

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Serious and Organised Crime Unit charge eight with drug offences

The Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) have charged eight people with drug offences following an operation to target organised crime in Warrington.

All eight have been charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine and will appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Thursday 11 July. Lewis Turner, 24, from Howson Road, Poplars and Hulme was charged with two counts of conspiracy to supply Class A and remanded. John Large, 32, from Fairbrother Crescent, Warrington was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A and remanded. Anthony Bond, 38, from Lower House Lane, Widnes was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A and Class B and remanded. Antony Morgan, 26, from Densham Avenue, Orford was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A Drugs and remanded. Maria Beeby, 21, from Densham Avenue, Orford was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A. She was bailed. Katie Newton, 31, from Poole Avenue, Orford was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. She was bailed. Paul Ratcliffe, 36, from Small Avenue, Orford was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. He was bailed. Julie Morgan, 58, from Windermere Avenue, Poplars was charged with conspiracy to supply Class A. She was bailed.

The charge relates to arrests made on Wednesday 10 July as part of a number of early morning warrants in Warrington in-connection with a covert serious and organised crime operation involving the supply of cocaine. After the warrants took place local officers carried out patrols to provide reassurance to the community.

Three people charged in connection with series of burglaries in Crewe

Three people from Crewe have been charged in connection with a series of burglaries in the town.

The two men – Jerzy Janczewski and Damian Nocny, both 30 – and 22-year-old woman Karolina Gorka were arrested on Tuesday 16 July. Janczewski was arrested in Earl Street in Crewe town centre at around 10.30am. Nocny and Gorka were both arrested at around 12.30pm after officers executed a warrant at an address in Chambers Street in Crewe. All three of them have subsequently been charged with conspiracy to commit a burglary, possessing criminal property and possessing identity documents with intent.

The burglary charges relate to incidents in the Nantwich Road area between Friday 22 May and Tuesday 16 July. Janczewski has also been charged with five counts of fraud by false representation and possessing a class B drug (amphetamine). Gorka has been charged with possessing a different class B drug (cannabis). Janczewski, Nocny and Gorka, all of Chambers Street, Crewe, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court today, Thursday 18 July. They have all been remanded in custody and are set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 15 August.

Ten Football Banning Orders handed out after disorder at Macclesfield Town match

Ten people have been given Football Banning Orders (FBOs) after they were involved in disorder at a match between Macclesfield Town and Crewe Alexandra.

Towards the end of the game at the Moss Rose Stadium in Macclesfield both sides scored within a minute of each other. The match on Saturday 9 February finished 3-3 and a number of Crewe fans invaded the pitch, as did some Macclesfield Town supporters. At Stockport Magistrates' Court on Monday 15 July 10 men pleaded guilty to a number of offences and received three-year FBOs and fines.

Howard Barton, 58, of Hungerford Road, Crewe; John Griffiths, 53, of Newdigate Street, Crewe; Martin Jones, 56, of Sorbus Drive, Crewe; Adam Irwin, 19, of Mere Road, Weston; Jamie Whiteland, 19, of The Maples, Winsford; Aiden Wright, 18, of Abbey Park Way, Weston; Cameron Reed, 21, of Gainsborough Court, Crewe; and Wesley Gibbons, 23, of Chadwick Terrace, Macclesfield; all admitted going onto the playing area at a football match. This is an offence under the Football Offences Act 1991.

Brandon Murrell, 19, of School Lane, Smallwood, also admitted going onto the playing area at a football match, as well as throwing a missile at a spectators' area and a public order offence. He had gone onto the pitch and ran towards the players' tunnel and a group of Macclesfield Town supporters. Murrell then avoided a number of punches before hitting someone in the ear. He was then moved away from the rival fans by stewards. At that point he bent down, picked something up off the floor and threw it at the Macclesfield Town supporters. He was then ushered off the pitch by stewards.

Jamie Thorpe, 26, of Western Avenue, Macclesfield, admitted going onto the playing area at a football match and a public order offence. He went onto the pitch and threw three punches at a male who had walked over to the Macclesfield Town fans. He then grabbed him around the neck before a steward intervened. Thorpe then squared up to another man before being ushered off the pitch by a steward.

The banning orders stop all the men from going to any football matches for three years. They must surrender their passport when there are international matches and they are not allowed to go to the city or town where an England international is being played.

PC Shayne Smith, dedicated football officer at Cheshire Constabulary, said: "These sentences show how seriously the courts take disorder at a football match. Spirits were high at the match because of the exciting end to the game, but that is no excuse to go onto the pitch and goad opposition supporters."

