

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>

[POLICE APPEAL] Do you know this man? Full details below [Chester Police](#)

APPEAL | Do you recognise this man?

We need to speak to him in relation to an altercation at Craft and Company on Watergate Street., at around 2am on Thursday 12 February police.

If you think to know who he is, don't comment on here, call us on 101 or visit <https://orlo.uk/I8vVb>, quoting IML-2269544.

For more details visit - <https://orlo.uk/wwt27>



Knowing which number to call helps emergency services respond quickly and appropriately.

 Call 999 in an emergency if:

- A crime is happening right now
- Someone is in immediate danger
- There's a serious risk of injury or harm
- Police are needed urgently

 Call 101 for non-emergencies if:

- You're reporting a crime that has already happened
- You've noticed suspicious activity
- You need advice or to speak with your local policing team

If you're ever unsure, call 999 — the operator will assess the situation and guide you.

Making the right call helps ensure support reaches those who need it most and keeps our communities across Cheshire safe.

[#CommunitySafety](#) [#CheshireNWA](#) [#KnowWhoToCall](#)



Not sure if a message, email or website is genuine? Don't second guess it — check it.

 Ask Silver is a free online tool from Get Safe Online that helps you spot scams quickly and confidently.

 www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver

It's simple to use and can give real peace of mind while browsing, shopping or banking online.

Let's help everyone across Cheshire stay one step ahead of fraudsters.

[#OnlineSafety](#) [#AskSilver](#) [#CheshireNWA](#) [#ScamAware](#)

[#CommunitySafety](#)



Today is Helplines Awareness Day 📞❤️ **A thank you to all of those people who are at the other end of the phone, and reminder that support is always within reach.**

At Neighbourhood Watch, we're highlighting trusted UK helplines:

📞 Samaritans – 116 123

💬 Shout – Text 85258

🏠 NHS 111 – Urgent mental health support

🏠 National Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0808 2000 247

👮 Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111

If you're struggling, you're not alone. Help is here. ❤️

[#HelplinesAwarenessDay](#) [#YouAreNotAlone](#) [#NeighbourhoodWatch](#)



👮 [POLICE APPEAL]

Runcorn Police

APPEAL | We're appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fail to stop collision on the M56 near Runcorn.

At 5.37pm on Tuesday 10 February police were called to a collision on the M56 eastbound, between junction 14 (near to Helsby) and junction 12 (Runcorn) towards Manchester.

The caller reported that there had been a collision between a Ford Transit Tipper and a silver van. Thankfully, there were no reports of any serious injuries.

The driver of the van failed to stop and made towards Manchester.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and we're keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any dashcam footage.

We'd also keen to hear from anyone with the registration number of the silver van.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire police on 101, or at <https://orlo.uk/krGEe>, quoting IML 2268373.

Read more - <https://orlo.uk/Gd86Y>



👮 [POLICE APPEAL]

Macclesfield Police

Can you help? | We're appealing for witnesses following a collision in Macclesfield.

At 09.20am on Saturday 14 February 2026, police received reports of a collision on A537 Cumberland Street, near to the roundabout at the junction with Chester Road.

The collision involved a grey Skoda Octavia and a pedestrian.

The pedestrian, a 78-year-old man, was taken to hospital after sustaining serious injuries to his leg and arm.

Don't report anything here, for all the information you need, visit <https://orlo.uk/WGoWD>



We all spend time scrolling, but do you know how to keep your digital street as safe as your physical one? In this latest PSA from our Fearless (the youth branch of Crimestoppers), we're breaking down how to stay in control of your online world.

Top Tips for Scrolling Safe:

1. *Curate Your Circle:* You are under no pressure to accept every follow request. Limit who sees your life.
2. *Watch Your Background:* Small details like school uniforms or local shop signs can give away your location. Stay anonymous.

- 3. *Use Your Power:* Your screen, your rules. Block, report or delete anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable.
- 4. *Speak Up:* You don't have to handle it alone. Reach out to a trusted adult if things feel "off".

If you have information about cybercrime or any other safety concerns, you can report it 100% anonymously at [Fearless.org](https://fearless.org).

👉 Tell us in the comments: Which of these tips are you already using? Let's help each other stay safe!

#Fearless #CheshireNW #DigitalSafety #CyberhoodWatch #Crimestoppers #CommunityCohesion #Wellbeing

👉 Quick check before you head out...

Busy shops and cafés are great for thieves who rely on distraction. Zipped bags. Phones out of sight. A quick look around before you leave.

Simple habits can make all the difference.

What's your top tip for staying safe while shopping?

Share it below, your advice could help someone else today.



It may have been cold and wet today but we've been out in Northwich with Age UK Cheshire and Trading Standards talking to residents about Doorstep Crime and how to protect themselves.

You can find advice about this type of crime on the Crime Prevention section on our website <https://cheshirenw.org/crime-prevention>



👉 Random Acts of Kindness Day

Simple acts like collecting a parcel, offering help with shopping or checking in on someone nearby help create safer, more connected communities.

If you enjoy looking out for others, Neighbourhood Watch could be for you. Find out how to get involved and support your local community.

#RandomActsOfKindnessDay #NeighbourhoodWatch #CommunitySupport #SaferCommunities #Volunteer



Romance fraud is a growing issue, and it can affect people of all ages and backgrounds.

As a Knowledgeable Neighbour, staying informed and talking openly about online safety helps protect not just ourselves, but the people around us too. Simple conversations between friends, families and neighbours can prevent harm before it happens.

If something feels unusual or too good to be true, trust your instincts and take time to check. Looking out for one another is how safer, stronger communities are built.

💬 We encourage neighbours to share trusted advice and support each other.

