

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



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#### **Man jailed after being found guilty of sexually assaulting a child**

A 45-year-old man has been jailed after being found guilty of sexually assaulting a child.

Giedrius Arcisauskas from Downing Close in Ellesmere Port appeared at Chester Crown Court on 22 April for a four-day trial. He was found guilty on 25 April of sexual assault of a girl under 13, sexual assault of a girl under 13 by penetration, and three counts of making an indecent image/pseudo image of a child.



He was remanded in custody to appear at Chester Crown Court on 12 June where he was sentenced to 13 years in prison and one year on licence. He was handed an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order and ordered to sign the sex offenders register for life.

The court heard how on 27 February a mother and daughter attended his address for a party. At one point Arcisauskas was upstairs in a bedroom with three children when two left the room leaving him alone with the victim, who was four at the time. The mother heard a scream and went to the aid of her daughter who told her what had happened. She found Arcisauskas in the bedroom and slapped him before leaving. It was reported to police and Arcisauskas was arrested. His mobile phone was seized and officers subsequently found six indecent images of children. He was arrested again regarding the images found on his phone.

DS Paul Harrison said: *"Firstly I'd like to thank the family for their bravery in coming forward and their support of the investigation in order to prevent this man harming any more children. The family thought they were in a safe environment but Arcisauskas effected the ultimate betrayal by sexually assaulting their daughter. The devious nature of his offending and the impact on the family when they discovered this perverted act has left them angry and fearful of this happening again to their little girl. Their trust in people has sadly gone and it has been extremely difficult for them to navigate the aftermath of the assault. Now that he has been found guilty, I hope this will help them as they try to overcome their ordeal."*

#### **Man charged with burglary following incident in Widnes**

Officers investigating a burglary in Widnes have charged a man in connection to the incident.

Callum Quirk, 26, was arrested at around 11.52am in the Eastwood area of Runcorn. He has since been charged with burglary of a dwelling with intent to steal, using violence to secure entry to a premise and harassment without violence. He has also been charged criminal damage under £5000, possession of a class B drug (cannabis) and refusing to provide a sample. Quirk appeared at

Warrington Magistrates' Court Wednesday 11 June where he was remanded in custody to appear the same court on Monday 16 June.

### **Creamfields drug dealer jailed after nearly eight years on the run**

A man from Ireland, who was caught with nearly 30 MDMA tablets at Creamfields in 2017 and then proceeded to flee the country twice whilst on bail, has finally been jailed.

Aaron Godfrey has been jailed for two years and ten months in relation to drugs supply offences, nearly eight years after he was initially arrested.



On Sunday 27 August 2017, Aaron Godfrey, 29, was stopped at the northern entrance of the Creamfields Festival site by security staff following a positive indication from a drug detection dog. Godfrey, who was 21 at the time, was taken by security staff to have his hands swabbed for traces of drugs, during which he attempted to dispose of a small package containing orange tablets. Staff spotted the package and questioned Godfrey about its contents, to which he replied that it contained ecstasy tablets. He went on to say that he had initially had the tablets hidden in his trousers but moved them to the inside of his jacket as they had fallen out on his journey to the festival.

Godfrey was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs, and this arrest he told officers the 27 tablets in the package were for personal usage and he intended to take them himself at the festival – which was due to conclude just six hours later. Officers also seized Godfrey's phone upon his arrest and subsequent data from it revealed multiple text messages relating to the sale of illegal drugs. He was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs and bailed to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court a short time later.

However, he failed to appear at court and was found to have fled to Ireland. Godfrey was added to the national wanted list and a number of enquiries were undertaken to locate him. In 2022 he was arrested after stepping off a plane in Birmingham and taken into custody. Following his arrest Godfrey appeared at Coventry Magistrates' Court, where he was bailed by the court to Warwickshire Crown Court at a later date. However, he chose to flee the country a second time in a further attempt to escape justice.

Upon being informed that Godfrey had fled the country for a second time, officers' request for an international Red Notice alert to assist in locating him was granted and circulated by Interpol. In 2024, Spanish police caught up with Aaron Godfrey and arrested him as he stepped off a plane in Murcia with a group of friends, who had been intending to enjoy a golfing holiday. Despite spending three months fighting extradition charges, he was transferred from Spain to the Netherlands where he was put before the International Criminal Courts who decided he would return to Britain. Back in Britain, Godfrey was handed an immediate six-month prison sentence in December of 2024 for twice failing to appear in court and fleeing the country.

Aaron Godfrey then returned to Coventry Crown Court on Wednesday 11 June 2025 in relation to the drug offences at Creamfields eight years prior. Throughout his hearing, Godfrey maintained that the MDMA pills he was caught with were for personal use and had no intention to sell them

onward. The court dismissed this and he was handed a further prison sentence of two years and ten months.

