

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Liverpool man charged following burglary in Congleton

A 48-year-old man from Liverpool has been charged following a burglary at shop on Congleton Retail Park.

At around 11.15pm on 5 September officers were called to Barn Road following reports of a burglary at a retail shop. A quantity of perfume was taken during the incident. Terence Brady, of Conleach Road in Liverpool, has been charged with burglary. He was remanded into custody to appear at Liverpool Magistrates Court tomorrow (Saturday 19 September).

Chester man found guilty of the attempted murder of his friend

A 62-year-old man has been found guilty of attempted murder after stabbing his friend at his home in Chester.

Paul Andrews, from Alder Grove, Hoole, was convicted following a four day trial at Chester Crown Court which began on 14 September. He will be sentenced on 19 October. On the afternoon of Thursday 3 October 2019 58-year-old Russell Feeney visited his friend Paul Andrews at his address in Alder Grove in Hoole. As he got up from his chair to leave he felt as if he had been punched in the back and fell to his knees. He subsequently realised that he had been stabbed. Andrews walked past him, out of the door and drove his car to the police station in Blacon where he handed himself in, leaving Russell alone and badly injured. Meanwhile emergency services dashed to Alder Grove. Russell had managed to get out of the house and was lying on the ground outside the address with a life threatening stab wound. The 30cm knife was still embedded in his back. Russell was airlifted to Aintree Hospital and rushed into surgery to remove the knife and work on the critical injuries the stabbing had caused.



DCI Simon Draco said: *"We still don't know the reasons behind why Andrews stabbed his friend that day as he refused to answer any questions on interview despite our detectives' best efforts to find out what had triggered such a violent, life threatening incident. What we do know is that that one single action left a man, who thought they were friends, betrayed and fighting for his life in hospital as surgeons and nurses worked to save him. He is still recovering from his life changing injuries and the emotional trauma of such an incomprehensible act, but I hope seeing Andrews brought to justice will help Russell in some way. I am pleased to say that detectives have delivered a cogent investigation that has resulted in the incarceration of a dangerous, violent offender who has used a knife in such a terrible way."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire said: *"It's important that victims are supported throughout and get the justice they deserve. I hope the victim and his family find some solace in the guilty verdict and his attacker being brought to justice. This was a shocking act of violence and goes to show just how lethal knives can be and the*

impact it has on our communities. I truly hope the family can begin to rebuild their lives following this traumatic event.”

Man convicted of killing much-loved father in Warrington

Daniel Shovelton, of Saffron Close in Longbarn, was convicted of the killing following a 12 day trial at Liverpool Crown Court. He is due to be sentenced on Monday 21 September.

Mark Bradbury was found dead at his bungalow in Station Road South in Padgate at 10pm on Sunday 4 August. What followed was a lengthy and painstaking police investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death. This involved interviewing hundreds of witnesses, reviewing thousands of CCTV footage and the use of search and scientific specialists to support the investigation. After a meticulous investigation Shovelton was charged just over six months later.



The court heard how he subjected his 58-year-old victim to a brutal attack. He suffered deep internal bruising and significant injuries to his head from blunt force trauma and strangulation. The investigation team discovered Mark was a small time drug dealer who had known Shovelton for around 20 years. Shovelton was one of Mark’s customers and regularly bought cocaine from him to feed his desperate and expensive addiction. The 40-year-old was in need of money and drugs at the time of Mark’s murder – he was around £53,000 in debt to drug dealers, his family and to businesses, as well as having a £1,000-a-month cocaine habit. Shovelton had recently been sacked from his job as a delivery driver for stealing. He was living back with his parents after his home had been repossessed and had resorted to asking his daughter to lend him money.

The police investigation established that Mark’s last known movements were at Bargain Booze shortly before 6.30pm on Thursday 1 August where he bought beer and cigarettes before driving home. He then met with a drug customer at his home, the last known person to have seen him alive, before having a phone call shortly after 7pm. His phone was then disconnected from the network and was never seen, spoken to or heard from again. On the day Mark is believed to have died, on Thursday 1 August, Shovelton was seen in the vicinity of Station Road South on four separate occasions. On one of them he was seen by a 14-year-old girl at around midday with his head down and walking towards Mark’s address. The girl was so concerned by his behaviour, which she found ‘strange’ and quickened her step, she reported it to police. At the time Mark was home, Shovelton was captured shortly after 7pm in a Kia Ceed travelling along Station Road. He was seen driving away from the direction of Mark’s home nearly three hours later. After killing Mark, he changed his clothes before conducting what he himself described as a ‘magical mystery tour’. He visited Tesco Extra on Winwick Road at 11.30pm and bought several items.

