

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Closure ordered imposed on house in Widnes

A closure order has been imposed on a house in Widnes in response to persistent anti-social behaviour and breaches of the current coronavirus regulations.

Over the past month officers have attended the address in Foster Street on more than 30 occasions, to deal with reports of groups of people gathering inside and outside the house and blighting the community with bad behaviour. As well as ensuring anyone who does not live at the property leaves the area, officers have issued persistent visitors with fixed penalty notices for refusing to comply with the regulations imposed by the government to protect the NHS and save lives during the coronavirus pandemic. With this failing to stop people from gathering at the house at all hours of the day and night, officers from the local Problem Solving Team applied for a closure order under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Granted by Warrington Magistrates' Court on Friday 24 April, the order makes it a crime for anyone other than the tenant to be at the property for up to three months.

Police Constable Ian Prashar, of the Halton Problem Solving Team, said: *"The behaviour of people inside and outside the address in Foster Street caused those living in nearby properties significant alarm, harassment and distress. I am delighted that the closure order has been secured and I want to thank the members of the public who played a key role in this. The information they supplied was crucial in us gathering the evidence needed to secure the order. We want people to be able to live in their homes without having to suffer from the effects of unacceptable issues at neighbouring properties. The closure order is another example of our commitment to targeting those who undermine our communities and have a significant detrimental impact on the quality of life of local residents through unacceptable behaviour. I hope that this case encourages others to report and give statements regarding such behaviour at properties they live near. As this case shows, we will do something about it."*

Officers will conduct regular checks of the house over the next three months to ensure that the order is not breached. If anyone is found to have breached it they are liable to be arrested and face up to six months in prison, an unlimited fine or both.

Superintendent Julie Westgate said: *"Everyone should be aware of the need to stay at home to protect the NHS, save lives and stop the spread of Covid-19. It is really encouraging to see that the vast majority of people in Cheshire are doing this, only going out for the essential reasons. In this case, those who have been part of the gatherings inside and outside the house in Foster Street have not only made neighbours' lives a misery through their excessive noise and anti-social behaviour, by not adhering to the lockdown regulations they have increased the chances of the coronavirus spreading, putting more lives at risk and potentially unnecessary strain on emergency medical care. They have also tied up a significant amount of police resources at a time when, like all other emergency services and key workers, our officers and staff are putting*

their own lives and the lives of their families at risk on a daily basis whilst working in really challenging circumstances.”

Anyone who is concerned about anti-social behaviour or group gatherings in their community is urged to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or provide the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>. Alternatively, residents can report information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Three men jailed for more than 30 years following armed robbery near Macclesfield

Three men who were part of a group that raided an address near Macclesfield and threatened the occupants with knives and hammers have been jailed.

Rebanne Cantrill, 19, Devon Patterson, 21, and John McLeod, 19, were sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 22 April via video link. They were jailed for a combined total of more than 30 years. A fourth member of the group, an 18-year-old man from Manchester, is set to be sentenced later this year. Cantrill, of Brigham Street, Manchester, was sentenced to 14 years in prison, Patterson, of Stan Jolley Walk, Manchester, was jailed for 10-and-a-half years and McLeod, of Back Haslam Street, Bury, was handed an eight-and-a-half-year custodial sentence. The trio had all earlier pleaded guilty to robbery and possession of an offensive weapon in relation to an incident which occurred at around 4pm on Tuesday 17 December.



Rebanne Cantrill

Devon Patterson

John McLeod

The victims – a married couple and their 10-year-old child – were getting ready for dinner at their home in Rainow, when the group burst into the property. The four men held the victims at knifepoint and threatened them with a claw hammer, demanding their savings. The group stole their mobile phones and demanded the passcodes for them. They also forced the victims to hand over the watches from their wrists, along with other watches and valuable items from a jewellery box.

The men then began to search the address. Whilst doing so, they thought they had been spotted by a neighbour. Fearing that the police had been called, the men started to make their way out of the property. The group made an unsuccessful attempt to steal the family car, before eventually fleeing the scene on foot and ultimately into the surrounding fields. While the offenders made their escape, the victims locked all their windows and doors and called the police. Despite their best effort to evade officers, the four men were all quickly arrested after being located by a police helicopter.

