

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Latest Cheshire News

People of Cheshire urged to stay at home

The people of Cheshire are being reminded to stay at home as the fight against coronavirus continues. As the country moves into a fifth week of restrictions in a bid to save lives and protect the NHS, residents across the county are urged to do their bit as part of the national effort.

Superintendent Richard Rees said: *"I want to thank every single person in Cheshire in helping to play their part in tackling the spread of coronavirus – listening to the advice they have been given, taking it on board and staying at home where they can. The steps you are taking during this global pandemic will help to save lives and protect the NHS. This is an unprecedented time and these are unprecedented measures and the strict social distancing measures are set to remain in place for at least the next three weeks. It is important that we have the continued co-operation and goodwill of everyone. We do appreciate the difficulties and uncertainties that everyone is facing but I am confident that the people of Cheshire will pull together, support one another and show their true community spirit as we continue to adjust to our new way of life."*

As we head into another weekend, patrol plans remain in place across the county. Officers – supported by members of the Special Constabulary – will be out and about engaging with people, explaining the reasons behind the regulations and encouraging them to take it on board to ensure that everyone is fully complying with these restrictions. Only as a last resort will enforcement action be taken. Checks on roads are continuing to make sure that those travelling in Cheshire are doing so for one of the essential reasons.

Supt Rees added: *"Officers will continue to be out and about stopping people and talking to them as they go about their journeys – on foot and by car. If you are stopped by one of our officers please do not be offended by this – it is for a good reason. Criminals are quick to change their habits depending on the circumstances and, even in a nationwide lockdown, they will still find a way to operate. Part of our checks are to ensure those out and about are not there for criminal gain."*

Officers will also continue with high-visibility patrols within the local community.

Supt Rees said: *"It is really encouraging to see that the vast majority of local people are being supportive and staying at home where they can. However we do know that not everyone is following the advice as one of the key issues you are telling us about is people having house parties and large social gatherings, which are still taking place despite the restrictions. I want to remind everyone that the new measures mean this cannot happen and I am asking people to please abide by this. We are responding to any concerns from the local community and, in these cases, will speak to people and use the 3Es approach to try and resolve the situation. We police with the consent of the communities we serve and a positive relationship with those communities is more important than ever. It is important to remember that these new measures have been put in place for a very good reason and we all have a responsibility to make sure that we stick to them."*

David Keane, police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, added: *“I would like to thank the majority of Cheshire residents who are abiding by the guidance and staying at home to help relieve pressure on our NHS and save lives. Sadly, there still remains some individuals who think the advice does not apply to them and I would urge them to think about the impact their actions are having on the wider community. Emergency service workers across Cheshire are working flat out in extremely challenging circumstances while putting themselves and their families at risk. It is our duty to support them and not put them under unnecessary pressure. The more we cooperate and work together as a community by acting responsibly the faster we will be able to beat this crisis.”*

The new public health regulations are in place to ensure people stay at home and avoid non-essential travel – unless for one of the following reasons:

- Shopping for basic necessities, as infrequently as possible
- One form of exercise a day - for example, a run, walk or cycle - alone or with members of their household
- Any medical need, to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- Travelling to and from work, but only where they cannot work from home

Participating in gatherings of more than two people in public spaces is also not permitted except in very limited circumstances, for example, where it is for essential work purposes. Full details of the measures are available on [the government's website](#).

Detectives seize large quantity of class A drugs and cash in Crewe

Detectives have seized a large quantity of class A drugs and cash in Crewe.

At around 6.00pm on Thursday 16 April two teenagers were stopped by officers inside a supermarket on Vernon Way. Following a search approximately 400 bags of heroin and crack cocaine was recovered along with almost £4,000 of cash. A 17-year-old and an 18-year-old from Liverpool were subsequently arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and possession of criminal property. The men are currently in police custody being questioned by detectives.

Chester man jailed for thefts from motor vehicles

A man from Chester who repeatedly broke into people's cars in the city has been jailed.

