

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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### Cheshire News & Appeals



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##### **Man charged with attempted murder following collision in Dodleston**

A man who was arrested following a serious collision in Dodleston, near Chester, has now been charged.

Paul Rudd was arrested during the early hours of Saturday 7 February, following a serious collision on Church Road, Dodleston, where a pedestrian was hit by a blue Kia Sportage. Following questioning, Rudd has now been charged with one count of attempted murder. The 58-year-old of Warren Hall Court, Mold Road, Broughton, has been remanded in police custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 9 February. The pedestrian, a 43-year-old man from Wrexham, was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital where he remains at this time, his condition is currently described as stable.

##### **Operation Crossbow: £19k worth of illicit tobacco and cigarettes seized from retailers across the west as part of force-wide day of action**

As part of a day of intensified action targeting wanted criminals across the county, officers conducted a number of trading standards operations Chester, Northwich and Winsford, seizing a sizeable quantity of illegal products.



On Monday 2 February, over 100 officers from multiple departments across the Constabulary gathered at Cheshire Police Headquarters in Winsford to take part in Operation Crossbow. The bespoke collaborative effort aimed to disrupt criminal activity across Cheshire and its borders, with a particular focus on locating criminals who remained outstanding for offences including violence against women and girls (VAWG), domestic abuse and rape and serious sexual offences (RASSO). Their efforts resulted in 50 outstanding criminals being arrested.

Alongside the hunt for wanted criminals, a number of other operational activities were conducted as part of the day. This included a trading standards deployment with a team of western officers and Trading Standards officers visiting eight retailers across Chester, Northwich and Winsford. The team, aided by partner colleagues from local authority licensing, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and specialist search dogs, found considerable quantities of illegal tobacco and vape products that are believed to be harmful to the health of users.

Additionally, these illicit products had been hidden in concealments out of sight within the shops. However, thanks to the assistance of specialist detection dogs, the products were quickly identified and seized by officers. It is estimated that around £14k of illegal cigarettes were seized, along with around £5k worth of illegal tobacco. On top of the seizures, a closure order notice was served on a

store in Boughton on Friday 6 February. This store will be closed for the next three months. Colleagues from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service also served a Prohibition Notice on the flat above the premises.

Inspector James Wilson, who oversaw the operation, said: *“Operation Crossbow was a very busy day for the Constabulary, and alongside the targeting of wanted criminals we utilised the increased resources to work alongside our community partners in tackling issues in our communities that we know mean a lot to our residents. This operation conducted across Winsford, Northwich and Chester sends a clear message that illegal tobacco and vaping products have no place in the west.*

*“There really is nowhere to hide when it comes to distributing products that are illegal for a reason, and today’s results are a testament to the excellent work of our officers and partners who are committed to bringing organised criminals, as well as those who exploit the most vulnerable people in our society, to justice. With that in mind, we cannot take action like this without your support. Information submitted to us from members of the public is vital to our investigations, so I would encourage anyone with any information or concerns about illegal activity in their area to get in touch.”*

### **Man charged following thefts in Sandbach**

A 35-year-old man has been charged with a number of offences following an investigation by Sandbach Beat Team.

Dominic Graham, from Loachbrook Farm Way in Congleton was charged with four counts of handling stolen goods, one count of racially/religiously aggravated intentional harassment, two counts of public order and one of possession of a controlled drug of Class B (cannabis). The incidents relate to theft, and theft from motor vehicles which have occurred in the Sandbach area near to the Meadow Brown Place estate between 14 January and 3 February. The public order, cannabis possession and harassment relate to incidents on 4 February. He is appearing at Chester Magistrates Court on 6 February.

### **Man banned from Chester city centre under terms of CBO**

A man has been banned from Chester city centre following a successful application for a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).

Brian Chadd was made subject to a five-year CBO on Tuesday 3 February 2026 at Chester Magistrates’ Court following evidence of poor behaviour gathered by officers, Chester City Beat Team and ASB officers, in partnership with the local authority. The 55-year-old is excluded from Chester city centre, highlighted in the attached map, and is prohibited from drinking alcohol in any public place in the Chester West and Chester area, other than in licensed premises. He must also leave any premises when directed to do so.



Chadd, of no fixed abode, was also handed a 12-week sentence at court after pleading guilty to a number of offences. This included using threatening or abusive words or behaviour in Chester, causing criminal damage by damaging three bottles of wine from Waitrose, and failing to comply with a Community Protection Notice – all committed on Wednesday 28 January 2026.