Following their sentencing, Detective Sergeant Simon Mills, of Macclesfield CID, said: *“The offenders subjected the victims to a terrifying ordeal, holding them at knifepoint in their own home and threatening them with a claw hammers. They even assaulted the victims’ 12 month old dog with a hammer in an attempt to get the family to hand over their valuable possessions and life savings – a truly despicable action and luckily the young dog did not sustain any serious injuries. Thankfully, the offenders cut short their crime after thinking they had been seen by a neighbour and they fled the address. I am delighted that the trio have all received a substantial custodial sentence and I hope that this brings some closure to the victims. I also hope that the sentences serve as a deterrent to other people and stops them from committing similar crimes.”*

Two other persons have been arrested in connection to this offence and enquiries remain ongoing with them, whilst a fifth offender has been identified and is currently wanted and being sought after by police.

Burglars continue to target homes in Cheshire despite coronavirus crisis

Burglars are continuing to target homes in Cheshire despite the current coronavirus crisis.

In the space of a week police received reports of 50 residential burglaries across the county. Criminals have targeted sheds, outbuildings and garages stealing valuables from inside. There were 16 incidents reported in Macclesfield, 10 in Warrington and eight in Chester – with a further 16 reported across the rest of the county. Officers are continuing to carry out high-visibility patrols in the local community and are carrying out a number of enquiries in a bid to trace those responsible. Residents are being urged to think about security in their home to reduce the chances of falling foul of thieves.

Superintendent Richard Rees said: *“Despite the current lockdown, which is aimed at people staying at home to help save lives and protect the NHS, it is clear that thieves are still targeting homes in Cheshire. Criminals adapt to situations and will still find ways to commit crime even during difficult times like this. We need everyone to ensure they are thinking about security at home. During this period people are spending a lot of time out in their garden and clearing out their garage or shed and I’d encourage you to remember to keep them locked and secure. “Even if you don’t think a burglar would target your home, it’s not worth the risk.”*

Residents can follow the simple safety advice below:

- Check outbuildings, sheds and garages are locked and secure
- Keep windows shut when unoccupied
- Keep personal items such as bikes and gardening tools stored away and out of sight
- Invest in strong padlocks to fit to sheds and/or garages or have them fitted with an alarm

More advice can be found by visiting our website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/> If you have been a victim of a burglary please report it by contacting Cheshire Police on 101 or visiting <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/>

Policing Powers Survey

In these unprecedented times and with so much change to our normal lives, it is important to us that we ask what you think of the policing response to COVID 19 is in Cheshire. Officers and staff are out in your community 24/7, carrying out duties on your behalf and helping to keep you safe. Your feedback is important to us and will influence how we continue to do our duty and help us understand the service you want from your local police at this difficult time. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

[Take the survey.](#)

Persistent thief handed Criminal Behaviour Order

A persistent thief from St Helens has been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) which bans her from entering Widnes or Warrington for the next four years.

Sharon Rooney, of Jubilee Crescent, Haydock, has committed a large number of theft offences in the Widnes, Warrington and St Helens areas, predominantly targeting elderly women at shops.

The 49-year-old was given a 16-month custodial sentence suspended for two years at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 17 April for her most recent offences. They involved stealing purses and fraudulently using stolen bank cards. Rooney admitted 13 counts of theft from a person and 30 counts of fraud.

On top of her suspended prison sentence, Rooney was ordered to adhere to rehabilitation order requirements, as well as the following restrictions imposed as part of the four-year CBO:

- Not to enter Widnes other than when travelling on the A562, A533 and A557 roads
- Not to enter Warrington other than when travelling on the motorway network
- Not to be in possession of bank cards in anyone else's name
- Not to enter any Morrisons supermarket
- Not to enter the Aldi store in Clock Face, St Helens.

