

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



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Investigation launched following allegations of historic sexual abuse

Detectives from Cheshire Police have launched an investigation following allegations of historic sexual abuse.

The investigation follows allegations of historic sexual abuse associated with Crewe and Nantwich Gymnastics also known as Camm Street Gym in Crewe. The allegations relate to offences which are reported to have occurred in the 1980's and 1990's. They do not involve to the current team working at the Camm centre. A 68-year-old local man has been arrested on suspicion of indecent assault of a girl under the age of 14. He has since been released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

Detective Inspector Stuart York, from Cheshire Police said: *"I understand the concerns that this news is likely to cause and I would like to reassure residents that the appropriate safeguarding measures have been put in place. We treat all reports of sexual offences extremely seriously, and our dedicated team of officers are committed to doing establish exactly what has taken place. Enquiries in relation to the allegations are ongoing I would urge anyone with any concerns, or any information which may aid the investigation, to get in touch."*

Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us , quoting 26000725252.

Man charged with drugs offences in Widnes

A man has been charged with drugs offences in Widnes.

John Dunn, 34, of Avondale Drive, Widnes, has been charged with being concerned in the supply of cocaine, ecstasy and cannabis. He appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 15 September and was remanded into custody to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday 13 October. The charges relate to a warrant executed at an address on Avondale Drive, Widnes, by Widnes Beat Team and Widnes Proactive CID on Monday 14 September.

Live Facial Recognition technology to be deployed in Chester this weekend

Cheshire Constabulary will be deploying Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology in Chester city centre.

As part of Operation Vigilant, the deployment on Saturday 19 September will support officers in identifying people who are wanted by police, outstanding suspects and those who pose a risk to the public. LFR allows officers to be alerted in real time if a person on a specific, pre-approved watchlist passes through the area being scanned, allowing them to take appropriate action where necessary. Strict privacy, data protection, and human rights safeguards are in place for every LFR deployment. Only images of individuals on a pre-approved watchlist are used by the system, and any biometric data of passers-by who do not match a person on that list is automatically and immediately deleted. Officers reviewing any potential matches must also confirm the identity before any action is taken.

The force will clearly signpost the use of the technology throughout the deployment area, with information also available online explaining how Live Facial Recognition works and the safeguards in place to protect privacy. As well as the LFR deployment, a dispersal order will be in place from 4pm on Friday 18 September until 4pm on Sunday 20 September. The dispersal order will allow officers to ban anyone from the area for up to 48 hours to prevent disorder. The area covered by the order is highlighted in the attached map. The map is provided to anyone issued with a direction to leave.

Detective Chief Inspector Robert Pritchard said: *"Live Facial Recognition technology provides us with an enhanced capability to identify people who are wanted by police or who may present a risk to the public, enabling officers to take swift and appropriate action where necessary. We have now used this technology numerous times, building on the positive outcomes of previous operations. This aligns with our ongoing efforts to keep residents and visitors safe while they enjoy everything the city has to offer. During the deployment, officers will be available to speak with members of the public and local businesses to explain the technology, listen to concerns and offer reassurance about the safeguards in place."*

Inspector James Wilson said: *"We're expecting Chester to be busy this weekend due to people visiting Chester Races, and our priority is ensuring that everyone can enjoy their time in the city safely and responsibly. Therefore, there will be an enhanced police presence alongside a dispersal order, giving officers additional powers to tackle anti-social behaviour at an early stage before it escalates."*

Members of the public can find more information about Live Facial Recognition on the Cheshire Police website, including details on how the technology works and the safeguards that govern its use. Anyone with information about anti-social behaviour in their area is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or report through our website.

Officers out in force in Blacon for Operation Decisive

Officers have been out in force across Blacon as part of Operation Decisive.

On Wednesday 16 September a number of proactive policing activities were carried out in the Blacon area of Chester as part of a day of action tackling drug-related offences, traffic offences and anti-social behaviour. The day was supported by officers from Chester Beat Team, Chester Proactive Team, Western Problem Solving Team, Force Intelligence Bureau, firearms officers, Roads

Crime Unit, Dogs Unit, Bike Unit, and Force Control Centre, plus British Transport Police (BTP) County Lines Team and BTP ViAWG Team. The day produced the following results:

