

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

Week ending 25 May 2025

Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

UPDATE - Man bailed following incident in Crewe

A 53-year-old man who was arrested on Sunday has now been released on conditional bail.

At around 2am on Sunday 25 May, officers in Crewe were notified of the sudden death of a woman at an address on Heron Crescent, Crewe. Officers attended the scene and found that a 47-year-old woman had, sadly, died. The victim's family have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers at this time. At this stage the woman's cause of death remains unexplained, with enquiries in relation to the incident ongoing. As a result of the incident, a small police cordon was put in place at the scene, which has since been lifted. As part of their initial enquiries, a 53-year-old local man was arrested by officers on suspicion of murder, and taken into custody. He has since been released on conditional bail.

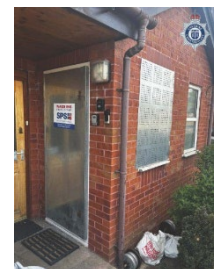
CSupt Gareth Wrigley said: *"I would like to reassure the local community that this is believed to be an isolated incident. One man has already been arrested and bailed and we still have enquiries ongoing. I would also like to ask the public not to feed into any speculation, particularly on social media, as this remains an ongoing investigation. There will be extra patrols conducted in the area to provide reassurance, so anyone with any concerns should to speak to an officer. As part of the ongoing investigation we are still keen to hear from anyone with any relevant information, CCTV or dash-cam footage that may aid us in our enquiries."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or 101, quoting IML-2097168.

Macclesfield officers close down anti-social behaviour flat

A property in Macclesfield which brought misery to the local community has been closed down by police.

Officers received numerous reports regarding anti-social behaviour involving drug activity and repeated disturbances at the address at Oakleaf Lodge, Western Avenue, Macclesfield. The occupant and his visitors were causing fear and distress to other residents with their drug and drink-fuelled anti-social behaviour. After gathering enough evidence, and working in partnership with Regenda Homes, officers from the Macclesfield Local Policing Unit attended Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 23 May where they were granted a two month closure order. The occupant of the address has been ordered to leave the property and find alternative accommodation. All windows and doors have been boarded up and will remain boarded



up for a period of two months. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested.

Sgt Matt Bassirat said: *"We are determined to make the community a safe environment for everyone, and closure orders allow us to do this. The occupant's behaviour and use of drink and drugs led to deplorable behaviour which made other residents fearful, and their lives a misery. He was given ample opportunity to seek assistance from external agencies however these offers of support were not taken up. His behaviour deteriorated resulting in multiple calls to police by those fearful or concerned by his actions. His alarming behaviour escalated culminating in a report to police of threats with a knife. Closing down this property was crucial in our fight against violent crime involving knives and it is timely that we did this during the national Knife Crime Week. The behaviour around the Western Avenue property is totally unacceptable and I know that residents really will be relieved to hear the news today."*

"I hope residents are reassured that if they are affected by anti-social behaviour, we will use every power available to us to restore some normality to the area. As always, we can't do this without the support of the communities we serve, and I would urge anyone who has concerns about anti-social behaviour related issues to please report it to us and we will do the rest."

Anyone with concerns about ASB in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via the [website](#) or call 101.

Trio jailed for county lines drug dealing in Warrington

Two men and a woman have been jailed after they admitted being part of county lines drugs gang operating in Warrington.



Joseph Doran, Gerard Flynn, and Jodie Christian all appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 9 May where they were sentenced. Doran, 26, of Milman Road, Liverpool, was sentenced to three years, while Gerard Flynn, 26, of Barnsbury Road, Liverpool, was jailed for five years and seven months and Christian, 44, of Dominion Street, Liverpool was sentenced to three years. All three had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine and heroin).

The case initially began in August 2024 when officers from Warrington Proactive CID received intelligence in relation to county lines team operating in the Latchford area. On Wednesday 21 August 2024, while officers were on patrol in the area, Christian was seen to leave an address on Boydell Avenue and conduct what appeared to be a drug deal with a known class A drug user. She was arrested shortly after by officers. During her arrest, Christian attempted to dispose of a graft

phone and a quantity of heroin and crack cocaine. Officers then conducted a search of the address that Christian had been leaving and located Doran and Flynn inside the property. Doran was found in possession of a large quantity of crack cocaine, heroin, a phone, and a quantity of cash. Flynn was found in possession of a quantity of cash and a phone. Following a search of the property, officers recovered a quantity of heroin and other drug paraphernalia. The trio were subsequently charged with the offences and were left with no option but to plead guilty.

