

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### **Two men charged following drug raids in Alderley Edge and Wilmslow**

Two people have been charged with drugs offences in Wilmslow and Alderley Edge.

A warrant was executed at an address in Heywood Close in Alderley Edge on the morning of 25 September and another warrant was executed at an address in Barlow Road, Wilmslow, on the morning of 30 September. A 26-year-old man was arrested at the Alderley Edge address and he has subsequently been charged with being concerned in the production of Class B drugs (Cannabis) and being concerned in the acquisition of criminal property. Basri Hallaci, of Heywood Close, Alderley Edge, appeared at Crewe Magistrates' Court on 26 September and was remanded in custody. He will next appear at Chester Crown Court on 23 October. A 21-year-old man was arrested at the address in Wilmslow and was later charged with producing a Class B drug (cannabis). Redi Allaj, of no fixed address, appeared at North Cheshire Magistrates' on 1 October. He was remanded into custody and will appear at Chester Crown Court on 29 October.

#### **Tougher restrictions set to come into force in Warrington and Halton**

From midnight tonight tougher Coronavirus restrictions will come into force in Warrington and Halton.

Under the new rules it will be illegal for residents who live in the two boroughs to mix with people from outside their household in any indoor setting. The rules officially come into force at 00.01 on Saturday 3 October. Ahead of the changes, Cheshire Constabulary is urging all residents to ensure they are aware of the new rules, know what they mean for them and ensure they stick to them.

*ACC Jenny Sims said: "I understand that there are lots of changes for people to take in and I want to reassure residents that we will continue to support the public to navigate the measures in place. Officers will be out and about to help explain the rules – and encourage people to follow them – but, where necessary, we will enforce them. We need local residents to take personal responsibility and make sure they are fully aware of the rules that apply to them and ensure they stick to them. The key message is that from midnight tonight people living in Warrington and Halton will no longer be able to mix with people from outside their household in any indoor settings. This will include all private dwellings, gardens, pubs and restaurants. However, there are a small number of exemptions, such as support bubbles and going to work, which is why it's essential that all residents familiarise themselves with the new legislation, understand what it means for them and ensure they follow the rules."*

Anyone who breaches the new legislation in Warrington and Halton, could face a £200 fine. The new legislation is in addition to the existing measures in place, which includes the 'rule of six' and prevents anyone from meeting in groups of more than six people – whether inside or outside anywhere in Cheshire. The 'rule of six' also requires all hospitality, leisure, entertainment and tourism businesses will have to close by 10pm. Those who do not comply risk being fined or the premises could be closed for breaches. The force is

continuing to work closely alongside the four local authorities in Cheshire – Warrington, Halton, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester councils – as well as colleagues in Public Health and other agencies to ensure that residents, shoppers and businesses are acting within the regulations in every part of the county.

ACC Sims added: *“The vast majority of people have been listening to the advice, sticking to the rules and following the guidance in place to limit the spread of the virus. However, it is disappointing that a small minority are still choosing to flout the regulations and, with the infection rate spreading rapidly, we will not hesitate to take action where we need to – especially for the most serious breaches. We will not allow those who continue to ignore the rules to reverse the hard work and efforts of everyone else.”*

Cheshire’s PCC David Keane added: *“We all have a responsibility to remain vigilant, act responsibly and do everything we can to keep themselves and others safe. It is clear that we all have a very important part to play over the coming weeks and months. COVID-19 is very much still out there, we must not let our guard down and the personal choices that we all make are crucial to protect others. The rules are there for a reason – to keep us all safe – and we all need to play our part to protect our family, our friends, the communities we live in and, most importantly, the NHS.”*

Anyone looking to report a breach of the Coronavirus legislation is urged to do so [online via our website](#). Full details of the current regulations relating to Covid-19 can be found on the [government's coronavirus section of their website](#).

## **Initiatives launched to tackle knife crime in Crewe**

A month of action has seen Crewe’s Problem Solving Team launch a series of initiatives to tackle knife crime in the town.

Working in collaboration with partner agencies, the team carried out targeted activities across Crewe in September. They ranged from weapons sweeps to drugs warrants. The highlights of the month of action were:

- Four knife sweeps were conducted in various areas of Crewe, with numerous weapons being recovered
- A vast amount of drugs, weapons and cash were seized after a warrant was executed at an address in the west of the town
- More than 30 people were stopped and searched and significant quantities of illegal drugs were seized as part of two operations held in conjunction with British Transport Police’s County Lines Taskforce
- A knife crime prevention poster competition was held via social media, with the winning entry to be displayed on a billboard in the centre of Crewe.



