

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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New Chief Inspector for Crewe Local Policing Unit

Crewe Local Policing Unit has welcomed its new Chief Inspector Fez Khan.

Fez originally joined Cheshire Constabulary in 2005, having graduated from Sheffield Hallam University where he studied Law. During his career he has worked in a variety of operational roles across the county. While he was an Inspector, Fez worked as the Beat Management Inspector in Runcorn where he has spent the last three years of his service. Before this he worked as one of the force's Critical Incident Managers. Fez has also spent time working on a short term secondment to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) where he worked in its PEEL inspection team visiting several forces across the UK.



In January 2019 Fez also had the privilege to attend the 275th session of the FBI National Academy where for three months he undertook a course of study in Leadership, Law Enforcement techniques and physical fitness. He is also the Chairperson of Cheshire Constabulary's Multicultural Network where he works to support the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion agenda for the force and provide welfare support to members and other officers and staff alike. Fez is also one of Cheshire's Hostage and Crisis Negotiators and an accredited Public Order Bronze Commander.

Fez joins the command team at Crewe LPU which includes Detective Inspector Claire Jesson, Insp Andrew Smith (Beat Management) and Insp's Julien Culham and Nick Rogers (Response).

Fez said: "I have been with the Constabulary for over 15 years and I am incredibly proud to be joining the hard working team here at Crewe LPU as the LPU Commander. I look forward to getting to know the team here and the local community to ensure Crewe, Nantwich, Sandbach and its surrounding towns and villages continue to be safe places to live and work. As Chief Inspector, my focus will be to ensure that my teams continue to work alongside our partners and our diverse communities to make Crewe LPU even safer. We will robustly target those that cause our communities harm and prey upon the vulnerable and make Crewe a hostile place to be for those intent on perpetrating crime and anti-social behaviour. I encourage residents to report any issues via 101, online or in person via local PCSO surgeries should they have any concerns they wish to make us aware of."

Outside of work Fez lives with his fiancée who is also a serving officer. He is a keen golfer and enjoys walking and spending time with family and friends.

Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane said: *"I'm sure Fez will be a great addition to the team at Crewe LPU and that residents will welcome his appointment as their chief inspector, just as they did with Chief*

Inspector Simon Newell. Local policing is a priority for me and I am pleased to see the local LPU continues to have highly experienced and professional officers at its helm, who care about their officers and staff, as well as the residents and businesses they serve."

Convicted drug dealer ordered to sell his Warrington home and pay back ill-gotten gains

A convicted drug dealer from Warrington has been ordered to sell his home and pay back more than £45,000 of his ill-gotten gains.

Daniel Lockley, 36, was jailed for three years on Friday 14 February after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine and cannabis. The case against Lockley began when officers found packages of cocaine in the BMW car he was driving shortly before midnight on Wednesday 15 January. The officers also discovered scales, plastic bags that illegal drugs are sold in and a list of buyers and the money they owed when the car was searched in Reaper Close, Great Sankey, Warrington. In addition, a bag containing two large packages of cannabis were found nearby.



Lockley was subsequently arrested and search warrants were executed at his house in Willoughby Close, Warrington, as well as at an address in the town he has links with, in Livingstone Close. Significant quantities of cannabis were seized from both houses. The total street value of the class A and B drugs seized from the properties, and in and near the car Lockley was driving, was estimated at £32,305. While in police custody, Lockley admitted that all the drugs belonged to him. He initially claimed that he possessed the drugs for personal use, but forensic examination of mobile phones belonging to Lockley revealed numerous drug-related messages, including offers to sell cocaine and cannabis.

Lockey was jailed at Liverpool Crown Court. He returned to the court for a proceeds of crime confiscation hearing on Friday 14 August. The court heard that a thorough financial investigation conducted by Cheshire Constabulary had revealed that Lockey made a large amount of money from this drug dealing activities. He was given a confiscation order to sell his home in Willoughby Close and pay back a total of £47,070. Lockey has three months to pay the money or he will be handed a default 12-month prison sentence.

