

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Man charged with murder following investigation into sudden death in Runcorn

Detectives investigating the sudden death of a 50-year-old man from Poland have charged a man with his murder. On the evening of 4 August, Miroslaw Iwaniuk, was taken by ambulance from a Transport Depot at Astmoor Industrial Estate, Brindley Road, Runcorn to Warrington Hospital, but sadly died. An investigation into the circumstances surrounding the lorry driver's death led to three people aged 47, 41 and 44 being arrested on suspicion of murder. A Home office Post Mortem has taken place and next of kin have been informed. Following the investigation into the death, Rafal Seremak, 44, of Wolomin in Poland has been charged with murder and will appear at North Cheshire Magistrates Court on Saturday 7 August. The 47-year-old man was released without charge and the 41-year-old man was released on conditional bail pending further enquiries.

Man pleads guilty to manslaughter following death of man in Macclesfield

A man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter following the death of a 62-year-old man in Macclesfield. Joshua Houghton appeared at Chester Crown Court today, Friday 6 August, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. The 25-year-old had been standing trial since Monday 2 August. He will now be remanded until he receives his sentence on 17 September. Houghton stabbed Paul Cooke around the head and threw hot liquid over him while inside the victim's flat on Brocklehurst Mews, Brocklehurst Way, in Macclesfield. It took place shortly before 9pm on Friday 20 December 2019. Paul was found by neighbours with serious wounds to his head and was treated by paramedics at the scene. He was taken to Macclesfield District General Hospital and sadly died a short time later. Witnesses reported seeing Houghton flee the address at the time of the assault. An investigation into Paul's death was commenced and attempts made to locate Houghton. He was arrested the following morning at a local address and detained under the Mental Health Act.

Woman jailed following county lines drug stop near Northwich

A woman who was caught transporting class A drugs from Liverpool into Northwich has been jailed. Kelly Munn appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 5 August where she was sentenced to three years and six months imprisonment. The 34-year-old, of Anfield Road, Liverpool, had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (heroin and crack cocaine). On Monday 5 July officers from Northwich Local Policing Unit (LPU) stopped a white Kia Rio on the A556 near Northwich. Munn, who was driving the vehicle, was initially arrested on suspicion of a driving offence. However, while searching her officers discovered she was concealing a large quantity of illegal drugs. In total officers recovered 186 wraps of heroin and 311 wraps of crack cocaine, which had a total value of almost £5,000. During subsequent enquiries officers discovered that Munn had been staying at a hotel in Northwich while transporting drugs from Liverpool into the town. Following today's sentencing DC Claire Heatley, of



Northwich Pro-active team, said: *“This case forms part of our ongoing crackdown on county lines drug dealing and I hope it acts as a warning to other who are looking to target the Northwich area. During our enquiries it was clear that Munn was trying to establish herself as a dealer in the Northwich area. She had set up a base at a hotel in the town and was linked in with a number of local drug users. Thankfully, as a result of our work we were able to intercept Munn and almost £5,000 worth of class A drugs, which were destined from the streets of Northwich.”* CI Gary Smith, of Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *“Illegal drugs have a huge detrimental impact and we are committed to doing all we can to remove those involved in the supply of such drugs from our communities. Information from the public is vital and I urge anyone with any information about suspected drug related activity in their community to get in touch. You will be listened to and we will investigate the matter.”* You can report suspected drug dealing to Cheshire Constabulary directly by calling 101 or giving the details online via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

