

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

## Week ending 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Cheshire News & Appeals



## Latest Cheshire News

### Man charged following serious assault near Whitchurch

A man has been charged in connection with a serious assault near Whitchurch.

Conor Jagodzinski has been charged with section 18 assault and possession of a knife. The 28-year-old has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 17 August. The charges relate to an incident on Friday 15 August on the A49 on the Cheshire/Shropshire border near to Bradley Green Lane in which a lorry driver sustained serious injuries. He remains in hospital in a serious condition.

### Police urge people not to attend illegal raves

Cheshire Constabulary is urging anyone who is considering attending an illegal rave to stay away.

So far, there have only been a handful of incidents in the county, but the force is aware of intelligence to suggest that people may be planning further events this weekend. Officers are actively monitoring a number of locations and anyone who is considering attending an event is urged to stay away.

Superintendent Julie Westgate from Cheshire Police said: *"We know that young people want to go out and socialise with friends, but people need to do this legally and safely. Coronavirus has not gone away and people attending illegal raves are not only putting their own lives at risk, they are also risking the lives of their friends, family and loved ones. I would urge anyone who is planning to attend such an event to think twice. We have a dedicated policing operation in place and we will take every step we can to stop them before they happen. Our teams will be patrolling key locations across the county and they will act on any intelligence they receive regarding any possible events. Officers will continue to use common sense and discretion to determine what is reasonable, with officers engaging, explaining, encouraging and, only as a last resort, enforcing. However, proportionate action will be taken if necessary and this could include the seizure of any music equipment, arrest or even prosecution."*

While some of the coronavirus restrictions have been lifted, legislation remains in place which prevents gatherings of more than 30 people and the public still need to adhere to the two-metre social distancing guidance. There is also specific legislation in place regarding unlicensed music events.

Cheshire PCC David Keane said: *"I understand that it's been a difficult time for everyone, particularly young people who have been unable to socialise with friends due to coronavirus. However, coronavirus has not gone away and we all have a duty to ourselves and each other to stay safe, protect the NHS and save lives. I would urge anyone who is thinking of hosting or attending an illegal rave in Cheshire to stay away."*

Anyone with any information or intelligence in relation to any possible illegal raves is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101.

## **Police incident in Runcorn**

At around 1.20pm on Wednesday 12 August police were called to concerns for the safety of a man at an address in Runcorn.

Officers swiftly attended the scene and located the man at the Knoll. During the incident a police firearm was discharged. The man sustained serious injuries and was taken to hospital.

C/I Sarah Heath, from Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"I would like to reassure the local community that this is an isolated incident and there is no risk to the public. Officers will remain in the area as we continue with our enquiries and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer. In line with normal procedure, the incident has been referred to the Independent office for Police Conduct."*

Anyone who witnessed the incident, or anyone with any video footage, is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 778324 [or report using our website](#).

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

A 21-year-old man from Widnes has been charged following an aggravated burglary incident in the town.

Jack Ferguson, of Lingwell Park, was arrested in Francis Close, Widnes, shortly after 11pm on Thursday 16 July. He has subsequently been charged with aggravated burglary. The charge relates to an incident that occurred at a house in Rydal Way, Widnes, at around 10.15pm on Thursday 16 July. Police are currently looking for two other men in connection with the incident. Ferguson appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Saturday 18 July, via a video link. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 17 August, again via a video link.

## **Residents reminded of the dangers when visiting open water sites across Cheshire**

Residents are being warned of the dangers of visiting sites with open water across Cheshire.

With summer underway Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service are asking the public to stay safe when gathering near open water. One incident at Thelwall Ferry led to a 48 hour dispersal order being implemented at the site in order to protect teenagers travelling to the area to congregate.

Superintendent Paul Beauchamp, of Cheshire Constabulary, said: *"We understand that with the warm weather many people could be tempted to take a dip in open water too cool off but residents must be aware of the potential deadly consequences. Going into water can not only endanger your own life but the lives of others around you if they jump in to rescue you. We don't want to discourage people from enjoying themselves near water but want to make it clear that we will use all the powers available to us to protect and inform the public of the dangers across the county."*

Across the UK around 315 people accidentally drown each year with statistics showing that 50% of people who drown had no intention of entering the water.

Nick Evans, Head of Prevention at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: *“It is essential that the public stay aware when they’re around open water. It is important to remember that you could be at risk of drowning even if you do not intend to go in the water. Be sure that you are aware of local safety information, look out for any hazards and adhere to warning signs nearby. If you do get into trouble in water, remember to not panic, float on your back and make a star shape if you cannot stand up. Then, when it is safe to do so, either call for help or swim to safety.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire said: *“Water safety is key issue all year round but it is especially important during the summer months. It is vitally important that people heed of this advice any keep themselves and others safe. By alerting people to the risks, I hope that everyone will stay aware when venturing near rivers, lakes and canals across the county.”*

Key safety advice:

- Wear sturdy footwear whenever you are near open water to lessen your chances of falling in
- If you are going out to exercise near open water make sure that you tell someone where you are going and when you will be back
- Make sure that you are familiar with local safety information regarding waterways, look out for any hazards and adhere by any signage
- Stick to proper paths when walking by open water and bear in mind social distancing ahead of venturing out to exercise – often paths along canals and rivers are narrow
- Your children need to be supervised at all times when they are near open water
- Never enter open water to try to help a person or animal – always call 999 and use any water rescue equipment if it is available.