Detective Neil Flemming, of the Creamfields Post Investigation Team, said: *“Mr Godfrey’s defence was that the drugs he was found with were for social supply to friends at the festival for no reward or payment, I am glad that the Judge dismissed this and the wording in his initial charge stood, this being that the drugs were for commercial supply. What started as a relatively straightforward investigation relating to the sale of drugs at Creamfields turned into a seven-year operation that required several law enforcement agencies across several countries to work collaboratively to locate, arrest and eventually bring Arron Godfrey to justice. The irony is that Aaron Godfrey’s refusal to take any accountability for his actions by fleeing the country not once, but twice, in an attempt to escape justice, has resulted in him landing more time in prison than he would have if he had just accepted his crimes. It just goes to show that with a bit of perseverance and patience, Cheshire Police will always get their man no matter how many years have passed since their crimes.”*

### **Man jailed for sexual touching a woman in Chester**

A man has been jailed after he was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman in Chester city centre.

Gurpreet Sahota was found guilty of one count of sexual assault following a trial at Chester Crown Court which concluded earlier today, Thursday 12 June. The 30-year-old, of no fixed abode, has been sentenced to 18 months in prison. He is also required to sign the sex offenders register for 10 years.



The court heard that shortly after 2am on Sunday 8 December 2024, the victim, a 22-year-old woman, was walking home alone after finishing her shift at work. As she walked towards the Fountains Roundabout, she was approached by Sahota who told her, “You shouldn’t walk home alone”. Despite reassuring Sahota that she was OK, he continued to follow her as she walked down the ramp to go into the subway. Sahota then placed his hand down the victim’s trousers and touched her inappropriately. The victim initially froze, before regaining her composure and fleeing the scene to seek help from two passers-by. Sahota subsequently walked away from the scene.

The incident was reported to Cheshire Police and an investigation was launched by detectives at Chester CID. Following extensive enquiries, including extensive CCTV and mobile phone analysis, Sahota was identified as the suspect and arrested at a nearby pub where he had been residing while working as a decorator. During interview Sahota admitted that he was the person in the footage, but denied touching her, instead stating that he had maintained a safe distance of 60cm.

Following the guilty verdict, DC Barbara Billington said: *“I would like to recognise the bravery the victim has shown throughout this investigation and subsequent court proceedings. Everyone has the right to feel safe in public. Nobody should have to experience what the victim has been through, and I hope that the conclusion of this case will provide her with some closure and help her recover from what she has been through. Sahota chose to take advantage of a woman while she was alone, and without her consent. Instead of admitting his guilt, he chose to put her through an extremely traumatic trial, where she had to relive the impact of his crime.”*

*“Detectives worked non-stop to identify Sahota, he had no links to Chester. Large amounts CCTV footage were reviewed to identify him and we were then able to track his movements. Thanks to the officers involved in this complex case, along with the victim’s courage and tenacity, Sahota will now face the consequences of his actions.”*

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> .

### **Man found guilty of sexual offences against children**

A man has been found guilty of sexual offences against children in the Winsford area more than 20 years ago.

Graham Lightfoot, of Hartwell Grove, Winsford, was found guilty of 11 counts of indecent assault and two counts of sexual assault on children on Tuesday 10 June at Liverpool Crown Court following a seven-day trial. The 57-year-old will appear back at court on Friday 11 July for sentence.



The investigation commenced in June 2023 when Cheshire Police received reports of abuse that two victims had suffered as children between the year 2000 and 2004. It was described how Lightfoot had indecently assaulted them when they were aged as young as 11. One of the victims was also sexually assaulted by him. Following a thorough investigation, Lightfoot was later charged with the offences. He denied the charges but was found guilty following a trial.

DC Kelly Mitchell said: *“Firstly, I would like to thank the victims in this case for their courage throughout this investigation. Their brave disclosures detailed how Lightfoot had assaulted them on numerous occasions across many years, and they spoke about how these events had significantly impacted upon their lives. It is thanks to them that this predator has now been convicted of some horrendous crimes and will face the consequences of his actions. Lightfoot took advantage of two young girls and subjected them to prolonged abuse, demonstrating his absolute disregard for anyone other than himself and his own twisted sexual gratification.*

*“To report any sexual offence, no matter how long ago it took place, please call 101 or report online via our website. In an emergency, always call 999.”*

