -1% nationally). Cheshire has also seen an 11% reduction in burglary offences (national average -8%) and a decrease in criminal damage and arson (-10% compared with -7% nationally).

Deputy Chief Constable Michael Evans said: *"It is great to see that Cheshire has retained its position as the safest county in the North West, and these latest statistics reflect the dedication of our officers and staff in protecting the public. While we have seen reductions in a majority of the areas of crime which these figures relate to, there have been small increases in a few areas, including a slight increase in sexual offences, shoplifting and stalking. The increase in sexual offences comes off the back of our Consent Campaign, which is aimed at educating young people about consent, and matches the 11% increase seen across the North West and nationally."*

"While shoplifting is up 2%, it remains below the North West average increase of 11% and well below the national increase of 20%. I would like to reassure businesses that we are working hard to tackle crimes against businesses and those responsible. This includes a number of innovative and proactive measures such as SelectaDNA, specialist facial recognition software to identify suspects and Criminal Behaviour Orders to tackle repeat offenders."

"Stalking offences have increased by 4%, which reflects the work of our dedicated integrated anti-stalking unit, which helps to protect victims of stalking, but also adopts a pioneering approach to managing offenders. We have also invested in training our officers to help them identify these types of offences, and better understand how to deal with incidents of stalking and harassment. This helps us to better engage with victims and encourages them to have the confidence to come forward and report what they are being subjected to, knowing that we will take it seriously."

"We remain committed to ensuring Cheshire is a safe place for people to live, work and visit, and we will continue to build on these latest figures."

DCC Evans concluded: *"The message is clear - we will do everything possible to make Cheshire a hostile place for criminals and I want the public to know that we will do all we can to bring perpetrators to justice, continuing with our commitment to keep the residents of Cheshire safe."*

If you are a victim of crime you can report it on 101 or online at www.cheshire.police.uk. In an emergency dial 999.

Woman jailed after causing crash while drink and drug driving

A drink and drug driver has been jailed after crashing her car and causing serious injuries to a young child.

Bridie Trotter, of Scott Street, Fairfield and Howley, Warrington, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 18 July where she was sentenced to 27 months. The 36-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving, drink driving and drug driving.



On 30 August 2024, at 9.30pm, Trotter was driving a Honda Jazz along Birchwood Way, Warrington, with two young children in the car. She collided with another vehicle, a Skoda Roomster, which was travelling in the opposite direction. As a result of the collision, one of the children in Trotter's vehicle sustained a number of serious injuries, including a deep laceration to his forehead, a broken nose, a fracture to his right and left collar bones, and a fracture to the left side of his pelvis. He was placed in an induced coma until 3 September. The second child suffered bruising, while Trotter was medically trapped inside the vehicle and sustained a fracture to her leg. The driver of the Skoda Roomster, who was pregnant, and a passenger in the vehicle, suffered multiple injuries including cuts and bruises.

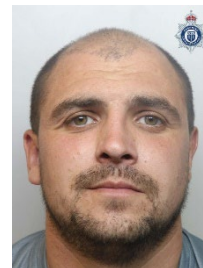
Following the incident, Trotter was transported to hospital where tests were conducted. She gave a reading of 137 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. This exceeds the legal limit of 80 milligrams. She was also found to have 195 micrograms of Benzoylcegonine (cocaine) per litre of blood, well over the limit of 50 micrograms. She was subsequently charged with the offences. On top of her custodial sentence, Trotter is banned from driving for four years.

PC Jamie Roberts said: *"I welcome the custodial sentence handed to Trotter. She decided to not only get behind the wheel of a vehicle after drinking alcohol and taking drugs, but also with two young children in the car. She clearly showed no regard for the safety of those children or the safety of other road users. Her dangerous driving caused a number of injuries to innocent people, most seriously to a child who spent days in an induced coma as a result. The rules of the road are in place for a reason and I hope Trotter spends her time in custody reflecting on her decisions."*

Man jailed following serious assault in Ellesmere Port

A man who assaulted a man in a supermarket car park in Ellesmere Port has been jailed.