***Officers and volunteers at one of the four knife sweeps***



**The winning knife crime prevention poster competition entry**

PCs Michelle Prout and Tom Towe, of Crewe's Problem Solving Team, said: "The month of action was set up as part of an ongoing operation to tackle knife crime in Crewe and create and sustain inclusive, vibrant communities in which people feel safe. One of the aims of the operation is to understand the causes of knife crime involving young members of our communities. We also challenge and endeavour to deter those who engage in this type of criminality, through proactive policing activities. We work alongside various partner agencies in a bid to stamp out knife crime, and the month of action was really positive in terms of making arrests, protecting vulnerable people and seizing drugs, cash and weapons. Ten knives were seized as part of the month of action. We are delighted with the results and the positive impact our activities in September have had on our communities in Crewe. We would like to thank the local council, schools and a charity run by Crewe resident Rachel Dyer for all their help and support during the month of action. We all have a part to play when it comes to stamping out knife crime, and during the month of action we engaged with many Crewe residents and encouraging them to help us tackle the issue."

Sgt Craig Hodson, also of Crewe's Problem Solving Team, which was set up last September to combat persistent offenders, protect vulnerable people, improve the lives of residents and reduce the demand on the police and other agencies in terms of dealing with repeat offenders, added: "The month of action was an extension of the relentless work we carry out as part of our dedicated drive to reduce the impact of knife crime in our communities. The police cannot tackle knife crime alone – it is really important that we work closely with local partners including councils, schools and community members. We must continue to take

*this joined up approach to make our streets as safe as we can. It has been great to see the community involvement in our work so far and I thank all those who have volunteered their time for the cause. Like the rest of Cheshire, Crewe is a safe place to live, work and visit. Let's make it even safer."*

CI Sarah Heath, who is Cheshire Constabulary's knife crime lead, said: *"Cheshire has a lower rate of knife crime than most other counties in England. We have a multi-faceted approach to tackling knife crime at Cheshire Constabulary. Our structured prepare, protect, pursue and prevent approach to combating knife crime involves various partner agencies, including local authorities, education providers, health authorities, third sector organisations, youth representatives and community groups. We will continue to endeavour – through education, awareness and action – to make Cheshire a county in which no-one carries a knife or feels that there is a reason to do so."*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *"Carrying a knife doesn't make you safer, and the consequences can be devastating for all those involved. Cheshire Constabulary is doing all it can to reduce the number of dangerous weapons on our streets, and to educate people about the dangers of knife crime, and I urge anyone with information about those who carry such weapons to come forward in confidence and report it."*

To report any type of crime involving weapons call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Information can also be passed to the force [online via our website](#). Anyone who knows someone that carries a knife can report it to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## **Police in Crewe reassure residents following social media rumours**

Police in Crewe are reassuring local residents following rumours circulating on social media.

In recent weeks there has been a lot of rumour and speculation online following reports of an attempted child abduction at a shop on Grand Junction Way in Crewe. The incident, which was reported to police at around 6.10pm on Friday 25 September, is alleged to have taken place on Sunday 20 September. Officers have thoroughly investigated the allegations – this has included speaking to a number of people and examining hours of CCTV footage. At this stage, they have not been able to find any evidence to substantiate the claims. Following the initial incident, Crewe Local Policing Unit has become aware of rumours circulating online from other concerned parents.

DC Simon Knowles said: *"I understand incidents of this nature will be concerning to local residents and I want to reiterate that we take any allegations of this nature extremely seriously. I would like to reassure the local community that, at this time, there is no evidence to suggest that anybody has attempted to abduct any children. However, should any new information come to light we would always follow this up and take action if appropriate. I would like to remind people that if you believe an incident of this nature is taking place you should always contact police immediately on 999. If you have any information, which could assist officers with their enquiries, please call 101 or [report the information on our website](#)."*

## **Woman charged following Widnes assault**

A 21-year-old woman from Widnes has been charged following an assault in the town.