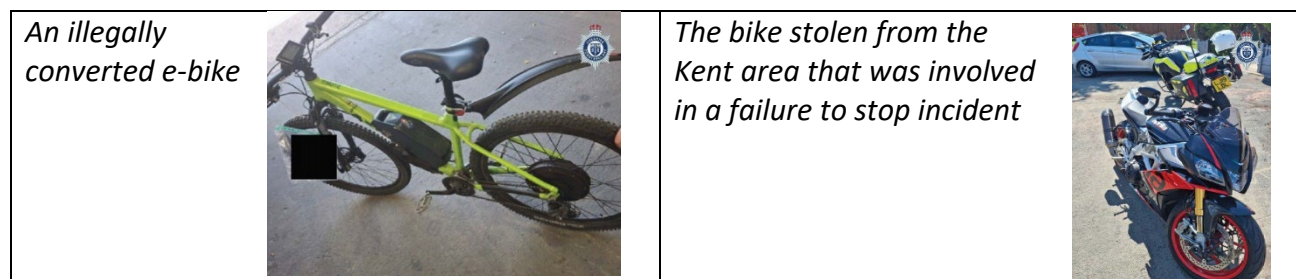
### **Man charged in relation to Macclesfield cannabis farm**

A man who was arrested in connection to a cannabis farm in Macclesfield has been charged.

Voktot Isufaj has been charged with one count of production of class B drugs (cannabis). The charge relates to a cannabis farm which was discovered at a former bank on Chestergate, Macclesfield, on Thursday 8 May, following information from local residents. The 43-year-old appeared at Crewe Magistrates Court on Saturday 10 May where he was remanded in custody. Isufaj, of no fixed abode, Winsford, is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 16 June.

## Officers put the brakes on anti-social bike and scooters during day of action in Widnes and Warrington

During the most recent Operation Lawmaker deployment across Widnes and Warrington, officers seized three bikes and scooters that were being ridden in an anti-social and dangerous manner, one of which had been stolen from Kent.



On Tuesday 10 June, officers operating Operation Lawmaker conducted a day of action as part of ongoing efforts to tackle the anti-social and dangerous riding of e-bikes, e-scooters and motorbikes across Cheshire. Reports received by Cheshire Police in recent weeks have highlighted that numerous groups continue to use non-road legal vehicles in a dangerous and anti-social manner across the county, including in both Warrington and Widnes. Residents have reported damage to public spaces and to property and riders putting pedestrians and other road users at risk of harm through dangerous driving. This most recent Lawmaker deployment was designed to disrupt known offenders involved in the dangerous driving of both electric and motorised bikes and curb future irresponsible riding in hotspot areas, including in the King George's Park and Spike Island areas.

Supported by the Constabulary's Drone Unit, colleagues from the Force Control Centre, Vehicle Recovery and Beat Teams, Motorcycle Operations officers were deployed across areas in both Warrington and Widnes. Whilst in Widnes, the team seized three vehicles, including a motorbike that failed to stop for police officers and was subsequently confirmed as stolen. An illegally converted e-bike was also seized whilst officers were out on patrol. Meanwhile, in the Lymm area of Warrington, officers provided reassurance to residents in response to an increase in activity involving non-road legal vehicles, including uninsured off-road motorbikes.

Following the day of action, PC Simon Dadswell, of the Northern Area's Problem-Solving Team, said: *"As the weather improves and the days grow longer, we know that riders will want to get out on their bikes, possibly in large groups, and enjoy a ride along the scenic routes our county has to offer. We do not want to be seen as the fun police but some of these bikes are illegal for a reason, mainly as they have been adapted to travel at much greater speeds than they are designed for. Following several community concerns relating to the unsafe and anti-social usage of both adapted pedal cycles and motorbikes on the roads, we have intensified our efforts in disrupting those who are driving recklessly and intent on abusing the road networks for criminal gain."*

The day of action fell during the National Police Chief Council's (NPCC) Two-Wheel safety campaign (which runs from Monday 2 June to Friday 15 June), designed to promote safe practice and driving guidance that keeps both drivers and riders safe on Cheshire's roads.

PC Dadswell added: *"Not only are we directly tackling community concerns, but this work also falls as part of our efforts to support the NPCC's Two-Wheels campaign, which focuses on educating road users of all kinds in the significance of courteous and sensible driving and helping to reduce the*

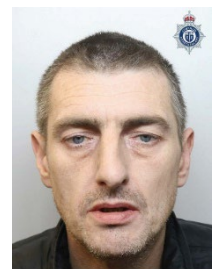
*number of serious and fatal collisions on our roads. Over the course of the campaign, we have hosted a number of events aimed at bikers of all ages, including safety inputs with our colleagues from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and bike maintenance demonstrations. We also have several more events planned before the end of the week. Alongside these inputs, we will continue with our day-to-day enforcement on dangerous and unsafe driving and will also continue to work with our partners from local authorities and highways teams to see where road safety throughout the Cheshire could be improved."*

Anyone with information regarding the anti-social riding of e-bikes, motorbikes or quad bikes should contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or [give the details via the website](#). Alternatively, information can be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 [or via the Crimestoppers website](#).

### **Northwich burglar back behind bars**

A prolific burglar from Northwich has been jailed again after he admitted to breaking into a business premises in the town.