[#NeighbourhoodWatch](#)

[#CommunitySafety](#)

[#OnlineSafety](#)

[#FraudAwareness](#)

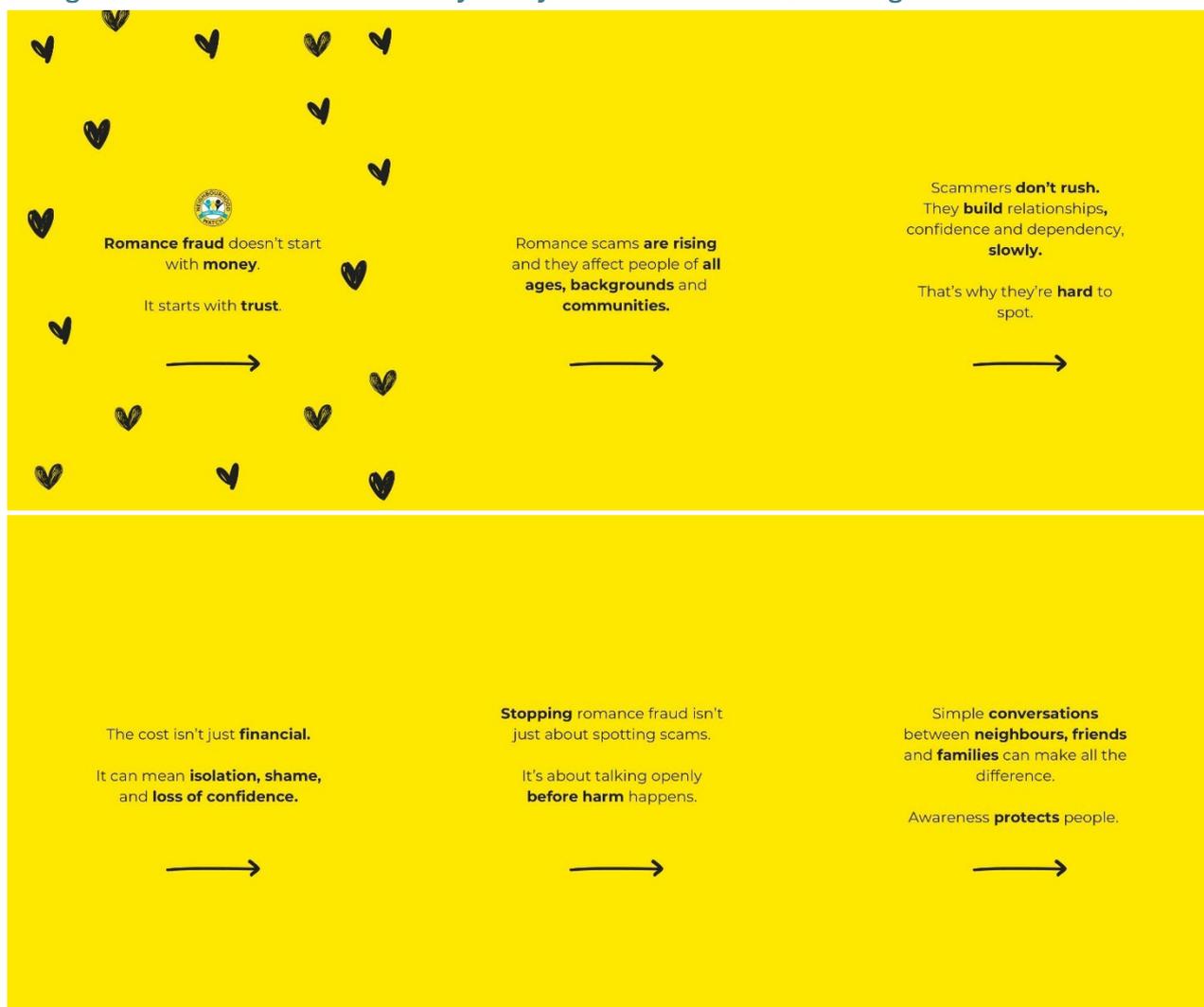
[#LookingOutForEachOther](#)

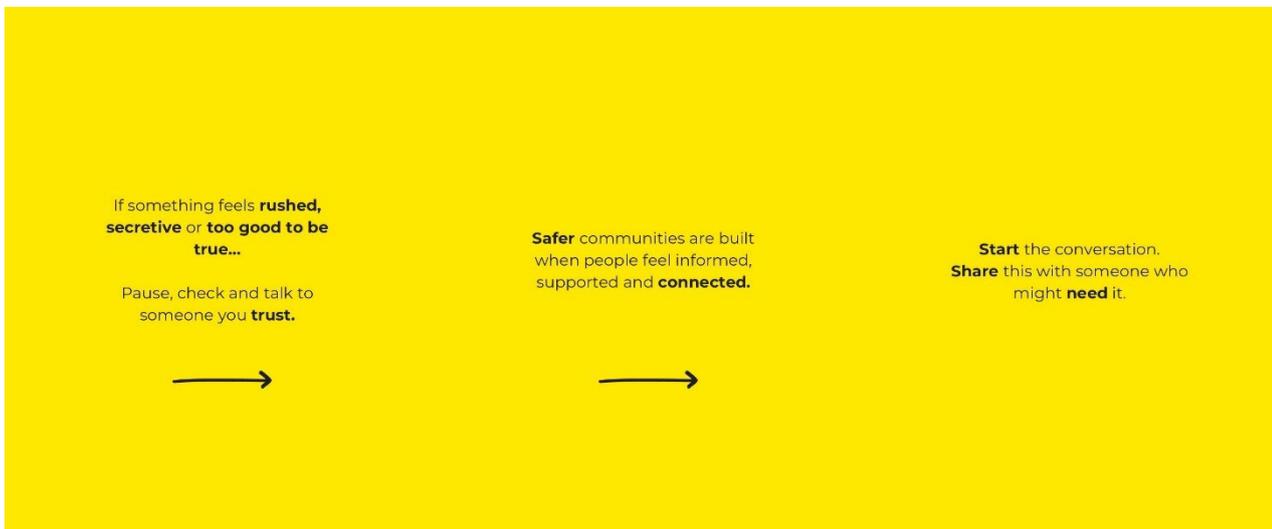
💛 **With Valentine's Day approaching, it's a good time to check in on each other.**

Talking openly about online safety helps protect friends, family and neighbours. A simple conversation can make a real difference.

