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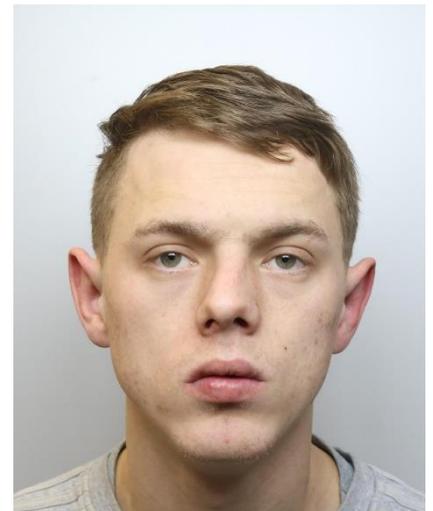


Latest Cheshire News

Liverpool man handed 20-year sentence after shooting Winsford man in the leg

A 25-year-old has been jailed after shooting another man in the leg in Winsford.

Daniel Evans, who was living in Chirkdale Street, Liverpool, committed the serious offence after having a row with a woman in the early hours of Monday 14 October 2019. The woman's brother assisted her in removing Evans from an address in Denbigh Drive, Winsford. Shortly afterwards, Evans returned to the property with a handgun and shot the brother, a 26-year-old man from Winsford, in the leg at point-blank range. The bullet passed through the victim's calf and lodged itself in a door handle. Evans then left the address before pushing over a milkman and fleeing the area in his refrigerated van. The man who was shot was taken to Leighton Hospital in an ambulance. After receiving treatment for the gunshot wound, he was discharged the following day. Officers investigating the incidents identified Evans as the offender. He was arrested in Liverpool on Saturday 7 December following a sustained manhunt.



After refusing to answer any questions in custody, Evans was charged with causing grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent, possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life, assault by beating and intimidating a witness in relation to the siblings. He was also charged with taking a motor vehicle without consent and assaulting the milkman and causing him actual bodily harm in relation to the refrigerated van theft. Evans admitted taking the refrigerated van without consent but pleaded not guilty to all the other charges. After hearing all the evidence that officers had gathered – including witness statements, CCTV footage and telecoms data – a jury convicted Evans of the GBH and firearm offences following a four-day trial at Chester Crown Court, which ended on Thursday 10 September. Evans was found not guilty of assaulting the woman. The assault charge regarding the milkman was ordered to lie on file and the intimidating a witness charge was discontinued on the judge's instruction. Evans returned to the court to be sentenced on Monday 2 November. He was handed a 20-year sentence, which comprises of 15 years in prison and five years on licence.



The door handle and the bullet

DCI Simon Draco said: *“I would like to thank all the officers and detectives at Northwich Local Policing Unit that have been involved in this complex investigation for all their hard work and determination to secure the convictions and bring Daniel Evans to justice. The officer in the case, Detective Constable Kelly Mitchell, deserves particular praise for her focus and tenacity. The appalling actions of Evans in the early hours of Monday 14 October 2019 prove that he is a very dangerous man. Evans had access to a viable firearm and showed that he is willing to cause serious harm to others. When sentencing Evans at Liverpool Crown Court, Judge Nicholas Woodward described him as ‘a dangerous’ man with ‘a history of committing criminal offences’. He said it is ‘inevitable that victims in such cases are caused a significant degree of harm’ and that ‘the impact of such offending is long-lasting’. Thankfully, the man Evans shot has physically recovered from the injury he sustained. As the judge said, it is only down to ‘good fortune’ that he did not sustain a more serious injury. The consequences of the firearm incident could have been far worse. I am pleased that Evans has been convicted of serious offences he was charged with on the back of the dedication of the investigation team and the strength of the evidence that they gathered against him. Evans is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions and I hope that this case and the substantial custodial sentence that he has been handed by the judge deters others from possessing firearms and committing similar offences.”*

Evans stole the refrigerated van in Gladstone Street, Winsford. It was recovered on Station Road in the town in the days that followed the shooting. Enquiries are ongoing in a bid to find the handgun he used.

