

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### Man jailed following Northwich drugs stop check

A car salesman from Northwich has been jailed for drug dealing following a successful stop check in the town.

Vincent Parkes appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 October where he was sentenced to 30 months in prison. The 36-year-old, of Adlington Drive, Northwich, had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (Heroin and Cocaine) and one count of possession of Class B drugs (cannabis). The court heard how Parkes had been on the local officer's radar for a number of months and was believed to be one of the main drug dealers in the Northwich area.



On Friday 6 June officers from the Northwich South Beat Team were out on patrol when the local PCSO spotted Parkes driving a black Audi SQ5 in Rudheath. A short time later the car was stopped by officers on Station Road and Parkes was the only occupant in the car. During a search of the vehicle officers located a quantity of cannabis, digital scales, cash, two phones and a substantial amount of prescription drugs.

Following the discovery, Parkes was arrested and taken to police custody, where officers discovered approximately £2,000 of cocaine and heroin hidden in his underwear during a strip search. Following the discovery, Parkes said to officers 'I f\*\*\*ing knew I shouldn't have had that', 'I wanted to get it down the toilet before you got hold of it', 'what you've got there is a quarter of cocaine'. During questioning Parkes made no comment answers in relation to most of the questions, however he claimed that the cash recovered was his wages and that the digital scales were for personal use only as he addicted to opiates and was also a user of Heroin.

Following the sentencing, Police Constable Chris Box, said: *"Thanks to the fantastic teamwork of the officers here at Northwich, another drug dealer is now behind bars, and we've been able to remove a sizeable quantity of illegal drugs off the streets of our town. The consequences of illegal drugs reach far and wide and the sentence handed to Parkes today should send a strong message to anyone wanting to deal drugs in our town that they will be held accountable. We will always act on any information about drug activity provided to us and I would urge anyone who believes this activity is happening near to them, to get in touch via 101 or on the website."*

#### Six charged in relation to drugs offences in Chester

Officers investigating drugs offences in Chester and North Wales have charged six individuals.

The following have been charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine and conspiracy to supply ketamine.

- Lewis Stenhouse, 26, of Chaucer Road, Fleetwood, Lancashire.
- Jason Bascombe, 33, of Liverpool Road, Huyton, Liverpool.
- Georgia Palin, 27, of Coast Road, Mostyn, Flintshire.
- Emily Hetherington, 32, of Bron-y-Wern, Bagillt, Flintshire.
- Alice Woodhouse, 43, of Glan-yr-afon, Garden City, Flintshire.
- Kim Johnson, 46, of Padeswood Road North, Buckley, Flintshire. She was also charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine.

All appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 2 October and will next appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 30 October. The charges relate to a series of warrants undertaken on 1 February 2025 in relation to the supply of cocaine and ketamine in the Chester and North Wales areas.

### **Two arrests made following attempted burglary**

Two men have been arrested following an attempted burglary in Warrington.

At 3.50am on Friday 3 October, police were called to reports of an incident in Edgewater Place, Latchford, in which two men were attempting to gain access to a property. The caller was alerted to the incident after hearing a banging noise and interrupted the suspects before they fled the scene. Officers attended and noticed two men nearby matching the description of the suspects. One man was detained while another made off on an e-bike. He was swiftly identified and arrested. The two men, aged 53 and 37, from Warrington were arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary. They remain in custody at this time.

DC Gary Howard said: *"I am pleased that these two suspects were swiftly arrested within one hour of receiving the call reporting the attempted robbery. The two men remain in custody at this time, assisting officers with their enquiries. I hope this reassures residents in the local area of how seriously we take offences of this nature."*

### **Illegal cigarettes, tobacco and vapes seized during joint operation with Trading Standards**

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Officers were supported by a specialist police dog, who helped to find a large quantity of illegal tobacco, cigarettes and vapes, which were hidden in a number of sophisticated concealments. The products that were found during the operation were being sold to the stores in large quantities and were, in turn, being sold on at half the price of genuine tobacco-products. In total, officers found:

- 29,540 fake/illegal cigarettes
- 4.65 kg of illegal hand-rolling tobacco
- 837 illegal vapes



DS Paul Huxley, of the Western Exploitation Team, said: *“The operation demonstrates our commitment to protecting victims of modern-day slavery and immigration crime by making Cheshire a hostile environment for offenders looking to commit organised immigration crime in our region. I hope this operation highlights to members of the public the volume of work that goes into keeping our residents safe from those who are intent on causing risk and harm to our communities.”*

### **Man jailed for sexually abusing two children in Cheshire**

A man has been jailed after pleading guilty to sexually abusing two children in Cheshire.