Please share this, looking out for one another helps build safer, stronger communities.

[#NeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#CommunitySafety](#) [#FraudAwareness](#) [#LookingOutForEachOther](#) [#ValentinesDay](#)





From cyber safety and communications to admin and finance, there are lots of ways to support safer, stronger communities across Cheshire.

Find out more or get in touch 📍

cheshirenw.org/volunteering-with-us



Behind every safer community are people who give their time, energy and care to look out for others.

During our Doorstep Crime Awareness work in Congleton, Neighbourhood Watch volunteers joined local police, Trading Standards, housing partners and community organisations to speak directly with residents about staying safe from cold callers and doorstep scams.

Together, our volunteers helped:

- ✔ Share practical safety advice
- ✔ Answer questions and concerns
- ✔ Hand out leaflets, window stickers and resources that build confidence at the door

This is what volunteering looks like, real conversations, real reassurance and real impact at street level.

To every volunteer who gives their time to support neighbours across Cheshire: thank you. You make communities safer, stronger and more connected.

📌 If you'd like to volunteer with Neighbourhood Watch and make a difference where you live, we'd love to hear from you.

[#VolunteersDay](#) [#NeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#CheshireCommunities](#) [#CommunitySafety](#)

[#ThankYouVolunteers](#)



New technology can be exciting, but it can also come with hidden risks.

AI avatar and caricature trends often rely on personal photos and information to work. Once that data is shared, it can be difficult to control how it's used or where it ends up. This video breaks down why that matters and how we can all be more informed online.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators play a vital role in sharing trusted advice, spotting emerging risks and supporting safer, stronger communities. If you're passionate about looking out for your neighbours and helping others stay informed, we'd love you to get involved.

Find out how to become a Coordinator and make a real difference in your community.

[#NeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#OnlineSafety](#) [#CyberCrimePrevention](#) [#Volunteering](#)

Is Roblox really a safe space for your kids? 🎮🌐

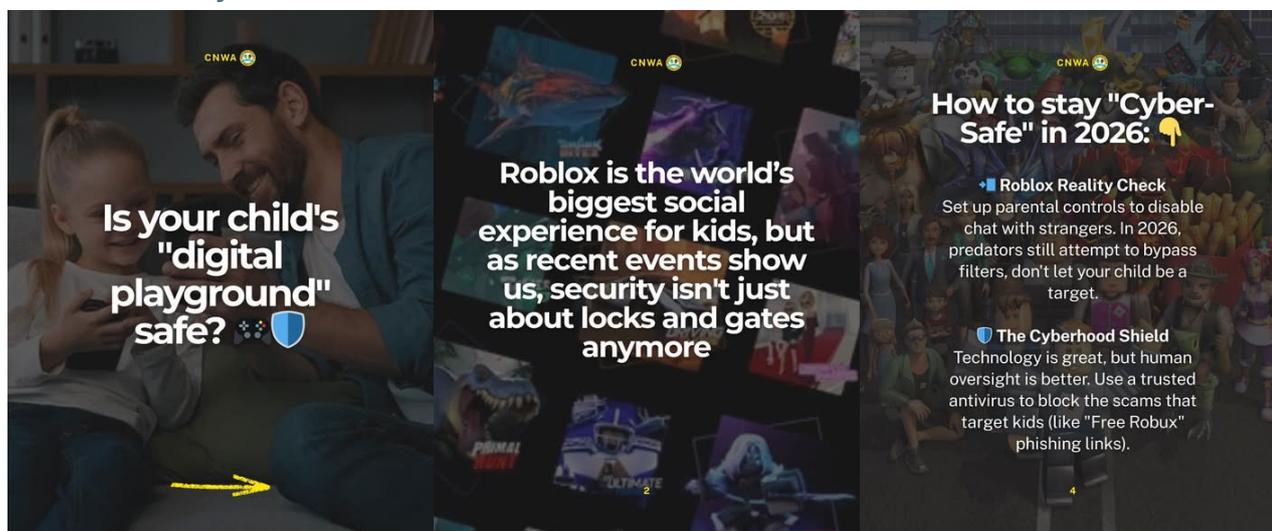
In 2026, the digital world moves fast. With Roblox launching new age verification tech, staying safe means staying informed.

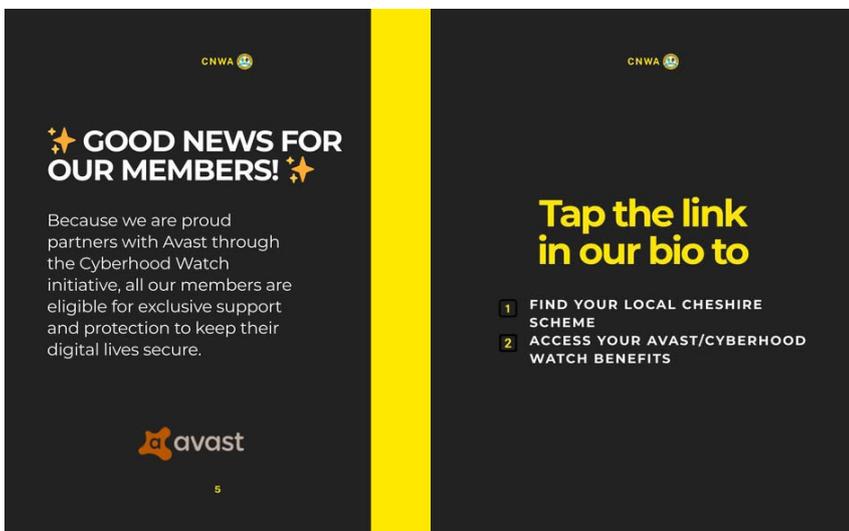
Swipe through for our 2026 Parent's Blueprint: ➡️

