

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

## Week ending 6 April 2025

### Cheshire News & Appeals



## Latest Cheshire News

### **Police advise Latchford residents to secure their property following suspicious activity**

Following recent suspicious activity in Latchford police are urging residents to secure their home and vehicles.

Over the past couple of weeks police have received reports of potential thieves trying front doors and car doors overnight.

DS Christian Gordon said: *“While we investigate these reports, we’d urge residents to make sure you keep your doors locked, that goes for vehicles, houses and outbuildings such as sheds. The simple step of locking your door whether you’re in, or out, is vital in keeping opportunist thieves away. Don’t leave valuables on display and if you see anyone acting suspiciously in the area please contact us.”*

Here are some crime prevention tips for you to consider:

- Consider using a timer to set your lights and radio to come on while you’re out
- Make sure all your doors and windows are secure
- Don’t leave valuables including purses, handbags and car keys on display or near external doors
- Don’t leave keys near the door or in view
- Consider getting CCTV or doorbell cameras

Consider security marking valuable items with your house number and postcode with a UV pen, or mark it using property marking kits which consist of a traceable liquid to forensically mark valuables. For more information on protecting your property go to

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> To report suspicious activity call 101.

### **Woman sentenced for manslaughter of baby in Warrington in 1998**

A woman who admitted causing the death of her baby boy in Warrington 27 years ago has been sentenced.

Joanne Sharkey, of Denham Close, Liverpool, appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 4 April 2025 where she was sentenced to two years suspended for two years for the manslaughter of ‘Baby Callum’, whose body was found discarded in binbags in Warrington in 1998. The 55-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility and endeavouring to conceal the birth of a child at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 6 March 2025.



At around 10.45am on 14 March 1998, the body of a newborn baby boy was found by a local man out walking his dog with his young son in a wooded area off Camp Road, near to Gulliver's World. The baby's body had been discarded inside two knotted binbags and was discovered after the dog walker became curious as to what was in the bags and poked a hole in them with a stick. Following the shocking discovery, help was sought from nearby Gulliver's World and by chance a paediatrician happened to be present and confirmed the body to be a deceased baby boy. The baby was pronounced dead at 11.25am. The baby was estimated to have been born at full term within a few days of his discovery, but his identity, and that of his parents, was unknown. He was named Callum after the Callands district of Warrington in which his body was discovered.

Due to findings at a post-mortem, Cheshire Constabulary launched a murder investigation. A full DNA sample was taken from the baby, as well as from blood found on the binbags. This identified the DNA profile of the mother of the baby, however there was no match on the National DNA Database for her. A partial DNA profile for the father was obtained, but again, there was no match on the DNA Database. As part of the investigation, DNA swabs were taken from a large number of people living locally at the time, but none provided a match. Officers also carried out extensive house-to-house enquiries with hundreds of people being interviewed, enquiries with local hospitals, midwife services, GPs and other medical services, as well as schools, to identify any women or girls who may have given birth recently.

Despite the efforts of police, a large media campaign, and anniversary media appeals in the following years, nothing led to the identification of the baby's parents. The case had remained on the list of 'cold' cases for Cheshire Constabulary and was subject to regular reviews, including refreshed searches of the DNA Database and further DNA analysis as advances in science were made.

The current investigation began in January 2022 as part of one of these reviews by Cheshire Constabulary's Major Crime Review Team. Through further DNA analysis, the mother of the baby, Joanne Sharkey, and the father were identified. This occurred via the identification of a familial link between the baby and somebody who was related to him, who had been added to the National DNA Database in the years since searches were last completed. Familial DNA identifies samples which have familial similarities to the target sample, which can come from distant or close relations.

Sharkey and the baby's father were arrested on 28 July 2023 on suspicion of murder. DNA samples were obtained which confirmed that they were the mother and father of the baby. Both were later released on bail while enquiries continued. Following a thorough investigation, a decision was made to take no further action against the father, the case being that he was unaware of the pregnancy, the birth, or the subsequent death.