Inspector James Wilson said: *“Chester City Beat Team proactively gathered a catalogue of evidence against Chadd, highlighting how he has also recently become aggressive towards police officers and Community Safety Wardens in the Chester area. We have worked closely with the local authority and would like to thank them for their involvement. This illustrates strong partnership working and the collaborative approach we take in Chester to tackle this behaviour. It sends a strong message that it will not be tolerated. If anyone witnesses Chadd breaching the terms of his CBO upon his release from prison, please call 101 or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) to report it.”*

Councillor Stuart Bingham, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Neighbourhood Pride, Cheshire West and Chester Council, said: *“A lot of work is involved in addressing anti-social behaviour (ASB). ASB or abuse to council staff is not tolerated anywhere in Cheshire West and Chester and the council works closely with Cheshire Police to gather evidence and hold people to account for unacceptable behaviour. We want to ensure that Chester, alongside all of our towns and villages, continue to be welcoming and safe places.”*

### **Man charged with drugs offences in Warrington**

A man from Warrington has been charged with drugs offences.

Ryan Sleigh was arrested at around 11.10am near the Riverside Retail Park, on Wharf Street, Fairfield and Howley, on Monday 2 February, as part of the force wide Operation Crossbow deployment. The 34-year-old, of Bibby Avenue, Fairfield and Howley, has since been charged with possession with intent to supply a class A drug (cocaine). Sleigh appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 3 February where he was remanded in custody to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 9 February.

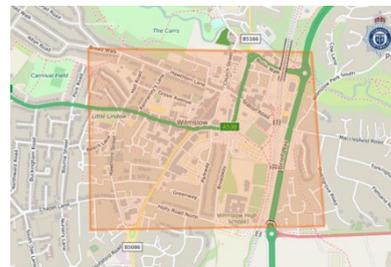
### **Prolific shoplifter banned from every retailer in Wilmslow town centre**

A prolific shoplifter from Stockport has been banned from every retailer in Wilmslow town centre for five years under the terms of a Criminal Behaviour Order.

Ryan Wrigley appeared Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 30 January where he pleaded guilty to two counts of theft from a shop and sentenced to six weeks imprisonment suspended for 12 months. Alongside the suspended sentence, Wrigley, of no fixed address but of the Stockport area, was also handed a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO).



Under the terms of the CBO, Wrigley is banned from entering any commercial retailer across Wilmslow town centre (as defined by the shown map). Wrigley is banned from entering any retail premise within the marked area of this map



Police Constable Madi Forrest, of Macclesfield LPU's

Neighbourhood Team, said: *"I welcome the news that Ryan Wrigley*

*has been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order, that will see him banned from entering any commercial retailer within Wilmslow town centre. I do hope that now this five-year order has been handed down to Mr Wrigley, the retailers of Wilmslow can breathe a welcomed sigh of relief and rest safe in the knowledge that he will be watched extra careful to ensure he does not reoffend.*

*With that in mind, should he do so, Wrigley could face a substantial fine or even a prison sentence.*

*Anyone who encounters Ryan Wrigley breaching the restrictions of his order is urged to contact Cheshire Police through our website or call 101 to report it."*

### **Local man jailed after trying to smuggle drugs into music festival**

A local man who tried to smuggle illegal drugs into Creamfields music festival in Daresbury has been jailed.

Reece Robertson appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 30 January, where he was sentenced to 20 weeks in prison. The 19-year-old, of no fixed abode, Runcorn, had earlier pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class B drugs – Ketamine. The court heard that at 6.45pm on Sunday 25 August 2024, Robertson was attempting to enter the Northgate entrance to Creamfields music festival when a drugs dog indicated that he was in possession of illegal drugs. The teenager was taken to a private area where he was searched by officers who discovered a bag of drugs hidden in his buttocks. The drugs were later confirmed to be eight bags of ketamine with a value of up to £320. Robertson claimed that the drugs were for personal use, however analysis of his mobile phone revealed he was planning to sell them at the festival.

Police Constable Lisa Green said: *"Every year before the festival we work really hard to ensure that attendees are fully aware of the consequences they could face if they bring illegal drugs onto the site. Sadly, Robertson chose to ignore these warnings, and despite being given ample opportunities to get rid of the drugs in surrender bins before going through the search process, he thought that he was smarter. His determination to get ketamine into the festival has landed him with a 20 week prison sentence, where he can take the time to contemplate his actions and ask himself if it was worth it. Some people underestimate ketamine because it is 'only' classified as a class B drug, but it can have devastating consequences. Regular use of the drug can cause severe bladder and bowel damage, and the long-term health complications place significant additional pressure on the NHS."*

### **Four people charged following kidnap in Winsford**

Detectives from Northwich CID have charged four people in relation to the kidnap of a man in Winsford.

On Tuesday 27 January police received reports that a man from Winsford had been assaulted and was being held against his will. The man was later located in the Winsford area. Following enquiries officers subsequently arrested four people in relation to the incident.

Reece Jackson, 35, of Austin Close, Winsford, and Millie McGreavy, 27, of Launceston Close, Winsford, have both since been charged with kidnap and false imprisonment. The pair have appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 4 February, where they were remanded in custody. They are next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 4 March. Kyle McCann, 28, of Dee Way, Winsford, and Joshua Hastie, 33, of Weaver Grove Winsford, have both been charged with false imprisonment. Both men appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 29 January, where they were remanded in custody. They are next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 26 February.