Luke Cooper appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 21 July where he was sentenced to 16 months in prison. The 35-year-old, of Mill Lane, Great Sutton, had earlier pleaded guilty to one count of grievous bodily harm without intent.



The court heard how at around 6pm on Thursday 19 June 2025 the victim, a 59-year-old man from Ellesmere Port, was walking on the car park outside Morrisons in Ellesmere Port when he was nearly hit by a car driven by Cooper. The victim confronted Cooper about the incident, and following a short altercation the victim was punched in the face, causing him to immediately fall to the ground. Cooper then got back into his car and drove away slowly. As he left, he was heard shouting, 'Now whose right of way is it d**khead'.

The victim was subsequently taken to hospital where it was discovered that he had sustained multiple fractures to his cheekbone. Cooper was arrested later the same day after officers identified him through CCTV footage. During questioning he attempted to claim that it was self-defence. However, upon appearing in court he pleaded guilty to grievous bodily harm without intent. In addition to his prison sentence, Cooper was also handed a five year restraining order preventing him from contacting the victim.

Following the sentencing, DC Emma Donaldson, said: *"I welcome the custodial sentence handed to Cooper and I hope that it acts as a warning to others. The victim in this case sustained serious injuries as a result of his ordeal and while he will never be able to forget what happened to him, I hope that this sentence will provide him with some reassurance."*

Man sentenced for raping a woman in Chester

A man has been sentenced for raping a woman at a home in Chester.

Paul Rowlands appeared at Chester Crown Court today, Thursday 24 July, where he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. The 55-year-old of York Street, Chester, was found guilty of rape and assault by penetration following a trial at Chester Crown Court which concluded on Wednesday 2 July. During the trial, the court heard how the victim met Rowlands while she was at a friend's house in Chester on Wednesday 3 May 2023. Later that evening, the victim and a friend attended Rowland's then address, on Saint Anne Street, Chester. The victim later fell asleep on the sofa.



She was woken by Rowlands who had grabbed the collar of her coat to drag her onto the floor. He then raped and sexually assaulted her multiple times over the course of an hour. He also threatened to kill her unless she was quiet. The victim managed to free herself from the address and eventually made her way to Chester Railway Station. There, she told two on duty officers what had happened to her.

Rowlands was later arrested on Friday 5 May 2023. During his interview, he stated he couldn't remember any sexual activity and specifically denied having anal sex with the victim. However, forensic enquiries later proved otherwise. Rowlands was subsequently charged with the offences. Despite pleading not guilty, the overwhelming amount of evidence meant he was found guilty on all counts by a jury following a 7-day trial.

Following the sentencing, DS Chester Ward said: *"I want to acknowledge the incredible courage of the victim in this case for coming forward and reporting what happened to her. It is thanks to her bravery that Rowlands' predatory behaviour has finally been exposed, helping to safeguard other women in the future. Rowlands' actions were truly horrifying but thanks to the strength and resilience shown by the victim, throughout the investigation and the trial, he is now facing the rightful consequence of his actions. I hope the fact that Rowlands is now behind bars will give the victim some sense of closure, with the knowledge that he cannot do this to anyone else."*

DS Ward added: *"Nobody should have to experience what the victim has been through and if anything can come from this case, I hope that it encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us. Cheshire Constabulary takes any allegation of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any allegation will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority."*

To report any sexual offence, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or [visit the website](#). In an emergency always call 999. Information can also be given anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Crewe man jailed for domestic abuse against former partner

A man from Crewe has been jailed for domestic abuse offences against his former partner.

Gary Beamon from West Street in Crewe appeared at Chester Crown Court on 24 July to be sentenced after being found guilty of one count of controlling or coercive behaviour, one count of assault by beating (which occurred on 8 October 2024), and false imprisonment (which occurred on 8 October 2024). The 39-year-old was sentenced to three years in prison and was handed a lifetime restraining order.