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“My thoughts are with the man who was shot in this case, but incidents of this nature understandably concern the whole community. I know that Cheshire Constabulary does considerable work to tackle serious crime and take dangerous offenders and the weapons that they arm themselves with off our streets. I want to take this opportunity to praise all the officers involved in securing this conviction and making our society a safer place.”*

CI Gary Smith, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, which covers Winsford, added: *“Firearms incidents are rare in the area, but when they do occur we are committed to doing all that we can to trace the people responsible and bring them to justice, as can be seen with this case. The team here are committed to doing all that we can to make the area an even safer place for everyone. However, we cannot achieve this alone. We need the support of the local community. If you are concerned about crime in our community, or if you have any information in relation to incidents that have taken place, I urge you to contact us on 101 or speak to a local officer. Alternatively, if you do not feel comfortable speaking to the police directly, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. By working together we can make the area an even better place to live, work and visit.”*

Cheshire Police remind public that everyone has the right to travel safely on the road

Whether you travel by car, motorcycle, pedal cycle, horse or on foot, Cheshire Police is reminding all road users to look out for each other, as everyone has the right to travel on the roads safely.

The reminder coincides with a national operation focussed on keeping the most vulnerable road users safe. These are pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders, especially at junctions, roundabouts and on fast county roads. The two-week operation begins on Monday 9 November and coincides with the charity Brake’s Road Safety Week (16 – 22 November). During this time officers will be out across the county educating road users on how to stay safe, and enforcing the laws of the road where appropriate. Winter months can present road users with a number of challenges due to extreme weather conditions, and

decreased visibility. During the national lockdown it is anticipated that more people will be out on their motorcycles/pedal cycles and walking more to take advantage of the quieter roads, and now more than ever it is important that everyone looks out for each other.

Inspector for Cheshire Constabulary's Roads and Crime Unit, Anton Sullivan, said: *"We anticipate that in this second lockdown people will look to go on more walks and get out on their bikes again to get some exercise and let off some steam from having to stay at home. Please look out for cyclists and motorcyclists, think before you overtake, make sure it is safe to do so and leave enough space. Concentrate when pulling out of a junction, leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front, pass wide and slow around horses and drive appropriately for the road and weather conditions. Not only do we want to reduce the number of vulnerable road users being killed and seriously injured on the roads, but we also want them to feel safe. So I am really encouraging the public to look out for other road users to help each other be and feel safe.*

Motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians are also being reminded that they can play their part in keeping Cheshire's roads as safe as possible.

Anton added: *"If you are going out on your motorcycle, pedal cycle, or a horse make yourself as visible as possible. Wear bright/reflective clothing, make sure you have adequate front and rear lights, and always be aware of what is going on around you. If out for a walk with your family remember that children can often misjudge the speed of drivers and can be easily distracted. Again wear bright/reflective clothing to maximise your visibility, and avoid listening to loud music through headphones to make sure you are fully aware of other road users and what is going on around you."*

PCC for Cheshire, David Keane, said: *"Making Cheshire's roads safer is one of my key priorities as your Police and Crime Commissioner. I understand that motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians often feel particularly vulnerable on our roads so it's important that we all play our part in helping them to feel safe. I am urging the public to use the roads safely and look out for one another, to prevent any further deaths or serious injuries from occurring and help make Cheshire's roads safer for everyone."*

Man jailed following the discovery of a cannabis farm in Widnes

A 24-year-old man has been jailed after a cannabis farm was discovered in Widnes.

Henri Zeqo, of no fixed address, appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court, via a video link, on Thursday 12 November. He pleaded guilty to production of a class B drug and causing criminal damage and was jailed for six months. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in Cholmondeley Street, Widnes, at around 10.30am on Wednesday 11 November. Officers attended a terrace house in the street following a report of a strong smell of cannabis. Zeqo was the only person inside the house, and when officers entered the property he ran upstairs and jumped out of a bedroom window. He landed on the unmarked police car parked outside, causing significant damage to its roof, before attempting to flee on foot. Officers successfully chased after him, arresting Zeqo on Macdermott Road. They also discovered that the house was being used as a cannabis farm, with its three bedrooms containing a total of 66 cannabis plants. The cannabis plants inside the house were seized, as was equipment used to cultivate them.