Paul Bishop appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 1 October, where he was sentenced to 17 years in prison, plus one year on licence. The 43-year-old of the Winsford area, had previously admitted eight sexual offences in relation to two victims. The charges include six offences that relate to one victim, and two offences relating 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.



Following the sentencing, DC Leah Bird, who has been leading on the case, said: *“Paul Bishop preyed on the victims, who were at primary school age when the abuse began, before subjecting them to years of sexual violence. He manipulated and threatened them to ensure that he could carry on raping and abusing them.*

*“Horrific offences such as these affect people in the most profound way and I would like to thank the victims for the immense courage they have shown in coming forward to report the sexual abuse they were subjected to. Whilst they will never be able to forget about what happened to them, I hope that the significant custodial sentence handed to Bishop by the courts provides them with some closure and enables them to begin to move forward with their lives.*

*“I also hope this case and the sentence encourages other victims of sexual offences to come forward and report them to us. Cheshire Constabulary takes any allegation of sexual offences extremely seriously, no matter how long ago they relate to. 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. Information can also be passed anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

### **Man jailed for perverting the course of justice**

A man who went to great lengths to get his partner to retract her statement against him has been jailed.

Ashley Farrall, 43, from Ellenbrook Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe appeared at Chester Crown Court on 29 September to be sentenced to 12 months in prison after being found guilty of perverting the course of justice.



The court heard that following an incident on 14 November 2024 a police investigation was launched, and he was subsequently charged. Despite bail conditions not to contact his partner, he gave her a secret 'burner phone' to discuss the retraction statement and even travelled to her address in Wales to go through the wording of statement. He continued to discuss the case with her with the intention of pleading guilty following the withdrawal to get a suspended prison sentence in return. He continued to meet up with her and contact her, in breach of his bail conditions.

Insp Matt Chapman said: *"Farrall manipulated his partner, saying he was sorry, and it was a mistake. He suggested that they could go to couples therapy and things would change. However, once he got what he wanted, her retracted statement, he became bad tempered, and even gaslighted her by suggesting she was remembering the incident wrongly. He wasn't sorry and had no intention of changing. Farrall went to great lengths to manipulate his partner when she was at her most vulnerable so he could selfishly get what he wanted. The courts imposing a custodial sentence sends a strong message about this type of offence."*

For more information and advice about domestic abuse go to

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/>

### **Partial closure orders granted for three Chester properties**

Three properties in Chester have been made subject to partial closure orders following reports of drug-related and anti-social behaviour.

Chester North Beat Team secured three partial closure orders at addresses in Shipbrook Road, Dunham Way and Tiverton Close, at Chester Magistrates Court on Thursday 25 September. This prevents anyone other than the occupants being allowed at the properties due to concerns that the addresses were being used for drug-related activity, anti-social behaviour and exploitation. The orders will run for three months to protect the occupants from unwanted visitors.

Sgt Gemma Ashton, of Chester North Beat Team said: *"I hope that these latest closures help to reassure communities that we do listen, and we do act on information with our partners to keep residents safe. There was enough evidence provided of the issues coming from the addresses for the*

*team to be successful in obtaining the orders. The closure orders will hopefully bring some peace for the local community which was having to endure such disruptive and harmful behaviour.*

*“Closures such as these could not be possible without the valuable input of residents, local authority, housing associations and private landlords. By working together, communities can only benefit from the positive action the Beat Team can take on their behalf. I want to urge anyone with concerns about ASB or other criminality in their community to please contact local officers and we will do everything we can to address these issues.”*

Anyone with concerns about anti-social or suspicious behaviour in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website or call 101.

### **Flint man jailed for attempting to smuggle drugs into Cheshire music festival**

A man from Flint has been jailed after he admitted attempting to smuggle class A drugs into a music festival in Cheshire.

Trey Breeze appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 30 where he was sentenced to three years in prison. The 20-year-old of Albert Avenue, Flint, previously pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (MDMA and 2C-B), possession with intent to supply class B drugs (Ketamine) and being concerned in the supply of class C drugs. Breeze attended the Creamfields Music Festival in Daresbury on Thursday 22 August 2024. While he was walking through the security area he was stopped by officers after a drugs dog indicated he was in possession of illegal drugs.