Sharkey was charged on 15 April 2024 with murder and endeavouring to conceal the birth of a child. It was determined that Sharkey had concealed her pregnancy, given birth at her home address and caused the death of the baby in the following hours. The baby was found to have wads of tissue in his mouth and throat. Sharkey then placed the baby's body within binbags and drove to

the site in Warrington where she left him. She entered a guilty plea to manslaughter which was accepted by the prosecution based on psychiatric evidence.

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Following the sentencing, DI Hannah Friend, said: *“The case of Baby Callum has stayed with the local community for 27 years; he has never been forgotten, and his memory has lived on in the area ever since. But our efforts to locate who cut his innocent life short have never wavered over the years, and the case was subject to regular reviews and refreshed searches of the National DNA Database. It was thanks to this that a familial DNA match was identified, and following a thorough investigation, Sharkey was identified, arrested and later charged.*

*“I would again like to thank the officers and staff involved throughout this investigation, whether this was back in 1998, or more recently, whose dedication meant someone was brought before the courts to be held accountable for a baby’s untimely death. While the sentencing hearing today marks the end of these proceedings, we will continue to remember Callum, as will all those who have been affected by this tragic case.”*

### **Man charged following football pitch incident**

A 28-year-old man has been charged following an incident on a football pitch in Appleton.

Duewan Mckenmon, of Lune Street, Oldham, was arrested on Monday 11 March 2024. He has since been issued with a postal requisition ordering him to appear at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday 13 May to answer charges of attempt wounding with intent, two counts of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, affray, and possession of an offensive weapon. The charges relate to an incident at Broomfields Leisure Centre, Appleton, which occurred at around 9.34pm on Monday 11 March 2024.

### **Ten charged with drugs offences following warrants in Chester**

Officers investigating the supply of illegal drugs in Chester have now charged 10 people following a series of warrants.

These individuals have all been charged with conspiracy to supply a class A drug:

- Scott Ward, 36, of Burton Road, Blacon
- Lee Ward, 44, of Wordsworth Crescent, Blacon
- Amy Allman, 29, of Wordsworth Crescent, Blacon
- Katie Whitley, 42, of Wordsworth Crescent, Blacon
- Ryan Crank, 32, of Wordsworth Crescent, Blacon
- Shane Stokes, 43, of Wemyss Road, Blacon
- Shane Bright, 29, of Palgrave Close, Blacon
- Alexander Bell, 43, of Dee Park, Holt, North Wales
- Karl Eyre, 45, of Beeby Way, Broughton
- Sam Booth, 36, of Nash Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme

Amy Allman has also been charged with conspiracy to supply nitrous oxide for wrongful inhalation and concealing criminal property. Lee Ward has also been charged with conspiracy to supply nitrous oxide for wrongful inhalation.

All 10 have been remanded in custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 4 April. The charges relate to a series of warrants which took place at addresses in Chester, Staffordshire, North Wales and Liverpool on Thursday 3 April.

### **Man charged following serious assault in Northwich**

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Northwich have charged a man in relation to the incident.

Benjamin Porter, of Chapel Court, Northwich, was arrested in connection with an assault which occurred on Woodpecker Drive, Northwich, at around 5.30pm on Saturday 7 December. The 18-year-old has since been charged with S18 attempt wounding with intent and making threats with a bladed article in a public place. Porter has been remanded into custody and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Thursday 3 April.

### **Lancashire man charged with robbery in Warrington**

A Lancashire man has been charged with robbery following an investigation by Northern CID.

On 10 March a man attended Rushton Close, Burtonwood with a view to buy a motorbike being sold online. The man then threatened the seller and took the motorbike. Following police enquiries Anthony Price, 38, from Burscough was arrested and later charged with robbery. He appeared at Chester Magistrates on 3 April and has been remanded in custody to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on 1 May.