- ✅ The truth about Roblox's new safety updates.
- ✅ How to claim your exclusive Avast member benefits. 🌐

Ready to shield your family? Tap the link in our bio to join our Cheshire community and access your Cyberhood Watch perks! 🙌🌟

[#CheshireNW](#) [#RobloxSafety](#) [#Parenting2026](#) [#CyberhoodWatch](#) [#AvastPartner](#) [#DigitalSafety](#)
[#CheshireSafety](#)





Safe streets start with safe screens. 📱🌐

Today is [#SaferInternetDay](#), and at Neighbourhood Watch, we are focusing on the "Watch" in Cyberhood Watch. We're looking back at the Matthew Hardy case to ensure our community stays one step ahead of digital threats.

Hardy, operating from Northwich, became the UK's most prolific cyberstalker by exploiting the digital gaps we often overlook. He didn't just hack accounts; he dismantled Community Cohesion by impersonating friends and family to spread fear and lies.

How to Act for a Safer Internet:

The Hollieguard App is an essential tool in your digital safety toolkit.

🌐 If you are targeted by a stalker, Hollie Guard records high quality video and audio evidence that is automatically saved to the cloud.

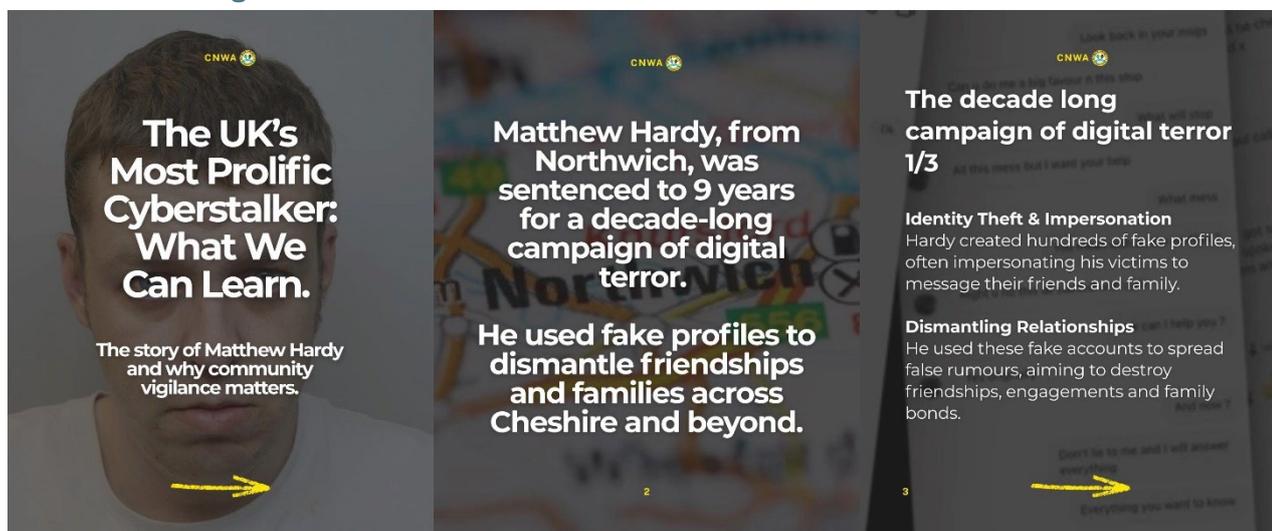
🌐 A simple shake of your phone alerts your emergency contacts with your exact GPS location.

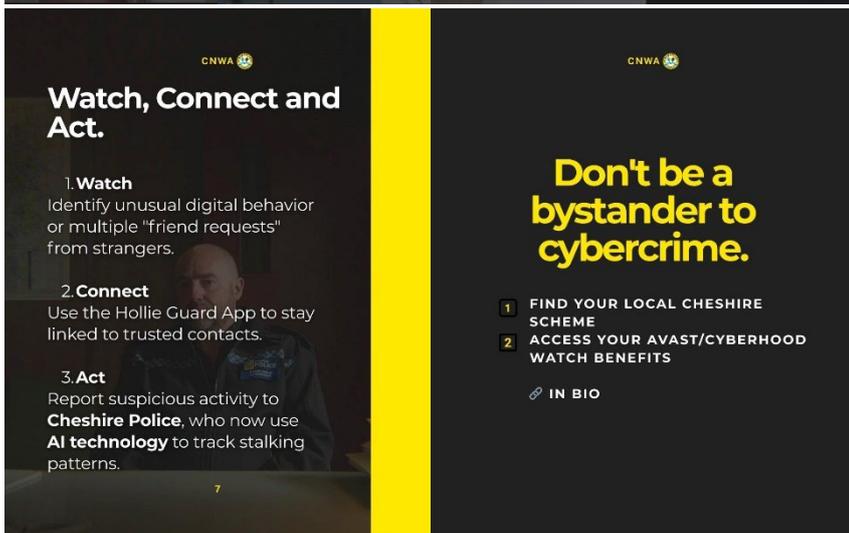
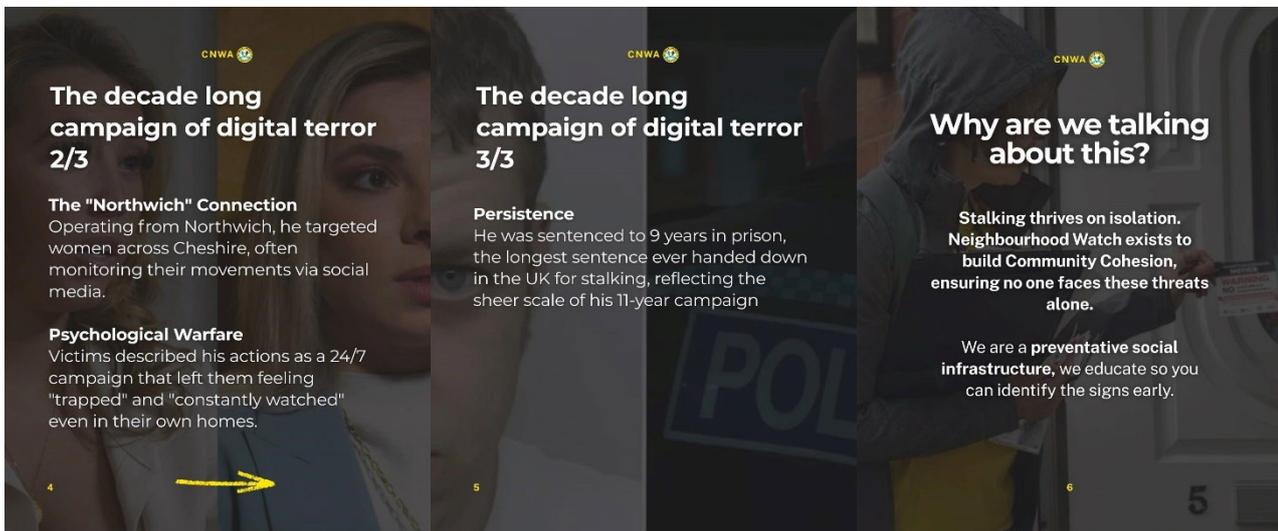
🌐 It provides the "Contact Comfort" needed to feel safe while navigating our digital and physical worlds.