Then after midnight Shovelton went to the industrial area of Woolston Grange Avenue where he is believed to have disposed of incriminating items. This included the clothing and footwear he was captured wearing on CCTV before the murder. Over the next few days, Shovelton continued to spend Mark’s money, including £27 on scratch cards, and he attempted to source more cocaine. He also began to repeatedly check the Warrington Guardian newspaper for any updates on the case, and also spent time researching the senior investigating officer. Around a month later, on Thursday 5 September 2019, police arrested Shovelton on suspicion of murder. After searching his address they recovered a number of items, including keys to the Kia Ceed. The key ring was examined and traces of Mark’s blood was found. They also recovered Mark’s gold ring inside the pocket of his black trousers and an empty packet of Lambert and Butler cigarettes which matched the ones

Mark bought from a convenience store on the evening of his death. He was released under investigation, but subsequently re-arrested on 24 March 2020, and charged with murder two days later on 25 March.

DI Sarah Oliver, from Cheshire Police's Major Investigation Team, said: *"Mark was a much loved father and his loss is still keenly felt by his daughter Hannah. My thoughts are with her and her family. I hope the conviction of Shovelton helps Hannah and all those who knew Mark to continue to come to terms with what happened. Shovelton has never shown any remorse for his actions and continues to avoid responsibility for the hurt he has caused. He has shown himself to be an utterly selfish man who put his own need for cash and cocaine above all else. He saw Mark as someone who he could take both – with devastating consequences. This case demonstrates the impact drug and gambling addiction can have and I would urge anybody with an addiction to seek help."*

Mark's daughter Hannah paid tribute to her dad following the conviction: *"Thank you to everyone who has shown support, and to the incredible Cheshire Police over the last 13 months. This has been the longest road for justice for my dad, who did not deserve to be taken from us in the most brutal way. This experience will never be forgotten by so many, and in that I hope my dad's memory will live on in happiness and love."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"This crime shocked the local community and deeply saddened all those who knew Mark. My thoughts are with Mark's daughter Hannah and his family and friends. I hope this conviction gives them some form of comfort in that justice has now been served."*

Follow the rules this weekend and stay safe, police and councils urge

Residents across Cheshire are being urged to ensure they play by the rules this weekend after the Government introduced new legislation to try to limit the spread of Covid-19.

The four local authorities in Cheshire – Warrington, Halton, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester councils – are working with Cheshire Police on plans this weekend to ensure that residents, shoppers and businesses are acting within the guidelines and legislation.

It is the first weekend since the introduction of the new 'Rule of Six', meaning that people can no longer meet in groups of more than six people – whether inside or outside. It doesn't stop people from continuing to do the things they enjoy, such as going to pubs or restaurants or socialising in other ways, but they are asked to do so responsibly and in a way that minimises the risk of the virus spreading.

The timing of this new rule is particularly important in Cheshire as sharp rises in the infection rate have been recorded over the past week, and new restrictions have been announced that will see tighter restrictions come into force across parts of the region from next Tuesday.

Halton Borough Council chief executive David Parr, who chairs the Cheshire Community Safety Partnership, says it's vital that people follow the rules to keep themselves and their loved ones safe. He said: *"This virus is deadly. Even if you catch it and it doesn't make you feel that unwell, you could pass it on to your mum, you nan, or other loved ones who could end up seriously ill. Some people don't have any symptoms, so if you are not keeping your distance, or wearing a face covering you could be putting other people at risk. These rules are not being put in place to spoil your night out, or stop you from seeing your friends – they are there to make sure we don't go back to a few months ago when our hospitals were full and we were in a complete lockdown. If you run a business, shop, pub, café, restaurant or venue, I am asking you directly to do what you*

need to, to make your premises Covid-safe. If you are going out over the weekend, I am asking you to plan ahead, remember your face covering and to take responsibility for your own actions.”

Superintendent Peter Crowcroft is in charge of planning the policing operation across the county ahead of this weekend. He says that officers will continue to adopt the 4 E's approach – engage, explain and encourage people to follow the rules, but that they will use enforcement where they have to. This can mean a fine of £100, or even up to £10,000 for serious and significant breaches. He said: *“The new rules are clear and we all have a personal responsibility for following them to help stop of the spread of a deadly virus. Please don't ignore them – whether that's having a large party at home, meeting friends or family in the park, or going out in the evening in a big group. We must all be thinking about our responsibility towards each other, not how we can bend or get around the rules. In most situations, we'll resolve breaches without having to issue a fine. But if people just won't listen, they are putting everyone at risk and so we can, and will, take action if we need to.”*

Full details of the current regulations relating to Covid-19 can be found on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk).

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Coronavirus restrictions in Cheshire

Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP)

A former professional footballer is supporting a scheme, which helps to ensure victims of child sexual abuse get the justice they deserve.

The Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel (CSARP), which is a joint enterprise between the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), looks again at cases where a victim or survivor feel the decision to take no further action (NFA) in an investigation was unjust and would like the result to be reconsidered. The panel, which was set up in June 2013, consider whether the approach taken by the police or CPS was wrong and advises whether the allegations should be reinvestigated and/or reviewed. To do this, the panel looks at the information requested of and provided by the relevant police force or CPS area, to decide whether to advise that the original decision was correct or if further action should be taken.