On 8 October 2024 police were called to a domestic at a house in Crewe. The victim was 32 weeks pregnant at the time. Beamon answered the door but refused to let police in. He continued to refuse entry and blocked the door. Officers then told him to put his hands behind his back after telling him he was being arrested for domestic assault. He continued to be aggressive and resist arrest which resulted in the officers having to call for emergency backup. He was then arrested for resisting arrest.

Once out on bail and subjected to a Domestic Violence Prevention Order, he lured his victim to his business in Crewe through a third party. She attended as she was told he wouldn't be in the shop at the time. When inside, Beamon appeared and tried to hug her. She refused and reported the

incident to police along with an earlier assault in April 2024. She then showed officers CCTV showing the incident on 8 October 2024 where Beamon was abusive and refused to let her leave her house. He stood over her shouting and swearing leaving her in a visibly upset and scared state.

DI Kerrie Snowdon said: *"The victim had been subjected to abusive, violent and intimidating behaviour but bravely fought back by giving a full account to police of the horrific behaviour she was subjected to by a man who was supposed to love her. No one should be treated this way in any relationship, and I would like to commend her for her bravery in coming forward. I hope she can now rebuild her life and move on from this truly traumatic experience."*

Tribute to woman killed in Chester

The family of a woman who was killed in Chester at the weekend have paid tribute to her.

Stephanie Blundell, 41, was sadly pronounced dead following an incident at an address on Canal Street, Chester, on Sunday 20 July. Her family are being supported by specialist officers and have issued the following tribute: *"After making a life for herself back home in Chester in the last few years, our beloved Steph was cruelly and unfairly taken from us on Sunday 20th July 2025. Whilst the void in all our lives will never be filled, you'll stay in our hearts forever and never be forgotten. We will never let what has happened define you or be your lasting legacy. We will instead always remember you as the fun loving, caring and beautiful girl. A loving daughter, sister, aunty and friend always."*



Stephanie's family have asked that their privacy be respected at this difficult time.

Man pleads guilty to sexually abusing two children in Cheshire

A man has pleaded guilty to sexually abusing two children in Cheshire.

Paul Bishop, 43, of the Winsford area, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 21 July, where he admitted eight sexual offences in relation to two victims. The offences include six offences in relation to one victim and two offences in relation to the second victim. Bishop pleaded guilty to multiple counts of rape, including that of a child under 13, controlling and coercive behaviour and other sexual offences against children. The abuse took place in the 2000's and continued for a period of 15 years. Bishop has since been remanded in custody until Monday 15 September, when he will appear at Chester Crown Court to be sentenced.



DC Leah Bird, who has been leading on the case, said: *"Firstly, I would like to commend the two victims in this case, who have shown an immeasurable amount of bravery and resilience throughout this whole process, despite being faced with the prospect of having to relive their trauma by way of a trial. Bishop denied his guilt from the date of his arrest and remained uncooperative to the Police investigation for a number of months. When faced with the evidence in this case, Bishop changed his plea to guilty on the first morning of trial for the horrific crimes that he has committed. Nobody should have to experience what Bishop's victims have been though, although I do hope that they*

can now start to rebuild their lives, knowing that he is finally being held accountable for his actions, and due to be put behind bars where he belongs.”

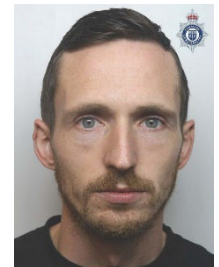
DC Bird added: *“If anything can be achieved from this case, I hope that it encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us. We treat all allegations of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any allegation will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority. Victims should never feel ashamed to talk about what they have been subjected to. They will receive the help and support they need from our specialist officers, as well as from other support agencies we work alongside, and all victims of sexual offences have the right to anonymity.”*

To report any sexual offence, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or [visit the website](#). Information can also be given anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Man jailed for over 7 years for sexually abusing child

A man has been sentenced to more than seven years after sexually abusing a child in Runcorn.