Don't let cybercrime thrive in silence. Today, audit your social media privacy settings and ensure you have a trusted safety app like Hollie Guard installed.

👉 Tell us in the comments: What is one step you're taking today to make your internet experience safer?

[#SaferInternetDay](#) [#CheshireNW](#) [#CyberhoodWatch](#) [#HollieGuard](#) [#StalkingAwareness](#) [#DigitalSafety](#)
[#Northwich](#) [#NeighbourhoodWatch](#)





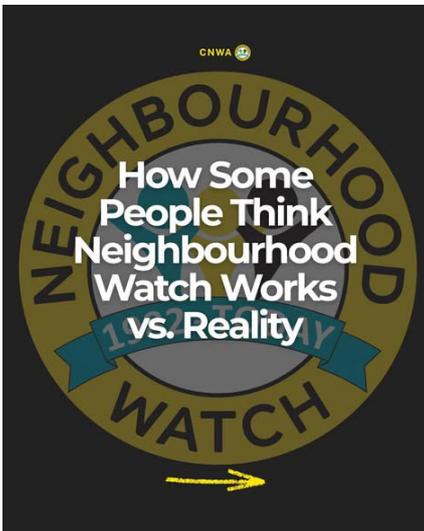
Let's clear the air, Cheshire! 🗣️🌐

Neighbourhood Watch isn't about spying, reporting trivial behaviour, or overstepping boundaries. That's the "TV version." 📺❌ The reality? We are a preventative social infrastructure. We are about:

- ✅ Shared Awareness: Distributing verified alerts to stop cybercrime.
- ✅ Community Cohesion: Building local networks where neighbours actually know and support each other.
- ✅ Proactive Safety: Promoting tools like the Hollie Guard App to protect our residents.

Modern neighbourhood safety is collaborative, not confrontational. It's about being a Knowledgeable Neighbour. Join the movement that started right here in Mollington in 1982! 🏆

[#CheshireNeighbourhoodWatch](#) [#CommunityFirst](#) [#LookingOutForEachOther](#) [#LocalSafety](#) [#Wellbeing](#) [#CyberhoodWatch](#)



I'VE GOT A TEXT! 📱 (But is it a scam?)

Tonight, we are gathering around the firepit to talk about Red Flags. 🚩

In the Villa, moving too fast is "moving mad."

In the real world, it's a Cyber Crime.

Here is how to spot if a text message is trying to "mug you off":

