

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### Stockport man stopped by police in Chester charged with drugs offences

A 47-year-old man from Stockport has been charged with drugs offences in Chester. Jason White, of Kenilworth Road, Cheadle Heath was charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply a controlled Class A Drug (Crack Cocaine and Heroin) after being stopped by officers on patrol in Charles Street, Chester. He appeared at Chester Magistrates Court on 10 September and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on 8 October.

#### Four men sentenced to 46 years for shooting man in Warrington

Four men involved in a conspiracy that led to an innocent man being shot on his own doorstep in Warrington have been jailed. Aaron Bretherton and Anthony Morris carried out the shooting on Poplars Avenue in Warrington on Friday 24 April 2020.

Brothers Alan and John Tobin assisted with the attack by providing details of the intended victim to a man who is suspected of plotting to shoot individuals he had grievances with. The victim's stepson was the intended target however he



was not at the address at the time of the attack. The Tobin's communicated with the man in the run up to the shooting via messages on an encrypted device known as Encro Chat. Under the handle 'Slightdrake' John sent messages on the Encro Chat network identifying the address the intended target lived at as well as other details that assisted in the planning of the shooting. Alan was sent messages that involved discussing causing significant harm to associates of an organised crime group before sending photographs of two of the associates along with their addresses. The brothers then exchanged messages and suggested driving to Warrington prior to the shooting as well as discussing the aftermath of it. On the day of the attack, Aaron Bretherton posed as a pizza delivery driver outside the house and fired three rounds at the 56-year-old victim with one bullet causing life-changing injuries to his leg. As the 24-year-old gunman fled the scene he paused, turned around and fired a further shot towards the house before escaping in a van with getaway driver Anthony Morris. Bretherton previously admitted to being the gunman but, along with 23-year-old Morris, denied being part of a conspiracy to shoot the victim's stepson. On Friday 12 March a jury found Bretherton and Morris guilty of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm to the 26-year-old stepson following a three-week trial at Liverpool Crown Court. Alan and John Tobin both pleaded guilty to their involvement in the shooting at an earlier hearing. On Friday 10 September all four men were sentenced at Liverpool Crown Court. Alan Tobin was sentenced to eight years in prison. John Tobin was sentenced to two years and five months in prison. Aaron Bretherton was sentenced to 22 years in custody with an extended licence period of five years. Anthony Morris was sentenced to 14 years in prison. In the hours leading up to the attack Bretherton was seen travelling to Warrington in order to carry out a reconnaissance mission. Then shortly after 7pm Morris travelled from his workplace in Connah's Quay, North Wales, to pick up Bretherton in Liverpool and transport them to the crime scene. When they reached their destination Bretherton was

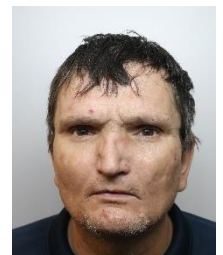
captured on CCTV making his way to the house and carrying out the attack. The victim attempted to shut the door before Bretherton opened fire, however one bullet hit the floor and another travelled through the door and he was hit below the knee. A 999 call was made and armed officers, along with response officers, attended the scene. What then followed was a challenging, fast-paced and painstaking investigation by detectives from Cheshire Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) to apprehend those involved in the shooting. The white van was identified as being from the garage where Morris, previously of Fifth Avenue in Liverpool was employed and he was stopped and arrested by officers from Lancashire Police in Southport two days later. Officers searching the van discovered a hidden compartment which contained a mobile phone that was seized. While Morris was in custody being questioned, detectives continued to examine CCTV and carried out forensic and telecommunications enquiries, which led to the arrest of Bretherton in Liverpool on Wednesday 6 May. Clothing with significant amounts of gunshot residue were recovered from Bretherton's apartment, in City View, Liverpool, along with a Glock handgun in the extractor fan of the oven, several bullets in a magazine on a heater in the bathroom, a smoke grenade and £5,000 in cash. The handgun was not the same weapon used in the shooting. DI Ian Murray, from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: *"These men were complicit in a co-ordinated attack that involved weeks of planning and preparation that ultimately led to an innocent man being shot and left with life changing injuries. They each had a role to play as part of the conspiracy knowing it would cause serious harm, have the potential for reprisals with rival organised crime groups as well and spread fear within the community. It is a snapshot of the serious and organised crime underworld and the danger it poses to those who associate with it or to innocent people who can get caught in the cross fire. Over the past few years we have worked incredibly hard to turn the tide of fear in Warrington by targeting individuals who are directly involved in serious and organised crime and making it very clear that the town is a hostile place for criminality. The sentences today should also serve as warning to those who think that they can travel to Cheshire to commit crime. We will continue to be relentless in the pursuit of those who cause the most harm to our communities and work with the public, and with our partner agencies, including the Crown Prosecution Service, to bring offenders to justice and to make Cheshire a safe place to live and work."*

## **Man charged in connection with drug offence in Sandbach**

Detectives have charged a man from Crewe with a drug offence. Thomas Conway, of no fixed address, was arrested on the A434 near Sandbach at around 5pm on Thursday 9 September and taken into custody. The 41-year-old was subsequently charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine. He was remanded in custody and is due to appear at Chester Magistrates Court on Friday 10 September. The charge relates to a car stopped by police on the A434 near Sandbach on Thursday 9 September when a quantity of class A drugs were seized.