DC Ian Morris, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *"Daniel Lockley was brought to justice after officers seized cocaine with an estimated street value of £17,200 and cannabis with an estimated street value of £15,105 after deciding to search a car they had seen him driving at speed in Warrington. The confiscation investigation was conducted in tandem with the criminal investigation, and I would like to thank all those involved for their hard work in uncovering the extent of Lockley's ill-gotten gains over a significant period of time. At Cheshire Constabulary we have a role of ensuring that crime does not pay. Thanks to the confiscation order that have been imposed by Liverpool Crown Court, we have achieved that goal in relation to Lockey."*

A proportion of the money will come back to Cheshire Constabulary to be used to fight crime. It will also be used to boost community projects and steer people away from a life of crime.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"The Proceeds of Crime Act ensures that money seized from criminals is put to good use, helping to keep our communities safe. Criminal activity ruins lives and communities, and I am committed to ensuring that money seized from offending is reinvested back into our communities to discourage people from making the same mistakes. My Safer Communities Fund takes the money seized*

underneath the Proceeds of Crime Act in Cheshire and reinvests it back into local community groups, via small grants, so that they can make their area a safer place to live, work and visit.”

Chief Inspector Simon Meegan, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, added: *“Illegal drugs blight communities across the UK and cause untold damage to the lives of both those who use the drugs and become dependent on them and the wider community who suffer from the resulting crime. Drug dealing in Warrington or elsewhere in Cheshire will not be tolerated, and I hope this case deters others from getting involved in the supply of illegal drugs. While this investigation has now concluded, our fight against illegal drugs, and those who supply them, continues and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter.”*

You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 [or giving the details online via our website](#). Alternatively, information can also be given anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Chester cyclists urged to keep bikes secure

Police in Chester are urging cyclists to ensure that their bicycles are kept secure at all the times following a spate of thefts in the city centre.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus situation, more people than ever are travelling to the city centre via the bikes. This is great for the environment, but unfortunately criminals have also started to take advantage of the situation. Since the start of August officers have received at least 10 reports of bikes being stolen after they were left unattended and not secure in the city centre.

Sergeant Andy Davies, of Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *“It’s fantastic to see more people visiting the city on their bikes. However, it’s important that they do everything they can to reduce their chances of falling victim to these unscrupulous thieves. There are various anti-theft measures people can take, such as ensuring that your bike is kept secure at all times. When parking your bike you should always ensure that it is left in a visible location and secured with a heavy duty bike lock. Meanwhile, bike marking kits make it difficult for thieves to sell stolen bicycles on. They enable officers to identify the rightful owner so that it can easily be returned. Seeing a bike with a property marking sticker will make it a less attractive target for thieves.”*

Cheshire PCC David Keane added: *“It’s great to see more people returning to our city and town centres. However, we need to do this safely. I urge anyone who is planning to visit shops and restaurants to ensure that they follow all the guidance that is currently in place, including adhering social distancing, and wearing masks where appropriate. I also urge cyclists to keep their bikes secure when out shopping and socialising. By working together, and following the guidelines, we can all help to control the virus and save lives.”*

Anyone with any information regarding bikes being stolen is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101. Information can also be given anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Man charged following incident at Chester convenience store

A 34-year-old man from Chester has been charged with five offences following an incident at a convenience store in the city.

Carl Newman, of Blacon Point Road, was arrested in Brook Street, Chester, at around 9.40pm on Tuesday 18 August. He has since been charged with burglary, theft from a shop, two counts of common assault and a public order offence. The charges relate to an incident that occurred at a convenience store in Brook Street on the same night. No-one required medical attention as a result of the incident. Newman has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court, via a video link, on Thursday 20 August.

Man sentenced after stealing bikes in Warrington

A man has been jailed for eight months following a spate of bike thefts in Warrington town centre.

Alan Reid, of Winmarleigh Street, stole five bikes from outside shops at the Cockhedge Shopping Park. The 49-year-old admitted to his crimes and was sentenced at Warrington Magistrates Court on Friday 14 August. Another man, Steven Littlewood, 54, of Folly Lane in Warrington, was given a 12 week sentence suspended for 12 months for his role in stealing the bikes. The thefts took place between Saturday 1 August and Thursday 13 August. Reid would use a bolt cropper to snap the locks, take the bikes to Littlewood and then both men would cycle away. However on Thursday 13 August a member of security at the shopping park spotted Reid using the equipment to break a bike lock and alerted police. Local officers and Warrington's Problem Solving Team swiftly attended to the scene and both men were arrested with Reid still in possession of the bolt cropper.