Multi-agency operation in Bowdon to target waste crime and stolen caravans

Cheshire Constabulary’s Rural Crime Team joined forces to target criminals in a day-long operation in Bowdon. On Wednesday 4 August the team was joined at the Bowdon interchange off the A556 by the specialist Regional Commercial Vehicle Unit, the Motorcycle Unit, Special Constabulary, the DVSA, Environment Agency and HMRC to tackle waste crime and caravan thefts. Everything from small commercial carriers to large HGVs were stopped to check if they were transporting waste, and if they had the necessary licences and paperwork to do so. Those towing caravans were also stopped to make sure they were travelling safely and to check the caravan was not stolen. The operation is in response to a rise in fly tipping and caravan thefts in and around the county. On the day the teams stopped 42 vehicles including a low loader carrying plant equipment and a 3.5t van towing garden equipment. Officers fined 34 people for a number of offences including overweight vehicles, illegal tyres and one driving without a licence. One person was arrested for drug driving, no licence and no insurance. PC Peter Moss from Cheshire’s Rural Crime Team, said: *“We’ve seen a rise in caravan thefts so have been working with neighbouring forces to identify and track stolen caravans resulting in a number of recent seizures. This operation is just part of our efforts to tackle the issue and make life difficult for thieves. Those who were stopped understood why we did so and were thankful that we were being so vigilant. We’ve also been working with colleagues in other agencies to tackle the fly tipping in rural areas which is causing a misery to residents and farmers alike. There are a number of unscrupulous people out there who say they have a license to get rid of waste but have no intention of doing things correctly, often charging bargain prices to get rid of your rubbish, only for it to end up in a farmers field or layby, which is a blight on the rural community. You can do your bit by making sure you use a legitimate waste removal company, don’t be tempted by the cheap prices – if the waste is tracked down to you, what started off as a bargain could end up as a hefty fine, even if you weren’t the one to dump the rubbish in that layby or field entrance. Today’s operation highlighted the fact we are working together to deter these types of crime and goes as a warning to those intent on flouting the law that we’re onto you.”* Sgt Matthew Picton from the North West Commercial Vehicle Unit said: *“Today we have conducted Operation Permits to tackle those who are using the regions roads to transport illegal waste. Sadly, far too many vehicles we stopped today had issues and a lot of fines were handed out. We want people who use our roads to do so safely and get to their destination without incident. Operations like this highlight the dangers that are out there. There is no excuse for those who put other in danger. We will be out every day enforcing these kind of offences.”* John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, added: *“I want to commend the work of Cheshire Police and the other organisations on this successful operation. I’m regularly hearing about the issues of fly tipping from residents across the county who are being impacted far too often by this behaviour. This week, the NFU published their Impact on our Communities – Rural Crime Report 2021*

which showed the impact fly tipping and other crimes have on our rural communities. That report revealed that last year fly tipping reached 'epidemic proportions as access to waste recycling centres was restricted by lockdown and unlicensed operators dumped large volumes of waste'. Operations like this today can act as a deterrent to those who are considering fly tipping as a way to earn a fast buck."

Crackdown on county lines continues in Chester

Officers from Cheshire Constabulary, Merseyside Police and British Transport Police joined forces on Wednesday 4 August, for Operation Medusa, an ongoing initiative to crackdown on county lines drug dealing and child criminal exploitation (CCE). County lines drug dealing involves organised crime groups based in major cities or urban areas extending their criminal enterprise into more rural locations. They often recruit and coerce young children and vulnerable adults to sell illegal drugs for them.

Inspector Brian Green, Chester LPU

As part of the operation officers flooded the main transport routes used by county lines drug dealers when travelling between Liverpool and Chester. These included plain-clothed officers at both Chester and Liverpool Lime Street railway stations who were on the lookout for both county lines dealers and vulnerable people at risk of CCE. Drugs dogs were also utilised by officers at the railway stations to identify passengers in possession of illegal substances. There was also a number of marked and unmarked vehicles patrolling the main arterial routes in and out of Chester and Liverpool who were stopping any vehicles suspected of being involved in the supply of illegal drugs. A quantity of drugs were seized as a result of the operation. A total of 13 people were subsequently arrested on suspicion of offences including possession with intent to supply controlled drugs, being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs, theft of motor vehicle, recall to prison and drink and drug driving offences. Four people have been charged with traffic related offences and others have been released under investigation for the drug dealing offences. In addition, officers from Chester Local Policing unit also conducted a search warrant at two homes across the city resulting in the seizure of class B drugs. CI Mike Ankers, Commander at Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *"We know that criminals don't simply stop when they reach borders. Indeed, organised crime groups based in major cities like Liverpool are always looking to extend their criminal activities into other locations, using mobile phones to let drug users know when and where they can buy illegal drugs from them locally. This operation forms part of our ongoing commitment to make our city a hostile place for criminals, disrupt illegal activity and make Chester a safer place to live, work and visit. However, it wasn't just about catching criminals and seizing drugs, as part of the operation we also wanted to identify and safeguard vulnerable adults and children who are controlled, coerced and manipulated into dealing drugs on behalf of organised crime gangs. By doing so we can offer them the support that they require and help to set them on the right path for a better life. The operation has also helped us to gather further information on how transport networks are being used by county lines criminals."* Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire John Dwyer said: *"Operations like this today sent out a clear message that Cheshire isn't a soft touch for criminals. I applaud the work of all of the organisations involved. It's great to see so many people have been apprehended, items seized and children safeguarded. I support Cheshire's Chief Constable's priority to make Cheshire a hostile environment for offenders, and I will ensure he has the necessary resources needed to reduce the risks and threats posed by organised crime groups and to disrupt county lines drug activity at every level."* CI Ankers added: *"Following this operation we will continue to work with other forces and partner agencies to do everything in our power to protect Chester residents from serious and organised crime. However, we also need support from the public. We need residents to be our eyes and ears by looking out for, and reporting, suspicious behaviour and signs of vulnerable children and adults being exploited. If you have any information that may help us to build more intelligence regarding county lines drug dealing, bring offenders to justice and keep vulnerable members of*