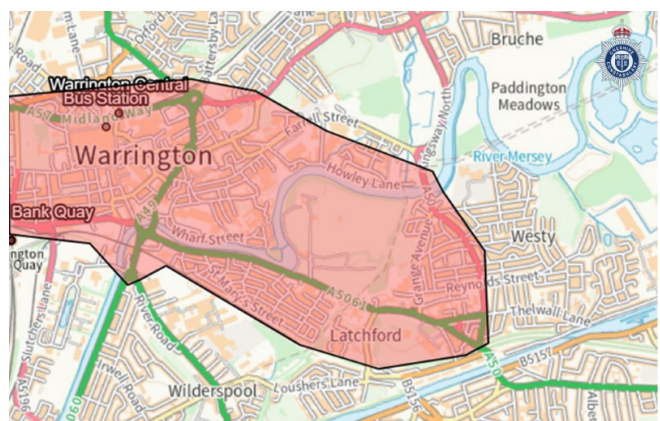
Following the sentencing DS Alexander Reeves said: *"It was clear during our investigation that the Mitch County Lines gang were key players in the supply of illegal drugs in the Warrington area, travelling between Warrington and Liverpool on a daily basis to transport illegal drugs to the area. Thankfully, following our investigation Doran, Flynn and Christian have now been held accountable for their actions and I welcome the sentences that have been handed to them. While this gang is now behind bars, our fight against illegal drugs is ongoing and we will do everything in our power to remove gangs like this from our streets to bring an end to the misery drugs bring to local communities. I would urge anyone with any concerns about illegal drug activity in their community to get in touch with Cheshire Police on 101."*

Officers out in force to keep residents and festival-goers safe ahead of Neighbourhood Weekender

In anticipation of increased footfall across the town centre this weekend for the Neighbourhood Weekender Festival, officers have been granted extra powers to help keep everyone who lives in and will be visiting Warrington safe over the course of a busy weekend.

Neighbourhood Weekender is a two-day music festival that will be held in Warrington's Victoria Park from Saturday 24 May to Sunday 25 May and, as part of preparations for the anticipated increased footfall across the town, residents can expect to see an increase in the number of officers out and about to keep everyone safe this weekend. As well as the increase in the number of officers that will be seen, a dispersal order will be put in place between 9am on Saturday 24 May to 9am on Monday 26 May to help support the operation and prevent anti-social behaviour. It has been imposed under Section 34 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, making it an offence for anyone to return to a specific area for up to 48 hours. The area covered by the order is highlighted in the mapped area. The map is provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave.

Insp Chris Webster, of Warrington LPU's Neighbourhood Team, said: *"The festival is a big draw to the town centre and our two train stations and we want everyone to enjoy their time here, whether you're attending the festival itself, you live here or are a local business. That's why we will have an increased presence in the area and have put this order in place. I want to be clear that issuing dispersal orders is not officers 'taking this behaviour lightly' these*



orders allow us to take robust action. These orders are additional tactical options that allow us to deal with anti-social behaviour head-on. A number of officers will be out in key areas, patrolling around the city and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer. I would urge residents and businesses to continue to report any issues with anti-social behaviour so that we can address these issues."

Anyone with information about anti-social behaviour in their area is urged to contact Cheshire Police via [the Cheshire Police website](#) or call 101.

Cheshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team find £4 million worth of cigarettes while investigating plant machinery theft

Two people have been arrested and £4 million worth of cigarettes have been seized following a police investigation into theft of plant machinery.

On Wednesday 21 May officers from the Cheshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team attended an address in Kingsley to arrest a man on suspicion of theft and then carried out a search of land in Crowton. A variety of plant equipment was seized, along with approximately £4 million worth of cigarettes which were discovered in two storage containers at the site in Crowton. HMRC officers joined police to recover the cigarettes. A 53-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of theft and the 41-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of obstructing a police officer and conspiracy to commit fraud.