### **Man charged following assault in Warrington**

Officers from Cheshire Police have charged a man following reports of an assault in Warrington town centre.

At around 1.20am on Wednesday 2 April, officers arrested a man following reports of an assault on Friars Gate, Warrington. Following questioning, Wisdom Zulu has since been charged with possession of an offensive weapon in a public place and using threatening behaviour with intent to cause fear of violence. The 30-year-old of no fixed abode in the Ellesmere Port area, was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Thursday 3 April.

### **Man charged in relation to courier fraud**

Officers investigating a report of courier fraud in Cheshire have charged a man in relation to the incident.

Sharmarke Ahmed, of Brixton Road, London, was arrested on Tuesday 1 April. The 34-year-old has since been charged with fraud by false representation. He was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 3 April. The charge relates to reports of courier fraud in the Malpas area of Cheshire on Wednesday 5 March in which a courier pretended to be acting on behalf of police to cause loss to another.

DI Ross Hamilton said: *"We are continuing to see reports of courier fraud across the county and would urge residents to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious."*

### **Unregistered XL Bully seized following warrant at Birchwood address**

Officers have seized an unregistered XL Bully from an address in Birchwood following community concerns.

On Wednesday 2 April, officers from Warrington's Neighbourhood team, supported by colleagues from the Cheshire dog unit executed a warrant at an address in Birchwood following concerns from residents that an unregistered XL Bully was being kept at the address. Officers attended the scene on Rendlesham Close and found that a dog, believed to be an unregistered XL Bully, was present at the property. The owner of the dog was initially hesitant in handing over the animal, but after successful engagement by the attending officers, the owner agreed to voluntarily hand the dog over and it has now been seized with the assistance of Cheshire Police dog handlers.



Following the warrant, Warrington North Neighbourhood Insp Christopher Webster said: *"Force-wide, our officers have been extremely proactive in enforcing the regulations surrounding the ownership of XL Bully's and have seized well over 100 of the dogs since the ban owning unregistered dogs came into force in February 2024. The dangers XL Bully's pose are well known, especially within Warrington, whose residents are still coming to terms with a vicious attack that led to the death of an elderly resident earlier this week."*

*"As part of our ongoing commitment to keep our Warrington communities safe, our Neighbourhood teams and dog unit acted on concerns raised by neighbours and conducted this warrant today, locating an unregistered and illegal XL Bully. I would urge anyone with any concerns or information regarding unregistered XL Bully's in their area to contact their local beat team or call 101. As always, in the event of an emergency, call 999."*

For more details in relation to the laws surrounding XL Bully dogs visit - [Ban on XL Bully dogs - GOV.UK](#).

### **Police to target criminal use of Cheshire's roads**

Cheshire Constabulary is supporting a national operation aimed at addressing the Fatal 5 and reducing criminality on the roads.

The policing operation will run from 1 – 28 April and focuses on the five key factors that contribute to the majority of serious and fatal road collisions: speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, distracted driving, not wearing seatbelts, and careless driving. Throughout the operation officers will be conducting roadside checks, enforcing speed limits, and taking action against road offenders in order to prevent collisions, protect lives, and hold offenders accountable. Officers will also be targeting offenders who are using the roads to conduct their criminal activities, including stopping uninsured drivers as research shows those engaged in criminality are statistically more likely to be uninsured.

Insp Brad Hughes, from Cheshire's Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"In Cheshire we are dedicated to policing the roads all year round, however this operation gives us an opportunity to highlight and target these high-risk behaviours in order to educate road users, prevent collisions and make our roads safer. For each person injured or killed on the roads there are friends, families or communities affected. I am encouraging the public to use the roads safely and not contribute to any unnecessary and preventable collisions. My message to anyone who intends to use the county's roads for their criminal activities – we will take action."*

### **Man arrested following robbery in Alderley Edge**

Detectives investigating a robbery outside a restaurant in Alderley Edge have arrested a man in relation to the incident.

