

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### **Man jailed for sexually assaulting multiple women across Cheshire and Manchester**

A sexual predator who targeted women while they shopped in Cheshire and Greater Manchester has been jailed.

William Kidd appeared at Manchester Crown Court on Friday 29 May where he was sentenced to four years, and is now subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order which remains in place indefinitely. The 27-year-old of Stanbank Street, Stockport, had earlier pleaded guilty to 11 counts of sexual assault on a female, two counts of voyeurism, eight counts of recording an image under clothing to observe another without consent, and possession of cannabis.



<https://youtu.be/o2Xh8TV4Z2c>

The case against Kidd involves five incidents that took place between May and September 2025. Following an investigation by Cheshire Police, supported by Greater Manchester Police, detectives found that Kidd targeted women while they shopped, discreetly following them through store aisles. He visited stores in Macclesfield, Handforth and Stanley Green in Cheshire, as well as Denton and Stockport in Greater Manchester.

On four occasions, CCTV footage showed Kidd spraying the victims with a substance from a bottle he was carrying as he stalked them. He aimed at the women's hair or backs, and the victims were often unaware of what had happened. Forensic analysis later confirmed the substance was Kidd's semen. On a fifth occasion, Kidd followed a woman through a store and secretly filmed her on his mobile phone while she shopped with her five-year-old daughter.

Kidd was identified following a Cheshire Police CCTV appeal, and he was subsequently arrested in October 2025. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of cannabis at the time of his arrest. A review of his mobile phone uncovered further footage, including a video of Kidd following a woman pushing a small child in a shopping trolley while he filmed up her skirt. The woman appears to be completely unaware of his presence. Kidd was charged and later pleaded guilty to the offences put to him.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Tiffany Berry-Perkin said: *"Firstly, I would like to commend the victims in this case for the strength and bravery they have shown throughout this investigation. It is thanks to their continued support that our team was able to gather an overwhelming body of evidence against Kidd, leaving him with no option but to plead guilty. Kidd deliberately targeted innocent women as they went about their everyday lives, entirely unaware of the depraved acts he was committing against them. His behaviour is completely unacceptable, and I welcome the fact that he is now being held accountable behind bars, where he can no longer pose a danger to women in our communities."*

Detective Sergeant Steven Kaminski said: *"This case is an excellent example of neighbouring forces working together to identify and apprehend offenders who target women and girls. Kidd was fully aware that what he was doing was wrong. He knew his actions would cause his victims extreme distress, yet he chose to continue, deliberately travelling to multiple stores across two counties with the intention of violating and ultimately sexually assaulting innocent women.*

*"Putting an end to violence against women and girls remains a top priority for the force, and we will continue to remove sexual predators like Kidd from Cheshire and ensure they see justice. We treat all allegations of sexual offences extremely seriously, and any allegation will be thoroughly investigated, with the wishes and needs of the victim as our main priority. Victims should never feel ashamed of what has been done to them. Anyone who comes forward will be met with compassion, respect, and specialist support from our officers, alongside partner support agencies. All victims of sexual offences are entitled to anonymity, and we are committed to ensuring they receive the help and protection they deserve."*

To report any sexual offence, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or visit

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/v1/rape-sexual-assault-other-sexual-offences/%20>.

### **Family pay tribute to "full of light" teenager who was found dead at Pickmere Lake**

The family of David Tita Jr, who was sadly found dead at Pickmere Lake on Tuesday, have paid tribute to him.

On Tuesday 26 May, police were called to reports of a missing teenager who was last seen in the water at Pickmere Lake. Officers carried out extensive searches of the area to locate the 17-year-old, supported by the police helicopter, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, and specialist Underwater Search Teams. Following a thorough search, David Tita Jr was sadly found dead in the lake later that day.



David's family said: *"No words will ever describe the loss of our son. He was not only a son, but a friend, a brother and a very supportive force to us, his family and the wider Crewe community. David was compassionate, sensitive, brave and full of light. When he smiled, it was as mountains smile to see the spring. His smile and touching empathy were infectious, as was his impactful capacity to reach out, build relationships, help and support those around him.*

*"You were ripped away from having a full and rich life and we were stolen the chance of ever having to see you grow old and have your own children and family. This pain in our chests will never leave us and will forever be within our hearts because we love David and that's something no one can take away from us. Tonight, and tomorrow and for the rest of our lives, we will look for you in the stars, the heavens and through sunsets and remember who you were, until we meet again".*

### **Body found in search for missing boy in Northwich**

Police in Northwich have sadly located a body believed to be that of a missing young boy.