our communities safe then please get in touch. Together we can take dangerous substances off our streets.” For more details on how to spot the signs of county lines drug dealing, and help make Chester a safer place, visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/campaigns/2019/impact/>.

Any information regarding drug dealing in your community, no matter how small, should be reported to Cheshire Constabulary on 101, or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/>. Alternatively, you can contact independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

New Chief Inspector takes command at Chester

Mike Ankers has taken over as the new Chief Inspector for Chester Local Policing Unit. He succeeds Gareth Wrigley, who has been promoted to the role of superintendent overseeing local policing in Cheshire West. Mike originally joined Cheshire Constabulary in 1995 when he started as a police constable in Runcorn. After successfully completing his probation period he trained as a detective and took up a role at Ellesmere Port CID. There he spent a large period of his service working within the pro-active team across both Chester and Ellesmere Port. During this time Mike worked as part of a high performing team who were recognised both locally and regionally for their work. In 2015 he was promoted to the rank of Inspector and spent a short period of this in Ellesmere Port, before taking up the role of Learning and Development manager within the HR Department. He also served in the Public Protection Unit in Chester, where he worked in collaboration to safeguard and support some of the most vulnerable residents in the community. Most recently Mike has been working as the Director of Intelligence at the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit, a specialist team, who focus on identifying, disrupting and dismantling serious and organised crime gangs. Mike is joining a well-established team of officers at Chester, including Inspectors Anna Galloway and Brian Green and Detective Inspector Nick Henderson. Mike said: *“As a local resident I’m proud to be taking over as the policing commander for Chester, it’s an area I know really well and I am passionate to ensure that I play my part in making the communities feel even safer. Having served as an officer for more than 25 years I bring with me a wealth of experience in a number of varied areas I look forward to using these skills to help deliver my commitment. As Chief Inspector for Chester neighbourhood policing will remain as my top priority and I am committed to working with our partners and local residents to ensure that Chester remains a fantastic place to live and visit. I will also ensure that we robustly target those that cause our communities harm and prey upon the vulnerable and make Chester a hostile place to be for those intent on perpetrating crime and anti-social behaviour.”* Outside of work, Mike is married with two children, he enjoys most sports and likes to spend time with his family and friends. Superintendent Gareth Wrigley, said: *“I’m proud to be handing over the reins to Mike and I wish him the best of luck in his new role. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience and I am sure that he will make a great addition to the leadership team at Chester.”*