Sergeant Steve Owen, of the Halton Problem Solving Team at Cheshire Constabulary, said: *"CBOs are preventative orders with strict requirements and prohibitions that are applied for separately to prosecutions for criminal offences. They are designed as a longer term attempt to stop persistent offenders committing further offences and are applied for and imposed as a last resort. Sharon Rooney certainly falls into the category of being a persistent offender, with her having an extensive list of theft convictions. Her offending has had a significant impact on members of the Widnes, Warrington and St Helens communities. Being the victim of theft and fraud offences is a deeply upsetting experience and there comes a point when you have to say enough is enough and take additional action in a bid to stop there being further victims. We will use whatever powers we have at our disposal to ensure that our towns are pleasant places to live, work and visit. The CBO bans Rooney from going to the places in which she has committed offences and prohibits her from being in possession of any bank cards that are not in her name. She has been made aware that it is an offence to breach the terms of a CBO. The sanctions imposed for breaching these orders can be severe, potentially up to five years in prison. I hope that the CBO has the desired effect on Rooney and deters her from committing further offences over the coming weeks, months and years, for her own sake and the sake of her family, as well as for the sake of people living in Cheshire and Merseyside."*

Anyone who encounters Rooney breaching the terms of her CBO over the next four years is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it.

Sgt Owen added: *"It is worth noting that CBOs are issued in addition to a sentence set by a judge or magistrates and that the courts work within set guidelines and base their sentencing decisions on a number of factors. In order to successfully obtain a CBO the police has to present a large amount of evidence to the courts, who must be satisfied, beyond reasonable doubt, that the offender has engaged in behaviour that caused, or was likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to people and that making the order will help in preventing the offender from engaging in such behaviour. I am pleased to say that we have seen a significant reduction of offending in Cheshire in recent years from those who are subject to a CBO, resulting in less victims and reducing the demand on the police."*



Wilmslow man detained indefinitely after unlawfully killing his girlfriend in Handforth

A 44-year-old man who was found to have unlawfully killed his girlfriend in Handforth has been detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act.

Wilmslow man Matthew Bolland, of no fixed address, was charged with murdering his 55-year-old girlfriend Pamela Ann Mellor after her body was discovered at a flat on Meriton Road in Handforth in the early hours of Sunday 18 August. The mum-of-four had died following a sustained brutal assault involving blows to the face and head. A post-mortem examination also revealed evidence indicating that she had been strangled – internal fractures to cartilage and bone in her neck consistent with the application of severe compression of the voice box area.

Following the attack, Bolland called his mum and told her that he had murdered Pamela, of Stoneyfold Lane, Bosley, near Macclesfield, as he believed that she had been cheating on him. He also admitted murdering her when initially questioned by the police. However, Bolland later changed his account and accused another man of going into the flat, knocking him out and killing Pamela whilst he was unconscious. Bolland also claimed his murder confessions to his mum and the police were based on him assuming that he was responsible for Pamela's death having found her dead when he woke up. He was deemed to be unfit to enter a plea or stand trial at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 13 February due to mental health issues.

Subsequently, instead of being asked to rule on whether or not Bolland was guilty of murder after hearing all of the evidence that was presented, the jury had to decide whether or not he was responsible for her unlawful killing. The jury delivered a unanimous verdict on Wednesday 19 February. Bolland was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 21 April for unlawfully killing Pamela. The judge ruled that he should be detained at a secure hospital for the rest of his life.

Detective Inspector Paul Hughes, of Cheshire Constabulary's Major Investigation Team, said: *"Pamela Ann Mellor was subjected to a horrific degree of violence and died of the extensive injuries she sustained. After hearing all the evidence, a jury at Liverpool Crown Court ruled that Matthew Bolland, a man Pamela had been in an on/off relationship with, was responsible for her death. Bolland was a possessive, jealous and controlling boyfriend. Pamela was scared of him, as were other people they both knew. I agree with Judge Everett that Bolland is a very dangerous man. Upon sentencing him, the judge ruled that Bolland is likely to remain a danger to the public for the rest of his life. Now that Bolland has been detained indefinitely under a hospital order, he is no longer a danger to society. I hope this gives Pamela's family some comfort. In time, I hope the family will be able to move forward with their lives."*

The court heard that the flat Pamela was killed in belonged to a mutual friend. On the night that she died, Saturday 17 August, the friend witnessed them having an argument after Bolland had accused Pamela of cheating on him. The man also witnessed Pamela resisting Bolland's sexual advances. At that point he went to bed. The friend later heard crashing sounds from his bedroom and went to investigate them on two occasions. On the second occasion he saw Bolland kneeling next to a motionless Pamela in the lounge and pushing both of his hands down on her head area. Scared of the defendant, the friend retreated back to his bedroom. From there he heard further crashing sounds before things went quiet. The friend then went back to the lounge and found Pamela lying motionless on her back. Bolland was no longer in the flat.