If the decision is made to reinvestigate or review the case, it will be referred back to the police force or CPS area from where the case originated for them to decide on the action to be taken. If the panel agrees with the original decision to take no further action, the victim or survivor is informed by letter with specialist help and support provided or signposted. There is no appeal point beyond the panel.

Since being set up, 184 cases have been referred to CSARP. Of these,

- 143 cases were reinvestigated by police or reconsidered by CPS (78%)
- 20 cases were agreed NFA by the panel (11%)
- 21 cases where the victim disengaged with the panel (11%)

Of the 143 cases that were reinvestigated or reconsidered,

- 44 cases resulted in NFA by police or CPS (31%)

- 29 cases resulted in a charging decision (20%)
- 21 cases resulted in a conviction (15%)
- 14 cases remain live investigations (10%)

The remaining 35 cases are recorded as either having insufficient details, resulted in NFA due to victim disengaging with the investigation or are recorded as unknown (24%).

Now, a short video featuring former footballer and child sexual abuse victim, David Lean, has been created to raise awareness of CSARP and ensure victims and survivors are aware of how they can refer their case to the panel. https://youtu.be/UpZUaOW_MQg

David, who was abused by football coach Barry Bennell in 1980, referred his case to CSARP in 2013. The panel made the decision for police to reinvestigate, which resulted in Bennell being charged. In April 2015, Bennell pleaded guilty to two counts of indecent assault on a male under the age of 14, and two counts of enticing a boy under the age of 14 to commit an act of gross indecency. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment for these offences. In the video, David speaks about his experience with the panel, why he is supportive of the work they do and why he is encouraging victims and survivors to refer their case, if appropriate.

David said, "If you are not able to move on because you have this anger, this bitterness inside you from your case being dropped five, six years ago or longer, I would recommend you go through this system. Without the panel, there wouldn't have been a second look at my case. There is no guarantee that your case will be reinvestigated and yes, it will be difficult, but it could change your life. It changed my life."

NPCC lead for Child Protection, Chief Constable Simon Bailey said, "We have listened to the experiences of victims and survivors and we are doing our best to ensure that today, they can be confident that if they come forward to police they will be treated with empathy, their report taken seriously and a proportionate investigation will follow. Policing has made mistakes in the past and we recognise that some victims and survivors may feel that they have been previously failed. However, the Child Sexual Abuse Review Panel seeks to give those victims and survivors the opportunity to get the justice they deserve – as David Lean says in the film, the impact can be life-changing. It is really encouraging that 78% of cases being referred to the panel are being reinvestigated or reconsidered by police and CPS, ensuring the case is examined again to present day standards. Whilst some cases do not result in a charging decision, it is crucial that victims and survivors feels they have been listened to and provided with an explanation regarding why the case cannot proceed."

CPS Chief Crown Prosecutor, Ed Beltrami, said, "Getting justice for victims of these horrific crimes is a priority and I urge anyone who feels a decision should be revisited to engage with the panel. Working with police, it is imperative we give victims the confidence to come forward and report these offences. Since its inception, a number of cases referred have been reviewed, charged and prosecuted. CPS and police have come a long way over the years in understanding sexual abuse offences, and our knowledge and understanding of them will continue to develop. It is important that decisions that were made before this change came about are looked at again."

Victims and survivors who wish to refer their case to the panel can do so through a dedicated email address: nationalpanel@npcc.pnn.police.uk Alternatively, victims and survivors can also bring their previous complaint back to the relevant police force and/or Crown Prosecution Service.

Background: CSARP was set up in June 2013 to look again at cases that were not covered by the Victims' Right to Review (VRR) scheme. VRR was introduced to make it easier for victims to seek a review of a CPS decision not to bring charges or to terminate all proceedings; however, the scheme only applies to decisions made on or after 5 June 2013.

CSARP consists of a Chief Crown Prosecutor, a chief police officer, a specialist prosecutor, an experienced child abuse police investigator, and an appropriate independent representative who meet quarterly to consider whether the approach taken by the police or CPS was wrong and advises whether the allegations should be reinvestigated by the police or the prosecution decision reviewed by the CPS.

Cases will be considered if:

- The report is about an alleged sexual offence against the victim or survivor;
- The victim or survivor is referring to a report previously made to the police about the sexual offence;
- A decision to take no further action was taken by the police or by the CPS;
- The alleged sexual offences was committed when the victim or survivor was under 18 years of age;
- The alleged offender may still pose a risk;
- The alleged offence was committed in England and Wales;
- The case was investigated and marked no further action by police or CPS before 5 June 2013.

It is important to note that even if the victim or survivor has previously asked the police or the CPS to look at the decision they made, their case will still be considered.

Cases will not be considered if:

- The victim or survivor hasn't previously reported the matter to the police as this will therefore be a new complaint that the police will need to investigate;
- New evidence has come to light prompting a fresh investigation by the police;
- The case was investigated and marked no further action by police or CPS after 5 June 2013.