Detective Sergeant Neil Mooney, of Northwich CID, said: *"I understand the concern that this incident is likely to cause and I would like to reassure residents that it is believed to be isolated. Four people have already been charged, and we do not believe there is any risk to the public."*

### **Two people arrested for drugs offences after being stopped on the M56 by Cheshire officers**

Two people have been arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class B Drugs after the Roads and Crime Team stopped a car on the M56 between junction 9 and 8 in Macclesfield.

At 6.23pm on Sunday 1 December, officers from the unit stopped the car travelling along the motorway and conducted a search of the vehicle. Two large bags of cannabis were seized from the boot, and the driver and passenger, a 28-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply cannabis. Both have since been released on bail.



Chief Inspector Cameron Taylor said: *"Anyone who comes to Cheshire with the intention of committing a crime should think twice as our officers are out 24/7 disrupting criminal activity and arresting those suspected of being involved in illegal activity."*

### **Two men charged following burglaries in Cheshire and North Wales**

Two men who were arrested following a series of burglaries in Cheshire and North Wales have now been charged.

Kyle Draper and Benjamin Evans were both arrested on Tuesday 3 February following four burglaries in Rhyl, St Asaph, Chester and Crewe. Following questioning the pair have both been charged with four counts of burglary, dangerous driving, driving while disqualified, and driving without insurance. Evans has also been charged with driving without a licence. Draper, of no fixed abode, Wales, and Evans, of Ffordd Llandygai, Llandygai, Gwynedd, have both been remanded in custody and will appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Thursday 5 February 2026.

### **Man jailed for attempting to cause a female to engage in sexual activity**

A Merseyside man has been jailed for 34 months for attempting to cause a female to engage in sexual activity after offering her a lift.

Paul Williams, 58, from Rosebery Avenue, Liscard appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on 3 February 2026 to be sentenced after being found guilty following a trial at Liverpool Crown Court. The jury returned the guilty verdict on 11 December. The victim was walking along Willaston Road in Neston on the morning of 21 June 2025 when she stopped for a rest. A car came to a stop a little further up the road and the driver, Williams shouted to her if she wanted a lift.



She got in the car and asked to be taken to an address further up the road. Williams drove past the address and took her to a secluded one track road. He told her she had to pay, to which she told him she had cash. But he said no you need to pay. He then exposed himself and tried to block her from leaving the car. She managed to escape and ran to a house to get help. Police enquiries led to Williams being put at the scene at the time of the incident and he was arrested. His car was also seized.

DC Alex Price said: *“Williams is a dangerous predator who took the opportunity while conducting his job as a delivery driver to take advantage of a vulnerable woman walking on her own. The victim has been left traumatised by the danger she was in that morning alone in the car with Williams and is struggling to process this. I hope this conviction will help her in her recovery.”*

### **Man jailed for stalking and harassing former partner in Runcorn**

A man from Runcorn has been jailed after he admitted to stalking and harassing his former partner.

Ashley Price, of Mooring Close, Runcorn, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 January where he was sentenced to three years and 11 months in prison. He was also handed a restraining order not to contact the victim.



The 41-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice, stalking without fear, and two counts of harassment. During their relationship, Price would regularly emotionally and verbally abuse the victim in order to control her.

He would demand to see her phone, dictate how she would spend her money and how she should dress, and call her derogatory names. Price would also threaten to harm himself in a bid to manipulate the victim. He even tried to stop her from visiting the local cemetery where her child was laid to rest.

The relationship ended and the victim bravely reported her ordeal to Cheshire Police. A non-molestation order and a restraining order were put in place as a result, and Price was handed a suspended sentence. However, his behaviour escalated to stalking the victim repeatedly, leaving her in constant fear. Price was subsequently arrested and charged with the offences.

Following his sentencing, Sergeant Olivia Newman said: *“This was an extremely traumatising experience for the victim in this case, and I hope that Price’s sentencing, along with his restraining order, will provide her with some reassurance. Domestic abuse is not acceptable and will never be*

*tolerated, and we want to send out a clear message that nobody should have to suffer in silence. If you are a victim of domestic abuse, or if you know someone who is a victim, please get in touch."*

To report any incidents of domestic abuse contact Cheshire police on 101, or [report this online](#).

Sergeant Newman added: *"Help is also available through the National Domestic Violence Helpline, on 0808 2000 247. In addition, if you have concerns about your current or ex-partner, because you're worried they may have a history of abuse and are a risk to you, then you can submit a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application. The scheme, also known as Clare's law, enables the police to release information about any previous history of violence or abuse that a person might have."*

To find out more about Clare's law, or to submit a DVDS application, visit the [Cheshire Police website](#).

