

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### **Macclesfield convenience store handed closure order in a first for Cheshire Constabulary**

A convenience shop in Macclesfield which repeatedly served under-age teenagers alcohol and cigarettes without checking ID has been closed down thanks to the work of officers.

On Wednesday 15 July, officers from Macclesfield Local Policing Unit (LPU) were granted a closure order for A2Z Convenience Store on Sunderland Street. This is the first closure order obtained by Cheshire Constabulary on a convenience store. The order was applied for after officers gathered evidence and liaised with Cheshire East Council's Trading Standards service in relation to issues with teenagers being able to purchase alcohol and cigarettes at the site without providing ID.

Councillor Mick Warren, Cheshire East Council cabinet member for communities, said: *"Prosecutions like this, working closely with our police partners, help in our efforts to tackle the problem underage drinking. Apart from the health risks for young people it can also lead to an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities. There are a number of steps responsible businesses can take to prevent underage sales, including staff training and having measures such as the 'Challenge 25' initiative. This is where staff are advised to ask for identification if a person asking for alcohol looks under 25 years old. We are keen to work with licensed premises to avoid cases like this in the future."*

The premises will remain closed for one month. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested. When the shop reopens more stringent licensing conditions will be in place and local officers will be providing regular checks.

PC Matthew Bassirat of Macclesfield LPU, said: *"This closure order shows how we will take action when listening to the concerns of the local community. I have no doubt that the closure order is the right result for the community and it will have a positive impact on the area. Following today's result we will be conducting regular checks at the premises over the next month to ensure that there are no breaches of the order and we'll also continue working closely with local residents."*

PCC David Keane said: *"This is a fantastic result of positive and proactive policing by Macclesfield Beat Team. In a first for Cheshire Constabulary, this closure order shows that local policing teams will continue to use the full remit of the law to crackdown on businesses supplying alcohol and cigarettes to underage teenagers. I hope that this result provides reassurance to the local community and serves as a warning for businesses who flout the law."*

#### **Liverpool man charged with drug dealing offences following a stop and search in Runcorn**

Peter Wharton was arrested in the Humphreys Close area of Murdishaw shortly before 12 noon on Tuesday 14 July.

This followed a car being stopped and searched by officers. Wharton, of Lowerson Road, Liverpool, has subsequently been charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine). He appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 15 July via a video link. Wharton has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 12 August.

### **Man charged following an assault in Widnes**

A man from Widnes has been charged following an assault in the town.

Connor Wright, of Avondale Drive, was arrested on Liverpool Road in the Hough Green area of Widnes shortly after 12.30pm on Sunday 12 July. The 24-year-old has subsequently been charged with assaulting a person and causing them actual body harm. He has also been charged with possessing a bladed article in a public place. The charges relate to an incident at the entrance to Hough Green Railway Station. A 22-year-old man from Liverpool sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident, which occurred shortly before 12.30pm on Sunday 12 July. He did not go to hospital. Wright appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 13 July, via a video link. He has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 10 August, again via a video link.

### **Two men jailed for dealing crack cocaine and heroin in Warrington**

A drug dealer caught with £10,000 of drugs in Warrington has been sentenced to almost five years in prison.

Kingsley Molyneux was caught after police raided his flat on St Elphins Close in Fairfield and Howley on Tuesday 19 May. A search of the 27-year-old's property found a large quantity of crack cocaine and heroin as well as around £5,000 in cash. Another search was conducted at an address on St Elphins Close where more drugs and mobile phones were recovered. The crack cocaine and heroin had been placed into small packages ready for onward supply to users. One of the phones seized showed messages involving drug activity between Molyneux and a man called Declan Jenks. This led to Jenks being arrested at his home on Alder Lane in Orford. The 25-year-old was sentenced alongside Molyneux and was jailed for three years and 10 months.

DS Tom Hall, from Warrington Police's Beat Initiative Team, said: *"Both Molyneux and Jenks were heavily involved in the supply of class A drugs. The warrants prevented large amounts of crack cocaine and heroin being sold in the town and the money Molyneux was profiting from it being seized. This shows our commitment in disrupting those engaged in the supply of drugs and protecting our community. I want to encourage the public to keep reporting drug activity so we can continue to take action and put more dealers behind bars."*

PCC David Keane said: *"I know officers work tirelessly to stop those who supply and profit from drug activity and the sentencing of these two men has certainly made Warrington much safer. The local community providing information to officers is vital in helping to thwart drug activity and serious and organised crime."*

If you believe drug activity is taking place in your community please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Police on 101.

### **Men charged following criminal damage incidents in Macclesfield**

Two 18-year-old men from Macclesfield have been charged following criminal damage incidents in the town.

Jake Donnelly, of Chester Road, and Malakai Malloch, of Byron Street, were arrested at around 2.45am on Monday 13 July. They were arrested in Byron Street and have subsequently been charged with criminal damage. Donnelly has also been charged with possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. Those charges relate to an incident which occurred at an address in High Street, Macclesfield, at around 10pm on Sunday 12 July. Donnelly has also been charged with a second count of criminal damage in connection with a separate incident at the same address, which took place at around 5pm on Friday 26 June. A window was smashed in both incidents. Donnelly and Malloch have both been released on conditional bail. They are set to appear at Stockport Magistrates' Court on Monday 7 September.

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

### **Appeal for information following fatal collision in Macclesfield**

Officers are appealing for more information following a fatal collision in Macclesfield.