Simon Hughes, of no fixed address, was sentenced at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 15 April. Appearing via video link, he was jailed for 44 weeks. The 46-year-old had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of theft from a motor vehicle, vehicle interference and fraud by false representation. The court heard that Hughes' offending began on Sunday 12 January when he broke into a vehicle parked in a car park off New Crane Street. After smashing the rear window he stole a number of gifts that had been given to the car's owner, a teacher, including chocolates and alcohol.

Just under two weeks later, on Saturday 25 January, Hughes was captured on CCTV footage checking an insecure car on a driveway in Lache Lane. Thankfully, on that occasion there was nothing of value in the vehicle and he left empty handed. The owner of a car on Welsh Road in Doddleston was not so much. At some point between Friday 10 April and Saturday 11 April Hughes broke into the vehicle and stole a bank card, Berghaus jacket and a bag. He went on to use the card at Saltney Service Station and a Morrisons store

in Chester, spending a total of £56.02. Hughes was arrested on Tuesday 14 April and was subsequently charged in connection with the incidents.

Following his sentencing, Detective Constable Gareth Yates, of Chester CID, said: *“Simon Hughes is a repeat offender who clearly has no regard for the law. I am delighted that he has now been brought to justice. I would like to praise the officers involved in this case for all their hard work in securing this conviction. I would also like to thank the members of the public who provided us with information and CCTV footage that helped us to both catch Hughes and ensure that he is made to face the consequences of his actions. Vehicles in Chester will be less likely to be broken into now that he is behind bars.”*

Nantwich man charged with arson following house fire in Crewe

A 24-year-old man has been charged with arson with intent to endanger life following a house fire in Crewe.

Tarren Mingins, of Cronkinson Oak, Nantwich, was arrested at around 10.40am on Wednesday 15 April. He was arrested in Nantwich. The arson charge relates to a fire at a house in Smallbrook Walk, Crewe, which occurred in the early hours of Wednesday 15 April. No-one was inside the house other than two dogs. They were rescued by the team of firefighters who extinguished the fire. Mingins has also been charged with assault by beating and causing criminal damage to a property under £5,000 in connection with an incident in Lime Tree Avenue in Crewe on Tuesday 14 April. The two incidents he has been charged in connection with have also led to him being charged with two counts of breaching a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) and one count of breaching bail conditions. Mingins appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court via video link on Thursday 16 April. He has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court via video link on Thursday 14 May.

Ellesmere Port man charged with four offences

An officer detaining a man on a moped in Ellesmere Port has led to a 20-year-old from the town being charged with four offences.

Bailey Davies, of Oliver Lane, Great Sutton, was arrested on Pound Road, Little Sutton, shortly after 2.30pm on Tuesday 14 April. He has since been charged with possessing with intent to supply a class B drug (cannabis) and possessing criminal property. Davies has also been charged with riding a moped without a licence and without insurance. He appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 15 April. Davies was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 13 May.

Chester man charged with class A drug dealing offences

A 49-year-old man from Chester has been charged with class A drugs offences after warrants were executed simultaneously at two addresses in the city. Shaun Shirtliff was arrested shortly after the warrants were executed by officers in Bouverie Street and City Road. A quantity of what are believed to be class A drugs were seized during the raids, which took place at around 4pm on Thursday 9 April. Shirtliff, of Bouverie Street, has subsequently been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine). He appeared before Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 11 April. Shirtliff has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 5 May. Two other men from Chester, aged 30 and 40, were also arrested following the raids. They have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal launched after car windscreen is damaged in Ellesmere Port

Detectives have launched an appeal after a car windscreen was damaged in Ellesmere Port. Sometime between 12am and 12.45am on Thursday 16 April, unknown offenders are believed to have smashed the windscreen of a BMW, owned by an NHS worker, on Enfield Road in Ellesmere Port. Officers are now appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