Jonathan Heron appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 6 June where he pleaded guilty to breaking into a fitness studio on Chester Way on Sunday 1 June. The 48-year-old, of no fixed abode, was subsequently sentenced to six months in prison.



The court heard how on the morning of Sunday 1 June, Heron broke into a fitness studio on Chester Way and stole a small quantity of cash before fleeing the scene. Officers were called to the premises and Heron was quickly identified as a suspect and later arrested on Wednesday 4 June. During his arrest officers recovered a pair of Nike trainers which were later found to match footprints which had been found at the scene of the crime.

Following the sentencing, PC Dean Butterworth, of Northwich Proactive CID said: *"Heron has committed several burglaries across the Northwich area in recent years, and despite repeated attempts to engage with him he continues to offend. On this occasion, he only managed to steal £15 from the premises, and as a result of his continued behaviour, he's now been sentenced to six-months in prison where he'll be able to reflect on his actions."*

### **Crewe man found guilty of domestic abuse against former partner**

A man from Crewe has been found guilty of domestic abuse offences against his former partner.

Gary Beamon from West Street in Crewe appeared at Chester Crown Court on 27 May for a nine-day trial. The 39-year-old was found guilty of one count of controlling or coercive behaviour, one count of assault by beating (which occurred on 8 October 2024), and false imprisonment (which occurred on 8 October 2024). He will appear at Chester Crown Court on 24 July to be sentenced.

On 8 October 2024 police were called to a domestic at a house in Crewe. The victim was 32 weeks pregnant at the time. Beamon answered the door but refused to let police in. He continued to

refuse entry and blocked the door. Officers then told him to put his hands behind his back after telling him he was being arrested for domestic assault. He continued to be aggressive and resist arrest which resulted in the officers having to call for emergency backup. He was then arrested for resisting arrest.

Once out on bail and subjected to a Domestic Violence Prevention Notice, he lured his victim to his business in Crewe through a third party. She attended as she was told he wouldn't be in the shop at the time. When inside, Beamon appeared and tried to hug her. She refused and reported the incident to police along with an earlier assault in April 2024. She then showed officers CCTV showing the incident on 8 October 2024 where Beamon was abusive and refused to let her leave her house. He stood over her shouting and swearing leaving her in a visibly upset and scared state.

DI Kerrie Snowdon said: *"The victim had been subjected to abusive, violent and intimidating behaviour but bravely fought back by giving a full account to police of the horrific behaviour she was subjected to by a man who was supposed to love her. No one should be treated this way in any relationship, and I would like to commend her for her bravery in coming forward. I hope she can now rebuild her life and move on from this truly traumatic experience."*

### **Multi-department collaboration sees hire vehicles checked across Warrington in night-time taxi operation**

Officers from Warrington Local Policing Unit, supported by colleagues from Cheshire's Special Constabulary and teams from the wider force, conducted a night-long operation ensuring taxi and hire vehicles were correctly licenced.



As part of the work designed to keep residents and visitors in Warrington safe when out and about, officers were deployed across the town as part of Operation Confederation, ensuring the taxis were correctly licenced. Whilst it is not illegal for taxis licenced in other areas to operate in Warrington, it makes it much harder for drivers and vehicles to be safety-checked by local authorities to ensure that they are suitable for transporting the public.

Over the course of the evening of Saturday 7 June, Warrington Neighbourhood Teams were out in force with representatives from Warrington and Wolverhampton Council enforcement teams, basing themselves in the town centre and hotspot locations such as Warrington's Bank Quay and Central stations. As it was National Special's Weekend, the team were also supported by officers from the force's own Special Constabulary and their Merseyside Police counterparts, allowing the operation to cover the entire town on what was a busy Saturday night. Over 27 taxis and hire cars were checked during the evening, with most of the regulatory breaches being minor. Those in breach of their licencing were swiftly removed from the road and will not be allowed to operate in Warrington until these issues have been resolved.

Insp Christopher Webster, of Warrington LPU's Neighbourhood Team, said: *"With the busyness of the summer months and several large events and festivals taking in Warrington and the surrounding areas, our Neighbourhood Policing Team have been deployed across the town centre as part of Operation Confederation, which focuses on ensuring licensed passenger vehicles such as Ubers and independent taxis are adhering to the terms of their licences. Alongside our colleagues*

*from Roads and Crime and our partners from the Warrington and Wolverhampton Councils, we made the most of it being National Specials Weekend and utilised the support of our volunteer officers from both Cheshire and Merseyside. Their help meant that we were able to maximise our visual presence across Warrington, providing reassurance to the general public where needed on a busy Saturday night in town. It was really reassuring to see that so many of the taxis that operate in our town were compliant with the appropriate legislation, with the few found to be in breach being swiftly removed from the road. Our officers will continue to support the legitimate taxi drivers in Warrington all year round, with this operation continuing well into the summer months to ensure those enjoying a night out in Warrington can return home safely."*

### **Two charged with supplying class A drugs in Crewe**

Detectives investigating the supply of illegal drugs in Crewe have charged two people.