For more information and water safety advice please visit <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/public-safety/outdoor-safety/water-safety>

## **Man charged with four offences following incident in Widnes**

A 41-year-old man has been charged with four offences following an incident in Widnes.

Yan Marzelos was arrested in Monarch Court, Queens Avenue, shortly after midnight on Saturday 8 August. He has since been charged with assault by beating, affray, causing criminal damage and threatening a person with an offensive weapon in a public place. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in Monarch Court shortly before Marzelos was arrested. A 25-year-old man from Widnes sustained a minor head injury as a result of the incident that did not require hospital treatment. Marzelos, of Monarch Court, appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court, via a video link, on Monday 10 August. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Monday 7 September.

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

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

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

Just before 11.10am on Wednesday 12 August police were called to School Lane following reports of a collision involving a white Ford transit van and a red Fiat 500. The driver of the Ford transit van, a 50-year-old man from Middlewich, died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed. The driver of the Fiat 500 was taken to hospital with minor injuries. Officers are now appealing to trace the drivers of a white flatbed van and a red polo that travelled through the location prior to the collision. Police are also keen to hear from 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 778236 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 following reports of a car theft near Chester**

Detectives from Cheshire Police are appealing for information following reports of a car theft in Christleton.

Sometime between 1pm and 2pm on Friday 7 August a man was sitting in a grey Peugeot 208 on Sandrock Road when he was approached by three unknown men. The men are alleged to have threatened the driver and ordered him to get out of the car. They then got into the vehicle and drove off. The victim, a local man, sustained minor injuries and received hospital treatment.

DC Carl Humphreys said: *“Enquiries in relation to this incident are in the early stages and we are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident. I’m particularly keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our investigation. I’d ask anyone with any information, no matter how small, to contact the team here at Chester on 101 quoting 20000476231.”*

Information can also be [reported online via our website](#), or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## **Renewed appeal for information following fatal collision near Chester**

Officers investigating a fatal collision near Chester have renewed their appeal for information.

The collision involving a heavy goods vehicle and a pedestrian occurred on the A41 Whitchurch Road in Chowley at around 4.40am on Friday 7 August. Officers attended the scene and discovered that the pedestrian, a woman in her 40s from the Chester area, had sustained serious injuries. Sadly, she died at the scene. Her family have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. The driver of the HGV, a 49-year-old man from Beechwood, Merseyside, is not believed to have sustained any injuries as a result of the collision. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing. The enquiries carried out so far make officers believe that the pedestrian was involved in an earlier collision on the A41, further north near Dragon Hall. She is believed to have got out of a damaged black Peugeot car and made her way to the second collision location on foot.

Anyone who witnessed either collision or believes that they saw the woman walking along the road in the early hours of Friday 7 August is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 773654, or give the

details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. The same goes for anyone who thinks they have dashcam footage that may be relevant to the ongoing investigation.

## **Appeal after boy has his bicycle stolen in Widnes robbery**

Officers are appealing for information and footage from members of the public after a teenage boy had his bicycle stolen in a robbery in Widnes.

The victim, a 13-year-old from the town, was riding his black and blue Norco mountain bike along Sandy Lane when the incident occurred at around 6.30pm on Saturday 8 August. An unknown male approached the boy from behind, threatened him and demanded the bike. The offender then rode off on the bike towards Old Upton Lane before turning in the direction of Queensbury Way. He was white and looked to be around 17 to 20 years old and approximately 6' 2" tall. The offender had a slim build, thick stubble on the sides of his face and spoke with a Liverpool accent. He was wearing a black hoodie with grey arms, black shorts and black trainers. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information or footage regarding the robbery, the offender or the whereabouts of the stolen mountain bike to get in touch.

PC Danielle Howcroft, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *"The young victim has understandably been left shaken up by this frightening incident. I would like to reassure members of the community that we are determined to establish who committed the robbery, make him face the consequences of his actions and have the stolen mountain bike returned to its rightful owner. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may help our investigation to contact us at Widnes Police Station. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offender is, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him. We also want to speak to anyone who believes they may have seen the stolen mountain bike since the robbery took place, or have information regarding its whereabouts."*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 775112, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Police appeal for help in tracing wanted Runcorn man**

Officers are appealing to the public for help in tracing a 29-year-old man from Runcorn who is wanted in connection with failing to appear in court, assault and harassment.

Joshua Childs has links to the Runcorn and St Helens areas. Anyone who sees Joshua Childs, or has information on his whereabouts, is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101, quoting IML 734469 or [visit the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 [or through their website](#).



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