### **Men jailed for burglary series across Cheshire**

Two men have been sentenced for their involvement in a series of burglaries across Cheshire.

On Tuesday 3 February 2026, Denis Puka, of Parliament Street, Credition, Devon, and Erisjan Laska, of Eccles Street, Sheffield, appeared at Chester Crown Court. Puka, 28, and Laska, 29, were sentenced to 56 months each after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit burglary.



An investigation was launched into a series of burglaries in the Warrington, Northwich and Knutsford areas of Cheshire in June 2025. The offences took place at addresses in:

- Half Acre Lane, Warrington (Friday 6 June at some time between 9.30pm and 11pm)
- Legh Road, Knutsford (Friday 6 June at 11.31pm)
- Pole Lane, Northwich (Saturday 7 June at some time between 12.19am and 12.39am)
- Park Lane, Warrington (Saturday 7 June at some time between 9.49pm and 10.16pm)
- Linnards Lane, Northwich (Saturday 7 June at 11.32pm)

All of the offences involved the offenders forcing entry via the first floor by scaling drainpipes, using ladders, or standing on each other's shoulders. Enquiries revealed the masked individuals would park a vehicle nearby and arrive to the target addresses on foot, bringing tools with them and walkie-talkies to communicate, clearly showing a high level of planning and preparation. Despite this, the offenders were mostly unsuccessful in stealing items from the addresses due to being disturbed at each incident, with the only known stolen property being two watches – a Rolex and an Omega.

Following a review of CCTV, a vehicle was identified as being in the area at the time of each offence. Enquiries revealed that the car – a Seat Leon - had been brought to Warrington from Sheffield on Thursday 5 June on the back of a flatbed vehicle. Over the time period that the offences were carried out, the Seat Leon was placed on three different sets of cloned plates, captured on CCTV and ANPR. The car was recovered by police in Warrington on Sunday 15 June. The vehicle was searched and inside was clothing and tools matching those worn and used by the offenders at a

number of the residential properties. Mobile phones were also inside the vehicle which revealed search history showing directions to the target addresses.

Further enquiries showed the vehicle at a store in Warrington, where the occupants purchased tools matching those used in committing some of the offences and later recovered from the Seat. Puka and Laska were identified from these enquiries. Puka was arrested in Surrey on Wednesday 2 July 2025, while Laska was arrested in Sheffield on Thursday 3 July 2025. They were both later charged with the offences.

Police Constable Simon Gibson said: *“Puka and Laska thought they could travel hundreds of miles to Cheshire to trick our officers and get away with this series of burglaries – but they seriously underestimated us. The fact that they have both pleaded guilty and have now been sentenced demonstrates the amount of evidence which was stacked against them, thanks to our dedicated teams who worked tirelessly to track them down and secure charges. As this case demonstrates, there is nowhere you can hide; if you travel to Cheshire with the intention of committing crime, we will utilise all the tools at our disposal until we find you and hold you responsible.”*

### **Drug dealer jailed following police stop check in Macclesfield**

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

Jake Gittins appeared at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 3 February where he was sentenced to 30 months in prison. The 33-year-old of Roe Street, Macclesfield, had previously pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (cocaine), and being concerned in the supply of cocaine and cannabis.



The court heard how on Wednesday 8 May 2024, Gittins was driving a white Audi A1 when he was stopped by officers on Sandwich Drive in Macclesfield, following intelligence that he was involved in the supply of illegal drugs. A search of his vehicle revealed multiple snap bags of cocaine had been hidden in his coat pocket. Officers also located a significant sum of cash. Gittins was subsequently arrested. As part of the investigation, his mobile phone was submitted for analysis and found to contain text messages evidencing his involvement in the supply of both class A and B drugs in the Macclesfield area.

Following the sentencing, Sergeant Helen Percival said: *“It’s well known the devastating impact illegal drugs can have on communities, as such cutting off supplies and removing dealers from our streets is a huge priority for us here in Macclesfield. In this case, we recovered a number of messages on Gittins’ mobile phone which showed he was actively dealing drugs in the Macclesfield area, leaving him with no option but to plead guilty to the charges against him.*

*“I welcome the sentence that has been handed to Gittins, and I hope it provides reassurance to residents. While Gittins is now behind bars, our fight against illegal drug dealers continues and I would appeal to anyone who has any information about illegal drug activity or any other criminal activity taking place in their communities to contact us on 101, [via the website](#) or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”*

## Man jailed for stalking and harassment in Warrington

A man who threatened, intimidated and stalked ex-partner and went on harass her family has been jailed for over four years.



Robert Bassnett appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 29 January where he was jailed for four years and six months. Bassnett's sentencing comes after the 35-year-old, of HMP Altcourse, pleaded guilty to stalking involving serious alarm/distress and harassment. The court heard that Bassnett had been in a relationship with his now ex-partner, a 23-year-old woman, for a year, which concluded in 2024. However, even after the relationship concluded, Bassnett remained in contact with the victim, who was pregnant at the time.