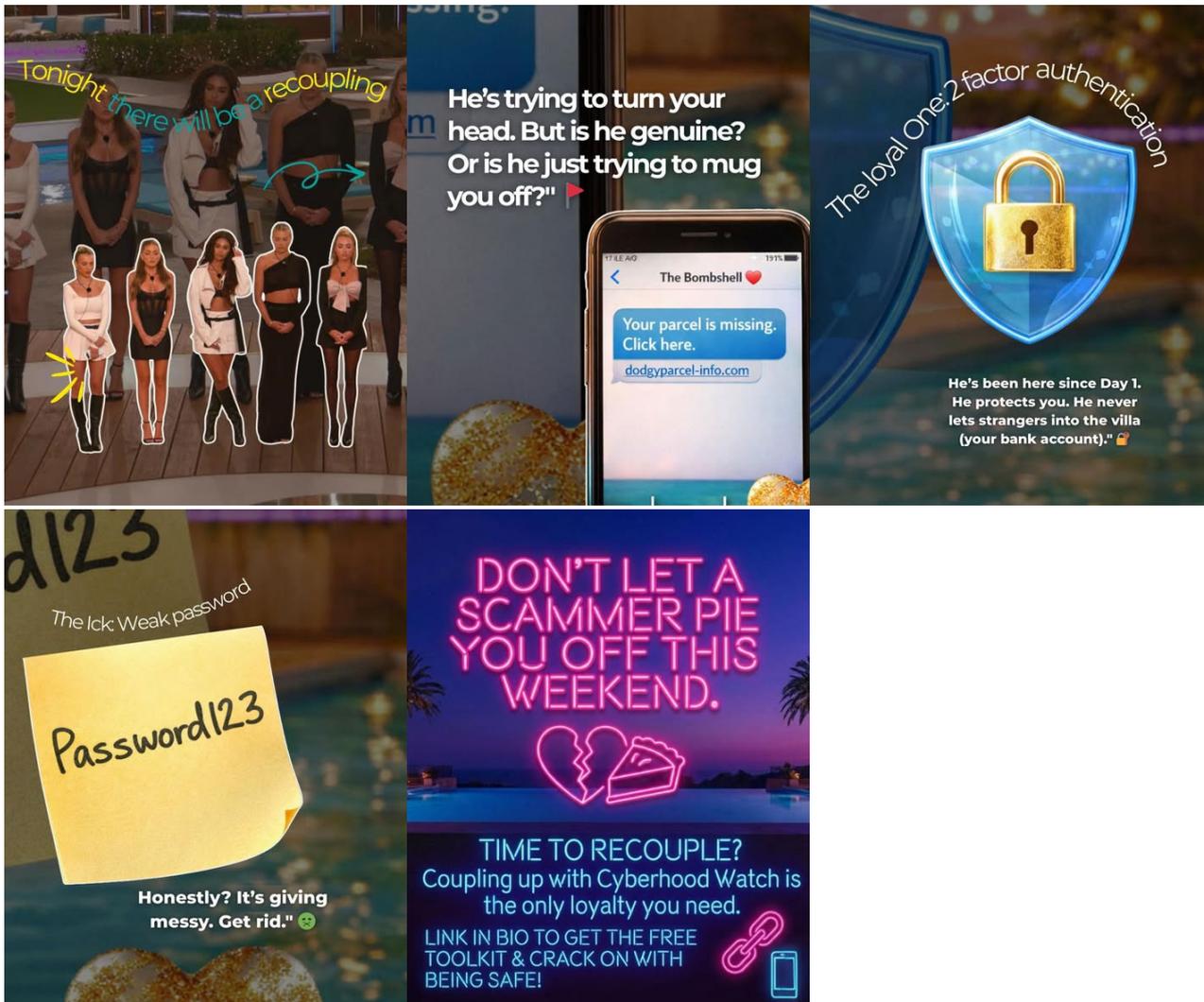
- ❌ Urgency: "Act now or lose your account!" (Major ick 🤢).
- ❌ The Link: Does it look dodgy? Don't let it turn your head.
- ❌ The Ask: Asking for bank details? That is NOT your type on paper.

The Advice? Dump the scammers. Stay loyal to 2-Step Verification. 📞

Are you coupling up with safety this year?

Drop a 📱 if you are safe from the drama!

[#Lovelsland](#) [#CyberhoodWatch](#) [#Cheshire](#) [#MuggedOff](#) [#LovelslandAllStars](#) [#ScamAlert](#) [#GenZ](#)
[#TrendAlert](#)



📍 Heading to the Daytime Disco? Don't fall for these myths.

We know thousands of you are excited for the Daytime Disco at Chester Town Hall! It's going to be an amazing atmosphere. 🍷

But remember: Spiking doesn't just happen at 2 AM, and it doesn't just happen with "date rape" drugs.

Watch as Sharon Gaffka busts the biggest myths about drink spiking:

❌ Myth: "I can't report it if I've taken recreational drugs."

✅ Fact: You absolutely can. It is not a crime to have drugs in your system when you are a victim of spiking.

❌ Myth: "It's always a pill."

✅ Fact: Alcohol is actually the most common method used to spike drinks.

Have the best time on the dancefloor, but look out for each other. If something feels off, tell venue staff or the police immediately.

Video credit: @cheshirepolice

[#Chester](#) [#DaytimeDisco](#) [#SpikingAwareness](#) [#CheshirePolice](#) [#NightlifeSafety](#) [#ChesterTownHall](#)
[#StopSpiking](#) [#MythsBusted](#)

Talking saves lives.

Reach out to a mate today, even one message can change everything.

It's brave to speak. It's brave to listen.

You're not alone. 🧡

Contact us with the link in our bio.

[#TimeToTalkDay](#) [#MensMentalHealth](#) [#ItsOkayToTalk](#) [#CommunityFirst](#)

[#CheshireNWA](#)



Today is [#TimeToTalk](#) Day, and we want to talk about something often overlooked in crime prevention: Loneliness.

Scammers, whether on the phone or at the doorstep, prey on isolation. They succeed because they are often the only person who has spoken to that resident all day. They build fake friendships to steal real money.

Your Mission Today: Check in on an older neighbour.

💬: "Just popping round to see how you are."

💬: "Fancy a quick cuppa?"

Breaking that silence does more than just cheer them up. It gives them a sounding board. It gives them someone to say: "I had a weird call earlier..."

A 10-minute chat could stop a crime before it happens.

[#Cheshire](#) [#Community](#) [#MentalHealth](#) [#ScamAware](#) [#NeighbourhoodWatch](#)

A graphic with a teal background and three numbered points. Point 1: "THE BEST ANTI-VIRUS ISN'T SOFTWARE. IT'S A KETTLE." with a "NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH" logo. Point 2: "SILENCE IS A SCAMMER'S BEST FRIEND." with an image of a man looking out a window. Point 3: "A 10-MINUTE CHAT BREAKS THE SPELL." with an image of two women talking. Point 4: "MAKE A BREW. STOP A CRIME." with an image of two women talking. Each point has a small explanatory text box below it. The text boxes for points 2 and 3 contain the same text: "Criminals target isolation. Whether it's a romance scam or a rogue trader, they succeed because often, they are the only person who has spoken to that resident all day." and "Checking in on a neighbour gives them a sounding board. It gives them a safe space to say: 'I had a weird call earlier...'" respectively.

Protecting our paws (and our trainers!) 🐾🌟

Nothing ruins a beautiful Cheshire walk faster than coming across a mess that should have been picked up. We're teaming up with [Warrington Borough Council Environmental Crime](#) for the Leave Only Pawprints campaign to keep our paths clean for everyone, from toddlers to local sports teams.