On Friday 6 June, detectives from Operation Apollo conducted a warrant at an address in Crewe. A number of items were recovered from the property and two men were arrested and have since been charged with drugs offences. Ahmed Omar, 24, of no fixed abode in Crewe, and Drey Stapleton, 23, of no fixed abode, have both been charged with two counts of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs (heroin, crack cocaine), two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin, crack cocaine), and possession of criminal property. The pair were remanded in custody and are next due to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 4 July.

### **Two men jailed following aggravated burglary in Ellesmere Port**

Two men from Liverpool who orchestrated an aggravated burglary at an address in Ellesmere Port have been jailed.

Francis Constantine and Jonjo Swaine appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 9 June where they were sentenced for more than 15 years in prison. Constantine, aged 27, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 10 years in prison, plus an extended three years on licence after he pleaded guilty to aggravated burglary. Meanwhile, 22-year-old Swaine, of Wilburn Street, was jailed for 30 months after he pleaded guilty to one count of burglary.



The court heard how in December 2024 the victim was selling a car seat on Facebook Marketplace when they were contacted by Constantine and Swaine, who had set up a fake account on the social media channel. Following a conversation, the victim agreed a price for the car seat and agreed to exchange the goods at a neutral location on Westminster Grove, Ellesmere Port, on Monday 9 December. However, unbeknown to the victim, while she was waiting on Westminster Grove, Constantine and Swaine had actually attended their home on Brooklyn Drive, where the pair had forced entry into the address.

Once inside the property, the pair were approached by the victim's 13-year-old daughter, who had heard banging coming from downstairs. During the confrontation, Constantine had threatened the

teenager with a knife, stating that he would 'knock her out' if she came any closer. While Constantine was threatening the teenager, Swaine stole a motocross bike from the address. The pair then fled and later returned to Liverpool with the bike. The incident was reported to Cheshire Police and an investigation was launched by Ellesmere Port. Following extensive enquiries using Facebook, ANPR, and telecoms, Constantine and Swaine were identified as the suspects in the case and the pair were subsequently arrested and charged in relation to the incident.

Following the sentencing, DC Emma Donaldson of Ellesmere Port CID said: *"I welcome the sentences handed to Constantine and Swaine and I hope that they act as a warning to other offenders planning to come to Cheshire. Constantine and Swaine thought that they'd orchestrated the perfect crime, using fake social media accounts to lure the victim out of their home so that they could carry out their crime. However, thanks to the bravery of the victim, and the work of the team here at Ellesmere Port, we were quickly able to identify the pair as the offenders in the case and they have now been held accountable for their actions."*

### **Cheshire Constabulary Celebrates Volunteers' Week and National Specials Weekend**

Cheshire Constabulary was proud to mark Volunteers' Week and National Specials Weekend by celebrating the incredible dedication and contribution of our Special Constables and volunteers who give their time to keep our communities safe.

Over the course of National Specials Weekend, more than 100 specials booked on for duty and volunteer police officers gave more than 1000 hours of their own time to keep local communities safe across Cheshire. The volunteer officers were involved in a number of key operational duties, including high visibility patrols, vehicle checkpoints, arrest attempts for wanted people, fatal 5 enforcement, nighttime economy patrols and responding to incidents.

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These efforts reflect the ongoing commitment of the Force's Specials to tackle crime, support communities, and be visible where they are needed most. As part of the Constabulary's celebrations, a special volunteers' event was held at the Museum of Policing in Warrington, where volunteers were invited to enjoy a guided tour and receive personal thanks for the vital role they play.



Throughout the week-long celebrations, the Force also recognised nine exceptional Special Constables who have dedicated over 5,000 and 10,000 hours of voluntary service to the Force at an awards evening at HQ. Their long-standing dedication is an outstanding example of the selfless commitment shown by the Special Constabulary every day.

In addition, twelve new Special Constables were officially welcomed to the Force as they were sworn into their roles – a significant moment marking the beginning of their journey serving and protecting Cheshire's communities.



ACC, Alison Ross said: *"Our Special Constables embody the very best of public service. They are selfless, skilled, and passionate about helping others. On behalf of Cheshire Constabulary, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer who contributes to making Cheshire a safer place. As we celebrate the achievements of our Specials and volunteers, we also want to encourage others to consider joining us. Becoming a Special Constable is a rewarding and impactful way to make a real difference in your community, develop new skills, and be part of something truly meaningful. I would encourage anyone who thinks they would like to be part of an extraordinary team, to put in an application."*

Special Chief Officer, Leon Boland, said: *"I'm incredibly proud to lead such a dedicated team of Special Constables. Our volunteers give their time selflessly to help keep communities safe, often balancing demanding careers and family lives alongside their policing duties. National Specials Weekend is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate their commitment, professionalism, and the vital role they play in supporting the force every day. I want to say a massive thank you to every Special Constable for your unwavering dedication and service – not just throughout National Specials Weekend, but all year round – you truly make a difference."*

Special Constables are a vital part of the policing family in Cheshire. Volunteering their time alongside full-time officers, they bring invaluable support to a wide range of operations and policing activity, all while holding the same powers as regular officers. If you're interested in volunteering with Cheshire Constabulary, [visit the careers section of our website to find out more and sign up](#).