Case studies:

John Doherty

John Doherty repeatedly raped a 14 year-old girl over a period of months in the Coventry area. These allegations were first investigated in 1995, but upon completion of the investigation, the matter was marked no further action. Following a referral to the panel in 2015, this matter was reviewed. The panel advised the case should be investigated further and considered for charges. In 2019, Doherty, then 76 years-old and of Malin Head, Ballygorman, Ireland, was convicted of a campaign of rape against the victim over several months. He was sentenced to 19 years imprisonment and ordered to remain on the Sex Offenders' Register for life.

Terence Wilmer

Wilmer groomed and sexually abused two girls, one 12 years of age and the other aged under 10, in Robertsbridge and Hastings in the 1990s. This matter was first reported and investigated in 2004, but resulted in a decision to take no further action. Following a review of the case prompted by a referral to the

panel in 2015, Wilmer was charged and convicted of rape as well as several allegations of indecent assault offences. In 2017, the court sentenced Wilmer, then aged 57-years-old and of Emmanuel Rd, Hastings, to 16 years imprisonment with a further 5 years on extended licence. Wilmer will be a registered sex offender for life and was given a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) to last until further court notice

Keith Worthington

Worthington was accused of abusing three boys in the St Helen's area in the 1990s, with allegations surfacing in 2005. The investigation concluded with a decision to take no further action. This case was referred to the panel in 2015, prompting the police to reinvestigate all of the allegations. This resulted in the suspect being charged with numerous sexual offences. Worthington, then 47 years of age and of Prestwood Road, Dovecot, was convicted in 2017 and sentenced to 18 years imprisonment, and ordered to remain on the Sexual Offenders' Register for life. The court also authorised a Sexual Harm Prevention Order to remain in place indefinitely.

Six men charged following altercation in Chester

Six men have been charged following an altercation outside a pub in Chester.

The incident occurred at around 1.30am on Friday 6 December. A 29-year-old man from Chester and a 38-year-old man from Runcorn sustained minor injuries as a result of the altercation outside the Craft & Company pub in Watergate Row North. James Lloyd, 27, Arron Hughes, 26, Andrew Dutton, 24, Jordan Coldray, 23, Declan Bradley, 23, and Brooke Goodwin, 20, have all been charged with violent disorder. Coldray has also been charged with assaulting a person and causing them actual bodily harm. Lloyd, of Tarvin Road, Boughton, Chester; Hughes, of Sandown Crescent, Manchester; Dutton, of Sycamore Drive, Chester; Coldray, of Liverpool Road, Moston, Chester; Bradley, of Winsford Walk, Burnley; and Goodwin, of Blacon Point Road, Chester; all appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 11 September. They have all been released on bail and are set to return to the court on Monday 19 October.

County-wide initiative sees vulnerable adults safeguarded from cuckooing

A number of vulnerable adults whose homes were taken over by drug dealers have been identified and offered safeguarding support as part of a county-wide initiative.

Police officers and partner agencies – including housing associations, social care and drug support services – are working together to protect those at risk from criminals who use violence and threats to gain access to their home. This is known as cuckooing.

The police-led initiative involves identifying those at risk and engaging with them before offering regular visits and support to enable them to keep themselves safe. Anyone who is deemed at serious risk of cuckooing is referred to partner agencies or police if information comes to light that cuckooing may be taking place at an address. An assessment is then carried out before visits are made by local officers to engage with the adult and support them to prevent the situation from continuing. The pilot was first launched in Macclesfield in September 2019. It resulted in 16 referrals being made with a number of vulnerable people safeguarded, and the disruption of drugs being supplied into the town. Due to its success, it was subsequently rolled out across the county last month and now further 30 adults have been protected in towns across Cheshire. The criminals operate under a county lines model by exporting drugs from larger cities into more rural areas. They will use the vulnerable person's house as a base to deal and store drugs as well as money, weapons and drug paraphernalia. The vulnerable victim may have disabilities, mental health

problems or may have once been addicted to drugs themselves. Behind closed doors they are often badly beaten, banished to live in one room of the house and terrified of the strangers now living in their home. Officers need the public's help to identify vulnerable adults who may be at risk by learning what signs to look out for and to report it to police.

DI Eleanor Atkinson, who is in charge of the operation, said: *"This is a great initiative which protects and supports some of the most vulnerable people in our community who are exploited by criminals causing them serious harm. Some of the cases I have seen are truly heart breaking and I can't begin to imagine how terrifying it must be for those living in fear in their own home. While we have eight dedicated officers working with our partners to identify and safeguard them we also need the public to learn what signs to look out for and to report this behaviour to us. This initiative will also help to prevent the crime and anti-social behaviour that is often linked to the supply of drugs. All of this hard work along with the public coming forward will help play a significant part in making our community a safer place for everyone to live."*

Below are some of the signs the public can look out for:

- Increased or frequent numbers of visitors at the property
- Individuals taking over a vulnerable person's address
- Vulnerable people scared, threatened or coerced
- Individuals with cash or mobile phones
- Signs that drug misuse could be taking place at the property