At around 4.30am on Saturday 18 July police were called to Kendal Road following reports of an incident involving a blue Ford Focus which had collided a tree. The driver of the Focus, a 57-year-old man from Macclesfield, was taken to hospital where he passed away a short time later. His next of kin have been informed. Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have any dashcam footage of the vehicle before the incident to come forward. Anyone with any information is urged to call 101 quoting IML 757489 or report it via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/>. Alternatively anyone with information can report to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

### **Appeal for witnesses after attempted robbery of a car near Spurstow**

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to come forward following an attempted robbery of a car on the A49 near Spurstow.

At around 4pm on Thursday 9 July, a report was received that a Silver BMW overtook and stopped in front of a Mercedes near to Badcock's Lane. Two males left the BMW and demanded the keys to the Mercedes. The driver refused to hand over the keys and the offenders then kicked the wing mirror before returning to the BMW and driving towards Tarporley on the A49. The vehicle was later spotted in Staffordshire where it was pursued by specially trained Roads Policing officers before it collided with a bus stop on A34 in Safford. Four men were initially arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving, attempted theft of a vehicle and criminal damage to a vehicle however one male was de-arrested and taken to hospital for treatment as a result of injuries sustained during the collision. The three males have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries. Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the incident on the A49 or have dashcam footage to get in touch.

DC Victoria Greenhoff said: *"We have been following a number of enquiries in relation to this incident and are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or had seen the silver BMW to come forward. I am also keen to hear from anyone who may have caught dashcam footage of the incident itself, or anyone*

*who may have footage of the vehicle on the lead up to the incident and after as it may be able to assist with our investigation. Following the incident it is believed that the car travelled to other areas in Cheshire, including Chester and Warrington, and we are appealing for motorists in those areas who believe they may have seen the car to get in touch."*

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 750279 or report it to us via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

## **Appeal following aggravated burglary in Runcorn**

Detectives investigating an aggravated burglary in Runcorn are appealing for information from members of the public.

Between 12.10am and 12.25am on Tuesday 7 July four unknown men entered an address in Fleetwood Walk. One of them threatened an occupant at knifepoint whilst another demanded cash from her. The other two men then conducted an untidy search of the property before all the offenders left the address together. It is believed that they only stole one item from the property. The offenders are all described as white, around 30 to 40 years old and over 6' tall. They were all wearing face coverings. The man who threatened the occupier at knifepoint, who was the only offender that was armed, was wearing a plain black hoody, grey combat trousers and white trainers. The offender who demanded cash had a gaunt face, broad shoulders and fair hair. He had a black jacket and a white T-shirt on and spoke with a Liverpool accent. The two men who searched the property were both wearing all black clothing. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may help their investigation to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes that they may know who the offenders are, or have dashcam or CCTV footage of them.

DC Dan Williams, of Runcorn CID, said: *"This was a terrifying incident that has understandably left the victim extremely shaken up. I would like to reassure residents that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are doing everything we can to establish the identities of the offenders and bring them to justice. Enquiries are ongoing and we are hoping that members of the public will aid our investigation by coming forward with relevant information or footage concerning the aggravated burglary. Perhaps you were in the area that night and saw the offenders, either before they entered the property or as they were fleeing the scene. Or maybe you have CCTV or dashcam footage of the men, or believe that you may know who they are."*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 748470, [give the details via our website](#) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Appeal after a man and a heavily pregnant woman are assaulted in Alsager**

Officers are appealing for information from members of the public after a man and a heavily pregnant woman were assaulted on a night out in Alsager.

The incident occurred outside a takeaway on Crewe Road at around 10.30pm on Sunday 12 July. The victims, who are both in their 20s, were assaulted by an unknown man after confronting him about dropping litter. During the incident the man punched the woman in the head, before punching her in the stomach after she

told that him she was pregnant. After he had punched both victims, there was an altercation involving the two men. The offender then walked off towards the town centre. The victims both went to hospital following the incident and have since been discharged. The man sustained a serious facial injury as a result of the incident whilst the woman only suffered minor injuries. The offender is described as white, around 25 years old and approximately 5' 7" tall with a slim build. He was clean shaven, had short light brown hair and was wearing a jacket and jeans. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone who was in the area and witnessed it to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes they may know who the offender is, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him.

PC Bruce Clark said: *"This was an appalling incident in which a heavily pregnant woman was deliberately punched in the stomach and a man was assaulted and sustained a serious facial injury. Thankfully the woman only sustained minor injuries. The consequences of the incident could have been far worse. I would like to reassure residents that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are doing everything we can to establish who assaulted the victims and bring him to justice. As part of our enquiries we want to speak to anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may aid our investigation. Perhaps you witnessed the incident or saw the offender, either before or after he assaulted the victims. We also want to hear from anyone who believes they may know the identity of the offender, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him."*

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 753258, [give the details via our website](#) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Appeal for witnesses after attempted robbery in Knutsford**

Officers are appealing for witnesses following an attempted robbery in Knutsford.

At 3.45pm on 7 July a 15-year-old boy was walking along an alleyway off Stanley Road when another teenager approached and punched him. He tried to take his rucksack but the boy managed to run off to safety. The suspect is described as approximately 16 to 17 years old with dirty blonde straw coloured hair with a fringe down to his eyebrows. He had very short patchy facial hair on his chin and is around 6ft tall. He was wearing a silver chain around his neck made of links, a light grey hoodie, with the hood up, and a Gilet on top. The Gilet was a matte black colour and of a puffer style. He was also wearing light grey or white joggers.

PC Luke Rose of Macclesfield LPU said: *"The teenager suffered a minor injury to his face and was left understandably shaken by his ordeal. I'd urge anyone who recognises the description of the suspect or may have seen the offender in the area around the time of the incident to contact Macclesfield LPU so we can bring this male to justice."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/> quoting IML 748863. Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously via 0800 555 111 or <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

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