Henri Zego



Cannabis plants in one of the bedrooms



The window and the car Zego landed on



Damage to the car

CI Ian Whiley, of Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *“Thanks to information received from a member of the public, we have been able to seize a significant quantity of cannabis which could have been destined for the streets of Widnes. We have also been able to bring a man to justice for producing the class B drug and damaging a police car as he attempted to avoid being arrested. We are fully aware of the negative impact the use and supply of illegal drugs can have on communities and are pleased that Henri Zego is now behind bars facing the consequences of his actions. This case shows that information from members of the public is vital in the fight against drug related crime. Although this case has now concluded, our battle against those who are involved in the production and supply of illegal drugs continues. 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.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *“Illegal drugs and those who produce and supply them blight our communities, causing untold damage to both those that use them and the wider society who suffer from the resulting crime. As police and crime commissioner for Cheshire, I know that officers work tirelessly in their fight against the supply of illegal drugs and I am delighted to hear of this latest successful result.”*

There are a number signs that could indicate that a property is being used as a cannabis farm, including:

- A strong and sickly sweet smell
- Equipment to grow cannabis being taken into a property, such as lighting and ventilation equipment
- Constantly covered or blocked-off windows – cannabis farms often have constantly closed curtains, black-out blinds or foil coverings
- People coming and going at all hours or neighbours you never see
- Strong and constant lighting day and night
- High levels of heat and condensation – cannabis farms often give off heat and the windows stay misted up
- A constant buzz of ventilation – listen out for a whirring sound as the growers try to create an ideal climate for cannabis plants to grow
- Lots of power cables – offenders often dig underground to lay cables that hook up to things like lamp posts so they do not have to pay for the enormous amounts of electricity they use.

To report a suspected cannabis farm or any other type of drug-related offence, call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, [give the details via our website](#) or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Greater Manchester man charged following burglary in Warrington

A 55-year-old man has been charged following a burglary in Warrington.

Keith Stewart, of Arundel Avenue in Urmston, Greater Manchester, was arrested shortly before 11am on Wednesday 11 November. He was arrested in Salford in Greater Manchester and has subsequently been charged with burglary. Stewart has also been charged with possession of a shotgun without a certificate and when prohibited for life. The charges all relate to an incident that occurred in Shaw Street, Warrington, at around 8pm on Wednesday 14 October. Stewart appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court, via a video link, on Thursday 12 November. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on Thursday 10 December.

Appeal after group assault two men in Nantwich

Police are appealing for information from the public after two men were assaulted in Nantwich.

The victims, aged 22 and 18, were walking along Welsh Row, near to The Cheshire Cat hotel, at around 10.10pm on Saturday 17 October when a group of men on the opposite side of the road began to verbally abuse them. The group of six men then crossed over the road and assaulted the victims, repeatedly punching the pair. The offenders then walked off. The victims were assessed at the scene by paramedics before being taken to Leighton Hospital as a precautionary measure. The offenders are all described as white and in their late teens/early 20s. They were wearing grey and black jogging pants, hoodies and dark trainers. The ringleader of the group had his hood up and was around 5' 10" tall.

PC Steven Wood, of Crewe Local Policing unit, said: *"The attack understandably left the victims shaken up and we are committed to doing all we can to trace the men responsible. Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and we want to hear from anyone who witnessed the attack or has any other information which may aid our investigation. Perhaps you were in the area and saw the attack taking place, or witnessed the*

offenders fleeing the scene. We also want to hear from anyone who believes they may have dashcam or CCTV footage of the group of offenders.”

Anyone with any information or footage that may help the investigation is urged to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 830414, or give the details online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report>. Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

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Woman charged with murder in connection with investigation into a number of baby deaths at the Countess of Chester Hospital

Updated statement regarding the ongoing investigation into a number of baby deaths and non-fatal collapses at the neonatal unit at The Countess of Chester Hospital.

The Crown Prosecution Service has authorised Cheshire Police to charge a healthcare professional with murder in connection with an ongoing investigation into a number of baby deaths at the Countess of Chester Hospital. Lucy Letby, of Arran Avenue, Hereford, is facing 8 charges of murder and 10 charges of attempted murder. The charges relate to the period of June 2015 to June 2016. The 30-year-old was re-arrested on Tuesday 10 November and has since subsequently been charged. She has been held in custody and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Thursday 12 November.

You are reminded that criminal proceedings against Lucy Letby are live and that she has a right to a fair trial. It is extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice ongoing proceedings.

Half a million pounds to make a difference to community in Bewsey and Whitecross

Residents in Bewsey and Whitecross are being encouraged to give their views on how grant funding worth more than half a million pounds can make a difference to their community.