He was taken to a side area, where handed over a number of illegal drugs. Breeze was ejected from the site and was later interviewed under caution in relation to the matter. During questioning he claimed that all of the drugs were for personal use. However, upon appearing in court he admitted that he had taken the drugs to the festival to sell to other people.

Following the sentencing, DC Neil Fleming said: *“Every year before the festival we work really hard to ensure that attendees are fully aware of the consequences they could face if they bring illegal drugs onto the site. Sadly, Breeze chose to ignore these warnings, and despite being given ample opportunities to get rid of the drugs in surrender bins before going through the search process, he thought that she was smarter. His ignorance has landed him with a three-year prison sentence, where he can take the time to contemplate his actions and ask himself if it was worth it.*

*“Cheshire Police, along with event organisers and security staff, work extremely hard to ensure that Creamfields remains a safe and positive experience for all festivalgoers. We have seen the irrevocable damage illegal drugs can cause, particularly during the festival period. Those attempting to smuggle drugs into the event will be put before the courts and dealt with accordingly.”*

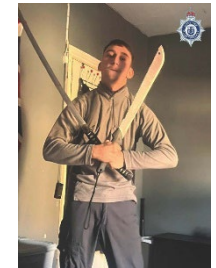
## **Winsford man jailed after filming himself with illegal drugs and weapons**

A man from Winsford who filmed himself posing with illegal drugs has been jailed.

Alfie Drummond appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 30 September where he was sentenced to 32 months in prison. The 23-year-old of School Road, Wharton, previously admitted being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine) and two counts of possession of an offensive weapon. The court heard how the investigation began in early 2025 after officers became aware of a mobile phone number which was being used to sell illegal drugs in the Winsford area. The mobile had been linked to a number of flare messages which had been issued advertising the sale of cocaine.



Following enquiries, officers identified Drummond as the owner of the phone, and he was subsequently arrested at his home address on Tuesday 28 January 2025. During a search of his bedroom officers recovered two mobile phones, a small amount of Cannabis, a 69cm Samurai Sword and an extendable baton. A number of videos were also found on his mobile phone which showed Drummond handling large amounts of illegal drugs and cash. There were also videos of a large collection of weapons spread out over his bed.



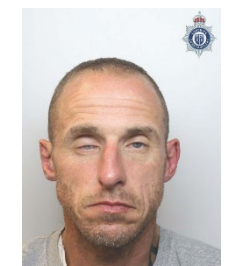
Following the sentencing PC Ed Whalley, of Northwich Proactive CID, said: *“Drummond wasn’t the brightest drug dealer, literally filming himself posing with the illegal drugs and his ill-gotten gains in his own bedroom. His videos, along with the catalogue of evidence gathered by the team here at Northwich, left him with no option but to admit his guilt. I welcome the sentence that has been handed to him by the court, and I hope that it acts as a warning to others. Drug dealing has a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, and we’re committed to doing all we can to ensure that those responsible are held accountable. While Drummond is now behind bars, our fight against illegal drugs remains ongoing, and I would urge anyone with any information to get in touch via 101 or on the police website.”*

<https://youtu.be/f1r9hMWaT0o>

## **Man who admits stealing hot tub barred from every B&Q in Cheshire**

A Chell Heath man who admitted trying to steal a Lay Z Spa and more after being caught red-handed has been barred from every B&Q in Cheshire.

Carl Proctor from Chell Heath Road, Chell Heath pleaded guilty to four counts of theft from a shop and one of assaulting a security guard back in August. The 41-year-old appeared at North Staffordshire Justice Centre on Monday 29 September for sentencing. He was given a community order and handed a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order which bans him from entering any B&Q stores in Cheshire. He was also ordered not to enter Boots in Hanley, and Pets at Home in Springfield Retail Park, Trent Vale. If he breaches his order, he faces going to prison.