Chief Inspector Simon Newell, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: "We want people attending football matches to enjoy themselves, making it a fun day out for all the family. If people attend these games with the intent of causing disorder, or actually cause disorder whilst they are there, we will ensure that all CCTV, mobile phone and body worn camera footage is reviewed and that those responsible are identified and brought to justice and that the appropriate sanctions in terms of football banning orders are secured against them."

Attempted burglars jailed thanks to eagle-eyed neighbour

Two men who attempted to break into a house in Runcorn have been jailed thanks to the help of an eagle-eyed member of the public.

Dennis Byrom, 45, and Mark Wakefield, 41, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 17 July where they were both sentenced to 18 months in prison



Byrom

Wakefield

The pair, of Castle Rise, Runcorn, had earlier pleaded guilty to attempted burglary and going equipped. The charges against them relate to an incident at around 1.30pm on Tuesday 28 May when they were seen acting suspiciously outside a house in Runcorn. The witness saw them knocking at an address on Campbell Avenue and, when there was no response, one of the men then put on a pair of gloves and climbed over the garden fence. He proceeded to attempt to force open the patio doors at the rear of the address. Concerned about their activity, the witness immediately contacted Cheshire Police who swiftly attended the scene and were guided to the suspects by the witness. The pair were both arrested in a vehicle nearby attempting to flee the scene.

In a subsequent search of the vehicle officers discovered numerous tools consistent with those used in going equipped to commit burglary - including a knuckle duster. During questioning Byrom and Wakefield initially denied any involvement in the in the incident. However, when forensic evidence revealed that the tools found in their car had been used during the incident - the pair both admitted their involvement.

Police Constable Stuart Beswick, from Runcorn Beat Initiative Team, said: "This case truly shows the value of information from the local community and I would like to thank the member of the public who contacted Cheshire police and reported this incident. Their actions showed a fantastic community spirit and went a great way to assisting with the case against Wakefield and Byrom. I am delighted that the pair are now behind bars serving an 18 month sentence and I hope that this reassures the local community and shows that Runcorn police care about apprehending and bringing criminals to justice."

Men charged with drug offences following dawn raids in Runcorn and Liverpool

Three men have been charged with drug offences after officers carried out dawn raids at their homes in Runcorn and Liverpool.

The warrants were executed simultaneously at the homes of Callum Pope, 19, and Dean Potter and Louis Costes, both 21, at around 7.45am on Tuesday 16 July. Pope lives in Lime Grove, Runcorn, Potter resides at The Decks, Runcorn, and Costes' address is in Antons Close, Halewood, Liverpool. Quantities of what is believed to be cannabis were seized during the raids. Pope, Potter and Costes have all subsequently been charged with conspiracy to supply a class B drug (cannabis). Pope and Potter have also been charged with acquiring criminal property and possession with intent to supply a class B drug (cannabis). The three men appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 17 July. Pope and Potter were remanded in custody and Costes was released on conditional bail. All three men are set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 14 August. The warrants were executed by officers investigating the supply of cannabis in Runcorn.

Warrington man charged with sexually assaulting 18-year-old woman in Widnes

A man from Warrington has been charged with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman in Widnes. Paul Garden was arrested at his home in Armstrong Close, Birchwood, Warrington, shortly before 4pm yesterday, Monday 15 July. The 35-year-old has since been charged with sexual assault. The charge relates to an incident on Henderson Road in Widnes at approximately 3.30am on Sunday 14 July. Garden appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 17 July. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court for a trial starting on Wednesday 14 August.

Wilmslow man charged with assaulting two men in Crewe

A 30-year-old man from Wilmslow has been charged with assaulting two men in Crewe. Danny Stockton, of Howty Close, Wimslow, was arrested in Maplins Moss Place, Crewe, shortly after 10pm on Saturday 13 July. Shortly before the arrest a 44-year-old man had been assaulted in Maplins Moss Place and a 41-year-old man had been assaulted on Broughton Road. The two men, both from Crewe, were taken to hospital with facial injuries. They have since been discharged after receiving treatment. Stockton has been charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent in relation to the 41-year-old man and assaulting a person occasioning actual bodily harm in relation to the 44-year-old man. He appeared at Liverpool Magistrates' Court today, Monday 15 July. Stockton has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 12 August.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police appeal for information after robbery at Warrington shop

Officers from Warrington CID are appealing for witnesses to a robbery at a shop in the town. The incident happened at McColl's, on Concorde Place, Warrington, at approximately 10.35pm on Thursday 18 July. Two men wearing balaclavas entered the store and forced the staff members to open up the store room. One of the males was carrying a knife and a crowbar. They stole money and cigarettes before leaving the store and running to an alleyway between the McColls and a neighbouring store.