Sgt Rob Simpson, of the Rural Crime Team at Cheshire Constabulary said: *"The raids are part of an investigation into the theft of plant machinery from a business in Crewe. As part of the investigation we seized a variety of plant equipment which was stored on land in Crowton and Kingsley. The staggering amount of cigarettes we found in two containers were an unexpected bonus and have been handed to HMRC for their investigation. A successful day all round I'd say."*



Greater Manchester man charged in relation to Northwich burglary series

Detectives investigating a series of burglaries and thefts in Northwich have charged a man in relation to the incidents.

Gary Clifton, of Water Street, Radcliffe in Bury, was arrested at around 5.45pm on Tuesday 20 May. The 60-year-old has since been charged with 13 counts of burglary of a dwelling, and two counts of theft. The charges relate to a series of burglaries that occurred in the Northwich area between August 2024 and May 2025, along with a theft of a pedal cycle and one count of theft from a

person. Clifton has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 22 May.

Man charged in relation to supplying Class A & B drugs in Crewe

Officers investigating the supply of illegal drugs in Crewe have charged a man in relation to the offence.

Michael Skinner was arrested on Monday 19 May. The 30-year-old, of Dovedale Close, Goldenhill, Stoke-on-Trent has since been charged with multiple offences. These include possession of an offensive weapon in a private place, possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis), being concerned in the supply of class A and B drugs (cocaine and cannabis), possession of class A drugs (MDMA), possession of a firearm, and being concerned in the fraudulent evasion of a prohibition on the importation of a class B drug. Skinner appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 21 May where he was remanded in custody to appear at Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court on Wednesday 18 June. The charges relate to an investigation into the supply of cannabis in the Crewe area of Cheshire.

Man charged following burglaries in Grappenhall

Detectives investigating two burglaries in the Grappenhall area of Warrington have charged a man in relation to the incidents.

Freddie Shelley was arrested Tuesday 20 May following two burglaries at homes on Half Acre Lane and Lymm Road in Grappenhall which occurred on Sunday 18 May. The 31-year-old of Lee Crescent, Stretford, has since been charged with two counts of burglary in a dwelling. Shelley has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 22 May.

Third man charged following burglary in Wilmslow

Detectives investigating a burglary in Wilmslow have charged a third man in relation to the incident.

Damian Ormiston has been charged with one count of burglary following a break-in at an address on Mobberley Road, Wilmslow, on Sunday 23 March 2025. The 41-year-old, of River Street, Stockport, has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 22 May. Two men, Dale Fitzpatrick, 40, of no fixed abode, and Geoffrey Pearson, 47, of Nelstrop Road, Heaton Chapel, have already pleaded guilty in relation to the same incident. The pair appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 23 April where they were sentenced to a combined six years and eight months in prison.

Man jailed for breaching Criminal Behaviour Order in Chester

A 54-year-old man has been jailed after breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) in Chester.



Brian Cooper, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 16 weeks in custody on Wednesday 14 May at Chester Magistrates' Court after admitting breaching the terms of a CBO. The five-year CBO was originally granted in November 2024 following numerous reports of drug-related behaviour. The terms stated he was banned from the majority of the Blacon area, as well as prohibited from entering any property, housing complex or supported living accommodation, care or nursing home provided by the local authority or housing associations, unless with written permission of the manager. Despite these conditions, on Tuesday 13 May, Cooper entered a property in Blacon without permission. He was found during a joint visit by members of Chester Police's Beat Management Team and partner agencies.

Insp Mat Beale, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *"Cooper has been a plague on the community with drug-related behaviour, and securing the CBO against him was a positive step towards ensuring we could continue to tackle his offending. This breach of the CBO has resulted in him spending some time behind bars which is a great result and will hopefully reassure residents in the area that we are committed to doing all we can to crack down on this behaviour. Anyone who encounters Cooper breaching any of his restrictions upon his release from prison is urged to contact Cheshire Police via the website or call 101, to report it."*

Two men who caused a major fire and mass evacuation have been jailed

Two men who pleaded guilty to setting fire to a former print works in Crewe during the summer disorder, causing widespread disruption and displacing hundreds of residents have been jailed.

James Evans, 19, and Justin Keeling, formerly Evans, 18, both of no fixed address pleaded guilty to arson being reckless as to whether life was endangered at an earlier hearing. Keeling also admitted to perverting the course of justice. They appeared at Chester Crown Court on 21 May for sentencing. Evans was sentenced to 56 months in prison and Keeling was sentenced to 52 months in prison for arson and an extra 238 days in prison for perverting the course of justice - to run consecutively.