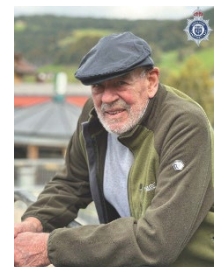
### **Family of a man who died following a collision in Lymm pay tribute as dangerous driver is jailed**

Following the jailing of a man for causing death by dangerous driving, the family of Brian Robinson have paid tribute.

Brian, 85, sadly died after he was involved in a collision on Monday 17 March. His Hyundai Tucson was in a collision with a Lexus on Rectory Lane near to the junction with Rectory Gardens in Lymm. Brian was taken to hospital with serious injuries but sadly died on Saturday 22 March. His wife, Jutta Robinson was a passenger in the car. She suffered serious injuries and is now recovering at home.

Paul Groarke, 56, from Northway, Lymm had been driving the Lexus. He appeared at Chester Crown Court on 9 June to be sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to causing death by dangerous driving, causing serious injury by dangerous driving and drug driving (cannabis).

Brian's wife, Jutta, said following the sentencing: *"Today justice was served. While nothing can ever bring my beloved husband, Brian, back to me, I take some comfort in knowing that his life, and our loss, were heard and recognised in court. Brian was a loving, caring and quietly adventurous man, a devoted husband, father, grandad and great-grandad. His loss leaves a space that can never be filled. Driving dangerously is not just reckless, it is a crime, and one that can shatter lives in an instant. While nothing can undo what has been done, it has brought a small comfort to know that this was recognised."*



*"I want to thank everyone who has supported us through these past months. Your messages, kindness and care have meant the world to me. My heartfelt thanks also goes to Cheshire Police. The team, and especially our family liaison officer, have been an absolute tower of strength. Their compassion and support have helped us through these days, and I will be forever grateful for their care. Now, as a family, we begin to move forward, carrying Brian's love and memory in our hearts always."*

Sgt Si Degg from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at Cheshire Police said: *"I'd like to pay tribute to Brian's family who have bravely navigated the traumatic experience of losing a loved one in such harrowing circumstances. Families should not have to go through this. Paul Groarke showed complete disregard for everyone's safety. He had consumed cannabis and then drove dangerously with the most horrendous consequences. Anyone who gets behind the wheel should think about the far reaching consequences of their actions. Groarke is paying the price for his behaviour behind the wheel. Brian's family however are suffering a loss far, far deeper and no punishment can bring back their loved one."*

### **Two men charged following investigation into Macclesfield drug dealing**

Two men have been charged following an investigation into drug dealing in Macclesfield.

On Thursday 5 June Macclesfield North and Poynton Beat Team executed a warrant at an address in Peel Street. They were assisted by Macclesfield Intelligence Unit and the Area Investigation Team. Drugs were seized along with a machete and cash.

Paul Masters, 44, from Percyvale Street in Macclesfield was charged with possession with intent to supply Class B drugs (cannabis), possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A (cocaine) and possessing criminal property.



Daniel Sant, 20, from Congleton Road, Gawsorth was charged with possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class B (cannabis), possession with intent to supply a controlled drug of Class A (cocaine) and possessing criminal property.

Both men appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court on 7 June and were bailed to appear at Chester Crown Court on 4 July.

### **HGV driver sentenced after colliding with pedestrian in Congleton**

A HGV driver from North Wales has been sentenced after he collided with a pedestrian in Congleton.

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At around 1.40pm on Tuesday 17 December 2024, Glen Brady was driving a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) on the A527 Biddulph Road, towards Congleton. As he approached the town, the 47-year-old became distracted by his satellite navigation system, causing him to swerve across the road, onto the opposite carriageway, before mounting the curb and driving onto the pavement where he

collided with a 67-year-old pedestrian. Despite being struck by the vehicle, the pedestrian, amazingly, came away from the ordeal with just minor injuries.

Following the collision, Brady, of Tan Y Briach, North Wales, was reported and appeared at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 3 June, where he would plead guilty to dangerous driving. He was handed a 24-week sentence suspended for 12 months. Brady has also been banned from driving for 18 months and must complete an extended driving test before he is allowed to get behind the wheel again.