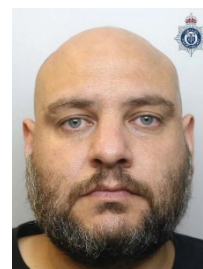
- Warrants were carried out at addresses in Penmon Close, Sylvan Mews, Masfield Drive, Station View, Highfield Close, and Hatton Road in relation to suspected drugs offences.
- Closure orders were granted for addresses in Sylvan Mews, Masfield Drive, Rose Terrace, Western Avenue, Celebration Drive, and Canberra Way.
- A total of six Community Protection Warnings were issued.
- One car was seized after a driver was stopped for driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence.
- 11 Motor Traffic Offence Reports were issued.
- One vehicle was stopped for having an insecure load.
- One driver was reported for summons after driving in excess of 100 mph.
- Two e-scooters were seized.
- The Sex Offender Management Unit carried out five offender visits.
- Community engagement was carried out in Greyhound Retail Park and The Parade, Blacon.
- Three arrests were made, including for possession with intent to supply class A drugs, drug driving and domestic assault. A Community Resolution Order was issued for possession of ketamine.
- Proactive patrols were carried out across Blacon, Greyhound Retail Park, Upton, Garden Quarter and Chester city centre.

Inspector James Wilson said: *"This has been a fantastic day of action, including a number of warrants, closure orders, arrests, community engagement, proactive patrols and other activities, supported by Cheshire Constabulary officers in Chester, as well as British Transport Police. "This is just a small snapshot of the policing tactics we use to target criminals day-in, day out. This sends a stark warning to those who choose to commit crime that criminal behaviour will not be tolerated. You will not go unnoticed and action will be taken against you. We hope this also sends a message to local residents that we are committed to tackling drug-related and anti-social behaviour in the area. We do listen to your concerns, and we would urge anyone with any information to please report it to us by calling 101, reporting it through our website, or contacting Crimestoppers anonymously and we will do the rest."*

Man jailed for breach of Sexual Harm Prevention Order

A man has been jailed after breaching his Sexual Harm Prevention Order by staying at an address where a child was present and not notifying police.

Yonathan Du Plessis, of Mallard Avenue, Edleston, Nantwich, was sentenced to 10 months in prison on Tuesday 1 September. The 33-year-old had admitted breaching his Sexual Harm Prevention Order which was imposed in 2023. On 27 May 2026, Du Plessis was arrested for breaching the order after having an unregistered mobile phone, something he was prohibited from doing. After this arrest occurred, police then received information that he previously had contact with a child and had stayed in the same address as a child on multiple occasions. Under the terms of his order, Du Plessis must notify police of any address or place that



he stays at for a period of 12 hours or longer where a child under 18 resides/stays, within three days of his first stay.

PC Alex Barker, of the Sex Offender Management Unit (SOMU), Cheshire Police, said: *"Du Plessis clearly had no regard for the conditions upon him and was subsequently arrested and charged for breaching his order. This is why those with Sexual Harm Prevention Orders are robustly managed by SOMU, to ensure that anyone who does breach their order must face the consequences."*

Two men charged following disturbances in Winsford

Detectives have charged two men with a variety of offences following two incidents in Winsford.

At around 10pm on Saturday 12 September, police were made aware of an altercation near to the Hive in Winsford. During the incident, a 32-year-old local man sustained serious facial injuries. Then, at around 2.45am on Monday 14 September, police were made aware of a report of criminal damage at an address in the Wharton area, which was later established to be linked. An investigation into the incidents was launched resulting in the arrest of five men and one woman.

Following questioning, Wayne Farinha, aged 47, from Winsford, has been charged with section 18 assault and possession of a weapon in a public place. Joshua Furmedge, aged 32, of and from Winsford, has been charged with possession of a weapon in a public place, affray and criminal damage. Both men have been remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 16 September. The remaining defendants have been released pending further enquiries.

Detective Inspector Ross Hamilton, of Northwich CID, said: *"I would like to reassure residents that these are believed to be isolated incidents and there is no risk to the general public. Two men have already been charged, and are they are both being held in custody. I would urge anyone with any concerns is urged to speak to a local officer or call 101."*

Man jailed for violently assaulting his father

A man who pleaded guilty to violently assaulting his father in a sustained attack has been jailed.

Ian Griffin, 57, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 14 September to be sentenced after pleading guilty to wounding without intent and criminal damage. He was sentenced to five years in prison with an extended year on license in addition to restraining orders.