Shaun Ashley, of Cotton Lane, Runcorn, was jailed for seven-and-a-half years at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 17 July. The 37-year-old was previously found guilty of two counts of assaulting a girl under 13 by touching and one count of engaging in sexual activity with a girl aged 13-15.



The case began in 2021, when the victim reported incidents of sexual assault committed by Ashley on at least three occasions. The incidents took place in the Runcorn area of Cheshire between 2014 and 2021. Ashley was subsequently arrested and interviewed in relation to the incidents. Following a thorough investigation, he was later charged with multiple offences but denied them. He was found guilty following a trial. On top of his custodial sentence, Ashley is subject to an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order and must comply with a restraining order protecting the victim in this case. He must also sign the Sex Offender Register indefinitely.

A Cheshire Police spokesperson said: *“Firstly, I would like to commend the victim in this case for reporting what happened to her and for her subsequent bravery throughout the trial after Ashley refused to admit his heinous crimes. But the jury saw through his lies and I hope the fact that he is now subject to a lengthy spell behind bars will give her some sense of closure. I also hope it encourages anyone who has been a victim of sexual offences to please contact us. We will investigate all reports thoroughly with the needs and wishes of the victim as our main priority.”*

Man charged in connection with murder in Chester

Detectives investigating the murder of a woman in Chester have charged a man in connection with the incident.

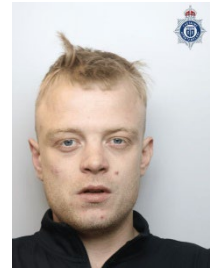
Stephanie Blundell, 41, was sadly pronounced dead following an incident at an address on Canal Street, Chester, on Sunday 20 July. Tony Devenport was arrested in connection with the incident

shortly after. The 57-year-old of Canal Street has since been charged with murder. Devenport has been remanded in custody and is set appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Wednesday 23 July.

Wanted man jailed following pursuit through east Cheshire

A wanted man from Stoke, who led officers on a 90mph pursuit through Crewe and Cheshire East, has been jailed.

John Whitmore, of Mayer Street, Stoke-on-Trent, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 22 July where he was sentenced to 12 months in prison and banned from driving for two years and six months.



The case began on Monday 23 June, when officers in the eastern area of Cheshire had convened in Crewe to launch Operation Crossbow, a day of cross-departmental activity targeting criminality on the county's roads. At 9.30am, officers in Crewe town centre signalled a blue Mazda 3 on Willaston Road to pull over; after noticing it was being driven by a man, who would later be revealed as Whitmore. Officers' suspicions had been raised when checks on the vehicle revealed that, according to insurance, the vehicle was only registered to be driven by a female driver.

Initially, the car complied and pulled into the car park of a supermarket but quickly left the scene, leading officers to activate emergency equipment and engage in a pursuit. Following the vehicle through Crewe town centre and out into Cheshire East, the vehicle travelled at excess speeds through multiple built-up areas with 30mph speed limits, and driving at 90mph on 70mph roads, and driving through multiple red lights. Pursuing officers also observed the vehicle driving the wrong way around a number of roundabouts and forcing vehicles out of its way at high speeds. The vehicle eventually came to a stop after it stalled, with Whitmore giving himself up and being arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and failing to stop.

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A driving licence check showed that Whitmore was a provisional licence holder only but also disqualified until he passed a test. He would be further arrested for these offences. After being arrested, a subsequent drug wipe resulted in Whitmore testing positive for cannabis and officers discovering that he had, up until that point, been wanted for failing to appear in court for driving whilst disqualified.

In custody, officers interviewed Whitmore and asked him why he chose to flee from officers and proceed to drive at such high speeds in an attempt to flee. He responded that he "panicked" and answered no comment to all other questions put to him. Despite his refusal to answer officers' questions, the 29-year-old was subsequently charged and pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, failing to stop, driving whilst disqualified, and driving without insurance.