Knowledgeable Neighbour Tip: 💡

The Council can take action (from warning letters to fines), but they need the details to make it stick! If you notice a recurring issue, noting the time, a description of the dog or a vehicle registration makes the biggest difference in protecting our local hotspots.

Want to lead the pack?

Sign up to be a Pawprints Champion via the link in our bio. You'll join a community of responsible owners dedicated to keeping Cheshire beautiful. 🏆🐾

[#CheshireNW](#) [#LeaveOnlyPawprints](#) [#WarringtonSafety](#) [#CleanCheshire](#) [#OurWatch](#)

Even the "Golden Triangle" needs a watchful eye. 💎🏠

Recent news about the high profile burglary in Alderley Edge is a reminder that even the best security tech is only one piece of the puzzle. Professional "away day gangs" aren't just looking for open windows; they're looking for empty homes.

When high profile events happen or holiday snaps go live, it can signal that the coast is clear.

The Fix? It's simpler than you think: 👉

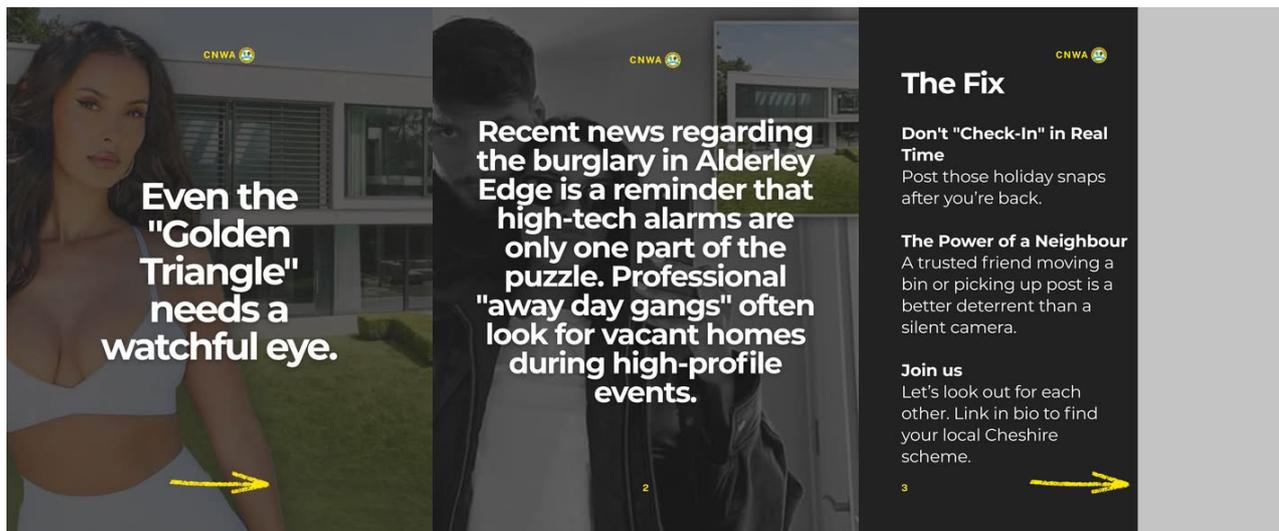
🚫 Post Later, Relax Now: Avoid "checking in" at the airport or posting real time holiday stories. Wait until you're safely back on your sofa to share those memories.

👂 The Power of a Neighbour: A camera can record a crime, but a neighbour can prevent one. A trusted friend moving your bins, picking up the post or just keeping an eye out is the ultimate deterrent.

🌟 Join the Watch: Security is better when it's shared.

Tap the link in our bio to find your local Cheshire scheme and help us look out for each other. 🍌🌟

[#CheshireNW](#) [#AlderleyEdge](#) [#OurWatch](#) [#mayajama](#) [#loveislanduk](#)



🔒 From Front Doors to Firewalls: The Watch has Evolved.

Let's face it: you wouldn't leave your house unlocked at night. So why leave your bank details unlocked on your phone?

Swipe through 👉 to see why the "Burglars have moved" and how we are fighting back.

We have teamed up with cybersecurity giants @avast to launch Cyberhood Watch in Cheshire. Whether you are a student dodging "Money Mule" scams or a resident worried about phishing emails, we have the tools you need.

👩 Gen Z: We need you. If you are the "Tech Support" for your family, sign up to be a Cyberhood Ambassador and help us protect the community.

👛 Member Perk: Grab your 70% discount on Avast One and download the free Cyber Safety Toolkit.

Want the free toolkit? Comment the word SAFE below.

[#CyberhoodWatch](#) [#Cheshire](#) [#Avast](#) [#OnlineSafety](#) [#GenZ](#) [#StudentSafety](#) [#MoneyMules](#) [#Community](#) [#DigitalMarketing](#)

THE CYBERHOOD WATCH.

SAME COMMUNITY SPIRIT YOU TRUST, JUST UPDATED FOR 2026.

● Victims of Cybercrime
● Non-Victims

IT'S NOT JUST "OTHER PEOPLE"

- ⚠️ 1 in 5 people in the UK have been a victim of cybercrime.
- ⚠️ For the first time, more people are afraid of **online crime** than physical crime.
- ⚠️ Phishing, Ransomware, Identity Theft. It happens in **seconds**.

avast

We've teamed up with global security experts **Avast** to update the "Neighbourhood Watch" for 2026.

Instead of patrolling the streets, we are sharing the tools to lock your **Digital Doors**.

THINK YOU'RE TOO SMART TO BE SCAMMED?

Gen Z is now a major target.

Gamers
Fake "Free Skin" generators stealing logins.

Students
Fake "Remote Jobs" turning you into Money Mules (carrying a 14-year jail sentence).

Sellers
Vinted/Depop "Buyer" scams.

BE THE DIGITAL BODYGUARD.

- Are you the **"IT Expert"** for your family?
- Does your Nan ask you to fix her iPad?
- **We need you.** Join us as a **Cyberhood Ambassador** to help protect the vulnerable in your street from online threats.