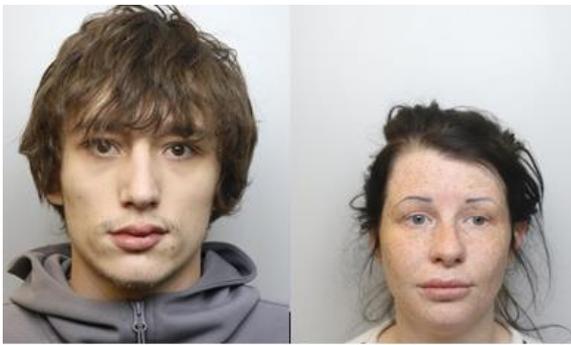
David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *"I would like to thank all the officers involved in this initiative which has already been successful in protecting vulnerable adults and our communities from criminals associated with serious and organised crime. These criminals exploit and manipulate people simply to aid their criminal enterprises. As PCC for Cheshire, I know how dedicated officers are in fighting against these drug dealers and protecting those most at harm."*

If you believe someone is a victim of cuckooing, or have information about drug activity in your area, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or Cheshire Police on 101.

Macclesfield drug dealers jailed for more than 11 years

A county lines dealer from Liverpool and a drug dealer from Macclesfield have been jailed for more than 11 years.

Shaun Ventre, 21, and 31-year-old Tania Dewar, were both sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Friday 11 September. Ventre, of no fixed abode, Liverpool, was sentenced to four years after admitting being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. Dewar, of Somerset Close, Macclesfield, was jailed for seven years and six months after she pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs (heroin and cocaine). She was also convicted of conspiracy to supply class A drugs and conspiring to throw class A drugs into a prison in connection with a separate case.



Shaun Ventre

Tania Dewar

During the hearing the court heard how Ventre was a well-established county lines dealer who travelled from Liverpool to Macclesfield on a regular basis to distribute illegal drugs to his network of dealers – which included Dewar. The case against them began on 10 January 2020 when they were seen by officers leaving the home of a vulnerable man in Macclesfield. The pair drove off from the address in a Mercedes which was subsequently stopped by officers. Just before they came to a stop, Ventre was seen to throw a wedge of cash into the back of the vehicle. The cash was later found to be more than £700. Another £480 was also found by Ventre’s car seat along with a quantity of designer clothing worth more than £700. He was also found in possession of a mobile phone.

Dewar, who was driving the vehicle, was found to be in possession of more than 100 street wraps of heroin, two wraps of crack cocaine and a small amount of powder cocaine. She also had a ‘graft’ phone – this is the main phone that is used to communicate with the county lines dealers and to sell drugs through. All of the drugs and mobile phones were seized at the scene and Ventre and Dewar were both arrested. The phones were subsequently analysed by officers who discovered a raft of messages which linked the pair to illegal drugs activity. These included a hundreds of ‘blast’ messages. These are sales messages distributed to addicts to let them know that they are in the area selling drugs.

During questioning Ventre denied any involvement in dealing, and claimed that all of the money and clothing had been given to him by other people – stating that he lived on the generosity of others. Dewar refused to answer any questions while in custody. However, despite denying all knowledge, the pair pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them at Chester Crown Court on 7 August 2020.

Following their sentencing, DC Alan Davies said: *“The sentencing of Ventre and Dewar brings to a conclusion what has been a painstaking investigation into those involved in the supply of class A drugs in Macclesfield. Drugs have a hugely detrimental impact on communities, causing widespread misery. As such, cutting off supplies of illegal drugs and removing drug dealers from our communities is of paramount importance. Protecting vulnerable people who are the victims of such crimes is also vitally important to us. The sentences handed to Ventre and Dewar will undoubtedly play a crucial role in disrupting serious and organised crime and send out a very clear message that the supply of illegal drugs will not be tolerated.”*

PCC David Keane said: *“Preventing and protecting Cheshire’s communities from serious and organised crime has been a key focus of my Police and Crime Plan and I’m really proud of the officers and staff involved in this operation. We must not forget that these county lines dealers can prey on vulnerable adults and exploit, coerce and manipulate children to deliver and deal drugs on their behalf. We will not allow that to happen in our communities and we will continue to work hard to protect vulnerable adults and children and ensure Cheshire is a safe place.”*

To help make Chester a safer place for everyone and to find out more about the signs of county lines drug dealing visit: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/campaigns/2019/impact/>.

Man jailed for 28 months after heroin and cocaine found following stop and search

An Ellesmere Port man has been jailed for 28 months after a stop and search led officers to find heroin and cocaine with street value of £780.

Gary Eaton, 28, of Rossmore Road West was subsequently arrested and charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs after plain clothed officers stopped the car he was driving on Stanney Lane on 6 February 2020. The officers spoke with Eaton who seemed nervous and saw a quantity of cash stored in a compartment under the radio of the car. A second mobile phone was also found in the vehicle. Eaton was then detained under stop and search and was taken to a police station. While at the station, Eaton was searched and bags of white and brown powder were found in his boxer shorts. Further tests proved that the bags contained heroin and cocaine while the mobile phone was found to contain messages that linked him to drug dealing.