Inspector Dan Welch, of the Crewe Local Policing Unit's Neighbourhood Team, said: *"John Whitmore really did choose the worst day possible, a day of intensified action tackling criminality on our roads, to decide to get behind the wheel of a vehicle that was not registered to him without a*

licence and he only made it worth for himself by attempting escape justice and accepting accountability for his actions. The irony is, Mr Whitmore is now facing a much more severe sentence than he would have if he had not chosen to flee police through Crewe town centre and other built up areas at dangerously high speeds, causing several motorists to take evasive manoeuvres and putting not only his own life at risk, but that of his passenger, other road users, pedestrians and the officer in pursuit of his vehicle that witnessed driving at over 90mph – a speed that is not acceptable on any road.

“Road’s safety remains a top priority for the Constabulary and our officers work tirelessly to keep Cheshire’s roads safe for all road users, regardless of what they drive. Along with providing education around the Fatal Five offences, safe and courteous driving, we will always take swift action against those who feel that the rules of the road do not apply to them of the vehicle they are driving.”

Man jailed for non recent sex offences in Warrington

A man who subjected a child to horrific abuse in the 80s and 90s has been jailed.

Christopher Hindley from Braithwaite Road, Lowton, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court to be sentenced on Monday 21 July. The 56-year-old was charged with 17 child sex offences for which he was tried before a jury for five days. Hindley was convicted of the 17 offences including indecent assault, gross indecency, and attempted buggary.



He was jailed for 12 years with an extended licence period of a year on his release. He will serve two-thirds of the 12 years before his case is referred to the Parole Board to consider if he is safe to be released to serve the remainder of the sentence, plus an additional year, on licence. Hindley must also sign the sex offender register for life on his release from custody.

The court heard that the abuse took place over a number of years in Warrington in the late 1980s and into the 1990s. It was said that the defendant began by touching the young boy in a sexual manner, and that the victim was too young to appreciate that what was happening was wrong. Hindley’s behaviour escalated to performing sex acts on the boy and inciting him to do the same in return.

DC Lauren Cunliffe said: *“Hindley took advantage of the victim’s young age and manipulated him into thinking this behaviour was normal, taking away his innocence in the process. The effect on him has been long lasting and he has struggled with his mental health over the years as a direct result of the abuse and the shame that he felt. Hindley put him through further anguish by pleading not guilty and making him go through the ordeal of a trial, which he bravely endured. Seeing his abuser being jailed for his crimes has given him hope for the future and I hope this new hope will help him tremendously in his recovery from the order he has suffered.”*

Tribute issued following fatal collision in Chester

The family of a 72-year-old man from Ellesmere Port who died following a fatal collision in Chester have paid tribute to him.

Kenneth Harper died on Tuesday 22 October 2024, following a collision on Hoole Road, Chester. A 75-year-old woman from Chester appeared at Chester Magistrates' on Friday 18 July where she pleaded guilty to causing a death by careless driving in relation to the incident. She was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison, suspended for 2 years, and banned from driving for 12 months.



Following the sentencing hearing, Kenneth's family said: *"On the 22nd October at 5pm our lives changed forever. Kenneth, fondly known as Steve, was born in Canada with severe anatomical issues. He shouldn't have survived, but he did, he was born a fighter. Throughout his life he was strong, he had such a drive to live and thrive, despite the adversity that he faced. He was a family man, selfless, kind, caring and always there to help others. He was the person who wanted to know everything, to listen, he was always there when we needed him, he will be missed by so many."*

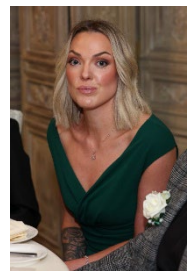
Kenneth's family have requested for their privacy to be respected at this difficult time.

Tribute issued following death of Rachel Booth

The family of a woman who was found dead at a lake in Oakmere have paid tribute to her.

Rachel Booth, also known as Rachel Langley, was reported missing from the Barnton area of Northwich on Saturday 19 July by her family. Following extensive appeals and searches in the area, she was sadly found deceased at a lake in Oakmere on Monday 21 July. Her death is not being treated as suspicious.