The funding is part of a scheme to tackle crime including burglary and acquisitive crime but also to find innovative solutions to improving community safety. One of the objectives is to enhance community involvement in the issues impacting on their community through the extension of schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch. The £550,000 grant was secured by PCC David Keane from the government's Safer Streets Fund which was set up to prevent crimes in certain areas. Local officers have spoken to a number of residents and a survey has also been delivered to all 5,500 households to seek their views. Over the next six

months residents will see a number of changes to the design of streets such as locked gates around alleyways, new fencing, increased street lighting and the installation of CCTV. There are also a number of free items residents could be eligible for, including:

- CCTV ring bells
- Door and window locks
- Property marking (SelectaDNA)
- Bike marking (SelectaDNA)
- Bike and motorbike locks

Insp Ruth Atherton, from Warrington Local Policing Unit and leading on the project, said: *“This is a fantastic opportunity for residents to make a real difference to their community. We’d love to hear of any ideas and initiatives that we might not have thought of or be aware of that we can help with, to make Bewsey and Whitecross an even safer and more enjoyable place to live. The best way to do this is to fill in the survey. Already we have received 600 responses, which is great, but I want to encourage those who have not yet completed the survey to take this opportunity to really shape change in your community. In the meantime I would ask people to keep an eye on the Bewsey and Whitecross Facebook and Twitter account to keep up to date with the Safer Streets project, and find out how you might benefit from the free crime prevention tools and devices, which we hope will drive down crime in the area, and deter thieves from targeting the residents here.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, said: *“I was delighted to be able to secure this funding as it really is a great opportunity to make Bewsey and Whitecross safer for all its residents and I am pleased to see it is well underway. I want us to use this money in the best way we can, and hope it will allow us to work even more closely with local residents to ensure there is a real focus on community policing in the area.”*

You can find out more about the project and fill in the survey online using the following link - [Safer Streets \(opens in new window\)](#) Alternatively please [email the Safer Streets team](#) or call 01606 364040.

Woman jailed after stealing almost £1 million from Runcorn firm she worked for

A woman who stole almost £1 million from the company she worked for has been jailed for five-and-a-half years.

Amanda Rees, of Olive Mount, St Helens, joined the manufacturing firm based at Runcorn’s Astmoor Industrial Estate in 2010. Three years later she began siphoning money belonging to the company into her personal bank accounts. The 34-year-old continued to do so until last November, the point at which the firm realised what Rees had been doing. The company reported Rees to the police and a subsequent investigation revealed that she had stolen a total of £980,673 from the firm.



The mum-of-three admitted being responsible for the thefts spanning six years when she voluntarily attended a police station and was interviewed by the investigators on Saturday 14 March. Rees was subsequently charged with seven counts of theft and one count of money laundering. She pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 3 November.

Sgt Phil Brown, who led the investigation of behalf of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“Employed as an admin manager, Amanda Rees was responsible for the company’s outgoings and had full access to its bank accounts. The firm placed a high degree of trust in her for this role, but unfortunately that trust was misplaced. Over several years Rees transferred large quantities of money from the company’s bank account into her own accounts. The stolen money, which totalled nearly £1 million, funded a lavish lifestyle for Rees and her family. Once her offending came to light Rees admitted being responsible for the thefts and money laundering at the first opportunity to do so. When questioned by officers she claimed that she was suffering from depression and had stolen the money as a way of self-medicating, with buying luxury items for herself and her family making Rees feel better. She admitted paying for her wedding, cars, home improvements and holidays with the money she stole, as well as luxury items such as hot tubs. Rees also admitted volunteering to work from home when on maternity leave so that no-one else would have to deal with the company’s finances and her offending would not be uncovered. She is now behind bars facing the consequences of her actions and I hope that this case deters others from committing similar offences.”*

David Keane, PCC for Cheshire, added: *“I would like to thank all the officers that have been involved in the investigation for their endeavours to secure this conviction. I hope that the conviction and the custodial sentence imposed by Chester Crown Court provides the company that is the victim in this case with some closure.”*

Winsford man charged following incident in the town

A 20-year-old man from Winsford has been charged following an incident in the town.

Lewis Courtney was arrested in Abbots Way at around 9.30am on Saturday 7 November. He has subsequently been charged with affray and possession of a bladed article in a public place. The charges relate to an incident that occurred in Abbots Way that morning. No-one was injured as a result of the incident. Courtney, of Abbots Way, appeared at Warrington Magistrates’ Court on Monday 9 November, via a video link. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 7 December.

Reminder on how to contact Cheshire Constabulary during lockdown

Residents are being reminded of the ways in which they can contact Cheshire Constabulary during this lockdown period.