Detective Sergeant Ian McNabb said: "This was a terrifying incident for the staff members who were physically attacked by the men. Thankfully they are not injured but we need to find these men as quickly as possible to make sure that no one else becomes a victim."

If you have any information about the incident please contact Cheshire Police on 101, quoting incident number IML 460281. Alternatively you can send in information via our website on <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/> If you have any dashcam footage of the area at that time then please send that in via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage/>

Appeal for witnesses after a fatal collision in Widnes

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a fatal collision in Widnes. At approximately 10.30am on Monday 15 July a collision occurred between a grey BMW X1 and a silver Nissan Note on Derby Road, near to Mill Lane. Sadly, the driver of the BMW, a 75-year-old man from Widnes, died shortly after the

collision. His family have been informed and they are currently being supported by specialist officers. The driver of the Nissan, a 58-year-old man from Widnes, was also injured. He is currently recovering in hospital. An investigation into the cause of the collision has been launched and officers are appealing for anyone who witnesses the incident to come forward.

Police Constable Robin Fisher said: "Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of our investigation we want to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision or saw either of the vehicles in the moments leading up to the incident. We are also appealing for anyone who thinks that they may have dashcam or CCTV footage which may aid our investigation to get in touch."

Anyone with information about the incident please contact Cheshire Police on 101, quoting incident number IML 456682, or you can send in information via our website on

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/> . Dashcam footage you can submit that on our website on <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage/> .

Appeal following serious assault in Nantwich

Detectives are appealing for information and footage from members of the public following a serious assault in Nantwich. Between 3am and 3.15am on Wednesday 3 July a 21-year-old man was assaulted at Bowers Row Car Park. The incident left the victim, from Crewe, with serious facial injuries. He was taken to hospital and has since been discharged after receiving treatment. The man who assaulted him is described as being white and around 19 to 20 years old. He had a slim build and was wearing a faded red/pink shirt. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone who was in the area and witnessed the incident, or saw anything else that may help their investigation, to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes they may know the identity of the offender or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him.

Detective Constable Rachel Hall, of Crewe CID, said: "This was a serious attack on a man who was about to get a lift home following a night out in Nantwich. It left him with serious facial injuries that required hospital treatment. I would like to reassure the community that this appears to have been an isolated incident and we are determined to establish the offender's identity and make him face the consequences of his actions. Enquiries are ongoing and as part of our investigation we are appealing for anyone with information or mobile phone or dashcam footage regarding the incident or the offender to come forward. There were a large number of people in the area at the time of the incident. If you were one of them and have not yet spoken to the police about what happened please contact the team here at Crewe CID. We also particularly want to hear from anyone who believes that they may know who the offender is."

Anyone with information or mobile phone footage that may aid the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 445982, give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage .

Appeal following armed robbery at Knutsford convenience

Detectives are urging witnesses to come forward following an armed robbery at a convenience store in Knutsford. At around 10.20pm on Sunday 14 July three unknown men, two of whom were armed with a machete, entered the Co-op shop on Parkgate Lane via the main entrance. Once inside the store the offenders threatened members of staff, demanding that they took them to the safe. The three men, who

were all wearing black clothing, black gloves and balaclavas, subsequently emptied the safe and also stole a quantity of cash from the tills. They fled the scene via a rear fire exit which leads out onto the car park.

Detective Constable Andy Roberts said: "This was a terrifying ordeal for all those involved and we are committed to doing all that we can to trace the men responsible. The investigation is currently in the very early stages and we are following a number of lines of enquiry. I also want to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the robbery and believes they may have witnessed something that may be relevant to our investigation. The same goes for any motorists with a dashcam who were driving in the Parkgate Lane area around the time of the incident. I urge anyone with footage or information, no matter how small, to get in touch with us."

Anyone with information that may help detectives with their investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 456367, give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/roads-and-vehicle-safety/submit-dashcam-footage.

Appeal for witnesses following city centre altercation

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an altercation between a group of men in Chester city centre. At around 5am on Sunday 16 June officers were called to reports that a fight had broken out between approximately six men on Bridge Street, near to King Kabs. Officers swiftly attended and four men, aged 24, 28, 30 and 33, were arrested at the scene on suspicion of affray. The men, who are all from the Chester area, have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

PC Paul Harrison, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: "We treat incidents of this nature extremely seriously and we are committed to doing all that we can to trace the people responsible and bring them to justice. Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and we are keen to hear from anyone with any information which may assist our investigation. We would particularly like to hear from members of the public who were present at the time of the incident and those who attempted to break up the altercation. I would urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to call the team here at Chester on 101, quoting IML 429546."

Information can also be reported online at <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>, on anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

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