The incident was reported to the police and Bolland was soon located and arrested in Weaverham Way, Handforth.

Spate of reports of young people riding motorised bikes in Ellesmere Port

Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit has received a spate of reports of young people riding motorised bikes in the town despite the coronavirus pandemic.

The team received several reports of motorbikes and off-road motorbikes being ridden in an anti-social manner on Monday 20 April. Young people did so in the Sutton Way, Overpool Road, Regent Street, Rossmore Road and A41 areas of Ellesmere Port. Enquiries in relation to the incidents are ongoing and officers are urging those who own such bikes to stay indoors for their own sake and for the sake of others.

Inspector Ian Stead, of Ellesmere Port LPU, said: *“Everyone should be aware of the need to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives during the coronavirus pandemic. Yet there has been a spike in reports of young people riding high powered motorised bikes either illegally or anti-socially in the town. We have had reports of young people riding them at excess speed and whilst not wearing helmets. Not only are these people committing offences, they are also putting lives at risk. By not following the government’s guidelines regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, they are increasing the chances of the virus spreading and potentially putting unnecessary strain on emergency medical care. I would like to reassure members of the community that we have increased patrols in Ellesmere Port in a bid to tackle the problem of young people going out of their homes to ride motorised bikes. The increased patrols include specially trained officers on off-road motorbikes. I urge young people to stop going out on such bikes and I ask their parents/guardians to ensure that this is complied with, for the safety of the young person and for the safety of others. I also urge members of the public to keep reporting any instances of motorised bikes being ridden illegally or anti-socially. We want information in relation to where such bikes are being stored and key factors regarding the riders, such as a detailed description of them and what they were wearing as well as potential names. Of particular value are photographs and videos of the bikes and riders, but I ask people to only look to get us photos and video footage if you can do so from your own home or if you are already outside for one of the reasons we are able to go out during the coronavirus pandemic. These are for food, health reasons, exercise (once a day) and work (but only if you cannot work from home). I would only encourage people to photograph or film bikes and riders if it is safe to do so. When we have evidence of motorised bikes being ridden illegally we can endeavour to have riders prosecuted and to permanently seize their bikes.”*

Police have the power to seize off-road bikes which are used in a way which causes harassment, alarm or distress, under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act. All forms of motorcycles can also be seized if they are ridden on a public road unless the rider is at least 16 years old, holds the relevant licence, is covered by insurance and has paid their road tax.

Anyone with information or footage regarding people riding motorised bikes illegally should contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or [give the details via our website](#). Alternatively, information can be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or [via the Crimestoppers website](#).

Sandbach man jailed for armed robbery of a dog walker

An 18-year-old man from Sandbach has been jailed after carrying out an armed robbery on a dog walker in the town.



Alfie Bould, of Fairfield Avenue, pleaded guilty to robbery and possession of a bladed article in a public place. He was sentenced for the offences at Chester Crown Court on Monday 20 April. Appearing via a video link, Bould was handed a three-year custodial sentence to be served at a young offenders' institute.

His victim, a 28-year-old from Sandbach, was walking his parents' dog when the incident occurred at around 10.30pm on Thursday 6 February. After walking past Bould, who was stood in the doorway of the Swan and Chequers pub in Hightown, the victim became aware that someone was following him along Congleton Road. When he was by Sandbach Fire Station at The Commons, Bould demanded cash from the victim whilst holding a machete.

The victim initially attempted to run away. He stopped running as Bould was chasing him whilst swinging the machete towards him and the victim realised the small dog would not be able to keep up with him. At that point the victim gave Bould, who was acting erratically, his mobile phone and told the offender that he did not have any money on him, pulling out his pockets to prove it. Bould then ran off with the phone.

The victim reported the robbery to the police and officers arrested Bould on Congleton Road shortly after 11.30pm. He matched the description of the offender that the victim had supplied and attempted to run away as he was being arrested. A subsequent search of the area led to the stolen phone being recovered from a nearby park. The machete was found the following day in a garden near to where Bould was arrested.

Bould refused to answer any questions when he was interviewed in custody. However, extensive evidence was gathered against him – including CCTV footage showing the bulk of the incident – and Bould admitted being responsible for the robbery when he appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 9 March.