Sergeant Alex Reeves, from Warrington's Problem Solving Team, said: *"This was a great team effort from the problem solving team who worked with response officers and the beat management team. I must also praise the member of the public who caught Reid red handed and quickly alerted police. Reid is a career criminal who never gives a second thought to the people he is stealing from. However we understand how crimes like these affect the public and we will continue to pursue these criminals to see them put before the court."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"We must not underestimate the impact these types of offences have on the victims and on communities. Well done to the member of the public who spotted Reid committing this crime and instantly reported it, and to the officers who swiftly put a stop to their actions."*

Cheshire officers using new tool to combat caravan and motorhome thefts

Cheshire Constabulary is using a new tool to aid the force's fight against caravan and motorhome thieves.

The VIN CHIP anti-theft identification system enables officers to scan a touring caravan or motorhome from up to 15 metres away to see if it has been reported as stolen and find out who the registered owner is. They can be scanned at speeds of up to 60mph. Cheshire's Roads and Crime Unit officers are now using the system, and owners of touring caravans and motorhomes across the county are being advised to ensure that they have a VIN CHIP fitted and are registered with the Caravan Registration and Identification Scheme (CRiS).



Inspector Anton Sullivan, of the Roads and Crime Unit, said: *"Due to supply and demand, the number of caravan and motorhome theft incidents tend to rise in the summer months. This year the demand for them is*

even greater than normal, with travel restrictions imposed due to the coronavirus pandemic making staycations, mobile homes and caravan holidays more popular than ever. So we could not have asked for a better time to add the VIN CHIP scanning system to our armoury for when we are out on patrol and monitoring our roads. Used by many other police forces in the UK, ports officers and also in mainland Europe and Scandinavia, it has substantially increased the number of stolen caravans and motorhomes that have been recovered and returned to their rightful owner.”

Since 2008 a radio frequency chip containing a unique vehicle identification number (VIN) number has been embedded into all UK-approved touring caravans when they have been made. Owners of older caravans can have one fitted at a relatively small cost, and owners of caravans made between 2008 and 2016 can pay to have their chip upgraded so that it works as well as the newer ones. This may have an insurance benefit with some companies. Motorhome owners can also pay to have a VIN CHIP fitted, and some manufacturers are now embedding them into all their new motorhomes.

Insp Sullivan added: *“Working like a speed gun, a VIN CHIP scanner enables an officer to quickly see if a caravan or motorhome on the move has been reported as stolen, and who the registered owner is. Once a caravan or motorhome has been identified as stolen we will endeavour to bring the thief, or thieves, to justice, and have it returned to its owner. Our officers are now using the system to this end across Cheshire. However, the system will not work for touring caravan or motorhome theft victims unless they have a VIN CHIP fitted. Touring caravan and motorhome owners are advised to have a VIN Chip fitted and to have the vehicle registered with CRIS to help their mobile home be located in the event of it being stolen.”*

Cheshire Constabulary’s other security advice for caravan and motorhome owners is:

- Ensure they are kept secure at all times, with all doors, windows and roof windows closed and locked
- Remember to fit hitch locks, wheel clamps and immobilisers to your caravan as required as part of your insurance, even when it is in storage or you are on holiday
- Hitch locks lock a car and a touring caravan together when on-site or at temporary stops en route – the law allows you to tow with the lock in place providing that the hitch still rotates correctly
- Wheel locks have the dual purpose of being a visual deterrent and an anti-theft device – the best ones will still work even if your touring caravan’s tyres have been let down by thieves
- Look for Sold Secure Gold or Diamond standard wheel locks – often locks that are easy to fit are also easy to remove
- Never store any valuables in your caravan or motorhome – those you take away on holiday with you should be marked with your postcode, as should any accessories you use, such as water carriers, tables, satellite dishes etc
- Always store caravans and motorhomes in a safe and secure location
- Leaving your caravan or motorhome in an area covered by CCTV and good quality lighting will deter thieves, as will leaving the hitch head parked inwards and the caravan blocked in and difficult to remove – consider security posts to keep your van even more secure
- If you are thinking of keeping a caravan in a storage site, check if your insurer has a preferred site
- Before choosing a storage site for your caravan, check online to see what crimes have been reported there and how easy it is to pick up your caravan and if the site operator checks your details
- When holidaying in a touring caravan or motorhome, try to use registered sites which have a good level of security, such as CCTV cameras