Between 30 April and 19 June 2025, Bassnett began stalking her, regularly turning up at her home, demanding to see her, and bombarded her with a number of threatening text messages and unwanted phone calls. On one occasion, Bassnett went so far as to hide in a bush near her address, sent her threatening texts and waited for her to leave the property. When she left, he then shouted verbal abuse at her before jumping out of the bush and throwing a brick at her. Bassnett also directed a number of death threats towards the victim's father.

His behaviour towards the victim's father further escalated when he created a new social media account and began posting false information, along with his address, online. The incidents were subsequently reported to Cheshire Police, with officers launching a number of enquiries to locate him, before circulating him as wanted. As part of these enquires, a media release as published on 9 June 2025 appealing to the public for any information in relation to Bassnett's whereabouts. Bassnett took to social media and goaded the officers looking for him. He was promptly arrested soon after.

Officers built a sizeable casefile against Bassnett, leaving him no option but to plead guilty to the charges. Alongside his four-and-a-half-year custodial sentence, Bassnett was handed an indefinite Restraining Order preventing him from contacting the victims via any means.

Police Constable James Unsworth, who led the investigation into Bassnett's offending, said: *"Not only did Bassnett target his ex-partner and her family, but he thought himself untouchable whilst doing so, goading police on social media whilst he was wanted for his crimes. However, he was quickly proven wrong when we located him exiting woodland and, after a short foot chase, brought him into our custody. This was an extremely traumatising experience for the victims in this case, and I hope that Bassnett's sentence, along with his restraining order, will provide them with some reassurance. Domestic abuse is not acceptable and will not be tolerated, and we want to send out a clear message that nobody should have to suffer in silence.*

*"If you are a victim of domestic abuse, or if you know someone who is a victim, please get in touch. We treat all reports of domestic abuse extremely seriously and will use all the powers available to us to ensure that those responsible are held accountable."*

To report any incidents of domestic abuse contact Cheshire police on 101, or report online <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>, in an emergency call 999.

## Two men jailed after cannabis farm discovered in Northwich.

Two men have been jailed after local officers located a cannabis farm in a commercial premises in Rudheath.

At around 8.45am on Sunday 1 February, officers entered a premises on Brunel Court off Rudheath Way, on Gadbrook Park. Upon entering the building officers found that the premises had



been converted into a professional cannabis farm, and the electricity supply had been bypassed.

Around 515 plants located at the address, with an estimated value of up to £400,000. While searching the address officers also located Livan Gjini, 27, and Jetmir Grrica, 23, who were managing the farm. The pair were both arrested at the scene and later charged with production of class B drugs.

Both men appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 2 February where they pleaded guilty to the charges. Gjini, of Cresswell Road, Stoke-on-Trent, and Grrica, of Audley Street, Crewe, have both been sentenced to 8 months in prison. The pair have also been ordered to pay £85 costs and £187 victims surcharge.

Following the sentencing, Inspector Paul Heatley of Northwich Local Policing Unit said: *“I welcome the sentences handed to Gjini and Grrica and I hope that it provides reassurance to the local community. The negative impact that illegal drugs have on our communities are well known and were committed to doing all that we can to ensure that those responsible are held accountable for their actions and our ongoing battle against those who are involved in the production and supply of illegal drugs continues.*

*“I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to, and we will investigate the matter.”*

There are a number signs that could indicate that a property is being used as a cannabis farm, including:

- A strong and sickly sweet smell
- Equipment to grow cannabis being taken into a property, such as lighting and ventilation equipment
- Constantly covered or blocked-off windows – cannabis farms often have constantly closed curtains, black-out blinds or foil coverings
- People coming and going at all hours or neighbours you never see
- Strong and constant lighting day and night
- High levels of heat and condensation – cannabis farms often give off heat and the windows stay misted up
- A constant buzz of ventilation – listen out for a whirring sound as the growers try to create an ideal climate for cannabis plants to grow.
- Lots of power cables – offenders often dig underground to lay cables that hook up to things like lamp posts so they do not have to pay for the enormous amounts of electricity they use.



To report a suspected cannabis farm or any other type of drug-related offence, call us 101, give the details via our website or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### **Man jailed for drugs offences in Ellesmere Port**

A man who supplied both class A and B drugs in Ellesmere Port has been jailed for more than five years.



Mark Davison, of Acre Road, Great Sutton, Ellesmere Port, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 16 January where he was sentenced to five years and seven months in prison. The 28-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine, concerned in the supply of ketamine, and being concerned in the supply of class B drugs (cannabis).

An investigation was launched after detectives became aware of two mobile numbers advertising the sale of class A and B drugs in Ellesmere Port. Davison was quickly identified as the owner of the two mobile numbers, which he would use to send messages to local drug users to arrange the sale and supply of cocaine, ketamine, and cannabis. On Thursday 18 December 2025, detectives conducted a warrant at Davison's home address where they recovered a graft phone with messages evidencing the sale of illegal drugs. A large quantity of cash and other drug paraphernalia were also recovered from the address. Davison was subsequently charged with the offences.