At around 10pm on Saturday 29 March, a 35-year-old woman was walking on the car park outside San Carlo restaurant on Wilmslow Road when she was approached by an unknown man who was wearing a balaclava. The man threatened the victim before stealing a gold Rolex watch and a Birkin handbag. Following enquiries by detectives at Macclesfield CID, officers have today, Wednesday 2 April, arrested a man in relation to the incident. The 25-year-old man from Bradford has been arrested on suspicion of robbery. He is currently being held in police custody.

DI Dave Jarvis said: *"This was a terrifying ordeal for the victim, and I hope that today's arrest will provide her with some comfort. I also hope that the arrest will provide some reassurance to the local community, demonstrating that we are committed to doing all we can to identify those who commit crime."*

Anyone who has information, CCTV or dash cam footage in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary online [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) or via 101 quoting IML 2058703.

### **Family pay tribute after woman dies following collision in Alsager**

The family of a 59-year-old woman who was fatally injured in a collision in Alsager have paid tribute to her.

At 7.22am on Friday 28 March, police received reports of a collision at the junction with Crewe Road and Close Lane, Alsager. The collision involved a Lexus NX and a fire engine, which is believed

to have been responding to an emergency call. The driver of the Lexus, Judy Lea, from Alsager, sadly died following the collision.

Paying tribute to Judy, her family said: *"Judy will be forever missed by her husband and three children, as well as countless friends. Her loss will forever leave a huge hole in our lives, and she will never be forgotten. Anybody who knew Judy would know how she would always be the first to help any loved one, friend or neighbour with anything they required, no matter how large or small. Her kind heart and nurturing nature is the reason why she is leaving behind so many loved ones, friends and family members.*



*"Alongside her personal life, Judy dedicated her life to her career of Optometry where not only did she build a successful practice to care for her community, but she was also passionate about improving the quality of eye care for the public, improving diabetic eye care services in her local area and was also instrumental in training thousands of Optometrists throughout her career. Words cannot truly capture the devastating loss that we as her family and friends are currently experiencing, as we all know we have lost a very special soul."*

An investigation remains underway and as part of their enquiries, officers are appealing for information in relation to the collision. Any witnesses to the collision who have not already spoken to police, or anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police via [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) or call 101, quoting IML-2057282.

### **Man jailed after drone discovery led to over 160 cannabis plants being seized**

A man who grew around 160 cannabis plants has been jailed for over two years after a police drone team spotted concerning levels of heat being generated from the address with a thermal camera.



Tomas Rupeikis, originally of Pitts Close, Taunton, near Somerset, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 26 March, where he was jailed for two years and four months after pleading guilty to the cultivation of class B drugs (cannabis). During his hearing, the court was told that on Saturday 11 January 2025, Cheshire Police were operating a drone over Jubilee Avenue, Crewe, when the thermal imaging camera highlighted a property was giving off more heat compared to the other addresses on the street. Officers were subsequently granted a warrant by magistrates the same day and executed it at around 1.20pm.

Once inside, they located approximately 44 cannabis plants being grown on the ground floor of the property and a further 120 plants upstairs. The plants were believed to be worth between £13,500 and £68,500. Officers subsequently conducted a warrant at the address and on the ground floor of the property found around 44 cannabis plants being grown. Officers also noted that the windows and back door had been barricaded with boards and foil.

Rupeikis was also present in the address and was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis. Officers would seize two phones and around £210 in cash from his person before he was taken into

custody. Despite answering “no comment” to all questions posed to him, Rupeikis would subsequently be charged and set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 14 January, where he would plead guilty to the cultivation of cannabis. He would be sentenced on Wednesday 26 March and, alongside his prison sentence, the 47-year-old, was also ordered to pay surcharge £228. All the plants seized during the warrant were destroyed.