Kayleigh Challioner was arrested at her home in Bechers at around 8am on Tuesday 7 July. She has subsequently been charged with assault by beating and harassment without violence. The charges relate to

an incident that occurred at around 4.30pm on Tuesday 30 June. A 20-year-old woman from Widnes was taken to hospital in an ambulance following the incident on a path that runs between Birchfield Road and Prescott Road. She has since been discharged after receiving treatment for the minor injuries she sustained as a result of the incident. Challioner has been issued with a postal requisition ordering her to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 17 November.

## **Two men charged with drug offences**

A 28-year-old man and a 30-year-old man have been charged in connection with drug offences.

Alexander Hewson, of Weaver Road in Nantwich, and Michael Davies, of Prospect Vale in Liverpool were arrested at around 5am on Tuesday 29 September. They have both been charged with conspiracy to supply class A and B drugs. Hewson has also been charged with conspiracy to possess a firearm. They have been remanded in custody and are due to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Wednesday 30 September. The charges relate to early morning warrants executed on Tuesday 29 September in connection with serious and organised crime.

## **Widnes police appeal for witnesses following an aggravated burglary**

Police in Widnes are appealing for witnesses following an aggravated burglary in the town.

At 9.15pm on 27 September five men forced their way into an address in Marcien Way in Widnes. The men, one armed with a screwdriver, demanded money and jewellery from the two occupants before searching the house and making off with jewellery and a wallet. The suspects are believed to have made off in a red VW Golf. The five men were dressed all in black and were wearing black gloves and balaclavas.

DC Nicola Dolan said: *"Thankfully the victims were not injured, but were left shaken by their ordeal. I would urge you to contact police if you saw suspicious activity around the time of the incident or if you have any information that may help our investigation. That also goes for anyone who was in the area and may have dashcam footage that may help us."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk) quoting IML 815222. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

### **Appeal after pensioner is injured in Chester incident**

Officers are appealing for information and dashcam footage from members of the public following an incident involving two men from Chester.

Between 12.15pm and 12.30pm on Tuesday 1 October an 86-year-old riding a bicycle collided with a 58-year-old out walking his dog. The older man is believed to have sustained a serious injury as a result of the

incident that occurred near an Aldi store on Tarvin Road in Chester. He was taken to hospital in an ambulance. The younger man, who spoke to officers at the scene, is not believed to have been injured. Officers are investigating the incident and want to speak to anyone who was in the area and saw what happened. 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 help the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 817687, or give the details [via the Cheshire Police website](#).

## **Puppies located following Runcorn burglary**

Two puppies stolen during a burglary in Runcorn in the early hours of Tuesday 29 September have been located.

The pair were found in the Widnes area yesterday evening, Tuesday 29 September. No arrest have been made and enquiries in relation to the people responsible remain ongoing.

DC Ciara Murphy, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who shared the social media appeals and helped to locate the puppies. While the dogs have been located, the investigation to trace the people responsible remains ongoing. As part of our ongoing enquiries we want to hear from anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in the Whitchurch Way area of Runcorn overnight or believes they have CCTV footage which could be relevant to our investigation. The same goes for anyone who thinks they may know the identities of the burglars."*



Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 816073, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## **Detectives investigating a serious assault in Northwich pub release CCTV images**

Detectives have released CCTV images of three people they would like to speak to in relation to a serious assault at a bar in Northwich.

At 1.25am on 5 September a confrontation broke out between a group of men at the Quayside in Whitton Street as they were asked to leave the premises.

DC Helen Harrison said: *"A man in his 30s was seriously injured and required hospital treatment. I'm keen to speak to anyone who recognises the men in the CCTV or saw the incident but has not yet spoken to us. I'd also appeal directly to the men to come forward and help us with our investigation."*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk) quoting IML 799895. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



## Investigation launched following fatal collision near Congleton

An investigation has been launched after two people died in a collision in Marton, near Congleton.

At around 3am on Sunday 27 September an officer came across a car that had collided with a tree on Congleton Road. Sadly, the two occupants of the grey Mini Cooper were pronounced dead at the scene. Formal identification has not yet taken place but they are believed to be a 22-year-old man and a 32-year-old woman both from the Congleton area. Their families have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. An investigation into the circumstances of the fatal collision has been launched. Anyone with any information or dashcam footage that may aid the investigation is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 814688, or give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>

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