Father of three-month-old girl jailed for 13 years following her death

A father of a three-month-old girl who died from catastrophic injuries has been jailed for 13 years following her death. Anthony Miley, from Macclesfield, was found guilty of the manslaughter of Ivi Miley following a three-week trial at Chester Crown Court on Tuesday 3 August. Stephanie Shore, 33, also of Macclesfield, was acquitted of her murder by the court and the jury found her not guilty of allowing Ivi's death. Miley, 33, was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment at Chester Crown Court on Wednesday 4 August. During the trial the court heard how baby Ivi had woken up at around 3.20am on Wednesday 22 July 2020. Miley went downstairs with the baby to feed her. Miley described how he fell asleep for an unknown amount of time before waking and trying to feed Ivi. Ivi took two to three mouthfuls of her milk before Miley claimed Ivi turned 'floppy', so he went to get help from Shore. Shore stated that she had heard Ivi cry but not in a way that caused her any concern and went back to sleep. Shore stated shortly before 5am Miley woke her to tell her something was wrong with Ivi so she went to check on her and dialled 999 after finding Ivi unresponsive. Emergency services attended the address and the paramedics assessed Ivi's condition and deemed it to be serious so she was immediately taken to Macclesfield General Hospital. On being assessed at hospital it was revealed that Ivi had sustained bleeding on both sides of the brain and consultants decided that she should be transferred to the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and placed in intensive care. Further tests revealed a fracture to the back of the head with a serious injury to the brain. X-rays also revealed fractures old and new to the ribs on both sides of her body. Tragically, despite the best efforts of medical staff, Ivi passed away on 23 July 2020. Neither parent could explain how their daughter sustained such catastrophic injuries and both were subsequently arrested and, following an investigation by detectives, they were charged with murder and causing or allowing the death of a child. DI Kate Tomlinson said: *"This is a tragic case involving a defenceless baby who had been subject to a catalogue of horrendous injuries in her short life which must have been lived predominantly in pain. Evidence from the medical experts in this case showed that Ivi had sustained a total of 53 rib fractures – all of which had occurred within four separate time frames and three closely positioned skull fractures which had been caused less than two days before her death. To this day Miley continues to deny any knowledge of how Ivi sustained these injuries and has shown no remorse which is totally unforgiveable. This case has been a particularly difficult one for all involved and I would like to thank the officers who assisted in this case and for helping to provide justice to little Ivi."*



Constabulary's support for armed forces community receives national recognition

Cheshire Constabulary has gained national recognition for supporting the armed forces community. The force has been granted Silver Award status as part of the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS). The scheme was launched to reward employers who support Defence People objectives and inspire others to do the same. This includes employing serving and former members of the armed forces community, and demonstrating flexibility towards training and mobilisation commitments for reservists and cadet force adult volunteers. The scheme encompasses bronze, silver and gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their



Chief Constable Mark Roberts and Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire John Dwyer at a flag raising ceremony at Cheshire Constabulary's headquarters in Winsford to mark this year's Armed Forces Day

values with the Armed Forces Covenant. The ERS is designed primarily to recognise private sector support. However, public sector organisations such as the emergency services, local authorities, NHS trusts and executive agencies are also eligible to be recognised. Chief Constable Mark Roberts said: *"I am delighted that the Constabulary's commitment to our serving military personnel, reservists and veterans has been recognised. As Chief Constable, I want our force to be committed to supporting the military in every way we can, and I am also keen for us to be an employer of choice for those leaving the services."* The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, added: *"I am extremely proud that the Constabulary has been awarded this accolade. It demonstrates the inclusivity of the force, and as the Chief Constable has said, it's a commitment to helping those who have done everything and more for Queen and country."*

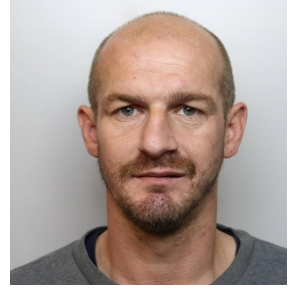
To achieve Silver Award status, employers:

- must have signed the Armed Forces Covenant
- must have already stated their intent to be supportive by using the ERS website to register at the bronze level
- must proactively demonstrate that service personnel/members of the armed forces community are not unfairly disadvantaged as part of their recruiting and selection processes
- should employ at least one individual from the Armed Forces Covenant category that the nomination emphasises. For example, an employer nominated for support to the reserves must employ at least one reservist. In exceptional circumstances, where there is outstanding generic support for the armed forces community and/or the size or business model of the organisation makes employment of such an individual impossible, the organisation can be considered for the award when they do not employ someone from the Armed Forces Covenant category
- must actively ensure that their workforce is aware of their positive policies towards Defence People issues. For example, an employer nominated for support for the reserves must have an internally publicised and positive HR policy on reserves
- within the context of reserves, must have demonstrated support to mobilisations, or have a framework in place. They must demonstrate support to training by providing at least five days of additional unpaid/paid leave wherever possible (not to the reservist employees' financial disadvantage)
- must not have been the subject of any negative PR or media activity.