Following her death, Rachel's family said: *"As a family we would also like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the services and business that supported Cheshire Police and their officers during the search for Rachel. Rachel, who was known to us as Helena, was a cherished member of our family. She was a guiding light whose strength, love, and devotion touched us all. Her kindness was constant and her presence a strength to everyone she knew, a loving mother, wife, daughter and sister who can never be replaced but always present in our hearts. Her absence leaves a space, but her smiles are a memory we will treasure for ever."*



Rachel's family have asked for their privacy to be respected at this difficult time.

Family pay tribute to woman who was murdered in her Macclesfield home

The family of a woman who was murdered in her own home in Macclesfield have paid tribute to her.

Police were called to Gwyneth Carter's home in Pearson Street, Macclesfield at around 6.48pm on Friday 18 July, due to concerns for her welfare. Officers and paramedics attended, and Gwyneth,

72, was sadly pronounced dead at the scene. A Home Office Post Mortem concluded cause of death was from multiple injuries to the head and neck. A 49-year-old man has been arrested and remains in custody at this time. Gwyneth was originally from Bollington but subsequently moved to her Pearson Street home.

Her family said: *"She was a hardworking, strong lady with a laugh you could not forget. She was well known years ago for playing darts for a local team, she was competitive and always up for a good time. She was stubborn, known for always standing her ground and protective of those she loved. In recent years she found comfort and companionship with her beloved dog, Oscar."*



Anyone with information including video doorbell, CCTV, or dashcam footage can submit them via [the link](#). Alternatively, contact us on 101 quoting incident number IML-2136075. You can also report information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Detectives investigating death in Macclesfield arrest man on suspicion of murder

Detectives investigating a sudden death in Macclesfield have arrested a man on suspicion of murder.

At around 6.48pm on Friday 18 July, police were called to concerns for the welfare of a woman at an address in Pearson Street, Macclesfield. Officers and paramedics attended, and a 72-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene. A Home Office Post Mortem concluded cause of death was from multiple injuries to the head and neck. A 49-year-old man has been arrested and remains in custody at this time.

DI Eli Atkinson said: *"I'd like to reassure residents that this is an isolated incident, and we have made an arrest. Enquiries are continuing with searches likely to be taking place in the area, so there will be an increased police presence."*

Anyone with information including video doorbell, CCTV, or dashcam footage can submit them via [the link](#). Alternatively, contact us on 101 quoting incident number IML-2136075. You can also report information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Man arrested following incident in Elton

Officers have arrested a man following an incident in Elton.

Shortly after 3pm on Monday 21 July, police were called to reports of a man, possibly armed with a weapon, who was being abusive towards members of the public on School Lane, Elton. Local officers, supported by the Armed Response Unit and the National Police Air Service, were deployed to the scene and made a search of the area. A 55-year-old local man was subsequently arrested on suspicion of possession of an offensive weapon.

Insp Deborah Morgan said: *"I understand the concern this incident is likely to have caused and I hope this arrest will provide reassurance for residents in the area and the wider community. There*

were no reports of any injuries during the incident and one man is currently in custody at this time where he is assisting us with our enquires. Officers remain in attendance at the scene to provide reassurance and anyone with any concerns is urged to speak to an officer.”

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or [visit the website](#), quoting IML 2137940.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following criminal damage in Knutsford

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage after a number of homes and vehicles were damaged in Knutsford.

At around 12.30am on Thursday 24 July, officers were called to reports of an incident on Hamman Drive, Knutsford. Officers attended and on arrival they found that a number of windows had been smashed on homes and several cars had also been damaged. Residents reported that the damage was caused by unknown offenders, who were all described as wearing dark clothing and balaclavas. They are believed to have been travelling in a Ford Focus, which fled the scene towards Mobberley.

Enquiries in relation to the incidents are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information to come forward.