Following sentencing, Detective Constable Scott Marshall-Bowater, who led the investigation into the robbery, said: *"The victim was subjected to a frightening ordeal as he walked his parents' dog in Sandbach town centre. Alfie Bould demanded money from him whilst brandishing – and at one point swinging – a machete and acting erratically, but the victim had no cash on him. Thankfully, Bould accepted this and stole his mobile phone instead, and thanks to the strength of the description we were given by the victim we were able to locate and arrest the offender within an hour of the robbery having taken place. We were also able to recover the machete he used in the robbery and the phone he stole. I am delighted that Bould is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions. He is only 18 years old and I hope he spends his time in custody regretting, and learning from, his actions and that he goes on to turn his life around. I also hope that this case deters others from carrying weapons and committing similar offences."*

On top of his custodial sentence, the Bould was ordered to pay a £181 victim surcharge.

Chief Inspector Sarah Heath, Cheshire Constabulary's knife crime lead, said: *"We take knife crime extremely seriously at Cheshire Constabulary. When people carry knives it is only a matter of time before someone suffers life changing injuries or is killed, and the simple fact is if you carry a knife then you are much more likely to be involved in a knife crime. We have a structured prepare, protect, pursue and prevent approach to*

tackling knife crime that involves various partner agencies, including local authorities, education providers, health authorities, third sector organisations, youth representatives and community groups. We work together to educate young people about the dangers and futility of carrying weapons, steer them away from criminality and offer them attractive alternative ways to spend their time. Our aim is for weapon-free streets throughout the county and we will continue to endeavour – through education, awareness and action – to make Cheshire a county in which no-one carries a knife or feels that there is a reason to do so. However, the police cannot achieve this goal on our own. Knife crime is a societal problem that cannot be solved without the support of the whole society. If you have any information regarding knife crimes or those who carry weapons please let us know.”

To report any type of knife crime call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Information can also be passed to the force online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. Anyone who knows someone that carries a knife can also report it to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Drug dealer jailed after hiding class A drugs inside box of jalapenos

A drug dealer from Oldham has been jailed after he was caught hiding crack cocaine inside a box of jalapenos.

Kayne Kennedy was leaving a café on Orford Lane in Warrington on the morning of Tuesday 23 April when he was stopped by two officers. The 20-year-old, of Whitland Drive, suddenly attempted to run away to evade being detained. However when this failed he threw the box of jalapenos he was holding on to the floor. Within the contents of the box were 36 individual wraps of crack cocaine worth a total of £360.

Kennedy was seen on CCTV purchasing the jalapenos from the café and holding the box as he left in the direction of the officers. Kennedy is believed to have been a drugs runner for a county lines organised crime group (OCG). A term used to describe an OCG who use a mobile phone, known as a ‘line’ or a ‘graft’ to extend their criminal activity into new locations – usually from a city into rural areas.

Detective Sergeant Tom Hall said: *“Kennedy is a very nasty criminal who would transport crack cocaine from Oldham to be supplied in Warrington. We are fully aware of criminals like him who come into our town with the sole purpose of supplying class A drugs and we are taking positive action to disrupt their activity. I want to take this opportunity to encourage residents to keep spotting the signs of drug activity and to come forward to report it if they believe it is happening in their community.”*

Kennedy was sentenced to 30 months at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 17 April after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine. If you have any information please contact Cheshire Police on 101 or through the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/> Information can also be reported anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal after man is injured following shots fired in Warrington

Detectives investigating a firearms discharge in Warrington are urging people to come forward with information.

At 8.50pm on Friday 24 April a number of shots were fired outside an address on Poplars Avenue. Officers from the Local Policing Unit – supported by armed officers – attended to the scene. A 55-year-old man received serious, but not life threatening, injuries to his leg and was taken to Warrington Hospital by ambulance. He remains in hospital in a stable condition. The investigation is in its early stages and enquiries to establish the circumstances of the incident are ongoing. A policing presence remains in the area to provide reassurance to the local community. At this stage no arrests have been made.

Detective Inspector Sarah Oliver said: *“I understand how concerning this incident will be for those living in the area and I want to reassure residents that they can expect to see a visible policing presence while we do everything we can to trace those responsible. The investigation is in its early stages and I need the help and support of the local community to provide any information they may have – even the smallest piece can be useful. I know some people may feel uncomfortable contacting the police, therefore I would urge you to contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”*

Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police either on 101 quoting IML 690217 or through the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/> You can contact Crimestoppers anonymously either by calling 0800 555 111 or via their website <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Detectives appeal for information after device found in Warrington

Detectives investigating an improvised device at an address in Warrington are appealing for information.