A national lockdown was put in place across England on Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December when the measures will be reviewed by the government. During this time it will very much be business as usual for the force with a few small changes in the way the public can contact us. Weekly surgeries in each of the 122 community areas will now be held in alternative formats, with meetings and contact arranged directly with the local Police Constable and Police Community Support Officer. Each area will be holding their regular meetings online or by telephone conference in a bid to maintain their relationship with their community bases. Officers can also arrange a COVID-safe visit to your home, at police stations or at their community base.

When attending a helpdesk during opening hours the public will be asked to press button 2 on the yellow telephone outside. They will then speak to helpdesk staff who will ask a series of screening questions in relation to coronavirus to assist us in safeguarding our staff and other members of the public. If there are no concerns in relation to health, the member of public will be given access and can speak to the helpdesk staff.

The public can continue to contact the force by calling 101 or online via the [Cheshire Police website](#). To report a coronavirus breach, please visit our [dedicated website page](#). In an emergency, where a crime is taking place or there is a danger to life, always dial 999.

Three people charged with firearm and drug offences in Crewe

Detectives have charged three people with firearm and drug offences in Crewe.

Givemore Mutevera, aged 39, of Laura Street in Crewe and two 17-year-old boys, one from Crewe and one from Doncaster, have each been charged with possession of a firearm, possession of a knife and two counts of possession with intent to supply cocaine and heroin. Mutevera was arrested on Gresty Road in Crewe at 2pm on Friday 6 November. The two 17-year-old boys were arrested on Crewe Street at around 2.25pm on Friday 6 November. They appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court on Monday 9 November and have all been remanded. The charges relate to three people stop and searched by police on the afternoon of Friday 6 November.

Man in Ellesmere Port charged with drug offences

Detectives have charged a man in Ellesmere Port with drug offences.

Peter Carruthers, of Wolverham Road, has been charged with possession with intent to supply heroin and possessing criminal property. The 55-year-old appeared at Crewe Magistrates Court on Saturday 7 November and remanded in custody. He is due to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 7 December. The charges relate to a warrant executed on Wolverham Road at 11.30am on Friday 6 November.

Cheshire residents urged to stick to new lockdown rules to help reduce spread of coronavirus

Cheshire Constabulary is urging residents to stick to the new lockdown rules in a bid to help reduce the spread of coronavirus.

A national lockdown was put in place across England on Thursday 5 November. Residents must now stay at home when possible, only leaving when there is a reasonable excuse. Households will also not be able to mix with anyone outside their household/bubble indoors or in private outdoor spaces such as gardens. However people can still meet with one other person outside their household/bubble in a public open space such as a park or countryside. Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues must also now close. There are exceptions to these restrictions, which can be found on the government website. The new measures will be in place for four weeks until Wednesday 2 December when they will be reviewed by the government.

ACC Jenny Sims said: *“We have now been living with coronavirus restrictions in some form for a number of months and know that everyone has had to make sacrifices this year in a bid to save lives. The new lockdown restrictions are in place to keep us all safe. Despite this there are still a minority of people who are continuing to flout the rules. Now more than ever we must work together to help drive down the spread of the virus to help protect the NHS. In order to do this, we must all act responsibly and follow the restrictions which have been put in place. Our officers will continue to engage with the public in a fair manner, explain the restrictions that are in place and encourage people to do the right thing. However when there is blatant and repeat breaking of the rules, we will have no choice but to enforce in a bid to protect the wider public.”*

PCC David Keane said: *“During the course of the coronavirus crisis, it has been heart-warming to see the residents of Cheshire work to help reduce the spread of the virus. As we are entering a new lockdown, I know that the community spirit that we saw over the first few months of the Spring lockdown will continue. The rules are in place to protect our families and the NHS, please follow them and together we can help save lives.”*

For more information on the new lockdown measures, please visit the [government website](#). Anyone looking to report a breach of the coronavirus legislation is urged to do so online via the [Cheshire Police website](#).

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal following robbery in Handforth

Detectives are appealing for information and footage from members of the public following a robbery in Handforth.

The victim, a 48-year-old woman from the town, was walking at the junction of Station Road and Wilmslow Road when the incident occurred at around 9.30pm on Wednesday 11 November. Someone walking behind the victim grabbed her arm before pulling the bags she was carrying away from her. He then ran off with the bags along Wilmslow Road and then Bulkeley Road. The offender was white, had a slim build and is estimated to be between 18 and 25 years old and 5' 8" and 6' tall. He was wearing a hooded jacket with the hood up, tracksuit bottoms and dark trainers and had a black glove on his left hand. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or footage regarding the robbery or the offender to get in touch.