PC James Shrimpton, of the Constabulary's Roads and Crime Team, said: *"I hope this case makes other motorists think very carefully about their actions behind the wheel and that they should be aware that when they get in a vehicle, they have the potential to cause real damage and even take a life. You have not only your life in your hands but other road users and this needs to be remembered every time you make that journey. The pedestrian involved in this collision was discharged the same day and was very lucky to come away with only minor injuries. Due to the nature of Glen Brady's driving and the sheer size of the vehicle itself, we could have quite easily been dealing with a much more serious, or even fatal, injuries."*

*"We think of sat-nav's as devices designed to assist us with our driving and whilst it is true that they are very helpful in getting us from A to B, they can be a source of distraction – especially if you are unfamiliar with the area you're driving in. If you find yourself lost or need to look over or reset your sat-nav, is always best to pull over in a safe location where you are not splitting your attention between the directions and the other road users and pedestrians around you."*

### **Man charged with drug dealing following Northwich stop check**

Officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit have charged a man with drug dealing following another successful stop-check in the town.

Vincent Parkes was arrested shortly after 8am on Friday 6 June after officers stopped a black Audi SQ5 on Station Road, Northwich. During the arrests, a quantity of illegal drugs was recovered along with two mobile phones and a quantity of cash. Parkes, of Adlington Drive, Northwich, has since been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (Heroin and Cocaine) and one count of possession of Class B drugs (cannabis). The 36-year-old appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on Saturday 7 June where he was remanded in Custody. He is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 7 July.

### **Man charged following fatal collision near Middlewich**

Detectives investigating a fatal collision near Middlewich have charged a man in relation to the incident.

Adam Boulton has been charged with causing a death by dangerous driving, dangerous driving, and drink driving. The 36-year-old of Essington Way, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, has been released on bail and is set to appear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on Monday 14 July. The charges relate to a collision

which occurred at around 5.30pm on Thursday 12 December, on the A54, Holmes Chapel Road, in Sproston. Boulton was driving a grey Range Rover Velar which was involved in a collision with a white Vauxhall Corsa. Sadly, Paula Chadwick, 52, who was driving the Corsa, sustained fatal injuries and passed away on Friday 13 December at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

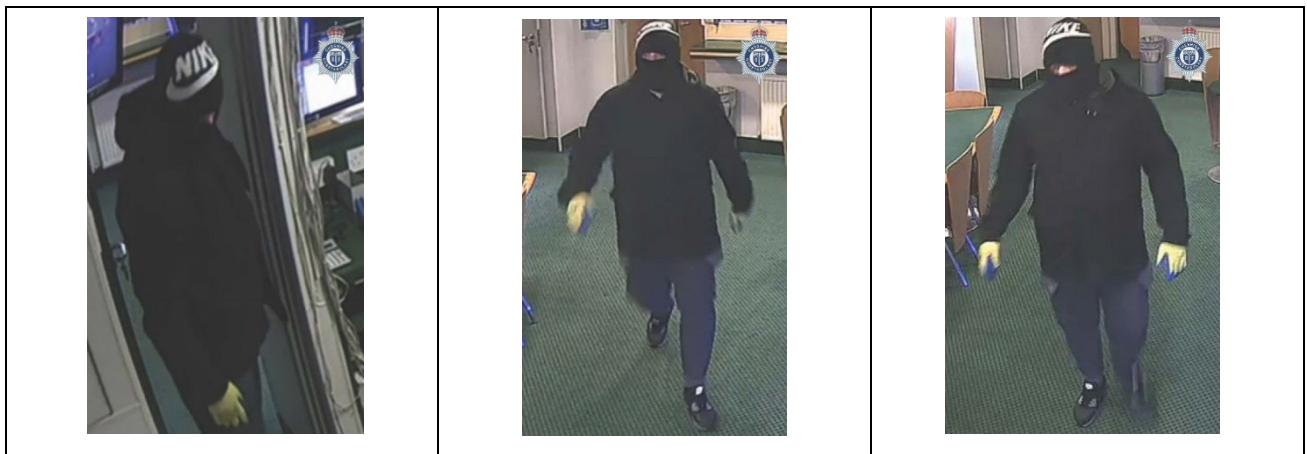
## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### Police appeal for information following Latchford betting shop robbery

Police have released CCTV images following a knifepoint robbery at a betting shop in Latchford.

At 8.53pm on Friday 6 June a man entered Betfred on Reynolds Street and pulled out a knife before demanding money from the member of staff. The man escaped with a large quantity of cash and was last seen riding away on a dark coloured bicycle heading towards Newman Street and Broadbent Avenue.

The suspect is described as white, 6ft 3ins tall and of a large build. He was wearing a black thick black coat, dark navy pants, a black wool hat with a white Nike logo, a black face covering and blue and yellow gardening gloves. He had a Lancashire accent, possibly Wigan or Bolton.