The measures were put in place after he admitted shoplifting in B&Q in Crewe and Tesco in Hanley. On 16 July he entered Tesco in Hanley and took a Sharp TV and left the store without paying. On 22 July he entered B&Q in Crewe, and using a trolley took various power tools and equipment to the value of around £1,000. He left via the garden centre exit without paying. He returned on 3 August and filled up his trolley with a number of electrical items valuing around £800 leaving through the building yard exit. On 11 August he entered B&Q with a shopping trolley and put a Lay Z Spa in the trolley. Then the fire alarm was activated as Proctor left via a side service access door. Security challenged him and recovered the Spa, three outdoor lights and a plant. Proctor pushed the security guard as he was alerting police and fled empty handed.

He was recognised as having been responsible for two further thefts from the store previously. Enquiries, including facial recognition led to Proctor being located and arrested in Staffordshire. He was interviewed by Cheshire Police at their Middlewich custody suite for thefts from shops totalling almost £2,000.

Insp Dan Welch said: *“Proctor was brazen in his attempts to steal from the stores in Crewe and Hanley, taking thousands of pounds worth of goods. Thanks to the security guard and staff, and local officers’ knowledge in both Cheshire and Staffordshire, we were able to put a stop to his offending and bring him before the courts. We are pleased that while he didn’t get a custodial sentence, we were able to secure a Criminal Behaviour Order to protect businesses and their staff from his prolific offending.”*

### **Closure order secured against disruptive Latchford address**

Officers from Warrington Neighbourhood team have been successful in securing a three-month closure order against an address in Latchford that has severely disrupted the lives of its neighbours.



Officers were granted the three-month closure order for the property on Bridgewater Avenue, Latchford, at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Thursday 25 September. Working alongside neighbours in the immediate vicinity of the address and the housing agency responsible for the property, officers were successful in gathering a substantial amount of evidence from neighbours of a prolonged period disruptive and anti-social behaviour including drug dealing, starting unwanted fires near to the property and the nuisance riding of e-bikes and off-road vehicles. All of this created a sense of panic and intimidation towards their neighbours, with many of them initially hesitant to approach police through fear of coming into direct confrontation with the occupants themselves.



However, a result of this joint effort between local officers, the neighbours and housing teams, the occupants have been ordered to leave the address and find alternative accommodation, with the property itself having all windows and doors be boarded up for the next three months.

PC Andrew Schofield, of Warrington Central Beat Management, said: *"I am sure that anyone who is aware of this particular property will attest to how much of a misery the behaviour of the occupants caused to their own neighbours and the residents in the wider Bridgewater Avenue area. Not only this, due to the sheer number of incidents tied to the address in question, officer resources were considerably affected as patrols were frequently diverted in their direction simply because they did not know how to behave."*



*"Through this three-month closure order the property will be boarded up and inaccessible well into December, with anyone who enters facing a hefty fine or even a prison sentence. I am delighted to see that this troubled residence has now been shut down and, it goes without saying, it will have a positive impact on the community and shows we will take action when they are too frightened to do so themselves. We have also disrupted the supply of drugs in this area of Warrington and further reduced the number of illegal e-bikes and off-road vehicles being driven anti-socially on our streets, which is not only a great result for Warrington Central, but for the wider LPU."*

Tours Housing added: *"Police worked tirelessly to gather intelligence, which was crucial in building the case and securing this positive outcome. This successful action is the result of dedicated police work and collaboration. The Closure Order provides much-needed relief to the community and demonstrates a commitment to tackling issues that affect residents' quality of life."*

Anyone with concerns about anti-social or suspicious behaviour in their area is asked to report it to Cheshire Police via the Cheshire Police website or call 101.

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### **Appeal after bus driver racially abused in Warrington**

Officers have released CCTV images of two men they would like to speak to after a bus driver was racially abused while working in Warrington.

The incident occurred at approximately 8pm on Saturday 6 September at Warrington Bus Station. During the incident, it is believed the men made racially aggravated comments towards the victim.

PC Graham Davies said: *"We take incidents of this nature extremely seriously and will not tolerate hate crime within our community. Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and as part of the investigation I am now looking to speak to the men featured in the CCTV images as I believe that they may hold vital information in relation to this investigation. I urge the men pictured, or anyone who recognises them, to contact the team here at Warrington on 101."*



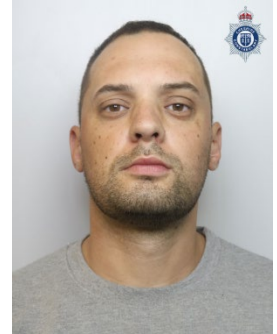


Anyone with any information in relation to the incident, or anyone who recognises the men in the CCTV images, is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting 25000740143 or [visit the website](#). Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

### **Police appeal to trace wanted Cheshire man**

Police are appealing for information to help trace a wanted man.