Detective Constable Mike Rogers, who led the investigation, said: *"I welcome the sentence handed to Davison, and I hope the conclusion of this case provides reassurance to the local community now that another drug dealer is behind bars. Davison was found to possess a significant quantity of cash - clearly profiting from the misery his drugs brought to communities in Ellesmere Port. Thankfully, he had no option but to plead guilty knowing that the evidence was stacked up against him."*

*"If you have information or intelligence about drug dealing in your area, please don't hesitate to contact us on 101 or [via the website](#) – and we will do the rest. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."*

### **Man charged following Ellesmere Port robbery**

Officers investigating a robbery in Ellesmere Port have charged a man in relation to the incident.

Damien Brewer was arrested on Sunday 1 February following the theft of a mobile phone from a man on Civic Way. The 32-year-old of no fixed abode has since been charged with one count of robbery. He has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Tuesday 3 February.

### **Man jailed for 16 years for non-recent sex offences**

A 65-year-old man has been jailed for 16 years for non-recent sex offences.

Lee Tarry from Garton Road, Richmond Hill in Leeds appeared at Chester Crown Court for a 10 day trial on 6 October 2025. He was subsequently found guilty of 10 sexual offences on three victims between 1970 and 1990. Two of the victims were children at the time of the offences taking place. He then appeared at Chester Crown Court on 2 December to be sentenced to 16 years in prison. The offences took place in the Cheshire area.



Investigating officer Detective Constable Laura Lee said: *"I'd like to thank the victims for their bravery in coming forward and supporting a prosecution. I hope seeing Tarry get justice for his abhorrent actions against them helps them in some way."*

### **Alsager anti-social behaviour hotspot property closed down by police**

Congleton Beat Team have secured a closure order following reports of anti-social behaviour at a property in the town.

The property on Centre Court, Alsager has been shut down by officers following the securing of a closure order under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 from Crewe Magistrates' Court on Thursday 29 January. The order, which came into effect from 29 January will run for three months, and is a direct result of officers responding to the concerns of residents regarding the behaviour at the property. It was an example of great communication between officers and the local community that led to securing the three-month order. The occupant has since been ordered to leave the property and find alternative accommodation, with all windows and doors being secured for a period of three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time will be committing a criminal offence and could be arrested.

PC Kate Ritchie said: *"I'd like to thank the local community for their support in helping us secure this closure and I hope it encourages others to work with us to make their communities safer for everyone. I want to urge anyone with concerns about ASB or other criminality in their community to please contact local officers and we will do everything we can to address these issues and achieve justice."*

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

### **50 wanted criminals rounded up as part of force-wide operation**

UPDATE: WE CAN NOW CONFIRM THAT A FURTHER SEVEN ARRESTS WERE MADE UNDER OPERATION CROSSBOW YESTERDAY, TAKING THE TOTAL TO 50 ARRESTS OVERALL.

Operation Crossbow has seen 50 wanted criminals who have evaded justice brought into police custody following a multifaceted day of action.

<https://youtu.be/K5rEdT4EtuM>

Today, Monday 2 February, over 100 officers from multiple departments across the Constabulary gathered at Cheshire Police Headquarters in Winsford to take part in Operation Crossbow. The bespoke collaborative effort, which aims to disrupt criminal activity across Cheshire and its borders, included police colleagues from roads policing, armed response, motorcycles, dogs, drones, the Special Constabulary, and local policing, all working together. It was rolled out with the goal of targeting criminals who remained wanted and had yet to be brought into police custody.

As a particular focus for the force's first Crossbow operation for 2026, officers intensified their efforts in locating criminals who remained outstanding for offences including violence against women and girls (VAWG), domestic abuse and rape and serious sexual offences (RASSO).

To kick off the day of action over 100 officers, joined by members of the Constabulary's Senior Command Team, Crown Prosecution Service, Probation colleagues, local councillors, Members of Parliament and community partners, filed into Headquarters for a motivational address delivered by Chief Constable Mark Roberts and an operational briefing from Detective Superintendent Chris Williams. The teams then took to their vehicles and rolled out across the county.



Their efforts resulted in 50 outstanding criminals being arrested on suspicion of a number of offences, including domestic abuse, stalking, harassment and criminal damage, as well as rape, controlling and coercive behaviour, child abduction and kidnap. Highlights from the day also included officers locating a man who was wanted for breaching a court order hiding in a loft under installation and the arrest of a man in Ellesmere Port who had been following patrols conducting address checks, only to be pulled over and then arrested himself after officers found pepper spray and an imitation firearm in the boot of his car. Two people were also arrested in the Grimsby area in relation to a kidnap in Winsford.