Detective Constable Tom Davies, of Ellesmere Port and Neston Local Policing Unit, said: *“This mindless act of vandalism has left a NHS worker unable to get to work at this unprecedented time. We will be stepping up patrols in the local area and I am urging anyone who may have CCTV footage of the incident to get in touch. Alternatively, anyone with information on who may have committed this senseless act is asked to come forward.”*

Anyone with CCTV footage or information is asked to get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary by calling 101 quoting IML 683607 or report it via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

Appeal after boy has his scooter stolen in knifepoint robbery in Warrington

Detectives from Warrington CID are appealing for information from members of the public after a teenage boy had his electric scooter stolen at knifepoint.

The robbery occurred on a footpath which leads from Cromwell Avenue in Warrington. When the victim, a 14-year-old from Warrington, was on the path near to Willoughby Close and the red bridge to Sankey Valley Park, he was punched in the face by a male walking in the opposite direction (towards Cromwell Avenue). After being hit back, the offender pulled out a penknife and demanded the victim’s black Xiaomi M365 scooter. He then rode off on it towards Cromwell Avenue. The offender was white and looked around 18 years old and 5’ 8” tall. He was stocky, spoke with a Liverpool accent and was wearing a dark jacket with the hood up and dark shorts. A black ski mask was covering the lower part of his face and the offender was carrying a dark bag. Enquiries in relation to the robbery, which occurred at around 5.10pm on Wednesday 15 April, are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with information about the incident, the offender or the stolen scooter to get in touch.

Detective Constable Carl Davis, of Warrington CID, said: *“The victim was subjected to a frightening ordeal that has understandably left him extremely shaken up. I would like to reassure residents that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are determined to establish who carried out the robbery, make him face the consequences of his actions and have the stolen scooter returned to its rightful owner. Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with any information that may aid our investigation is asked to get in touch with us at Warrington Police Station. Perhaps you think you know who the offender is or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him. Or maybe you saw him whilst out of your home for one of the reasons we are able to go outside during the coronavirus pandemic. “We also want to hear from anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the stolen scooter.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 683097, or [give the details via our website](#). Alternatively, information can be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or [via the Crimestoppers website](#).

Appeal following a robbery in Warrington

Detectives are appealing for information following a robbery in Warrington.

At around 1pm on Wednesday 8 April an unknown man was a victim of a robbery near to Hood Manor Shopping Centre on Dorchester Road. It is believed three men assaulted the victim before stealing his bag. They then got into a car and left the area. The victim ran from the scene and has not yet been identified. Officers are encouraging the man to come forward in order to help the investigation and to offer him support. Three men, aged 26, 22 and 20 were arrested on suspicion of robbery and have since been released under investigation.

Detective Sergeant Candice Sivori, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"Firstly I want to encourage the man who we believe may have been a victim of a robbery and an assault to make contact with us. We have made a number of enquiries but we are keen to speak to the victim to establish what has taken place and to offer him support. I also want to encourage anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage at the time the robbery took place – or any information to get in touch."*

If you know the identity of the man or have information in relation to the robbery please contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 677548. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 55 111 or visiting their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

Appeal following Tesco Express store burglary in Warrington

Officers are appealing for information and footage from members of the public following a burglary in Orford, Warrington.

The Tesco Express store in Orford Green was broken into between 1.40am and 2am on Friday 10 April. After gaining entry via the front door, three males stole a quantity of cash and bottles of spirits from the store. The offenders then fled on foot in the direction they came from, towards Burton Road. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information or footage regarding the offenders to get in touch.

Police Constable Cath Hudson, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"We are determined to establish the identities of the three males who carried out the burglary and bring them to justice. Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with any information that may help our investigation is asked to contact us at Warrington Police Station. Perhaps you know who the offenders are or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them. Or maybe you saw something suspicious in the area whilst out of your home for one of the reasons we are able to go outside during the coronavirus pandemic."*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 678955, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. Alternatively, information can be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>.

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