Alan Sands is wanted for failing to appear in court. The 35-year-old, who is of no fixed address but is known to frequent the Chester area, is described as white, around 5'9" tall, with brown eyes and short dark brown hair. Sands is believed to have links to both the Chester area and the Liverpool area of Merseyside.



Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Alan Sands is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting reference 25000763961.

### **Police release CCTV images following Blacon church social club burglary**

Police have released CCTV images of a man they'd like to speak in relation to a burglary at St Theresa's Church Social Club in Blacon, Chester.

At 1.15am on 30 September a man forced entry into the social club on Blacon Avenue, once inside the building the suspect located the gambling machine before forcing the machine open to steal cash from it. Police attended the scene within minutes however the suspect had already fled the location on foot across the playing field of St Theresa's Primary School on Kipling Road.



PC James Wright said: *"I'd urge anyone who recognises this man or knows who the suspect is to contact us. Someone in the community will know his identity and I urge them to come forward. The money stolen from the machine was all in pound coins. If anyone works in the local area and has noted any suspicious transactions paid for with a large quantity of pound coins, I again urge them to come forward and contact the Police. The same goes for anyone with dash cam or CCTV which may have captured anything of interest following the offence taking place."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or the [website](#) quoting IML 2185608. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### **Police appeal for witnesses following Widnes collision**

Police are appealing for witnesses following a one vehicle collision in Widnes.

At 5.25pm on 25 September police were called to a collision at the corner of Mottershead Road and Wavertree Avenue. A Grey Alfa Romeo 147 had collided with a telegraph pole and a fence.

DS Gary McClatchey said: *"I'd urge anyone who may have seen the incident to contact us. The same goes for anyone CCTV or dashcam footage that has captured the collision. We are also appealing for the driver of a black Mercedes minibus/taxi which was also present near to the incident to contact us as he may have witnessed the collision and have dash cam footage."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting occurrence number IML 2182952.

### **Police are appealing for witnesses to indecent exposures in Macclesfield Forest**

Police are appealing for information following a number of indecent exposures in Macclesfield Forest over the past several months.

The suspect, described as being white, and in his 20s to 30s with dark hair has exposed himself to women walking in the forest on Tuesday 30 September.

Sgt Claire Lloyd said: *"While he doesn't make any attempt to approach them, it does cause them some alarm. We are continuing to make enquiries to find this man and are urging anyone who sees him to ring us immediately on 999 with your What3Words location so we can make every effort to catch him. If you haven't already, you can download the What3Words app from your phone app store. If you have seen similar incidents, but haven't reported it to police, please get in touch. Everyone has a right to feel safe when they go for a walk in the countryside. We will not tolerate this behaviour, and again would urge anyone who sees him to contact us immediately."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2186120. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### **Appeal to trace missing man from Burleydam**

Police are appealing for information to help trace a missing 44-year-old man.

Matthew Burgess was last seen at around 3.45pm on Sunday 28 September on Barton Close, Burleydam. He is described as white, around 5'9" tall, of medium build with short fair hair. Matthew has links to Burleydam, Nantwich, Birmingham and Litchfield.



PC Steven Duke said: *"We have been conducting a number of enquiries to locate Matthew and would urge anyone who may have seen him since he was reported missing or has any other information on his whereabouts to get in touch with us. We would also like to appeal directly to Matthew if he sees this to please get in touch and to let us know you are OK, as your family are growing increasingly concerned. Anyone with any information regarding Matthew's whereabouts is asked to contact Cheshire Police [via the website](#) or on 101 quoting IML 2184852."*

## Police appeal for witnesses following serious collision in Northwich

Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious collision in Northwich.

Shortly before 8.52pm on 25 September a black Smart Fordwo Grandstyle was travelling along the A556 from Chester towards Northwich when it was in collision with a blue Toyota Yaris travelling in the opposite direction. The driver of the Smart car, a 52-year-old woman, was taken to hospital but sadly died. The family are being supported by specialist officers.

Sgt Russ Sime said: *"I'd urge anyone who witnessed the collision but has not yet spoken to police or anyone with dashcam footage that may help with the investigation to contact police."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2183074.

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