

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Drug dealer jailed following police stop check in Northwich

A man from Northwich has been jailed for drug dealing following a police stop check in the town.

Simon Jones appeared at Chester Crown on Wednesday 28 May where he was sentenced to four years in prison. The 35-year-old of Danefield Road, Northwich, had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine), being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (cocaine) and using a vehicle without insurance.



The case against him began at around 2.40pm on Monday 28 April 2025, when officers on patrol in the Danefield Road spotted a man riding an off-road bike in the area. The rider was wearing a face covering, but officers were able to identify him as Jones due to his build and visible tattoos. He initially rode off from the area, before returning approximately 20 minutes later. Upon returning, he dumped the bike and attempted to flee on foot but was quickly arrested by officers.

Jones was subsequently taken to Northwich police station where he was searched by officers and found to be in possession of a bag of cocaine which was hidden in his pocket. Following the discovery Jones was arrested and taken to custody, a search was then undertaken at his home where officers recovered £200 cash, a number of snap bags used for drug dealing and several sim cards. Analysis of the sim cards indicated that Jones was involved in the sale of cocaine in the Northwich area. A full case file of evidence was submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service who charged Jones with several offences.

Following the sentencing PC Adam Baxter said: *"Drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on our communities, causing widespread misery. As such, cutting off supplies of illegal drugs and removing dealers from our streets is of paramount importance. In this case, we saw a significant number of messages on Jones' mobile phone which showed he was actively dealing drugs in the Northwich area, leaving him with no option but to plead guilty to the charges against him. I welcome the sentence that has been handed to Jones and I hope it provides reassurance for local residents. While Jones is now behind bars, our fight against illegal drug dealers continues and I would appeal to anyone who has any information about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place in their communities to contact us on 101, [via the website](#) or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."*

Successful policing operation sees officers safely manage 45,000 visitors for Warrington's Neighbourhood Weekender festival

Over the course of the weekend, officers and staff from across the Constabulary worked together as part of a larger policing operation to keep residents and festival-goers safe during the Neighbourhood Weekender festival.

This past weekend (Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May), Warrington hosted the annual Neighbourhood Weekender music festival, which saw a combined 45,000 people visit the town over two days, requiring a large visible police response. In anticipation of this increased footfall across the town centre for the festival weekend, officers were granted extra powers to help keep members of the public safe. This included a number of road closures surrounding the Victoria Park area and the deployment of a dispersal order for the town centre that ran over the weekend and into the bank holiday Monday, to prevent anti-social behaviour and support the festival event staff, residents and the local night-time economy venues within Warrington itself. During the event, officers arrested several people for offences such as being drunk and disorderly, being in charge of a dangerous dog, and obstructing a police officer in the execution of their duty.

Supt Andy Blizzard, who oversaw Constabulary's policing of the festival, said: *"Overall, this was another successful year at Warrington's Neighbourhood Weekender Festival and, as a force, we were very proud to see attendees were respectful of the local community, residents and night-time economy venues and engaging positively with police and festival staff. As with previous years, a great deal of planning, time and effort went into ensuring that we were as prepared as possible for a huge event that saw upwards of 45,000 people travel through the town via road, rail and on foot for a weekend of live music and entertainment.*

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the combined efforts of our officers and staff from across the Constabulary who helped plan and organise our response to the event, along with those who were out about engaging with visitors and residents within the town and the festival, managed road closures and supported Neighbourhood Weekender staff, all of which allowed the weekend to move smoothly and without major incident. Our stance will remain the same for large scale events and festivals such as this. We will also not accept any criminal behaviour that poses a risk to attendees, staff, or the wider community during or after the event and we will continue to work hard, alongside the Neighbourhood Weekender team, to make sure everyone can enjoy their time in Warrington safely and without disruption to its communities."

Man charged following a robbery in Warrington

A 35-year-old man has been charged following a robbery in Warrington.

Michael Waring from Bewsey Street in Warrington was charged with robbery, possession of a Class B Drug (Cannabis resin), driving without insurance, assault of an emergency worker, possession of a knife in a public place, assault and aggravated vehicle taking. The charges relate to an incident in Marsh House Lane in Warrington on 26 May shortly before midnight where a man was threatened, and a car was stolen. Two officers were also assaulted during the arrest. Waring appeared at

Warrington Magistrates on 27 May and remanded in custody to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on 24 June.

Officers take part in force-wide operation protecting children and vulnerable people

Cheshire Constabulary has conducted a three-day operation aimed at protecting children and vulnerable people across the county.

Operation Guardians ran from Monday 19 May to Wednesday 21 May 2025, with hundreds of officers and staff members taking part, including from Local Policing and Beat Management Teams, PVP (Protecting Vulnerable People), OCAIT (Online Child Abuse Images Team) and SOMU (Sex Offender Management Unit), plus others. The force-wide operation focused on safeguarding children in Cheshire who may be at risk of exploitation, engaging with schoolchildren and partners, and ensuring those who have committed offences against children and vulnerable people are complying with the conditions of their bail or Sexual Harm Prevention Orders.

There were high visibility patrols outside schools and plain clothes patrols in town centres throughout the days to tackle any anti-social behaviour while providing a reassuring policing presence. Schools and other partners were directly engaged with to ensure people knew to report any potential offences or concerns. There were a number of warrants executed across the force, plus visits to addresses in partnership with the probation service to ensure suspects were adhering to the conditions they were subject to.

Operation Guardians also coincided with Sceptre, a national effort aiming to reduce the impact of knife crime in our communities. As part of this, officers conducted knife sweeps and set up amnesty bins to allow members of the public to safely dispose of knives or bladed articles.