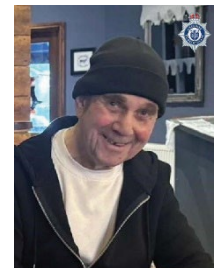
DC Ben Harrington, of CID Proactive East, said: *“This case really does go to show that those, like Rupeikis, who are intent on cultivating and supplying illegal drugs within our county really do have nowhere to hide from our officers who seek to bring them to justice. If you have any concerns or information about the growth of cannabis or the supply of illegal drugs within your area, I would strongly urge you to contact your local neighbourhood officers and we will do the rest.”*

Anyone with information about illegal drug activity in their area can report it to Cheshire Police [via the Cheshire Police website](#).

### **Tribute issued following XL Bully attack in Warrington**

The family of a man who died following an XL Bully attack in Warrington have paid tribute to him.

John McColl, 84, sustained serious injuries following the incident which occurred whilst he was walking home on Monday 24 February. He was taken to hospital but sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, he passed away on Sunday 30 March.



Following his death, John’s family said: “As a family we are absolutely devastated with what has happened to John. He fought hard for the last five weeks but he decided he could not fight any more and passed away on Sunday 30 March at 1.40pm surrounded by family. Our dad, grandad and great grandad will always be loved by us all and sadly missed by each and every one of us. We would like to thank the emergency services and first aid responders who helped John at the scene, along with the residents of Dallam who also came to his aide and the staff at Aintree and Whiston hospitals for all that they did for him and us as a family.”

John’s family have requested for their privacy to be respected at this difficult time.

### **Crewe man jailed after harassing a woman he believed he was in a relationship with**

A man who harassed a woman whom he believed himself to be in a relationship with has been jailed for 52 weeks.

Malek will be under the conditions of a restraining order until the year 2030. Jacob Malek, 31, appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Friday 21 March where he was sentenced to 52 weeks imprisonment.



During his court hearing, it was heard that at around 12.30am on 27 January 2025, officers in Crewe attended an address on Badger Avenue following reports that a man had arrived at the address and



was shouting and kicking at the door. Several neighbours flagged down officers close to the scene, claiming that Malek was at the victims' address and that he was not allowed to be there under bail conditions.

Malek was subsequently taken into custody on suspicion of breach of bail, however, it would be later ascertained that there were no such conditions in place preventing him from contacting the victim. Officers subsequently spoke to the victim, who explained that Malek had recently been released from prison and had been frequently attempting to contact her by messaging her daughter's Facebook Messenger account. This large number of messages, all unwanted, was an attempt to get her to speak to him. After he received no reply, Malek arrived at the address and began shouting at her to let him in.

Allegations were also made that Malek had previously forced his way into the address by climbing through a bathroom window leaving the victim to fear for her safety and that of her children. These revelations led to Malek being de-arrested for breach of bail and arrested on suspicion of harassment. During his interview, Malek told investigating officers that he could see that the amount of messages he sent to her paired with the fact he had previously turned up to the address unannounced on several occasions may cause her to be fearful. However, he went on to say that he would never hurt her or want to cause her fear.

Malek was subsequently charged with stalking with fear of violence and entered a not-guilty plea on his first appearance in court on 6 February. However, four days later, he changed his plea to guilty and would appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on 21 March for sentencing. Along with his 52-week prison sentence, Jacob Malek, of Merrills Avenue, Crewe, would be handed a restraining order preventing him from contacting his victim and entering the vicinity of Badger Avenue.

Following his sentencing, DCI Danielle Knox, of the Protecting Vulnerable People Command Team, said: *"Unfortunately, cases of offenders developing obsessions with those who do not want to be in relationships with them and going to extreme lengths to maintain that illusion are all too common. I do hope that, now Malek has admitted his crimes and is being held accountable for them, the victim can begin to move on with their lives without fear that he could be behind every corner or turning up to her address uninvited and forcing his way inside. Upon his release, Malek will remain under the conditions of a restraining order for five years, meaning he will be continually monitored and the victim safeguarded until the year 2030."*

*"Investigations such as these always put the needs and welfare of the victims at the heart of their work and this conviction demonstrates the commitment our officers from the Harm Reduction Unit Investigations team have to bringing offenders who commit stalking and harassment offences to justice."*

### **Man charged with burglary and drug offences following Chester police stop check**

A man has been charged with burglary and drugs offences following a stop check by officers in Chester.