On the evening of 1 May 2025, Griffin, after consuming alcohol, returned from the pub to his parents address where he violently attacked his father causing multiple injuries. On arrival officers found the now 84-year-old sitting in a chair covered in blood. He revealed that Griffin had assaulted him for the past 30 minutes to an hour. He was clearly terrified by his ordeal and relieved to see the police. Griffin claimed his parents had had a fight, but his own hands were covered in blood and the living room had considerable damage. Griffin was immediately arrested and taken into custody while his father was taken to hospital to be treated for his injuries.

DC Alex Clephan said: *"Following a drinking session at a local pub, Griffin flew into a rage and carried out a brutal and prolonged attack on his elderly father. His actions caused significant physical and emotional harm to those closest to him. As a result of his conduct, he is now facing the consequences of his actions, and measures, including a restraining order, have been put in place to safeguard his parents from any further harm."*

Man charged following false calls made to police

A man has been charged following hoax calls to Cheshire Police.

Reece Robertson, of Halton Lodge Avenue, Runcorn, was arrested on Monday 14 September. The 20-year-old has now been charged with persistently making use of a public communication network to cause annoyance. He is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 15 September. The charge relates to a number of false calls made to Cheshire Police on Monday 14 September.

Teenagers sentenced for Warrington arson

Two teenagers have been sentenced for their part in causing a deliberate fire at a disused building in Warrington.

The two teenagers, aged 15 and 16, appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 14 September, where they were both handed a 91-day youth rehabilitation order. The pair, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had both been found guilty of arson following trial. The 16-year-old also admitted to three counts of breaching bail conditions and the 15-year-old admitted to two counts of breaching bail conditions.

On Monday 14 April 2025, the two teenage boys, who were 14 and 15 at the time, entered a disused building on Barbould Street in Warrington town centre at approximately 11.50am. An hour later, the same boys were captured on CCTV running out of the building. They were also both seen with their hoods up and were wiping their hands on their clothes. No one else had been seen entering or leaving the building during this period of time.

By 1pm, the building was well alight and the incident had been reported to emergency services. A large-scale emergency response to the fire was needed, with approximately 45 firefighters and 35 police officers attending the scene whilst the incident unfolded. This incident also caused a number of businesses to temporarily close due to the smoke. A short time later, police received a phone call from an appropriate adult for the 15-year-old boy, informing police that the child had admitted that it was he and his friend who had started the fire.

In custody, the boys failed to account for their actions and involvement when asked questions regarding the fire, however the 16-year-old told officers that the pair had been out into Warrington town centre during the day and then chosen to go to the building on Barbould Street to listen to music and talk. Officers were also told that the pair had been drinking and smoking in the building.

Detective Constable Georgia Wallace said: *"These children completely absolved themselves of any wrongdoing and outright denied any involvement in causing a fire of such a magnitude that it completely levelled a three-storey building. It goes without saying that a considerable number of*

police, fire and ambulance resources were diverted to the scene of this avoidable incident, meaning that response times to genuine emergencies will have been considerably effected whilst colleagues worked together to manage the scene unfolding on Barbauld Street. Both involved are now the subject of strict conditions as a direct result of their actions and they will be continually monitored by officers over the next three months to ensure they remain on their best behaviour. Any potential breaches of their respective conditions will result in them being taken back into our custody and put before the courts again."

Five people arrested following drugs warrant in Winsford

Officers have arrested five people in relation to the supply of illegal drugs following a warrant in Winsford.



At around 7.30am today, Tuesday 15 September, officers executed a warrant at an address on Bedford Rise. While searching the property officers recovered a quantity of class B drugs (cannabis) along with other drugs paraphilia and several mobile phones. Three men, aged 19, 21 and 35; and two women, aged 41 and 22; were arrested at the property on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs (cannabis). They all remain in custody at this time where they are assisting officers with their enquiries.

Police Constable Josh Smith said: *"Today's warrant is part of our ongoing crackdown on the supply of illegal drugs in the Winsford area and hope it provides reassurance for local residents. The impact of drugs is well known, and we're committed to doing all we can to ensure those responsible are held accountable."*

"Information from the public is vital and I'd urge anyone with any information in relation to drug-related activity in their community to get in touch. Information can be reported online at www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime or call 101. "Alternatively, you can report information anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Cheshire Police statement following the publication of the Thirlwall Inquiry report

Today, Tuesday 15 September 2026 the Thirlwall Inquiry Report has been published following a thorough process spanning three years.