3 WAYS TO LOCK YOUR DIGITAL DOOR.

2-Step Verification
Turn it on. Everywhere.

Updates
Don't hit "Remind me later." Updates patch security holes.

Antivirus
It's your last line of defence.

70% OFF

avast

GET PROTECTED FOR LESS.

As a Cyberhood Watch supporter, you get **70% OFF Avast One Premium.**

- ✓ Block Viruses.
- ✓ Speed up your phone/laptop.
- ✓ Secure your connection.

How to stop scam texts (The "7726" Rule) 📱

Have you received a text message that just feels "off"? Maybe it claims to be from the DWP, or says you've missed a parcel delivery?

Please do not click the link. Instead, report it instantly:

Forward the message to 7726. (This spells 'SPAM' on a phone keypad).

It alerts your mobile provider to investigate and block that number so they can't target anyone else. Let's work together to keep Cheshire scam-free! 🇬🇧

Video credit: [@ofcom.org.uk](https://twitter.com/ofcom.org.uk)

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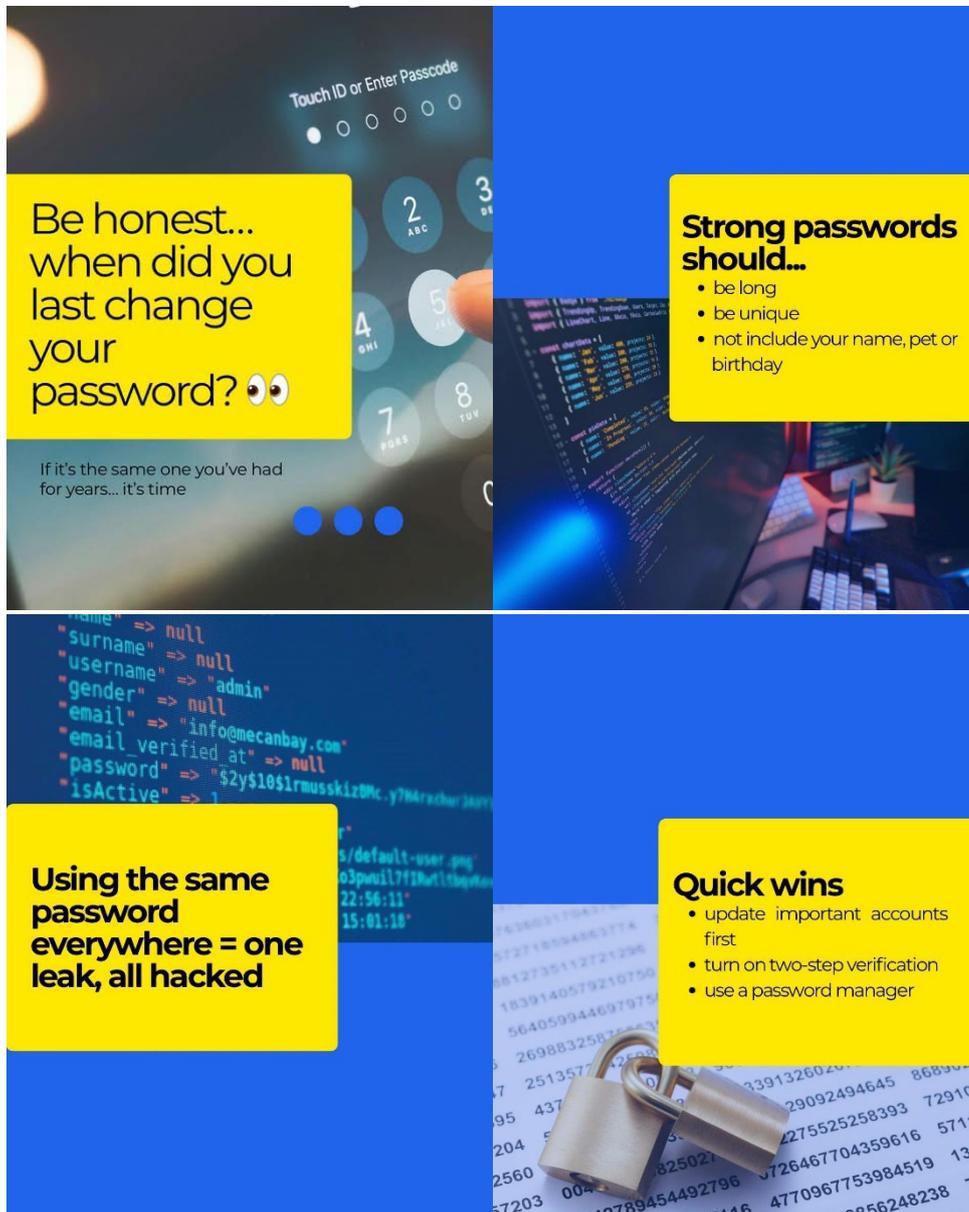
Quick check 📌

If you're using the same password across multiple accounts, you're not alone... but it does make things easier for scammers. A few small changes can make a big difference:

- ✓ update old passwords
- ✓ use different ones for important accounts
- ✓ turn on two-step verification

Online safety is part of looking out for each other.

[#CyberhoodWatch](#) [#OnlineSafety](#) [#PasswordSafety](#) [#StaySafeOnline](#) [#NeighbourhoodWatch](#)



🚩 Not every message is legit.

Scam texts, emails and DMs are getting harder to spot and they're designed to make you panic or rush.

Before clicking anything:

- -check who it's from
- -don't tap random links
- -never share personal info

If a message feels urgent, threatening or "too good to be true" that's usually the red flag. Pause. Check. Protect yourself 💙 If you have any concerns visit our website: <https://cheshirenw.org>

[#CyberhoodWatch](#) [#ScamAwareness](#) [#StaySafeOnline](#) [#GenZSafety](#) [#neighbourhoodwatchcheshire](#)