The device was in the front garden of an address on Birtles Road in Orford on the afternoon of Wednesday 15 April. The EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) team attended to the scene and following an assessment they carried out a controlled detonation. Since then an investigation has been ongoing to establish the circumstances and officers will be conducting house-to-house enquiries this weekend.

Detective Inspector Julie Jackson, from Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *“Since the improvised device was located we have been following a number of enquiries. The device was a targeted attack and we believe it to be connected to serious and organised crime. I am appealing to those who may have information surrounding the device and how it came to be placed in the garden to come forward. If you do not feel comfortable speaking to police directly, I would encourage you to contact Crimestoppers anonymously. To those who live in the area, if you have any information please get in touch.”*

If you have information contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 682996 or visit the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/> Information can be submitted anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their website [www.https://crimestoppers-uk.org/](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/)

Detectives investigate a firearm discharged in Crewe

Detectives investigating a firearms discharge in Crewe are urging people to come forward with information.

At 10pm on Sunday 19 April a shot was fired outside an address on The Birches in Davenport Avenue. There were a number of people outside the address at the time however there were no reports of anyone sustaining any injuries. Police were made aware of the incident the following day and, since then, an investigation has been ongoing to establish the circumstances.

A number of enquiries have been carried out in the local area over the past few days and officers from the Local Policing Unit – supported by armed officers – have executed warrants at addresses in Flag Lane, Derrington Avenue and Fanshaw Walk. Officers remain in the area to provide reassurance to the local community. At this stage no arrests have been made.

Detective Inspector Claire Jesson, from Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *“I appreciate this is a concerning incident for those living in the local area and I want to reassure residents that we are doing everything we can to piece together what has happened and trace those responsible. Officers will continue to patrol the area and anyone with any concerns is urged to speak to them. This is a fast-moving and complex investigation and over the past few days we have been carrying out a number of enquiries including house-to-house enquiries and we have executed three warrants at addresses in Crewe. However we need the help and support of the public in identifying and tracing the offenders and I would urge anyone with any information to come forward – even the smallest piece of information can be useful. If you do not feel comfortable speaking to police directly please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”*

If you have any information contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 687743 or visit the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/> Information can be submitted anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their website <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Appeal for information after a man dies in a serious collision

Officers are appealing for information after a man died following a serious collision in Warrington.

The one-vehicle-collision on Statham Avenue involved a Kawasaki motorcycle with a rider and pillion passenger. It was reported to police at around 6.11pm on Sunday 19 April. Officers attended to the scene and discovered that two men had sustained serious injuries. The men were taken to Aintree Hospital by ambulance. Sadly Leon Cameron, aged 28 and from Warrington, died a short time later and his family are being supported by specialist officers. A 28-year-old man remains in a serious but stable condition in hospital.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers want to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or has any information or dashcam footage. If you have information or dashcam footage in relation to the incident please call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 686130 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/>

Appeal following burglary at Asda store in Widnes

Detectives are appealing for information from members of the public following a burglary at an Asda store in Widnes town centre.

The supermarket on Widnes Road was broken into at around 11.50pm on Thursday 16 April. The offender stole a number of items before fleeing with them in a shopping trolley they pushed along Widnes Road and then Vince Street. The offender, who was wearing a face covering and a hooded top with the hood up, returned to the store a few hours later and stole more items. This occurred shortly after 2am on Friday 17 April. The items that the offender stole from the supermarket included alcohol and cleaning products.

Detective Inspector Ian Whiley, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *“We are determined to establish who broke into the store and stole items with the aid of a shopping trolley and then bring them to justice. Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with any information that may aid our investigation is asked to contact us at Widnes Police Station. Perhaps you think you may know who the offender is or have CCCTV or dashcam footage of them. Or maybe you saw them in the area, either from inside your home or whilst outside for one of the reasons we are able to go out during the coronavirus pandemic. There won’t have been many people out in the area at that time of night, and the fact that the offender was pushing a shopping trolley will have made them stand out.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 684523, or [give the details via our website](#). Alternatively, information can be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 [or via the Crimestoppers website](#).

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