We will now carefully review the contents of the report and fully consider any relevant recommendations made by Lady Justice Thirlwall in light of our ongoing investigations. In October 2023 following the lengthy trial and subsequent conviction of Lucy Letby, Cheshire Constabulary launched Operation Duet – an investigation into corporate manslaughter at the Countess of Chester Hospital. This focuses on senior leadership and decision-making to determine whether any criminality has taken place concerning the response to the increased levels of fatalities. In March 2025 the scope of the investigation widened to also include gross negligence manslaughter. This is a separate offence to corporate manslaughter and focuses on the grossly negligent action or inaction of individuals.

On Monday 30th June 2025 three individuals, who were part of the senior leadership team at the Countess of Chester Hospital in 2015-2016, were arrested on suspicion of gross negligence manslaughter. All three were subsequently bailed pending further enquiries – they remain on bail. On Wednesday 22nd April 2026 officers from Cheshire Constabulary executed a search warrant at a property in connection with Operation Duet. An individual was arrested on suspicion of perverting the course of justice. They were subsequently bailed pending further enquiries – they remain on bail. Both the corporate manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter elements of the investigation are continuing and there are no set timescales for these.

Our thoughts remain with the families of the babies – who have always been at the heart of this case.

Operation Crossbow sees wanted criminals rounded up in county-wide deployment

A total of 25 people have been arrested following a county-wide policing operation targeting wanted and outstanding criminals.

On Monday 14 September, Cheshire Police launched Operation Crossbow, a day of intensified action that brought together officers from various departments within the Constabulary to locate outstanding and wanted criminals across the county. The day began with an 8am briefing at Cheshire Police Headquarters, with over 100 police officers and members of the Constabulary's senior command team filing into the building for a rousing address delivered by Chief Constable Mark Roberts. Following an operational briefing by Detective Chief Inspector Lee Moriarty, that outlined the objectives of the operation, the teams then took to their vehicles and rolled out across the county.

Over the course of the operation, a total of 25 wanted offenders were arrested for a variety of offences, including being wanted on recall to prison, stalking, theft and failing to attend court. Arrests were also made in connection to serious sexual offences and domestic abuse, criminal damage and affray. During the operation, officers in Warrington successfully located a 33-year-old man who had been outstanding for 18 months in connection to a burglary. The man was located in a tent in a wooded area near Sankey Valley Park, with it being uncovered that he had been there for 12 months in an attempt to evade law enforcement. A missing 14-year-old child from Wilmslow was also located during the operation and safely returned home.

Colleagues from the Roads and Crime Unit were also conducting a number of proactive operations on Cheshire's road networks which also yielded positive results. A total of 54 road traffic offences were recorded by officers across the county, with five drivers also being reported for speeding, three vehicles being seized and a stolen vehicle being recovered.

Detective Superintendent Adam Waller, of the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: *"Whilst Operation Crossbow is our opportunity to highlight to the public the great police work that is conducted across the county 365 days a year, it is also our regular reminder to those bold enough to assume they can escape justice that it is only a matter of time before our officers catch up with them. Crossbow is a huge team effort that takes months of planning prior to the deployment, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the policing colleagues and staff members who played an active role in this successful operation. Following the proactive side of the operation, our*

officers and staff continued working long into the night to ensure that everyone was checked into a cell in our custody suites for processing and that all necessary post-operation actions were completed to the highest standard."

Parents urged to help keep young drivers safe on Cheshire roads

Parents across Cheshire are being encouraged to help keep young drivers safe on the roads - even after they have passed their driving tests.

Data released by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) has revealed that more than 300 people have been killed or seriously injured in collisions involving young drivers across Cheshire over the past five years. The call comes as the Force launches Operation Spotlight, a national campaign targeting young drivers, aimed at reducing the number of young people killed and seriously injured on the roads. The operation runs from 14 September to 4 October. In Cheshire, the message is particularly relevant given the county's extensive network of rural roads, where young drivers can face increased risks, especially at weekends and during the evening hours.

Inspector Brad Hughes, for Cheshire Constabulary's Roads and Crime unit, said: *"Every collision involving a young driver has the potential to devastate families and communities across Cheshire. While most young drivers are responsible and want to stay safe, inexperience can make it harder to recognise and respond to hazards, particularly on rural roads, at night and when driving with friends in the car. The support that parents and guardians provide doesn't need to end when a young person passes their test. Taking an interest in their driving, encouraging sensible choices and having open conversations about safe driving can all play a part in keeping them safe on the road."*

"Through Operation Spotlight, we're working with partners to raise awareness of the challenges faced by new drivers and to help ensure that young people across Cheshire can enjoy the independence that driving brings while staying safe on our roads."