The disused industrial premises targeted by the men is located on the junction of Catherine Street and Frances Street in Crewe town centre and is surrounded by a number of terraced houses. The two entered the building on the afternoon of Friday 9 August and set fire to a large pile of cardboard. The fire quickly set hold significantly and it was declared a major incident. A large-scale

evacuation of five streets was undertaken, while firefighters from all over the county descended on the compact terraced streets of the town and remained on scene for several days. Residents were displaced to leisure centres, or friends and family, while firefighters fought to put out the fire. More than 350 people were affected by the evacuation as their homes were at risk, in fact some houses were damaged as a result of the fire.

When officers arrived to manage the crowds and put cordons in place, Keeling was in the crowd of onlookers. He laughed at police and swore at them. He was told to move away and he shouted for people to riot. The media descended on the chaotic scenes and interviewed residents about their plight. Justin Keeling, formerly Evans, despite being one of the two men who had caused the devastation, had the audacity to do an interview with the BBC. The excerpt from the article read: Justin Evans, of Catherine Street, said he had been left devastated, shocked, confused and annoyed by the incident. "I had to move out on Friday night along with other residents on Catherine Street because the flames were that big," he said. He added: "All the businesses stuck together and they helped deliver food to everyone which was great, it's great to see in a crisis everyone worked together." He also said he would now have to get his house deep cleaned to get rid of lingering smoke particles.

Two days later when police visited Keeling at home while doing door to door enquiries, he said he saw the fire when he was walking back to Catherine Street with Evans. He claimed to have seen some youths near the building, climbing over a gate onto Bedford Street. As a result, further enquiries led to a 12-year-old boy being arrested. But he was later released without charge. Keeling then admitted to a friend that he was inside the building and police were informed. He was arrested and then released on bail. Days later a video filmed by him was discovered on his seized mobile phone by police. The footage filmed inside showed a large amount of cardboard in there - one pile could be seen alight. As the phone panned round more piles of cardboard could be seen on fire. As a result, the men were arrested that day on suspicion of arson being reckless to endanger life. Despite the video evidence they still denied the offence, though Keeling later admitted to perverting the course of justice for deceiving police with the false sighting of the youths.

DS Ryan Ogden said: *"The devastation caused to the community and the sheer scale of the emergency response, and council clean up afterwards was huge and very labour intensive. Residents are still affected by the fire as are some officers who attended the chaotic scene. I welcome the sentence that has been handed to them and hope that they begin to realise the enormity of their actions that day."*

ACFO Steve Barnes, of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: *"This deliberate fire in Crewe put lives at risk, not only those of our firefighters but also the residents who were forced to leave their homes. It caused significant damage, disruption, and distress, and placed enormous pressure on our resources for days. We hope this sentencing sends a clear message that deliberate fire setting on any scale will not be tolerated."*

<https://youtu.be/oRgZ5nhj9aw>

Northwich man jailed for breaching his Sexual Harm Prevention Order

A 73-year-old man from Northwich has been jailed after breaching his Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO).



Andrew Wolverson was sentenced to 32 months in prison at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 14 May. Wolverson, from Northwich, had several previous convictions for possession of indecent images and was subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order, which contained a number of strict conditions.

On 13 November 2024, officers attended his address as part of the routine checks made to monitor registered sex offenders. During the visit, Officers noticed an LP Vinyl record under his mattress. The picture on the front of the record depicted a topless young female. This raised the suspicions of the officers and this led to a white jiffy envelope being found this contained several images of naked children which had been drawn by Wolverson. Due to the discoveries, officers arrested Wolverson and then conducted a full section 32 search of the address where more drawings were found in a notepad hidden under the bed. Many of the drawings depicted images of children being sexually abused. In total officers recovered 173 prohibited images of children along with an unregistered USB stick. Wolverson was subsequently arrested and later charged with possession of prohibited images and breach of his Sexual Harm Prevention Order. He pleaded guilty to all the charges.