Chief Constable Roberts added: *"I look forward to redoubling our efforts this year, and with the Olympics on at the moment it seems a timely time to say that we will certainly be going for gold."* Leo Docherty, Minister for Defence People and Veterans, said: *"I would like to thank all the organisations who have proven their support for the defence community during such unprecedented and challenging times. The vast range of those recognised this year (as part of the Employer Recognition Scheme) demonstrates how employing the armed forces community makes a truly positive and beneficial impact for all employers, regardless of size, sector or location."* Vicky Doran, Regional Employer Engagement Director at the North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (NW RFCA), added: *"On behalf of the Ministry of Defence, we are honoured to be able to recognise the support and commitment given to the Armed Forces Covenant by employers in the region, through the Employer Recognition Scheme awards. Each recipient has demonstrated not only that they support the covenant and the armed forces community, but also that they are prepared to support their reservists, service leavers, veterans and cadet force adult volunteers in the workplace."*

Ellesmere Port man jailed following a series of offences

A man from Ellesmere Port has been jailed following a series of offences across the town. Jimmy Artell appeared at Chester Crown Court on Monday 2 August where he was sentenced to 44 weeks in prison. The 40-year-old, of no fixed abode, had earlier pleaded guilty to sexual assault, assault by beating, failing to comply with the sex offender's register and criminal damage. The charges relate a number of offences in the Ellesmere Port and Chester areas in recent times. These have prominently involved abusive and threatening language and making unwanted advances towards people. In addition to his prison sentence, Artell has also been handed a five year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) as part of ongoing efforts to help reduce his offending. As part of the order Artell must engage with New Beginnings Recovery and Wellbeing Service, or an equivalent Drug and Alcohol service, to help tackle his alcohol addiction. He must also engage with the Integrated Offender Management Unit or nominated police officer from Cheshire Constabulary. Under the terms of the CBO, Artell must not:



- Be drunk in any public place in England and Wales
- Be in possession of an open container of alcohol in a public place
- Approach or have physical contact with any person, except for a legitimate purpose or with their consent in any public place, business premises, private property or dwelling whilst intoxicated.

Artell has also been served with a five year Sexual Harm Prevention Order which prevents him from having any physical contact with any person, except for a legitimate purpose, in any public place, business premises, private property or dwelling. Inspector Paul Fegan, of Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit, said: *"I welcome the outcome of this case and I hope that the custodial sentence, as well as the CBO, provides reassurance to Artell's victims and demonstrates that we are committed to doing all we can to tackle his offending. This case isn't a case of shaming or humiliating him, it's about providing him with the support he needs to tackle his addiction to alcohol. Over the past few years we have dealt with a variety of different incidents involving Artell, including inappropriate touching, all of which appear to stem from his addiction to alcohol. Hopefully, now that this order is in place, which requires him to actively engage with the services that are available to help him, he will be able to start moving forward with his life."* Jane Muckley, Community Safety Officer at Ellesmere Port Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, added: *"This result has been a real team effort and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the case. Over recent years we have been working closely with Artell to address his offending and the outcome of this case is testament to the dedication and determination of the team here at Ellesmere Port in partnership with our colleagues at the Crown Prosecution Service."* Anyone who encounters Artell breaching the terms of his CBO over the next five years is asked to contact Cheshire Constabulary on 101 to report it.

Family pay tribute to 70-year-old man who died in collision in Wilmslow

The family of a 70-year-old man who died in a collision in Wilmslow have paid tribute to him. Leonard Royle, from Wilmslow, was the motorcyclist involved in a collision with a silver Vauxhall Astra. The incident occurred at the junction of Manchester Road and Dean Row Road at 9.35pm on Monday 26 July. Sadly, Leonard passed away at the scene. His family are being supported by specialist officers. In a tribute, his family said: *"We are deeply broken by the tragic collision that has left us without Len, he was a kind caring man and loving husband to Christine, Len will be missed by all."* The family would like to thank the emergency services and members of the public for their help during this incident and ask for respect at this difficult time. Officers want to hear



from anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have captured relevant dashcam footage. Information and footage can be provided by calling 101 quoting IML 1047310 or via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, anyone with information can report it to Crimestoppers anonymously via 0800 555 111 or via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Appeal for information following serious collision in Bickley Moss

Officers are appealing for information following a collision in Bickley Moss. At 9.02pm on Wednesday 4 August officers attended a collision on A49 Whitchurch Road involving a red Volkswagen Golf and an orange Ford Ranger which had overturned and was in a nearby field. The driver of the Ford Ranger, a 32-year-old man from Wybunbury, was taken to hospital with serious injuries. Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the collision or may have dashcam footage to come forward. Anyone with information can call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1054016 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Police appeal for witnesses after incident outside a bar in Lymm