[Visit the Young and inexperienced drivers page](#) in our advice section for more information and support.

Man jailed for drugs offences in Runcorn

A man has been jailed for three years for his involvement in supplying cocaine and cannabis in Runcorn.

Jayson Tierney, of Worcester Court, Runcorn, was sentenced to 36 months at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 10 September. The 30-year-old had pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine and cannabis in the Runcorn area of Cheshire. The case started in December 2024 when officers dealing with an unrelated matter at an address in Russell Road, Runcorn, smelled cannabis and discovered a rucksack stashed behind wooden boarding in a communal cupboard.



The rucksack contained a large quantity of cannabis with a street value of between £3,140 and £3,510. Forensic enquiries found that Tierney's fingerprints were on the bags of drugs located inside the rucksack. Tierney was also attributed to a mobile phone number which was sending

messages facilitating the sale of cocaine and cannabis in the local area after his bank account details were found on the graft phone.

Financial checks showed that deposits totalling over £8,700 had been made into his bank account over a four-month period linked to his criminal behaviour. In September 2025, Tierney was arrested for being concerned in the supply of cocaine and cannabis. He answered no comment to all questions put to him by officers during the interview, but eventually pleaded guilty to the offences when he later appeared at court.

PC Nicholls said: *"I am delighted with the sentence handed down to Tierney. Tierney is an individual that has been a blight on the community of Runcorn for a prolonged period of time, causing misery to local residents. Tierney thought he could run a drug dealing enterprise without consequence, but he was wrong and is now behind bars. He is one of many who have been caught by our dedicated team of officers targeting drug dealing in Halton and I have a message for anybody who is currently involved in drug dealing. We are coming for you. Hopefully this sentence will be well-received by members of the community and I would ask if anybody has any information relating to drug dealing activity, please contact 101 or report anonymously via the Crimestoppers website."*

Live Facial Recognition takes place in Chester as part of Op Vigilant

Cheshire Police has successfully completed its third Live Facial Recognition (LFR) deployment as part of Operation Vigilant.

The operation took place in Chester city centre on Saturday 12 September and was supported by Chester officers, the Sexual Offender Management Unit (SOMU) and Project Servator officers, alongside the LFR team. The technology was deployed when the city centre was extremely busy with visitors attending Chester Racecourse, and during the operation more than 7,300 racegoers, residents, and those enjoying the nighttime economy passed through the LFR deployment area.

LFR allows officers to be alerted in real time if a person on a specific, pre-approved watchlist passes through the area being scanned, allowing them to take appropriate action where necessary. Strict privacy, data protection, and human rights safeguards are in place for every LFR deployment. Only images of individuals on a pre-approved watchlist are used by the system, and any biometric data of passers-by who do not match a person on that list is automatically and immediately deleted. Officers reviewing any potential matches must also confirm the identity before any action is taken.

Operation Vigilant also included various police activities in the run-up to the LFR deployment, to help provide a reassuring policing presence in the city centre. This included a drug dog deployment at Chester Train Station which resulted in two positive searches. A dispersal order was also in place across the weekend to prevent disorder. As a result, two people were issued with dispersals and ordered to leave the area.

Project Servator officers arrested two people as part of their recent deployments in Chester, as part of the wider Operation Vigilant. A 45-year-old man was arrested as he was wanted in relation to racially aggravated public order offences. A 43-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession of intent to supply class C drugs. He was originally stopped by officers due to him riding an illegal e-scooter, which was subsequently seized. Both have since been bailed.

Detective Chief Inspector Robert Pritchard said: *"Live Facial Recognition is a great tool that utilises modern technology to help us protect the public. When it is used alongside neighbourhood policing and proactive patrols, it supports our ability to identify wanted people and ensure we can take action quickly and efficiently. The operation ran smoothly and received positive engagement from the public, with many members of the community showing interest in the technology and taking the opportunity to speak with officers and operators. We remain committed to using Live Facial Recognition responsibly and transparently. It demonstrates the continued value of innovative policing tactics in supporting public safety, preventing disorder, and enhancing community confidence."*

Inspector James Wilson said: *"The wider policing activity as part of Operation Vigilant in the run-up to the LFR deployment showcases the work which is carried out every day to help keep people safe in Chester and provide a reassuring policing presence for those who live, work and visit here. The arrests made during the Project Servator deployment demonstrate the effectiveness of this policing tactic. Project Servator utilises officers who are specially trained to spot the tell-tale signs that someone may be planning or preparing to commit an act of crime, and aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity. Chester is proud to deploy officers as part of this national tactic throughout the year and the results from the operation show the value of this. You can read more about [Project Servator here](#)."*

Man charged in connection to Chester burglary

Officers investigating several burglaries in Chester have charged a man in connection to the incident.