At around 4.50pm on Tuesday 26 May, police were called to reports of a missing boy who was last seen in the water at Pickmere Lake, Marston, Northwich. Officers carried out extensive searches of the area to locate the 17-year-old, supported by the police helicopter, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, and specialist Underwater Search Teams. Sadly, the body of a young boy was later recovered from the lake. Formal identification has not yet taken place, however, it is believed to be that of the missing teenager. His family has been informed of the development and is being supported by specially trained officers. The death is not being treated as suspicious.

Chief Inspector Jamie Lewis said: *“This was a young boy who had his entire life ahead of him. At what is an incredibly difficult time, our thoughts remain with the boy’s family, friends and everyone who knew him. While this is not the outcome we had hoped for, I would like to thank our colleagues from the Constabulary, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Underwater Search Team for their professionalism and commitment throughout. I would also like to thank the boy’s family, friends and the local community for their support during the search.”*

CI Lewis added: *“Over the Bank Holiday weekend, we have sadly seen the very real dangers of swimming in open water. We understand that with the warm weather many people could be tempted to take a dip in open water to cool off, but residents must be aware of the potential deadly consequences. We don’t want to discourage people from enjoying themselves near water, but there can be hidden currents and unseen dangers such as mud banks or items under the water that a swimmer can become caught on.*

*“While this location sits between two local authority areas, the incident falls within the Cheshire Constabulary policing area and is being led by us. As such, it is our duty to inform and protect the public of the potential dangers of such activity across the county. The message to our communities is a clear one, don’t be tempted to put your life at risk by cooling off in open water.*

*“I would also like to remind those visiting Pickmere Lake to park safely and responsibly. While inconsiderate parking did not hinder the emergency response on this occasion, in incidents such as this, emergency services require immediate access, and poorly parked vehicles could significantly delay our ability to respond.”*

### **Congleton man jailed for online child sex offences**

A man from Congleton has been jailed for offences including possession of extreme pornography and attempting to engage in sexual communications with children.

Mark Gould, of Park Road, Congleton, was sentenced to four years imprisonment on Thursday 14 May 2026. 63-year-old Gould had previously pleaded guilty to 17 counts of attempting to engage in sexual communications with a child and 10 counts of attempting to incite a child aged between 13 and 15 to engage in sexual activity. He had also pleaded guilty to four counts of distributing an indecent image of a child, three counts of making an indecent image of a child and one count of possessing extreme pornography.



It was heard in court that, in 2025, officers from Cheshire Constabulary’s Online Child Abuse Investigation Team (OCAIT) received a report that Gould was engaging in sexual communication

with children over social media. Officers conducted a visit to Gould's address in Congleton on 27 June and he was arrested. Gould's property was subsequently searched, and officers recovered two mobile phones.

While in custody Gould denied the offences, but digital media officers found message chats across two social media platforms where Gould was speaking with children under the age of 16 and encouraging them to share sexualised images. He also sent numerous explicit images of himself. Over 20 illicit images were found across his devices, along with three extreme pornographic images.

Gould pleaded guilty to a total of 35 charges on his first court appearance on 2 April 2026. Alongside his custodial prison sentence, Gould was also ordered to sign on to the Sex Offenders Register indefinitely and was handed a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Detective Constable Stacey Thompson, of the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team, said: "*Mark Gould believed that hiding behind a mobile phone screen meant he could fly under the radar and that his crimes would go undetected. He was very much mistaken, as our officers uncovered 22 explicit images of children, as well as several files containing extreme pornography. Even upon his release Gould will be continually monitored by our specialist officers under the terms of his Sexual Harm Prevention Order to ensure he does not reoffend and target any more children online.*"

### **Man charged following assault in Knutsford**

A man has been charged following a serious assault in Knutsford.

Vincent Sulcuna, of Siddington Road, Handforth, was arrested on Sunday 24 May and has since been charged with Section 18 grievous bodily harm with intent. The 38-year-old has been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court today, Tuesday 26 May. The charges relate to a serious assault at an address on Royce Court, Knutsford, on Sunday 24 May.