Police in Lymm are investigating a potential hate crime which happened outside the Lymm and Tonic bar at The Cross. Sometime between 11pm and 12am on 1 August a woman was standing outside the bar when a man who was with a group of people asked to see the woman's walking stick. She said no, but the man took the stick and walked off with it. She followed him along the road toward the canal towpath repeatedly asking for it back when the man turned and threw it at her causing the walking stick damage. PC Samuel Clarke said: *"Thankfully the stick missed the victim, but she has been left shaken and upset by this incident. This was a specially designed walking stick and now needs replacing thanks to the actions of this man. I'd urge anyone with CCTV or who was driving past and captured the incident on dash cam to contact police. If you have any information please contact us."* Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML1052268. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information to an attempted robbery in Widnes

Detectives investigating an attempted robbery in Widnes are appealing for members of the public to come forward with information. At 7.30am on Sunday 1 August a 73-year-old woman was walking along the canal path, away from the Spike Island car park and towards the flyover to the Mersey Gateway Bridge. A man approached her and asked for the time before grabbing her coat and dragging her to the floor. He demanded she hand over her money and purse and tried to grab a plastic bag she was holding. Another man who was fishing saw what had happened and shouted to the suspect. He then ran off in an unknown direction and is described as white, 6' tall, very thin build with very short or shaved hair. He is believed to be aged in his 30s and was wearing a jacket. The woman sustained minor injuries which didn't require medical treatment. DC Nicola Dolan, from Widnes Local Policing Unit, said: *"The victim was understandably left shaken by this incident and we have been conducting numerous enquiries to identify the man. As part of our enquiries I am appealing to anyone who may have CCTV footage or information that could assist with the*

investigation to please get in touch.” If you have information please call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 quoting IML 1051265 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for information after Pride banners damaged in Congleton

Police are appealing for witnesses after Congleton Pride banners tampered with in the town. One banner was pulled down on the evening of Wednesday 28 July near Aldi on Mountbatten Way. Another banner located by the A34 near the ambulance station was also damaged sometime between 6pm on 31 July and 8am on 1 August, which officers are also investigating. Inspector Jim Adams said: *“We would advise anyone who has information on the banners being taken down or tampered with, or saw someone acting suspiciously near the banners to contact police - maybe you caught the incident on your dash cam as you were driving past. We’re trying to understand the motivations behind these incidents, which are criminal damage at the least, but more concerning, a potential hate crime. A banner was taken down outside the New Life Church earlier in the week which was not damaged and we have been working with both the organisers of the event, and the church to understand the reasons for the banner being removed from there.”* Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website quoting IML 1048788. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Appeal for information following daytime burglary in Saughall

Detectives are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a daytime burglary on a busy road in Saughall. Sometime between 1.30pm and 2.50pm on Friday 30 July unknown offenders forced their way into a house on Church Road after smashing the front door. Once inside the offenders searched the address and left with a number of items of jewellery. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and detectives are urging anyone with any information or video footage that may aid their investigation to get in touch. DC Paul Boneham said: *“Enquiries in relation to this incident are in the early stages and we are committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. This incident took place in the middle of the day on a busy road in the centre of the village and I would urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to get in touch. I’m particularly keen to hear from anyone who was driving through the area at the time of the incident and may have unwittingly recorded footage of the offenders or the vehicle they were travelling in. The same goes for any nearby residents with any CCTV footage which may aid our investigation.”* Anyone with information or footage that may help the investigation should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML1049899 give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report> Alternatively information can be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111

Latest Cheshire Missing

Officers appeal for help to find missing man from Widnes

Officers are appealing for help in tracing a missing 34-year-old man from Widnes. Ross Neiland, of no fixed address but of Widnes, was last seen around the Mersey Road area at around 12.30pm on 23 April. Ross is white, around 5’ 10”, of a medium build and short light brown hair. He may have possible facial hair. Officers are urging anyone who sees Ross or has any information



regarding his whereabouts to get in touch. DC Jordan Trentini said: *“A number of enquiries have been underway to find Ross since he was first reported missing in April. We had been following every piece of information in order to track him down but unfortunately we have not been able to. Officers have been continuing to search for Ross since he was reported missing but to no avail. We are now appealing for the public’s help in finding him and would urge anyone in or around the Widnes area who thinks that they may*

have seen Ross since he went missing to get in touch with us. I would also like to appeal directly to Ross, please contact us to let us know you are safe as your family and friends are worried about you." Anyone with information or footage that may help officers find Ross is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary immediately on 101, quoting IML 997271 or report it via the Cheshire Police website.

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