PC David Howells, of the Sex Offender Management Unit at Cheshire Police, said: *“As a registered sex offender, Wolverson was required to adhere to a number of conditions to deter him from reoffending. Sadly, he chose to ignore these conditions, and he is now facing the consequences of his actions. This sentencing shows the effectiveness of monitoring offenders who are subject to Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and highlights the consequences of not adhering to the conditions. I hope it reassures people that we do carefully monitor registered sex offenders in the community, along with our Probation partners and take swift decisive action when a breach is discovered.”*

Fraudster jailed after conning victims out of total of £50,000

A man who impersonated a police officer to defraud elderly victims out of a total of £50,000 has been jailed.



Gavin Butters appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 19 May where he was sentenced to 33 months in prison for his involvement in several courier frauds, spanning eight different areas of the UK – including Runcorn in Cheshire. The 27-year-old, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to nine counts of fraud by false representation and impersonating a police officer.

During the incidents, which occurred between 4 January and 5 February 2025, an unknown person would call the victims, impersonating a police officer or bank investigator, and request their assistance in an investigation. It would require the victims to hand over cash or bank cards for evidence and jewellery for safekeeping. Butters would then attend the addresses of victims, also impersonating a police officer, and collect the items. Butters would use the bank cards to make

thousands of pounds worth of purchases. During the incident in Runcorn, the victim was told that elderly residents in the area had recently had their fingers broken during robberies in which their jewellery was stolen. They were then persuaded to hand over more than £9,000 worth of jewellery to be kept safe by Butters.

Following CCTV and other extensive enquiries, Butters was arrested on suspicion of fraud by false representation on 11 February 2025 by Merseyside Police, who then charged him with four offences. These spanned Merseyside, Thames Valley, Lancashire and Derbyshire. The victims were aged between 74 and 86. He was subsequently identified and charged by Cheshire Constabulary for a further five offences which occurred in Runcorn, South Yorkshire, Humberside and Greater Manchester, with the victims aged between 74 and 85.

DC Joe Duckworth, who led the Cheshire investigation, said: *"I welcome the custodial sentence handed to Butters, who purposefully chose to target elderly victims to make what he thought was some quick cash, cruelly at the expense of innocent, vulnerable people. As this case demonstrates, we will work together with other police forces across the country to track down these offenders and bring them before the courts where they will face the consequences of their despicable actions. Fraudsters can be extremely convincing, and many people may think they would never be a victim to this kind of crime, however this really can happen to anyone. These offenders have sophisticated ways of persuading people to follow their instructions. They are callous criminals and will go to great lengths to get you to trust them."*

"Officers in Cheshire are sadly seeing an increase in this type of fraud offence, called courier fraud. The people these fraudsters target are typically the most honest and trusting members of our communities and we are finding that if someone calls and says they are a police officer, they aren't usually challenged. As a community, we all need to work together to get the message out there, to our friends, family, loved ones, the vulnerable and elderly, that this crime is on the increase and police officers would never ask anyone for money or for you to hand over valuable items – as a result of a fraud 'they are investigating', to help with 'an ongoing investigation', or any other reason."

If you believe that you have been a victim of courier fraud, please contact Cheshire Police on 101, using a different phone to the one used to communicate with the fraudsters if they were on a landline. You can also report information to us via cheshire.police.uk/tell-us. You can report to Action Fraud via actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040. Call 999 immediately in an emergency or if you suspect a fraud is currently in progress.

Please see some crime prevention advice:

- Be sceptical of unexpected calls, texts or visits, even from those who claim to be officials.
- Don't be afraid to stop the conversation with a brief 'no, thank you'.
- Never give personal information, such as your date of birth or bank details, to unexpected callers.
- Remember, criminals will use urgency or threats to cause panic and fear. When you are under stress you are less likely to think clearly about your actions.

- The police or your bank would never unexpectedly ask you to withdraw cash, hand over valuables, or move your money to another account, as a result of fraud or any other reason.
- If callers suggest you call your local police or bank to check who they are, use another phone or hang up and ensure the line has been fully disconnected by phoning a friend or relative first, or by waiting at least five minutes. Otherwise, you may think you've phoned a number, but you're simply talking to the fraudsters again. This is a common tactic used by fraudsters to landline calls.
- If a caller asks you to type your bank PIN number into your telephone handset - do not do this, as fraudsters can use technology to identify the numbers.
- You can opt out of many cold calls by registering for free with the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707.

Mother of four jailed after attempting to smuggle drugs into Cheshire music festival

A 35-year-old mother of four has been jailed after she caught smuggling illegal drugs into the Creamfields music festival in Cheshire.