On the evening of 30 March officers from the Chester Beat Team were looking for a man wanted on suspicion of burglary. They spotted a man on a bike and tried to stop him. He made off but the officers were able to detain him. He was found with a number of items and a quantity of cannabis. He was arrested and subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply a drug of Class B (Cannabis), possession of a knife, and burglary. Matthew Green, 35, from Sealand Road, Chester is due to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on 1 April.

### **Vicars Cross Road closed following collision in Chester.**

The A51 in Chester is currently closed in both directions following a collision at the junction of Pearl Lane.

At 6.36am on Tuesday 1 April, police were called to reports of a collision on the A51 Vicars Cross Road, Chester. Officers attended the scene and found that there had been a collision between a tractor and a Mercedes. The tractor had also collided with two houses. There are no reports of any serious injuries, but the drivers of both vehicles have both been taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital as a precautionary measure. The occupants of the houses have all been accounted for, and are all safe and well. The road is currently closed in both directions between Green Lane and the A41 and motorists are urged to avoid the area. The closures are expected to remain in place for several hours.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone with any information or video footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) quoting IML 2060214.

### **Two men charged in Congleton County Lines crackdown**

Two men have been charged with drugs offences following an investigation into County Lines in Congleton.

The two men were arrested on 29 March at an address in Holmes Chapel along with a 40-year-old woman who has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. Leon Crawford, 46, from Green Way Close, Roby, Merseyside was charged with being concerned in the supply of Heroin, being concerned in the supply of Crack Cocaine, possession with intent to supply a controlled Class A Drug (Crack Cocaine) and possession with intent to supply a controlled Class A Drug (Heroin). Matthew Tyrer, 50, of no fixed address was charged with being concerned in the supply of Crack Cocaine, being concerned in the supply of Heroin, possession with intent to supply a controlled Class A drug (Heroin), possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A (Crack Cocaine) and failing to provide a sample for a drug test. Both have been remanded into custody until their next appearance at Chester Crown Court on 28 April.

## Man jailed for controlling and coercive behaviour and assault

A man has been jailed for controlling and abusing a woman in Ellesmere Port.

Kalib Morris, of HMP Altcourse, but previously of Ellesmere Port, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 26 March where he was sentenced to 37 months. The 27-year-old had pleaded guilty to controlling and coercive behaviour, three counts of assault by beating, criminal damage and theft.



Morris had subjected a former partner to physical and mental abuse between 2023 and 2024. This included controlling and monitoring use of her mobile phone, controlling what clothes she wore, controlling when she spoke to or saw her family, taking her money, being verbally and physically abusive, checking on her movements and injuring her pet dog. On one occasion Morris was verbally abusive towards her and grabbed her face, biting her hand when she tried to get him to release her. During another incident, the victim left her address, leaving Morris in the property. When she returned, she found Morris had damaged her television and thrown rubbish, her clothing, and her possessions throughout the address.

The victim called police and Morris was arrested. He was released on bail pending further enquiries, with strict conditions not to contact the victim. Despite this, Morris continued his relationship with the victim, where she felt trapped by him. During this period, he assaulted her by throwing a television remote control at her. On another occasion, the victim called police to report Morris had grabbed her hair, pulled her to the floor and stolen her phone from her. Morris was subsequently arrested again. Following a thorough investigation, Morris was charged with the offences.