Insp Richard Haque, of Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said: *“I understand the concern these incidents are likely to cause, and I’d like to reassure residents that we’re committed to doing all we can to identify the people responsible. As part of our ongoing enquiries we’re keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incidents, or anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation. I’d ask anyone with any information, no matter how small, to get in touch.”*

Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML 2139774. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111

Investigation continues following fail to stop collision in Chester

Police have thanked the public for their support following a fail to stop collision outside a primary school in Chester.

At around 3.20pm on Tuesday 22 July, police were called to reports of a collision outside Mill View Primary School. Officers attended and found that a 5-year-old boy had been involved in a collision with a blue electric bike while crossing Wealstone Lane with his dad. The rider and passenger of the bike failed to stop and made off towards Plas Newton Lane. The boy was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital with serious injuries. He is currently in a stable condition.

A 16-year-old boy from Saughall has since been arrested in relation to the incident, after presenting himself at Blacon Police Station. The teenager has been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving, failing to stop following a collision, driving without a licence, and driving without insurance. Enquiries to trace the passenger from the bike remain ongoing and anyone with any information is urged to get in touch. The passenger is believed to have been wearing a grey hooded top at the time of the collision.

DS Russ Sime, from the Serious Collision Investigation unit said: *"Firstly, I would like to thank the local community for all the support and information provided so far in relation to this incident. This is an extremely emotive case, and I'd like to reassure residents that the victim is now on the mend and expected to make a full recovery. As our investigation continues, we're keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident, or anyone with any video footage that may aid the investigation. The same goes for anyone who believes that they know the identity of the passenger from the bike."*

Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us, quoting IML 2138673. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses following Stockton Heath collision

Police are appealing for witnesses following a collision involving a car and a pedestrian in Stockton Heath.

Sometime between 12.30am and 1am on Sunday 29 June a car was driving along London Road towards Warrington when it went onto the pavement colliding with a 19-year-old man outside the Bavette Steakhouse. The car then carried on along London Road. The pedestrian was taken to hospital to be treated for his injuries.

PC Michael McAufield said: *"I'm keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time and witnessed the collision or may have dashcam that will assist in the investigation."*

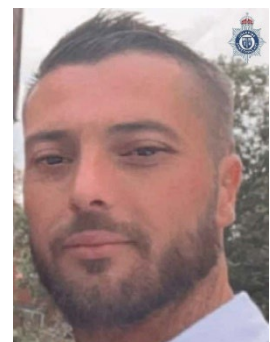
As part of enquiries into the incident a 43-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving, failing to stop and failing to co-operate with a preliminary test.

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 1001 or via the [website](#) quoting occurrence 25000532174.

Police appeal for help in finding missing Crewe man

Police in Crewe are appealing for help in tracing a missing 38-year-old man.

Adrian Corn was last seen near Leighton Hospital at around 8.20pm on Monday 21 July and hasn't been seen since. Police are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare and are making a number of enquiries to locate



him. He was last seen wearing a multicoloured top and black jogging bottoms.

Insp Dan Welch said: *"As time goes on we're becoming more concerned for him and would urge anyone who sees him or knows of his whereabouts to contact us."*

Anyone who sees Adrian should contact police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2138023.

Appeal for information following fatal collision in Chester

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision in Chester.

Shortly after 1.40am on Sunday 20 July, Emergency Services were called to reports of a collision involving a black Vauxhall Astra colliding with a wall, on Hill Road, Eccleston, Chester. Police and ambulance attended the scene, but despite the best efforts of all those involved, the driver, a 25-year-old man from Smallwood, died at the scene. A passenger in the vehicle, a 47-year-old man from Rossett, sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment. Sadly, he has since sadly passed away as a result of his injuries. Their next of kin have been informed and they are being supported by specialist officers. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone with any information is urged to get in touch.

Insp Steve Griffiths, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"This was an absolutely tragic incident, and our thoughts are with the families of the men involved. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and as part of our investigation we're keen to hear for anyone who witnessed the collision. The same goes for anyone with any video footage of which may aid the investigation."*

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 2137070, or give the details [via the website](#).

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