Over the course of the day, a number of wanted criminals within Cheshire handed themselves into police. Alongside the rounding up of wanted criminals, there were other operational activities that took place across the county as part of Operation Crossbow. Officers from the Commercial Vehicle Unit and Bike Team were deployed near the A556 and the M56 motorway, both very busy routes through Cheshire, to conduct safety and compliance checks on HGVs and other vehicles. This work resulted in officers issuing 11 traffic reports for speeding, two vehicles being seized for not having insurance and the arrest of two men suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Officers also joined Cheshire West and Chester local authority and Wolverhampton Taxi Licensing Team for vehicle checks, with 12 taxis stopped and drivers given advice around identification lanyards, required notice stickers and the requirements of their taxi licence. One driver was suspended and directed to stop operating due to having an expired plate on his vehicle.

A number of trading standard operations were also conducted across Chester and Northwich, with considerable amounts of illegal tobacco and vapes seized by officers and their colleagues. During the operation, Trading Standards colleagues also issued a court order to close a vape shop in the Chester area.

As well as this, the Underwater Search Team were deployed to Winsford Marina to conduct a routine proactive dive and colleagues from the Online Child Abuse Investigation Team served a Sexual Harm Prevention Order to an inmate at HMP Altcourse.

Detective Superintendent Chris Williams, who oversaw the operation, said: *"Operation Crossbow is a perfect opportunity to highlight to our community partners and you, our Cheshire residents, the tireless efforts put in by our officers 365 days a year to keep Cheshire a hostile environment for criminals while keeping residents safe. This day of intensified action saw officers of various ranks,*

*departments and expertise come together with a common goal in mind: to bring in wanted criminals who are bold enough to think they can get away with escaping justice.*

*"And as today's operation has shown, they were very much mistaken with our officers tracking down over 50 wanted criminals and bringing them into our custody facilities to face the music and be put before the courts. Not only this, but due to the outstanding proactive policework and considerable pressure applied by our officers deployed across the county, a number of wanted individuals actively chose to hand themselves in at several of our helpdesks.*

*"This operation, the first of five deployments for 2026, shows just a small snapshot of our officers' unwavering efforts in all areas in which we excel in day in, day out, and are part of our everyday policing tactics to continue to keep people safe and reduce crime. Whilst the proactive side of the operation has concluded for today, our officers will continue working into the night to complete all the necessary actions from what has been a very busy day for the Constabulary. With that in mind, I would like to thank all our officers, staff and community partners who played a role in today's operation. It is their professionalism and commitment to keeping our residents safe that have led to us securing such positive results."*

### **Man jailed after pleading guilty to two burglaries**

A man who burgled two properties in Disley and Macclesfield has been jailed.

Craig Marsden appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 21 January 2026 where he was sentenced to more than two years and four months (876 days). The 54-year-old, of Martin Street, Salford, had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary.



At approximately 11.20am on Thursday 30 November 2023, a resident at an address in Hollinwood Road, Disley, returned home to find their rear patio door had been smashed and the rooms had been searched through. Various items had been stolen. They contacted police and when officers arrived, a knife which was usually stored in the kitchen was located on top of a plant pot in the garden. The knife was swabbed for DNA, which, following a thorough investigation, eventually provided a match to Marsden. Marsden was arrested in March 2024.

At 2.40pm on Friday 7 November 2025, the occupant of an address in Lark Hall Crescent, Macclesfield, arrived home to find the back door of the property had been opened and items had been stolen. Following extensive CCTV enquiries, Marsden was identified by officers from CCTV at the address. Marsden was arrested and subsequently charged on Tuesday 11 November 2025. Marsden served a separate custodial sentence in between committing the offences.

Following the sentence, Police Constable Ben Dickinson of Macclesfield Proactive CID said: *"Despite being arrested for one count of burglary, this didn't deter Marsden from carrying out another offence in broad daylight, highlighting that he really showed no regard for how his crimes would affect his victims. Everyone should be able to feel safe in their own homes, something which Marsden exploited for his own personal gain. I am grateful for the custodial sentence handed to him and hope this reassures members of the public of how seriously we take burglary offences."*

Detective Sergeant Laura Fox of Macclesfield Proactive CID said: *“Burglary is a horrific offence, to know that an intruder has been inside your home is something nobody should have to experience and as this result demonstrates, the team here within Macclesfield Proactive CID are committed to continually doing all we can to ensure that those responsible for committing burglaries in our community are held accountable for their actions. Our message continues to be clear, if you come to Cheshire to commit crime, you will be caught and you will be brought to justice.”*

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### Appeal for information following fatal collision in Arclid

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision in Arclid.

At around 9am today, Saturday 7 February, police were called to a collision on the A534 Spark Lane, near to the junction of Moorhouse Lane. Officers attended and found there had been a collision between a blue Fiat 500 and a white Land Rover Defender. Sadly, the driver of the Fiat, a 29-year-old woman from Congleton, died at the scene. Her next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. The driver of the Land Rover, a 77-year-old man from Congleton, has been arrested on suspicion of causing a death by dangerous driving.