Speaking after the sentencing, DC Lister said: *“It’s clear Morris showed no regard for his victim, controlling major aspects of her life and making her feel trapped. Even after being arrested and given conditions not to contact the victim, he continued to be abusive towards her. Thanks to the bravery of the victim in coming forwards, officers were able to thoroughly investigate these offences, putting him before the courts where he admitted his abhorrent pattern of behaviour. I hope this case demonstrates how seriously we take offences of this nature, and we would urge anyone who believes they have been a victim of controlling and coercive behaviour or physical abuse to get in touch with us. We treat all reports sensitively, ensuring you have access to help and support. You can report to us via [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) or call 101. In an emergency, always call 999.”*

## Man arrested and tickets issued as part of ongoing efforts to tackle illegal car meets

Officers from Cheshire Police have arrested one man and issued more than 30 traffic offence reports as part of ongoing efforts to tackle illegal car meets in Wilmslow and Alderley Edge.

While there were no illegal meets planned in the area, officers were out in force throughout the weekend patrolling a number of key routes across the area.

Overall, the area was busy throughout the weekend, with a number of vehicles crossing the border from illegal meets in the Greater Manchester area. In total officers issued 31



traffic offence reports for a variety of offences, including speeding, illegal number plates and driving without due care and attention. Three section 59 warning notices were also issued to drivers whose vehicles were being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. In addition, officers also arrested the driver of a HGV on suspicion of theft and burglary other than a dwelling. Officers are also continuing to analyse video footage from the area, so anyone who committed any driving offences can look forward to a visit from officers.

CI Zoe Bowden, of Macclesfield Command, said: *"As previously stated, we understand the frustration and anger that illegal car meets cause, and we are committed to doing all we can to tackle the issue. We have a zero-tolerance approach and as these results demonstrate we will take action against those who break the law. This is an ongoing operation, and I hope that the action taken this weekend will provide some reassurance and act as a warning to those planning to come to Cheshire. Our message is clear – anti-social behaviour and anti-social use of vehicles will not be tolerated."*

If you have any concerns or information on any criminal activity taking place, please contact us on 101 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.

### **Man dies following Warrington dog attack**

A man who was attacked by an XL Bully in Warrington has sadly died.

The 84-year-old local man sustained serious injuries following the incident, which occurred whilst he was walking home on Monday 24 February. He was taken to hospital but sadly, despite the best efforts of all those involved, he passed away on Sunday 30 March. His next of kin are aware and they are being supported by specialist officers.

DI Simon Mills, of the Major Investigation Team at Cheshire Police, said: *"This was a tragic incident, and our thoughts are with the family of the victim at this difficult time. The victim has fought so hard since the attack but sadly his injuries were too much, and despite the best efforts of the specialist medical teams who have supported him since the attack, he has now passed away. To endure such pain and anguish at the hands of an animal is unimaginable, and I cannot begin to comprehend the distress that his family are currently suffering following such an horrific incident. Nobody should have to go through what they have experienced, and our specialist officers are providing them with the support they need at this truly awful time."*

Following the incident a 30-year-old man from Warrington was charged one count of being the owner of a dog dangerously out of control causing serious injury and 2 counts of possession or custody a dog to which section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 applied, namely an XL bully. The Crown Prosecution Service has been informed of the victims' death and will now determine if there are any changes to the charges.

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### Appeal for footage and witnesses following collision in Delamere

Officers are appealing for information and footage from the public following a serious collision in Delamere.

At around 11.30am on Tuesday 1 April, police were called to reports of a collision at the junction with Station Road and the A556, Delamere. The collision involved a green Mini Countryman and a Heavy Goods Vehicle. The driver of the car, an 88-year-old woman, was taken to hospital with serious injuries where she remains at this time. The driver of the HGV, a 56-year-old man, was arrested on suspicion of driving whilst unfit. He has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. Officers are now appealing for anyone with any information to contact them.

Insp Steve Griffiths said: *“Enquiries in relation to this incident are currently ongoing and as part of our investigation we would like to speak to anyone who witnessed what happened or has any other information. The same goes for anyone with any relevant footage from around the time of the incident, including dashcam footage, which could aid our investigation into what happened. You can report information to Cheshire Police via [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) or call 101, quoting IML-2060336.”*

### Appeal for information following serious collision in Chester

Police are continuing to appeal for witnesses and video footage after a tractor collided with two houses in Chester.