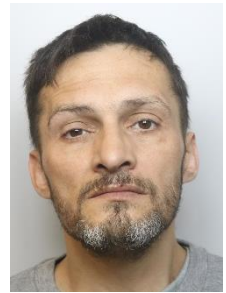
- Installing a GPS vehicle tracker could help to locate your caravan or motorhome in the event of it being stolen – if you have such a system make sure that your subscription is paid
- If you have an alarm, set it – these are often linked to the GPS tracking monitoring company and can give early notice of theft
- Keep an eye out for anyone acting suspiciously where your caravan or motorhome is stored, and ask your neighbours to do the same – all suspicions concerning thieves targeting caravans or motorhomes should be reported to the police.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“I am delighted to hear that Cheshire Constabulary has a new tool to help officers catch caravan and motorhome thieves and recover stolen vehicles. Opportunist thieves could not only potentially ruin someone’s staycation but could also put touring caravan and motorhome owners at risk of losing thousands of pounds if their vehicle is stolen. I urge all caravan and motorhome owners across the county to follow the advice from Cheshire Constabulary and check the security of their vehicles.”*

Anyone with any information or footage regarding the theft of caravans or motorhomes is asked to call Constabulary on 101, [give the details via our website](#) or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Man jailed for 10 years following series of burglaries across Cheshire and Greater Manchester

A man has been jailed for 10 years following a series of burglaries across Cheshire and Greater Manchester.



Tony Lock, of Church Street, Leigh, was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 12 August for six counts of burglary and conspiracy to handle stolen goods in the Warrington area. He was also sentenced for burglary, theft and fraud offences committed in the Bolton area between March 2019 and May 2019. The 45-year-old had pleaded guilty to all offences at earlier hearings. His partner Lauren O’Hara, 36, of Whitegate Avenue, Culcheth, was handed an 18-month sentence suspended for two years for her role in handling items stolen in the burglaries in Warrington.

The court heard how Lock’s spree began in March 2019 in Bolton and continued into Cheshire in June 2019. Officers became aware of the burglaries when they spotted a stolen Ford B-Max car parked up outside a shop in Leigh on 7 June. Inside the shop the pair attempted to buy items with a bank card which had been stolen from a property earlier that day. When arrested, Lock was found in possession of two sets of car keys, bank cards and a mobile phone. O’Hara was found in possession of cash, a watch, a sat nav and a bank card. A further search of the car revealed more items which had been reported stolen to police. The pair were arrested and, following an investigation, they were subsequently charged and remanded into custody.

DC Michael McDermott said: *“This is a fantastic result and reflects the hard work and commitment shown by the Warrington Beat Initiative Team following a lengthy investigation into burglaries in the town. I am pleased that Lock is behind bars for these offences and I hope that this acts as a deterrent to those who think they can get away with this type of crime. I would like to thank our colleagues at Greater Manchester Police for their help with the case. Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and always ensure that their vehicles and homes are secure to make it as difficult as possible for criminals to target them.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“Everyone has the right to feel safe in their homes. Offences like this*

have a devastating impact on victims and on the wider community. I would like to praise the work of all those who were involved this investigation and helped to deliver justice for the victims. I hope that this outcome allows the victims to move forward with their lives and provides reassurance to local residents.”

Anyone with any information about burglaries or theft offences should report it to Cheshire Police by calling 101, or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/> Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers, anonymously, via 0800 555 111 or by visiting <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information and footage following fatal collision in Handforth

Officers are appealing for information following a fatal collision in Handforth.