### **Constabulary donates £20,000 to Cheshire Crimebeat ahead of Coordinator's retirement**

Chief Constable Mark Roberts has donated £20,000 to registered charity Cheshire Crimebeat on behalf of the Constabulary ahead of Coordinator Mark Watson's retirement.

Formed in 1998, Cheshire Crimebeat is a registered charity which supports the young people of Cheshire to get involved with crime prevention, community safety or citizenship projects in their local communities. Cheshire Crimebeat has been supported by the Constabulary from its inception and, for the past ten years, funds taken from the Police Property Fund and Misuse of Drugs Act Fund have gone directly to the charity to back its initiatives.

On Wednesday 27 May, 28 years after Crimebeat's conception, Chief Constable Mark Roberts presented Coordinator Mark Watson MBE with a cheque for £20,000 to further support the charity over the course of the year and into 2027. The presentation coincided with another special event, the retirement of Mark Watson.



Mark has over four decades-worth of experience working alongside Cheshire communities, having originally joined the Cheshire Constabulary as a Constable in 1982. As a former Inspector, whilst working within the force's Hate Crime and Community units, Mark also went on to win a number of national awards for his diversity and inclusion work, particularly in respect of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. Following Mark's retirement, he became Crimebeat's Coordinator in 2014 and has gone on to help the charity support over 7,100 projects county wide, including that of the Mini Police – a project that sees children aged between 8 and 11 getting involved in local policing and community initiatives in their area. He was also awarded an MBE for his services to Community Policing in the Queen's 2019 Birthday Honours.

Mark Watson MBE said: *"Thank you so much to Chief Constable Roberts for this amazingly generous donation to Cheshire Crimebeat once again. Mr Roberts has been a wonderful supporter of Crimebeat for many years, which is very much appreciated. The money will be used for the benefit of young people all over Cheshire. My retirement after forty-three and a half years' service as a Cheshire Officer and Police Staff member seems hard to believe. I think I can't bring myself to admit I've been here that long.*

*"I was one of those people who didn't know what they wanted to do for a living when I was growing up, and I decided I wanted to do something to help other people and my local communities during my working life, and hopefully make a positive difference. I made the best choice in joining the Cheshire Constabulary and I could not have asked for a better career than the one I've had. I'm going to remain a Volunteer for the force, so will hopefully be still around for a while yet."*

Chief Constable Mark Roberts said: *"I have known Mark for a number of years, and his passion and dedication to serving the people of Cheshire is unrivalled. I would like to thank him for his many years of service, both within the Constabulary as a serving officer and as Crimebeat's Coordinator. The work of Crimebeat is equally invaluable. It helps enable the young people of the county to channel their energy into something positive. Whether through local community outreach projects, sporting initiatives, or providing worthwhile pastimes, these all help our young people develop vital life skills and build relationships with others like them, their communities, and their local police officers.*

*"It seems only fitting, then, to present this cheque for £20,000 to Crimebeat to help them continue in their mission of engaging with our young people over the course of the next year, and to Mark as one final thank you from me and the wider Constabulary for all the work he has done over so many years."*

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

### **Appeal for information following serious assault in Halton**

Officers in Halton are appealing for information following a serious assault in the town.

At around 2.20pm on Tuesday 26 May, officers in Halton responded to reports of a serious assault in the Coronation Drive area of the town. Officers attended and found that a 16-year-old boy

received a stab wound to his lower back. He was taken to Aintree Hospital for treatment, where he remains at this time. Following a number of enquiries, officers have arrested three teenagers.

A 16-year-old boy and a 15-year-old were arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault. A second 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of violent disorder. As part of enquiries to fully establish the circumstances surrounding the incident, officers are now appealing to anyone who may have witnessed it or captured it on CCTV or dashcam to get in touch.

Detective Sergeant Christopher Sheffield, of CID Reactive North, said: *“Enquires in relation to this incident are ongoing and we have already arrested three people in connection to it. This incident will have taken place in the middle of the day, so we are confident that there will have been witnesses and I would urge them to please get in touch. The same goes for any motorists who may have passed the area at around the time of the incident and have access to dashcam footage to also contact us.”*

Anyone with any information or dashcam footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting incident reference number IML-2336843.

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