At 6.36am on Tuesday 1 April, police were called to reports of a collision on the A51 Vicars Cross Road, near to the junction of Pearl Lane. Officers attended the scene and found that there had been a collision between a tractor and a Mercedes. The tractor had also collided with two houses.



There were no reports of any serious injuries, and the occupants of the two houses were all safe well. However, the drivers of the two vehicles were taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital as a precautionary measure. Both men have since been released. The driver of the Mercedes, a 52-year-old man from Boughton, has subsequently been arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and drug driving. He has since been released pending further enquiries. Both vehicles have since been recovered from the scene and traffic management has now been handed to the local authority.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone with any information or video footage is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), quoting IML 2060214.

## Police appeal following robbery in Warrington

Police are appealing for information from the public following a robbery in Warrington.

At around 1.15pm on Tuesday 25 March, police received reports of a robbery at a barbershop in Knutsford Road, Latchford. During the incident, an unknown suspect entered the premises, believed to be armed with a knife, and made off with a quantity of cash. The suspect fled the scene in the direction of Grove Street and then towards Slater Street and on to Oxford Street. Officers have now released CCTV images of a man they would like to speak to in relation to the incident as they believe he may hold vital information.

DS David Gerrard said: *“Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone with any information or who witnessed what happened is asked to contact Cheshire Police. We would also urge anyone with any relevant footage, including CCTV or dashcam footage, as well as anyone who saw anything suspicious around the time of the incident to get in touch with us. Please also contact us if you recognise the man pictured as we believe he may hold vital information. You can contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), quoting IML-2055149.”*



CCTV image 1



CCTV image 2

## Appeal to identify driver following pursuit in Wilmslow

Officers are looking to identify the driver of a car that was pursued following an illegal car meet that occurred in March.

At around 3.15pm on Saturday 15 March, officers attended an illegal car meet in the London Road area of Alderley Edge and requested a blue BMW M5 to stop. However, the M5 failed to do so, instead driving directly at attending officers before fleeing the scene at speed. A pursuit was authorised, with officers following the vehicle out of the area and towards Holmes Chapel. The vehicle was witnessed driving dangerously and at high speeds, overtaking traffic, causing damage to other vehicles, and actively avoiding officers' attempts to stop it.

Despite their best efforts, officers would lose sight, later finding and recovering it abandoned at an address in Sandbach. Officers are now conducting a number of enquiries to identify the driver of the BMW and are now appealing to anyone with any information, video or dashcam footage which may aid them in their investigation to get in touch.

CI Zoe Bowden, of Macclesfield Local Policing Unit, said: *"We do not tolerate dangerous or anti-social driving of any kind within our county and a number of enquiries are already underway to identify the driver of the blue BMW M5 that actively failed to stop for officers and evaded them during a pursuit through country lanes and villages, putting the lives of other road users and pedestrians at risk. From what we have seen, there were large number of people attending the car meet over the weekend, who will have filmed and photographed the cars, so we are confident that someone will have picked up who was behind the wheel of this distinctive looking vehicle and help us identify them.*

*"With that in mind, I would like to appeal to anyone who has any photos, videos or dashcam footage of the car in question, or has any information on who the driver in question was, to get in touch. I would directly address the driver themselves and urge them to do the right thing and contact police."*

Anyone who witnessed the incident, or anyone with any video footage which may aid the investigation is asked to contact Cheshire police on 101, or at [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), quoting IML-2048150.

### Appeal to trace wanted man from Runcorn

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



Daniel See is wanted in relation to an assault and has links to Runcorn and the Speke area of Merseyside. See is described as a white male, ginger hair, 5'2" tall and of medium build.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts can call 101 or 999 if sighted and quote reference 25000235805. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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