Eaton pleaded guilty and was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 9 September to 28 months for possession with intent to supply heroin and 28 months for possession with intent to supply cocaine which will be served concurrently. He was also ordered to pay £181 in victim surcharge. Around £352 was also forfeited to Cheshire Police for the fight against crime.

DC Roy Wellings of the Ellesmere Port Beat Initiative Team said: *“This was an excellent example of how stop and search can work extremely well. Eaton attempted to try and conceal the drugs but ultimately failed. We will continue our fight against illegal drugs and do everything in our power to continue to track down those who feel they can go against the law and deal heroin and cocaine to the vulnerable in our society. I would urge anyone with any concerns about illegal drug activity in their community to get in touch with Cheshire Police on 101.”*

PCC for Cheshire, David Keane said: *“This is another great result for officers who have worked tirelessly to put an end to illegal drug activity in the town. This also shows the power of stop and search which has, in this case, played a big part in removing a drug dealer from Cheshire’s streets. I am very grateful to the officers for continuing their hard work in their fight against illegal drugs.”*

More than 100 suspects rounded up in Cheshire Constabulary week of action

Cheshire Constabulary’s wanted week of action was a great success with suspects being locked up for a range of offences.

From Monday 7 September, officers and staff from local policing units, the Special Constabulary and specialist departments from across the force concentrated their efforts and combined their expertise to track down people suspected of committing crimes in the county. A specific list of individuals officers wanted to speak to and had information to deal with them swiftly was drawn up. They then had the assistance of specialist units such as the Economic Crime Unit, Roads Policing and the Serious Organised Crime Unit. North

West Regional Organised Crime Unit and Immigration also helped officers in their efforts to trace suspects. Across the county shoplifters, burglars and domestic violence perpetrators were arrested alongside those suspected of firearms offences, criminal damage, assault, aggravated burglary and stalking. Seventy-seven were arrested and 50 people voluntarily attended.

CI Sarah Heath, who led on the operation, said: *“We went out there furnished with information that would help us track down the suspects and where possible put them before the courts. This is something our officers and staff do every day as part of their daily business but we wanted to highlight to you with our week of action that when we identify those who are a priority for us to find, we have the use of specialist departments to help us in our search. Last week teams across the county worked together and successfully located those who are denying victims the justice they deserve. We will continue to work together to prevent crime, locate suspects and keep you safe.”*

PCC David Keane said: *“As well as being able to access support services, it’s also important that victims get to see justice, so it is good to see this type of ongoing operation to illustrate what the Constabulary is doing behind the scenes to catch criminals and put them before the courts. Initiatives such as this really help to build trust between police and the communities they serve.”*

If you have any information regarding someone you know is wanted by police please call Cheshire Constabulary on 101. Information can also be left anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555111.

Man jailed for six years after heroin seized by police on M53

A 49-year-old man has been jailed for six years after heroin with a street value of £1,100 was discovered by officers following a stop check on M53.



Paul Morgan, of Green Lane in Great Sutton, was arrested and subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs after officers stopped a car he was travelling in on the M53 on 4 August 2020. Morgan was a passenger in a car that was stopped by police near junction 4 of M53. He fled the scene while the driver of the vehicle remained. While trying to flee officers, Morgan fell face first into some brambles and was detained. He then told officers that he had some ‘gear’ in his pocket. They searched Morgan found a clear bag containing brown blocks which was later found to be 14.5g of heroin. Following further tests it was found that heroin of this amount could have been devised into 111 individual deals. Morgan pleaded guilty and was sentenced to nine years imprisonment, reduced to six years at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 9 September.

DC Roy Wellings said: *“This is an excellent result and I hope that this will stop those who believe they can get away with drug dealing in our town. I am glad that Morgan will serve a lengthy sentence behind bars for supplying heroin to people in Ellesmere Port. It is of paramount importance to us to remove these drugs and those who supply them as they have a hugely detrimental impact to our communities and cause widespread misery. We act on all information that we receive and would ask the public to continue to do their part in helping to make Ellesmere Port a safer place to live.”*

PCC for Cheshire, David Keane said: *“As your Police and Crime Commissioner I am committed to working with Cheshire Police to stamp out illegal drug activity in order to keep you safe. This result is a great example of the ongoing work being carried out by officers to prevent these drugs hitting the streets of Ellesmere Port, sending a clear message to those that believe they can continue to flout the law that this behaviour will not*

be tolerated. The public have a crucial role to play in the fight against illegal drugs and I would urge anyone who has information about suspected drug activity in their neighbourhood to report it to Cheshire Police.”

Two people jailed for supplying drugs in Macclesfield, Peterhead and Styal prison

Two people involved in the supply of Class A drugs in Macclesfield and into a women’s prison in Styal have been jailed.

Anton Daniels, 36, and 31-year-old Tania Dewar, appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 11 September 2020, where they were sentenced to a total of 17-years and 6 months in prison. Daniels, of Brooklands Road, Manchester, was sentenced to 10 years in prison after he admitted conspiracy to supply class A drugs, money laundering and conspiring to throw class A drugs into a prison.