Detective Sergeant Iain Condliffe, of the Serious collision Investigation Unit, said: *“We are currently conducting an investigation into the full circumstances surrounding this tragic incident and as part of our enquiries, we would like to hear from any witnesses who have not already spoken to police. The same goes for anyone with any relevant dashcam or CCTV footage of what happened. You can report information to Cheshire Police by calling 101 or visiting [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) quoting IML-2266170.”*

### Appeal to locate wanted man from Crewe

Officers are appealing for help in tracing a wanted man from Crewe.

Stephen Crimes, 52, is wanted in relation to recall to prison. Anyone with any information as to his whereabouts is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website, quoting IML-2247370.



### Appeal for information following serious collision near Northwich

Officers are appealing for information following a serious collision near Northwich.

At around 10.30am on Wednesday 4 February, officers on patrol in Marton came across a collision Dalefords Lane. The incident occurred near to Daleford Manor Caravan Park, and involved red Vauxhall Corsa and a brown Hyundai i10. Paramedics attended the scene and two people were taken to were taken to hospital. Their injuries are not believed to be life threatening. Enquiries in

relation to the collision are ongoing and officers are appealing for anyone with any information is urged to come forward.

Sergeant Jon Dixon, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *“This was a serious collision and were committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what took place. As part of our investigation we would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or anyone with any dashcam footage. We’re also keen to hear from the driver of a third vehicle, described as a black car, which was reported to be present at the time of the collision.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or online at [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) IML 2264268.

### **Appeal following collision in Haslington**

Officers are appealing for witnesses following a collision in Haslington.

On Monday 15 December 2025, police received reports of a collision in Crewe Road. The collision involved a blue Honda Civic and a 12-year-old pedestrian. The incident occurred at around 3.30pm. The pedestrian suffered serious injuries and attended hospital for treatment. The driver of the vehicle stopped at the time of collision.

A spokesperson said: *“We appreciate that it has been a considerable number of weeks since this incident took place and we have been establishing the full circumstances since. To aid us, we are asking anyone who may have witnessed what happened to get in touch with us. The same goes for anyone who may have captured relevant dashcam footage. You can report information to us by calling 101, or by visiting our website and reporting online, quoting IML-2234026.”*

### **Police appeal for witnesses following serious collision in Warrington**

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

At 4.10pm on Thursday 5 February a Red Toyota Yaris and a Red Nissan Juke were travelling along Thelwall New Road in opposite directions when they collided. The driver and passenger of the Toyota Yaris were taken to hospital. The driver, an 87-year-old man, sadly died, and the passenger, an 82-year-old woman, remains in a critical condition. The driver of the Nissan Duke received minor injuries.

Inspector Andy Dennison said: *“I’d urge anyone who witnessed the collision to contact us. The same goes for anyone who has dash cam footage, CCTV or doorbell footage that may help our investigation into the circumstances of the collision.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2265126.

### **CCTV image released following criminal damage in Chester**

Officers investigating reports of criminal damage in Chester have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to.

At around 11.40pm on Saturday 13 December 2025, police were notified of criminal damage at the Cancer Research store in Watergate Street. It was reported that a man had smashed the window. Enquiries have been ongoing since the offence was reported to trace the individual and now officers have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to as they believe he may hold vital information.



PC Kasia Hunter said: *“We have conducted a number of enquiries into what happened and we are now at the stage where we are releasing an image of a man we would like to speak to. “Anyone who recognises the man pictured should contact us on 101 or by visiting [www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), quoting 25001018380. We would also urge the man in the image to get in touch with us.”*

### **Appeal for information following anti-social e-bike riding in Sandbach**

Officers are investigating several reports of anti-social and dangerous riding of e-bikes in Sandbach.

Over recent weeks, there have been several reports of Surron e-bikes being ridden dangerously in the town and surrounding areas endangering both the riders of the bikes themselves and other road users. The riders wear face coverings in an effort to hide their identity.

Police Constable Michelle Sharp from the Sandbach Beat Team, said: *“The behaviour of these riders is not only illegal, it’s dangerous and could cause a serious accident. One witness said they saw them riding across the incredibly busy junction of Old Mill Road and High Street while the lights were on red, which was ridiculously dangerous and idiotic behaviour. To help us stop this, I’d urge anyone who sees these bikes being ridden in an anti-social and dangerous manner around Sandbach to contact police and provide as much detail as possible. If you have dash cam footage, please share this with us so that we can find those responsible. The same goes for anyone with CCTV or doorbell footage. I’d also urge anyone who has any information on those riding these bikes dangerously to contact us. The more information we have, the more we can do to deter this dangerous behaviour.”*

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the [website](#), or call 101.

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