Sian Bullock appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 16 May, where she was sentenced to three years in prison after previously pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs. The case against her began on Saturday 26 August 2023 when Bullock, of Halton Avenue, Thornton Cleverley, Lancashire, attended the event in Daresbury on Saturday 26 August 2023. After entering the security tent at the north gate entrance, she was stopped by security staff due to a positive indication by a drugs dog.

Bullock was taken to a private area by officers where she admitted that she had two kinder egg containers secreted in her vagina which contained 64 MDMA tablets. Police estimated that the drugs had a potential value of up to £630. In questioning Bullock claimed that she didn't know what the drugs were, but that she had purchased them for personal use. Despite her claim, she was later charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs. During the sentencing hearing, the judge stated that while Bullock had admitted her guilt and the fact that she is a mother of four children, she knew what she was doing was wrong and a custodial sentence was the only option.

Following Bullock's sentencing, PC Lisa Green said: *"Every year, we and the Creamfields events and security teams do our utmost to ensure that everyone attending the festival can have a safe and enjoyable time, and for the most part festivalgoers have respected the laws. Bullock will have no doubt been aware of these laws and the restrictions at Creamfields and would have had ample opportunity to re-think her actions before it was too late, with amnesty bins and surrender points placed at all festival entries, but she decided to run the risk - which did not pay off. As a result of her selfish actions that day, she is now behind bars and her four children will now be without their mother for a considerable period of time. Anyone who, like Bullock, decides to risk bringing illegal drugs into Cheshire should seriously reconsider their choices, as we will always take swift and robust action, and they will be dealt with to the full extent of the law."*

Man charged for breaching Sexual Harm Prevention Order

Officers in Widnes have charged a man in relation to the breach of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO).

Johnathan Wilson was arrested around 4.50am on Monday 19 May and has since been charged with the breach of a SHPO. Willson was also charged with three counts making indecent photographs of a child. Wilson, 40, of Grizedale, Widnes, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 20 May and has been remanded in custody.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information and witnesses following serious collision in Warrington

Officers investigating a serious collision in the Glazebury area of Warrington are appealing for information, witnesses and CCTV footage.

At around 1.10pm on Thursday 22 May, officers in Warrington responded to reports from colleagues at Greater Manchester Police of a road traffic collision on Warrington Road, Glazebury. Attending the scene, officers found that the collision occurred between an e-scooter rider and a Vauxhall Insignia. The rider of the e-scooter, a 37-year-old man from Leigh, Greater Manchester, sustained serious injuries to his head and spine and was taken to Salford Royal Hospital for further treatment, where he remains at this time. His injuries are thought to be life changing. The driver of the Vauxhall, a 39-year-old man from Salford, sustained no injuries. Officers subsequently closed Warrington Road and East Lancashire Road whilst colleagues from the North West Ambulance Service and Heli-med crews treated the rider. As part of ongoing enquiries, officers are appealing for any witnesses who saw the incident occur, captured it on CCTV or dashcam footage or have any information that may aid officers in their investigation, to get in touch.

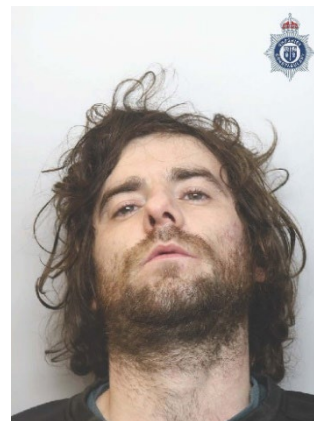
Sgt Andy Brett, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"An investigation is currently underway to determine the full circumstances regarding what happened in the run up to this incident and, as part of our enquires, we are appealing to anyone who saw the incident occur or has any relevant information, to get in touch. We would also like to ask any motorists who may have captured the incident on dashcam footage to contact us. Information can be submitted by the Cheshire Police website, or on 101, quoting IML-2095319."*

Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal to trace wanted man from Ellesmere Port

Officers are appealing for help from the public in tracing a wanted man from Ellesmere Port.