Dewar, of Somerset Close, Macclesfield, was jailed for seven years and six months after she pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply class A drugs and conspiring to throw class A drugs into a prison. She was also convicted of possession with intent to supply class A drugs (Heroin and Cocaine), in connection with a separate case.



Anton Daniels

Tania Dewar

The pair had known each other for a number of years, as Dewar was believed to be selling drugs for Daniels in the Macclesfield and Peterhead areas. However, Dewar was arrested in January 2020, in connection with a separate case relating to the supply of Class A drugs in Macclesfield. She was subsequently remanded in custody at Styal Prison, meaning that she was unable to sell drugs for Daniels in Macclesfield. However, the pair didn’t let the setback stop their activities, and instead Daniels used Dewar as his way in to Styal Prison.

Between 16 January 2020 and 9 February 2020 Daniels threw several parcels over the walls of the prison, which were then collected by Dewar and sold to fellow prisoners. Their actions came to light on 12 February 2020 when Daniels was stopped by officers as he drove into the Wilmslow area. Within his car officers recovered two mobile phones along with more than £400 cash. Daniels was unable to account for where the cash had come from and he was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. During a subsequent search of his home in Manchester officers recovered assets belonging to Daniels with an estimated value of more than £100,000. These included vehicles, cash, designer clothing and a high value watch. Officers also recovered mobile phone messages linking Daniels and Dewar to drug dealing in both Macclesfield and Peterhead. They also found cell site data which showed Daniels had visited the prison on a number of occasions.

Following their sentencing, DC James Podmore, said: *“This is a fantastic result and it truly goes to show the value of the police stop and search powers. As a result of a regular police stop check, and the subsequent investigation by the team here at Macclesfield, two people involved in supply of Class A drugs have been removed from the streets of Cheshire. Both Daniels and Dewar were clearly established dealers responsible for the supply of illegal drugs in the Macclesfield area. Even when Dewar was remanded in custody, the pair continued their illegal activities, targeting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities at the lowest times of their lives. Thankfully, the pair are now facing a significant period of time behind bars.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *“I would like to thank all the officers involved in this case for all their hard work in securing this conviction. Stop and search powers are crucial to the essential role that frontline officers play in the detection and prevention of serious and organised crime. I know that officers work tirelessly in their fight against county lines drug dealers who blight communities in Cheshire with their illegal drugs and I am delighted that they have secured another good result in this regard.”*

Closure order granted on Northwich property

A Northwich property, which was plagued with anti-social behaviour and drug activity, has been closed down thanks to the work of local officers.

On Thursday 10 September officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit (LPU) were granted a closure order for a property on Priory Street at Chester Magistrates Court. The order, which was granted under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, was applied for after officers gathered a catalogue of evidence in relation to anti-social behaviour and drug related activity at the property. All its windows and doors have been boarded up and will remain so for three months. Anyone who enters the address during that time is committing an offence and can be arrested.

PC Alasdair Bett, of Northwich Beat Team said: *“This property has caused the local community a great deal of anxiety. A lot of the behaviour was linked to evidence of drug usage at or within the premises and included fighting and disturbances in the street. I hope that this closure order will give the local community a welcome relief and allow them to get on with their lives without having to face the anxiety that this property caused.”*

Northwich North Beat Sergeant Andy Cooper said: *“Any report of anti-social behaviour is reviewed by the Beat Team, and where the evidence is available, we will take action and work with partner agencies and the people involved. In this case, police have been involved in this case over many months but sadly tackling anti-social behaviour is not a quick, easy fix; it takes time, effort and above all co-operation and engagement from the community. I personally would like to thank the community in this case who have been brave enough to speak out about the behaviour at the premises and provide the police with the necessary evidence in order to support the application for a closure. This closure serves as a reminder to people that while your home may well be your castle, your castle is not allowed to be used for behaviour that causes misery to others. We will*



act and we will apply for closures such as this. We now hope that a suitable tenant is put in place in the future before the property is returned by the court to the landlord."

PCC for Cheshire, David Keane said: *"This is an excellent result for Northwich and I would like to praise officers for their work in getting this order to the courts. This closure order is a great example of how officers are working with the concerns of the community to ensure a positive response. I hope that this result provides reassurance to the local community and shows that officers will do all they can to make Cheshire a safer place to live, work and visit."*

Local residents are encouraged to report any concerns to Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Help keep Cheshire's roads safe

Cheshire Police is appealing to those who travel to work on the roads to drive carefully and help keep Cheshire's roads safe.