The incident on Dean Road involved a black Suzuki Grand Vitara car and a cyclist. It was reported to the police at around 1am on Saturday 22 August. Officers attended the scene and discovered that the cyclist had sustained serious injuries. Sadly, the 43-year-old man local man was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics. His family have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. The driver of the SUV car stopped at the scene following the collision. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and no arrests have been made. Officers want to speak to anyone who was in the area and witnessed the collision or anything else that may help their investigation. They also want to hear from any motorists who believe they may have captured relevant footage on their dashcams. Anyone with information or dashcam footage that may aid the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 786461, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> .

Appeal for information following attempted dog theft in Edge Green

Detectives from Chester are appealing for information from the public following the attempted theft of a dog in Edge Green, near Broxton.

At around 7.45pm on Tuesday 18 August a 55-year-old woman was walking the pet, a white Maltese terrier, along Hall Lane when a white transit-style van pulled up alongside her. A man then got out of the passenger door, approached the victim and demanded that she hand over the dog. The woman refused and instead picked up the dog and held it against her chest. Following a short struggle between the offender and the woman, the driver of the van got out of the vehicle and told the passenger to get back inside. They then drove off along Hall Lane, travelling towards the A41 Whitchurch Road. The man who attempted to take the dog was white and is estimated to be in his 50s. He had a medium build, spoke with an Irish accent and was wearing a T-shirt and grey jogging bottoms. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with an information that may help their investigation to get in touch.

DC Tom Philpotts, of Chester CID, said: *“The victim has understandably been left shaken up by the ordeal. I would like to reassure members of the community that we are committed to doing all we can to trace the men in the van. As part of our investigation we want to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed something relevant. We are also keen to hear from*

anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid our investigation. The A41 is a particularly busy road and I believe that a number of motorists may have dashcam footage of the men fleeing the scene in the white van. I would also like to hear from anyone who is aware of any similar incidents in the area. I ask anyone with any such footage or information, no matter how small, to contact the team here at Chester on 101, quoting IML 783825."

Information can also be [reported online on the Cheshire Constabulary website](#). Alternatively, information can be given to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 [or via the Crimestoppers website](#).

Appeal to help trace man wanted in connection with serious incident in Widnes

Detectives from Widnes CID are appealing to members of the public to help trace a man who may be able to assist with their enquiries in relation to a serious incident in the town.

James Price is 23-years-old and from the Merseyside area. He is described as white, of medium build and around 5' 9" tall. He has brown eyes and dark brown hair. Price was last known to be living in the Merseyside area, but he has links with a number of other places across the UK, including St Helens, Warrington, Leeds and South Yorkshire.

DCI Clare Coleman said: *"We are looking to speak to Price in connection with a serious incident in Widnes, in which a firearm was discharged, and it is essential that we speak to him as soon as possible. I would ask anyone with information regarding his whereabouts to get in touch. I also appeal directly to Price to contact us so that we can progress our investigation."*



Anyone with any information in relation to Price's whereabouts is urged to contact Cheshire Constabulary immediately on 999, quoting IML 770663. Alternatively, if you do not want to speak to the police, information can be reported anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following burglary of bikes and cycling equipment in Lymm

Officers are appealing for information and CCTV footage following a burglary in Lymm.

At sometime between 9.30pm on Wednesday 12 August and 8.50am on Thursday 13 August, unknown offenders are believed to have forced entry into a garage on Sandmoor Place. Several bicycles were taken including: a lime green Canondale SuperSix racing bike; a silver coloured Sabbath September racing bike; a black Specialised Stumpjumper; a white Genesis Day One bike; an orange Giro helmet and a black Kask Protone helmet. Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have captured CCTV or may have information regarding the burglary to get in touch.



PC Rebecca Jubb said: *"We have been following several lines of enquiry in relation to this burglary and are doing everything we can to find those responsible. As part of our investigation we are keen to hear from anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage from the Sandmoor Place area around the time of the incident. Also I would urge anyone who may have seen these items or may have been offered the bikes to get in touch with us so that we can return the property to the victim. I would also like to urge residents to ensure that all sheds, vehicles and homes are secured and locked to make it as difficult as possible for offenders to target your property."*

Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 779073 or report it to us via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or [report it through their website](#). For more information on how to protect your property from burglary, visit [the Cheshire Police crime prevention page](#).