Operation Guardians saw the following results:

- 18 arrests in total across the three-day operation, including for drug-related offences.
- Eight warrants were undertaken by OCAIT, resulting in six arrests.
- Officers conducted a number of visits to registered sex offenders to ensure they were complying with conditions, resulting in five arrests by SOMU.
- 30 plain clothes and high visibility patrols were conducted.
- There were 40 deployments to schools across the force, focusing on engagement about safety and knife-crime prevention.
- The Safety Bus was deployed in key areas.
- Six referrals were made for drug support following people found in possession of cannabis.
- Project Servator deployments were carried out in Chester, Warrington, and Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet.
- Officers conducted engagement visits to children's care homes.
- 23 hotels were visited in relation to Operation Makesafe.

DCI Chris Williams, who co-ordinated the operation, said: *"I am incredibly proud of the success of Operation Guardians, which resulted in multiple arrests and engagement activities. This is an example of different departments force-wide working together to highlight the great work that Cheshire Constabulary does in protecting children and vulnerable people across the county. But it's also important to stress that the activities which have been taking place across the past few days are part of our everyday policing tactics and 'business as usual' the whole year round. It's vital that those who would harm children in Cheshire know that we will utilise all the tools at our disposal to safeguard young and vulnerable people and anyone who is found to have committed any offences will be caught and held accountable."*

Anyone who has information relating to child abuse and exploitation or has any concerns can call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or report information online via our website. Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for witnesses following fatal collision on the M6

Officers investigating a fatal collision on the M6 near Sandbach are appealing for any witnesses to come forward.

At around 6.15am on Friday 23 May, police were called to reports of a collision on the M6 between junction 16 and junction 17, near to Sandbach on the northbound carriageway. The incident involved a silver Volkswagen Transporter van and another vehicle as yet unknown. The driver of the van, a 71-year-old man, suffered serious injuries. He was taken to hospital where he has sadly since died. His next of kin have been informed and they are being supported by officers. The other vehicle has left the scene following the collision and officers are working to identify it and its driver. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and officers are urging witnesses to come forward.

Sgt Andrew Dennison, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"If you witnessed the incident and have information which may aid us in locating the driver of the other vehicle, I would urge you to get in touch. If you have any information that may help, or you are the driver of the vehicle, please come forward and help us with our enquiries."*

Anyone with information should contact police via the website quoting IML 2095766. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses following Warrington pub incident

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an incident at a pub in Warrington.

At around 8pm on 23 May a man entered the Station House pub in Station Road, Poulton-with-Fearnhead and threatened the customers with a knife before leaving on a bike. No one was harmed in the incident. As he fled the scene he was seen by two witnesses to throw the knife into a bush.

PC Katherine Molyneux said: *"I'd urge the two men who saw the suspect throw the knife into a bush to contact us to help us with our enquiries. The same goes for anyone who witnessed the incident and has not yet spoken to police."*

As part of our enquiries a 35-year-old man has been arrested and has since been released on conditional bail. Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting 25000426706. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555.

CCTV images released following serious assault in Chester

Detectives have issued a CCTV image of a man they are looking to speak to after a woman was seriously assaulted in Chester City centre.

The incident occurred sometime between 2.30am and 3am on Sunday 16 March at a nightclub on Northgate Street, Chester. The victim, a 20-year-old woman from Chester, was assaulted by an unknown man and sustained serious injuries. The victim was hospitalised for a month as a result of her injuries and has since been discharged. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of the investigation officers have now released a CCTV image of a man they are looking to speak to.

DC Lauren Wycherley Jones said: *“The victim is now recovering from the attack after sustaining serious injuries to her spine and we are committed to doing all we can to identify the person responsible. As part of our investigation, we are keen to speak to the man in the CCTV images as we believe he may hold important information. Anyone who recognises the man is urged to contact us on 101, or [visit the website](#), quoting IML 2075233. I would also like to appeal directly to the man in the CCTV images to get in touch.”*



Appeal for witnesses and footage following fatal collision near Sandbach

Police are appealing for witnesses and footage following a fatal collision near Sandbach.

At 12.49am on Saturday 24 May, police were called to reports of a collision on Ashley Close, Winterley. The collision involved a red Lexmoto Valiant motorcycle. The rider, a 32-year-old man from the Haslington area, suffered serious injuries. He was taken to Leighton Hospital and was sadly pronounced dead. Officers are in the early stages of their investigation and are appealing for any witnesses who have not already spoken to police to get in touch with them, as well as anyone with CCTV or dashcam footage which captured what happened.

Insp Steve Griffiths said: *“As part of our investigation into the circumstances of this tragic incident, we would like to appeal to anyone who witnessed what happened and has not already spoken to police to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who has any CCTV or dashcam footage. You can report information [via the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML-2096458. Our thoughts remain with the man’s family and friends at this sad time.”*

CCTV image released following assault in Widnes

Police investigating an assault in Widnes have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to.

At around 4pm on Tuesday 29 April, officers in Widnes received reports of an assault on a member of staff at a commercial premises on Hale Road, Widnes. The caller reported that he had been approached by two unknown men who were acting aggressively. One of the men then proceeded to hit the staff member in the face. As part of their enquires to fully understand the circumstances surrounding the incident, investigating officers have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to as, they believe, he holds vital information.



PC Pearce, of Widnes Response, said: *"It is lucky that this member of staff has not sustained any serious injuries, but, that being said, no one should go to their place of work and expect to be assaulted. As part of our enquiries into this incident, we would like to speak to the individual in the CCTV image, as we believe he holds information that will aid us in our ongoing investigation. I would also like to ask the man pictured to please contact us."*

Anyone with information in relation to this incident can contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting IML-2079298.

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