DC Ian Pashar said: *"The suspect was very over-dressed for this time of year and we're hoping this stood him out to anyone who may have been in the area at the time. I'd urge anyone who has any information on the identity of the suspect or has dashcam footage which may be of use to our investigation to contact us so we can find the person responsible."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or the [website](#) quoting IML 2105698. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### **Appeal for information following serious collision near Sandbach**

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

Shortly after 3pm on Monday 26 May police were called to reports of a collision on Hall Lane, Moston. On arrival officers found that a white Suzuki moped, which was travelling towards Crewe, had left the road. The rider of the bike, a 20-year-old local man, sustained serious injuries and was taken to the Royal Stoke Hospital where he remains at this time.

DI Steve Griffiths said: *"Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and I would urge anyone who witnessed what happened or has any other information in relation to the incident to come forward. The same goes for anyone who may have any relevant CCTV, dashcam, or video doorbell footage that may aid our investigation. 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 -2098019."*

### **Police appeal for witnesses following assaults at Chester races**

Police are appealing for witnesses after three men were assaulted at Chester Racecourse.

At around 5pm on Saturday 31 May the men, aged 56, 33 and 42, were assaulted during an altercation with two other men. The 56-year-old man suffered serious injuries and was taken to hospital - he is now recovering at home.

DC Craig Logan said: *"I'd urge anyone who was at the races that day and witnessed the incident to contact us so that we can progress with our enquiries."*

Two men aged 27 and 49, from the Middleton area were arrested and have since been bailed.

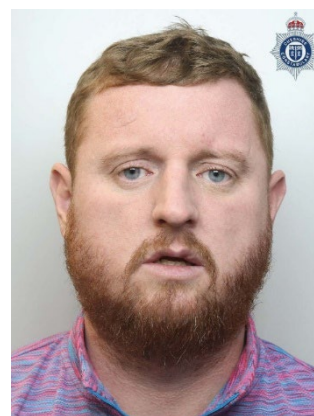
Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or via the [website](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tell-us) quoting incident IML2101479. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

### **Police appeal to trace wanted man from Wimboldsley**

Police are appealing to the public to help trace a wanted man from the Wimboldsley area.

Martin Connors is wanted for breaching a court order. The 35-year-old is described as white, of stocky build, around 5' 10" tall, with short ginger hair and blue eyes. Connors resides in Wimboldsley, and also has links to Ellesmere Port, Chester, Donnington and Bamfurlong areas.

Anyone with any information regarding Connors' whereabouts is asked to contact Cheshire Police via [cheshire.police.uk/tell-us](http://cheshire.police.uk/tell-us), or call 101, quoting IML-2061323.



### **Police appeal for witnesses following Widnes shop robbery**

Police are appealing for witnesses following a robbery at a shop in Widnes.

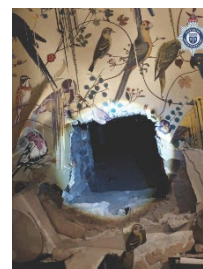
At 8.43pm on 3 June a man entered West Bank Village Stores on Mersey Road and threatened staff before leaving with two mobile phones. He was seen leaving in the direction of Runcorn bridge. The suspect is described as being white, in his late 20s and approximately 6ft tall. He was wearing a black ski mask, black coat, dark bucket hat and a brown man bag. He was possibly wearing black tracksuit bottoms.

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the [website](#) quoting IML 2103664. Alternatively, information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### **Police appeal for information and witnesses following high value burglary in Prestbury**

Detectives investigating a high-value burglary at a store in Prestbury have released CCTV images of three men they are looking to identify.

At around 11.40pm on Sunday 8 June, police responded to reports of a burglary at an address on St James House New Road, Prestbury. Three unknown offenders accessed a disused building next door at approximately 10.30pm that evening. They have then created a hole in the adjoining wall and entered the store through the chimney area. The offenders stole a number of high-value designer handbags, with a total estimated cost of around £260,000.



Enquiries in relation to the incident have been ongoing and officers have now released CCTV images of three men they are looking to speak to as part of the investigation.



DC Clare Slattery, of Macclesfield CID, said: *"Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and we're committed to doing all we can to identify the people responsible. As part of our investigation we're keen to identify the men pictured in the CCTV images as we believe they may hold vital information. If you recognise the men, please contact us. I would also like to appeal directly to the men in the CCTV images to get in touch."*

Anyone with information which may assist our investigation is urged to [report this via the website](#) or call 101, quoting IML-2107075.

### **Appeal to trace wanted from Warrington**

Police in Warrington are appealing for help from the public in tracing a wanted man.

Robert Bassnett is wanted in connection to assault and criminal damage offences. The 34-year-old is described as white, around 5'9" tall, with short light brown hair and blue eyes. Bassnett is from Warrington and is known to frequent the area.

Anyone with any information regarding the whereabouts of Bassnett is asked to contact Cheshire Police via the website or on 101, quoting 25000462372.

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