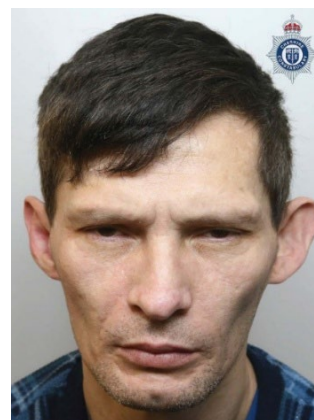
John Flynn, 32, is wanted in connection to assault and criminal damage offences. He is described as white, around 5'3" tall, with brown eyes and long brown hair. Flynn has connections to the Congleton, Middlewich, Ellesmere port, Northwich, Winsford and Merseyside areas. Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Flynn is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting IML-2039071.



Police appeal for help in finding wanted Widnes man

Police are appealing for help in finding a man wanted for failing to appear at court.

Sean Lawrence Remon Smith, 42, has links to the Hough Green area and is described as 5ft 11ins tall, of a slim build and has short dark hair. Anyone who sees Smith or knows of his whereabouts should contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 2089933 or [visit the website](#). Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



CCTV image released following bank card theft

Detectives investigating the theft of a wallet at a cricket club in Ashley near Altrincham have released a CCTV image of a man they want to speak to.

The incident is believed to have occurred between 11am and 6pm on Saturday 19 April, and a wallet containing the victim's bank card was stolen. The bank card was confirmed to have been used at a number of stores a short time later. An investigation into the incident is ongoing and officers are continuing to appeal for information. As part of their enquiries, they have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to in relation to the incident. It is believed he may be in the Greater Manchester area.



PC John Milman said: *"As part of our investigation, we are keen to hear from anyone with information about the identity of the man pictured or who witnessed anything suspicious around*

the time of the incident. We would also like to appeal directly to the man himself to get in touch with us."

Anyone with any information can visit cheshire.police.uk/tell-us or call 101 quoting 25000338018. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following business burglary in Sandbach

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a burglary at a convenience store in Sandbach.

Sometime between 4am and 4.40am on Saturday 10 May, two unknown offenders approached the Co-op store on Lawton Way, Elworth. The pair forced open the shutter and the door at the front of the shop. They then entered the building and forced open the tills before taking a quantity of cash. The men then fled the scene on a quad bike in the direction of Grange Way. Both suspects were wearing dark clothing and balaclavas.

DC Jamie Roberts said: *"Enquiries in relation to this incident are in the early stages and we are doing all we can to identify the people responsible. As part of our investigation I'm keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time and believes that they may have seen anything suspicious. I'd also ask residents in the area to check their CCTV or video doorbell footage to see if they have anything which may aid our investigation. The same goes for any motorists with any dashcam footage."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire police on 101, or [visit our website](#), quoting IML 2086745. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following serious collision in Congleton

Detectives investigating a serious collision in Congleton are appealing for witnesses and video footage.

At 10.50am on Saturday 17 May, police were called to reports of a collision on West Road, Congleton. Officers attended the scene and found there had been a collision between a 91-year-old woman and a black Audi A3. The woman sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment. The driver of the Audi, a 49-year-old man, was arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by careless driving. He has since been released under investigation. Officers are now appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or may have any dashcam or CCTV footage at the location, around this time; to get in touch so they can better understand the circumstances of the moments that led up to the collision occurring.

DS Simon Degg, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and I would urge anyone who witnessed what happened or has any other information in relation to the incident to come forward. The same goes for anyone who may have any relevant*

CCTV, dashcam, or video doorbell footage that may aid our investigation. You can report information to Cheshire Police [via the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML -2091891."

Appeal for information following business burglary in Sandbach

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a burglary at a convenience store in Sandbach.

Sometime between 4am and 4.40am on Saturday 10 May, two unknown offenders approached the Co-op store on Lawton Way, Elworth. The pair forced open the shutter and the door at the front of the shop. They then entered the building and forced open the tills before taking a quantity of cash. The men then fled the scene on a quad bike in the direction of Grange Way. Both suspects were wearing dark clothing and balaclavas.

DC Jamie Roberts said: *"Enquiries in relation to this incident are in the early stages and we are doing all we can to identify the people responsible. As part of our investigation I'm keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time and believes that they may have seen anything suspicious. I'd also ask residents in the area to check their CCTV or video doorbell footage to see if they have anything which may aid our investigation. The same goes for any motorists with any dashcam footage."*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire police on 101, or [visit our website](#), quoting IML 2086745. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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