DC Rob McCubbin said: *“The victim has understandably been left shaken up by this frightening incident. I would like to reassure members of the community that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are doing all we can to establish who committed the robbery and make him face the consequences of his actions. Enquiries are ongoing and I urge anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may help our investigation to come forward. We particularly want to speak to a man who found one of the bags that was stolen and returned it to the victim. He was driving a small black car. We also want to hear from anyone who thinks they may know who the offender is, or have CCTV or dashcam footage of him.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may aid the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 849726, give the details via - [Report](#) - or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information after life saving equipment stolen in Runcorn

Police are appealing for information from the public after a defibrillator was stolen from outside a children's centre on Norton Hill in Runcorn.

At around 7am on Thursday 12 November a member of staff at Windmill Hill children's centre discovered that it had been stolen. An unknown person had forced open the box, which is located at the rear of the building, and stole the machine.

Insp Leeroy Moss, of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *“To stoop as low as to steal a defibrillator is simply despicable and I cannot understand why anyone would commit such an offence. Besides this item being an expensive piece of equipment, the fact that it could potentially save lives means it is an invaluable asset to your local community. I would urge anyone with any information in relation to the theft to contact the team here at Runcorn on 101 so that we can ensure that the people responsible are brought to justice.”*

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 849860 or report it to us via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

Police appeal for information after puppies are stolen in Northwich

Police are appealing for witnesses after 14 puppies were stolen from an address in Northwich.

Sometime between 10pm on Tuesday 10 November and 7.20am the following morning the 14 cockerpoo and cockerspaniel puppies aged four weeks were taken after thieves forced entry into an outbuilding.

DC Paul Matchett said: *“The puppies are too young to be taken from their mums so the owners are desperate for them to be returned as they could sadly die. It’s also distressing for the dogs who will be missing their puppies. I’d urge anyone who has any information or is offered a puppy clearly too young to call us. A puppy shouldn’t leave their mum until at least eight weeks old. You should also be able to see their mum when purchasing a puppy. Not seeing mum should raise alarm bells.”*



Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk quoting IML 849170. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal after elderly man is assaulted in Alsager burglary incident

Detectives are appealing for information from members of the public following a burglary incident in Alsager.

At around 6am on Tuesday 10 November a young man broke into a house on Station Road. He demanded money from the occupants and assaulted one of them, an elderly man, before fleeing the address empty-handed. The offender, who fled on foot in an unknown direction, is described as approximately 20 years old and around 5’ 8” tall. He had a slim build and was wearing a face mask when he entered the house but not when he left it. The offender was also wearing a dark parka-type with the furry hood up.

Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone who was in the area and saw anything that may help their investigation to get in touch. They also want to speak to anyone who believes that they may know who the offender is, or have dashcam or CCTV footage of him.

DI Claire Jesson said: *“Thankfully, the elderly man who was assaulted only sustained minor injuries and did not need to go to hospital. However, this was a terrifying incident that has understandably left those who were in the house extremely shaken up. I would like to reassure residents that this is believed to be an isolated incident and we are doing everything we can to establish the identity of the offender and bring him to justice. Enquiries are ongoing and we are hoping that members of the public will aid our investigation by coming forward with relevant information or footage concerning the burglary incident. Perhaps you were in the area and saw the offender, either before he entered the house or as he was fleeing the scene. Or maybe you have CCTV or dashcam footage of him, or believe that you may know who he is.”*

Anyone with information or footage that may help the ongoing investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 848396, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Public still urged to come forward following shooting in Crewe

Detectives are still urging people to come forward with information following a shooting in Crewe.

A man is believed to have approached a group of people in an alleyway at the rear of Brooklyn Street and Nelson Street and a shot was fired. The incident took place at around 2am on Wednesday 4 November. A 23-year-old man received a injury to his arm and received treatment at hospital later the same day (Wednesday 4 November). Since then an investigation has been underway to establish the full circumstances and gather information and evidence. Officers from the local policing unit have been at the scene conducting a number of enquiries and patrolling the area to reassure the local community.

DI Claire Jesson, from Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *“Our investigation remains ongoing and I am still keen to hear from anyone who has any information to please get in touch. I appreciate this is a concerning incident for those living in the area however I still believe it is not a random attack. I want to further reassure residents that we are working around the clock to do everything we can to find those involved. You will still see officers patrolling the area and I would encourage anyone with any concerns to speak to them. If you do not feel comfortable speaking to police directly please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”*

Information can also be provided by contacting Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 844080 or by visiting the website <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/>

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/>