Paul Cullen was arrested at on Friday 11 September in the Blacon area of Chester. The 51-year-old has since been charged with the burglary of a dwelling with intent to cause damage, the burglary of a dwelling and theft, four counts of burglary with intent to steal, attempted burglary with intent to steal and the breach of a criminal behaviour order.

Cullen, of no fixed address, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 14 September, where he was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 October. The charges relate to reports of burglary in Blacon area of Chester on Friday 11 September.

Seven men charged following a disturbance at Middlewich address

Seven men have been charged and an eighth remains in police custody following a disturbance at an address in Middlewich over the weekend.

- Nathaniel Lowe, 34, from Kirkhill Road, Newarthill, Motherwell was charged with two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.
- James Lowe, 29, from Shankley Drive, Morningside, Newmans was charged with charged with violent disorder, two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon. Nathaniel Lowe, 58, of the same address in Morningside was charged with violent disorder, two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.

- A 17-year-old boy who can't be named for legal reasons was charged with violent disorder, two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.
- John McPhee, 30, Shaws Road, Larkhall was charged with violent disorder, two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.
- Billy McPhee, 52, from Shaws Road, Larkhall was charged with violent disorder, two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.
- William McPhee, 26, from Morningside Road, Morningside, Newmans was charged with violent disorder, two counts of criminal damage, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.

They will all appear at Chester Magistrates today. A 26-year-old man remains in police custody. The charges relate to an incident at an address in Holmes Chapel Road on Saturday 12 September.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following serious collision in Crewe

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision in Crewe.

At around 8pm on Sunday 20 September, police were called to a collision on Weston Road, near to Crewe Hall Hotel. On arrival officers found the collision involved a Green Isuzu tipper truck and three 16-year-old pedal cyclists. Two of the cyclists sustained serious injuries and were taken to hospital; their injuries are not believed to be life changing. The driver of the truck was uninjured, and no arrests have been made at this time. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or saw the cyclists in the Weston Road, or Weston Village area, prior to the incident.

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us quoting IML-2421744.

Appeal for information following serious collision in Chester

Officers investigating a collision in Chester are appealing for information and witnesses.

At around 5.09am on Saturday 19 September, officers responded to reports of a road traffic collision in the Backford area of Chester. Officers attended the scene on the A41 Liverpool Road near to Heath Farm and found that the collision involved a black Kawasaki Z650 D2 motorcycle. The rider of the motorcycle, a 22-year-old man sustained minor injuries.

He has since been arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving, drink driving, drug driving, driving otherwise in accordance with a licence and driving without insurance. He remains in custody at this time, assisting officers with their enquires. The pillion passenger, a 22-year-old man, has sustained serious injuries and was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital for treatment, where he remains at this time. His injuries are believed to be life-threatening.

Detective Sergeant Amy Hollis said: *"We are appealing to anyone who may have been in the Liverpool Road area at around the time of the incident this morning and may have seen the bike to please contact our officers. We would also like to ask any motorists who were driving in the area at the time and have access to any dashcams to please review them to see if they have any video footage that may aid our investigation. This is a serious collision and we are doing all we can to fully establish the circumstances of what took place. With that in mind, I would also like to remind everyone that this is an ongoing live investigation and to not engage in speculation, particularly on social media."*

Anyone with any information or video footage can contact Cheshire Police via the website, or through 101, quoting incident reference number IML-2420723.

Appeal to local wanted man in Runcorn

Police are appealing for help in tracing a wanted man from Runcorn.

John Batty is currently wanted on warrant. The 36-year-old is described as 6' tall, of slim build, with ginger hair. Batty resides in Runcorn, and also has links to Widnes, Warrington and St Helens.



Anyone with information on his whereabouts can call 101, or 999 if sighted, quoting 26000742329. Information can also be reported online at www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us

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