Appeal after man sustains serious facial injuries in unprovoked assault in Widnes

Officers investigating a serious assault in Widnes are urging witnesses to come forward.

The incident began in the passageway between Scott Avenue and Foxley Heath at around 8.10pm on Tuesday 4 August. It then continued into Scott Avenue. The victim, a 47-year-old man from Widnes, was threatened by a teenager as he walked along the passageway. The boy, who was part of a large group of young people, then hit the victim in the head with a metal bar. The victim attempted to flee, running along Scott Avenue in the direction of Lowerhouse Lane. He was chased by two members of the group. One of them kicked him in the knees before another member of the group hit him in the back of the head. The offender who kicked the victim in the knees then punched him in the face. The victim sustained serious facial injuries as a result of the incident that required hospital treatment. He has since been discharged from hospital.

The boy who hit him with the metal bar is described as white, around 16 years old and approximately 5' 4" tall. He was wearing a grey hooded top with the hood up and the drawstrings pulled tight. The two members of the group who chased after the victim when he attempted to flee were both white and looked approximately 19 years old. The one who assaulted him was around 5' 7" tall and had straight blond hair. The other was around

an inch shorter and had brown hair. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information or footage that may help their investigation to get in touch.

PC Lesley Walkowiak, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *“This was an unprovoked assault that left the victim with serious facial injuries and extremely shaken up. He does not know the males who assaulted him, or the larger group of young people they were with. I would like to reassure members of the community that we are determined to establish the identities of the males who assaulted the victim and make them face the consequences of their actions. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and witnessed the incident to contact us at Widnes Police Station. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the offenders are, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 772163, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after offenders assault a man and steal money from him in Runcorn

Officers are appealing for information from members of the public after a man was assaulted and had money stolen from him in Runcorn.

The victim, a 31-year-old from Warrington, was walking along a footpath in Norton when the incident occurred at around 8pm on Friday 14 August. After being asked for a light by a group of three males walking in the opposite direction, he dropped a quantity of cash. The group then assaulted him and stole his money before fleeing in the direction of Runcorn East Railway Station. The victim is believed to have only sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident. He did not go to hospital.

The group of males all looked to be around 20 years old. One of them was wearing a full blue Adidas tracksuit. He was white, had a muscular looking face and spoke with a Liverpudlian accent. Another of the group was also white. He was wearing blue Nike shorts and a T-shirt, as well as a surgical-type face covering. The third member of the group had a bubble jacket on. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are urging anyone with any information or footage that may aid their investigation to get in touch.

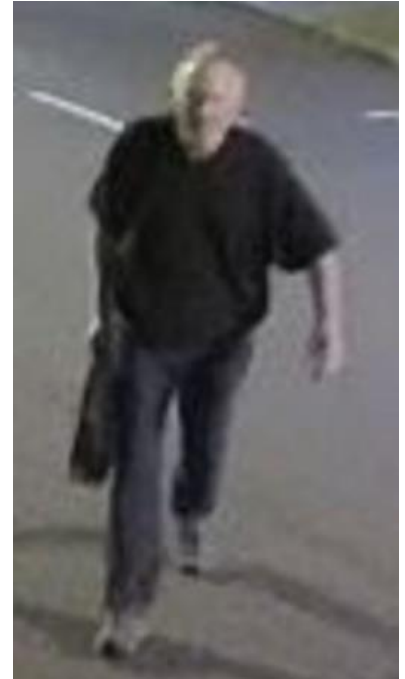
PC Amy Lally, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“This was a frightening incident that has understandably left the victim shaken up. I would like to reassure members of the community that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are determined to establish the identities of the three males and make them face the consequences of their actions. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may help our investigation to contact us at Runcorn Police Station. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know who the group of males are, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of them.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 780565, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

CCTV image released in connection with criminal damage in Prestbury

Police have released CCTV images of a man they would like to speak to in connection with criminal damage at shops in Prestbury.

Between 00.50am and 1.10am on Wednesday 29 July a number of premises had their windows smashed in the village. Officers have been following a number of lines of enquiry and would like to speak to the man in the CCTV image. They are asking anyone who recognises him or has information regarding his whereabouts to get in touch. If you can assist officers with their investigation please contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 766256 [or through our website](#). Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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