As part of a national week of action (Monday 14 – Sunday 20 September) Project EDWARD will see officers in Cheshire targeting those who drive for work across the county in a bid to keep them, and other road users, safe on the roads. The Project EDWARD week of action seeks to show that we are all more vulnerable than we think, but that anyone with the right approach, access to good training, a commitment to regular vehicle checks and appropriate employer support can significantly reduce the likelihood of being hurt on the road. Government figures show that in 2018 there were approximately 42,000 road deaths and injuries involving someone who was driving for work at the time. However, it is rarely the driver who is the casualty. 82% of those deaths and injuries were other, often vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

Officers will be targeting hot spot areas, including motorways, to provide a visible presence across the county where there are high volumes of traffic. Officers will stop drivers they believe are committing one of [the Fatal 5 offences](#) (careless driving, speeding, drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone while driving and not wearing a seatbelt) to engage and educate motorists, and where necessary enforce the law. When stopping vehicles officers will intervene if vehicles are unsafe.

Inspector for Cheshire Police's Roads and Crime Unit, Anton Sullivan, said: *"Road safety is a critical issue for all communities. Most have been affected at some point by injury or death caused by road traffic collisions, and all will have experienced risks using the roads. This week of action is an ideal opportunity to educate those who drive for work on how to drive safely to help keep people safe on the road and prevent any tragedies from occurring. Statistics show that more people are losing their lives on our roads as a result of careless driving and by taking the time to educate road users could be the difference between a safe journey and one that ends in a fatality. So if you spend a lot of time on the roads driving for work, think before you overtake and make sure it is safe to do so, concentrate when pulling out of a junction, look out for cyclists and motorcyclists, leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front and drive appropriately for the road and weather conditions. I promise you, it's not worth dying for..."*

PCC for Cheshire, David Keane, said: *"Making our roads safer is one of my key priorities and something I am constantly campaigning for to make Cheshire safer. It is vitally important that the public are educated on the consequences their driving can have if they drive recklessly. There has been too many tragic deaths and serious injuries sustained on Cheshire's roads as a result of careless driving and I am pleased the*

Constabulary are using this week of action to educate the public and where appropriate enforce the laws of the road, to make the roads safer for us all."

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police are appealing for information after a car collided with a cyclist

Police are appealing for witnesses following a fail to stop collision with a cyclist in Widnes.

An 18-year-old boy was riding along Milton Road toward Riverside College sometime between 3.30pm and 4pm when a grey Ford Kuga collided with him. The driver failed to stop and turned left into Cameron Road. The teenager was airlifted to hospital where he remains in a serious but stable condition.

DC Tina Jackson said: *"We would urge anyone who witnessed the collision or has information that will help us identify the driver to contact us. If you were in the area at the time and have dashcam footage you can submit it on our website. Please make sure you reference IML 806505."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk quoting IML 806505. Alternatively information can be anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for witnesses following fatal collision in Handforth

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward after a 34-year-old motorcyclist died following a collision in Handforth.

Shortly after 10pm on Tuesday 15 September police were called to reports of an incident on the southbound carriageway of the A34 Handforth Dean bypass. Officers attended the scene and found that there had been a four-vehicle collision involving two cars and two motorbikes. The grey Audi RS3, the dark blue Audi R8, the black Suzuki GSXR motorbike and the blue Suzuki GSXR motorcycle are all believed to have collided near to the Handforth Dean shopping centre roundabout. Sadly, the rider of the black Suzuki, a 34-year-old man from Bradford, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The rider of the blue Suzuki motorbike, a 32-year-old man believed to be from the Bradford area, was also injured. He was taken to Manchester Royal Infirmary, where his condition is described as stable. The occupants of the cars, a 28-year-old man from Cheadle, a 29-year-old man from Bradford and a 23-year-old man from Bradford, are not believed to have been injured. All three have both been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to get in touch.

Sergeant Andy Dennison said: *"We are in the early stages of our investigation and enquiries are very much ongoing. Initial enquiries suggests that those involved in the collision were potentially travelling in convoy and we are keen to hear for anyone who witnessed the collision, or saw the vehicles prior to the incident. The same goes for anyone with any video footage of which may aid the investigation."*

Anyone with information or footage that may be relevant to the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 806041, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>.

Detectives appeal for information following attempted robbery at shop in Birchwood

Detectives are appealing for information following an attempted robbery at a shop in Birchwood.

At around 8.40pm on Sunday 13 September an unknown man entered the shop on Admirals Road and demanded money. It is believed he was in possession of a knife and a canister he claimed contained acid. He then attempted to enter the till area but was stopped by a staff member. The man then fled the scene. As a result of the incident the shop worker sustained minor injuries to his hand.

The offender is described as white, around 5'7" to 5'10" and of average build. He was wearing a black face mask, a dark hoody, dark trousers and light coloured trainers. Officers are now urging anyone with information about the incident to get in touch.

DC Jill Peggs said: *"This incident has not only left the member of staff with slight injuries but also incredibly shaken. We are doing all we can to find the offender responsible and bring him to justice while a number of enquiries are ongoing. I would urge anyone who may have seen anything around the time of the incident to get in touch. Also I would like to ask anyone who may have captured dashcam or CCTV footage of the suspect to call Cheshire Police on 101."*

Anyone with information is urged to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 804376 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

To find out further information about the Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association, to log into your account or for Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Literature please visit our website: <http://cheshire.ourwatch.org.uk/>