## **Chester man handed Criminal Behaviour Order for repeated anti-social behaviour and thefts from shops**

A man has been handed a Criminal Behaviour Order after repeated anti-social behaviour and thefts from shops in Chester. Luke Johnson, 50, appeared at Chester Crown Court on 1 September after being convicted of assault by beating which had occurred at B&Q in Sealand Road, Chester. Johnson was sentenced to 18 months conditional discharge for the assault, which occurred at the DIY superstore on 6 October 2020. Johnson was handed the



three-year criminal behaviour order which has conditions not to put any item in a carrier bag, rucksack or other article capable of concealing items prior to payment being made, unless it's in a basket or trolley owned by the store. He is also barred from concealing any items that have been selected from display by himself or a third party, which belongs to said store and is for retail sale. In addition, he must not enter the B&Q store in Sealand Road, Chester and must leave any retail premises when asked to do so by staff or security. PC Mel Sawojka said: *"Shoplifting and abuse of shop staff is something that we have been addressing through the Criminal Behaviour Orders because we understand the impact on businesses and their staff. No one should be subject to abuse in their workplace and this latest Order shows that we will take action and support our local businesses."* If Johnson breaks this order he could face time in prison. All the shops have been given advice and know to report him if he breaks his conditions. PC Charlotte Lloyd from Chester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit said: *"This latest Order is just one of many the team has worked on over the years to help improve quality of life for those who live, work and visit our city. We will continue to support businesses, retail staff and the community and encourage any issues to be reported to Cheshire Constabulary."*

## **Man jailed for 22 years for historic sexual offences against four children**

A 57-year-old man who sexually abused four people has been jailed for a total of 22 years with 2 further years on prison licence. Anthony Hulme, of London Road in Nantwich, physically and sexually assaulted two men and two women over a number of years. It occurred at his home address in Winsford as well as other places in Cheshire and while on holiday in the United Kingdom between 1981 and 1988.

Two of the victims were aged two and three when he sexually assaulted them while babysitting at their home in Cheshire. Between 1981 and 1988 he sexually assaulted, raped and physically abused another victim from the age of eight until they were in their late teens. The fourth victim was abused by Hulme when he was nine years old and it continued for a number of years. Hulme was found guilty of two counts of gross indecency with a girl under 14 years of age and six counts of gross indecency with a boy under the age of 14. He was also convicted of committing buggery with a boy under the age of 16, two counts of indecent assault on a boy under the age of 16 and two counts of indecent assault on a boy under the age of 14. The trial took place over eight days at Chester Crown Court and he was sentenced on Friday 3 September. Hulme will also serve two further years on prison licence. DS Paul Nolan, from the Major Investigation Team, said: *"Hulme subjected each of his victims to horrific abuse both physically and sexually over a long period of time when they were babies or young children. It has taken great courage for them to disclose what happened and to go through the process to ensure justice was served. The conviction and sentence is testament to their bravery in coming forward and providing such difficult, upsetting and harrowing evidence. I hope it now provides them with a form of closure and although they will never forget what happened, they can begin a new chapter in their lives."*



## **Blue light services join forces for Emergency Services Day**

The Constabulary has joined forces with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service to celebrate Emergency Services Day, which is also known as 999 Day. The special day, which celebrates all of the emergency services' hard work and dedication, is marked with a two-minute silence on the ninth hour of the ninth day of the ninth month. All emergency services across the UK mark the day, along with HM The Queen, HRH The Prince of Wales, HRH The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister and the First Ministers of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. An incredible two million people work and volunteer across our NHS and emergency services,

including a quarter of a million first responders. This includes the thousands of staff and officers who work for Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, protecting and keeping the public of Cheshire safe. CC Mark Roberts said: *"We are delighted to be marking the national Emergency Services Day here in Cheshire. We see every day the vital role all our emergency services play, and this has been highlighted even more since the start of the pandemic. I would like to thank all of our officers and staff for the fantastic work they do in keeping our communities safe, and I'd also like to extend those thanks to our partners for their efforts in protecting the public of Cheshire."* Chief Fire Officer Mark Cashin said: *"It is great to have a dedicated day during which we can mark the hard work done by our fantastic emergency services. During the past 18 months, the importance of all of our services has been amplified, and we have seen both in Cheshire and across the country the vital role we play in protecting communities. Our firefighters and staff have been fantastic throughout this time, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work."*

## Emergency Services Day in Cheshire

CC Roberts, CFO Cashin and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Paul Binyon raised an Emergency Services Day flag at our headquarters in Winsford at 9am today (Thursday 9 September). The flag will fly high at Clemonds Hey for the remainder of day. A flag was also raised at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Sadler Road Training Centre by training officers. People gathered outside to remember those who have served the public over many years. SI Gareth Wrigley and Deputy Chief Fire Officer Alex Waller attended an event organised by Cheshire West and Chester Council, which thanked all the emergency services for their hard work over the incredibly difficult past 12 months and beyond. [More information about the day is on the Emergency Services Day website.](#)



## Man charged with firearm offences in Warrington

Detectives have charged a 30-year-old man with firearm offences. Grant Pridham, of Borron Road in Newton Le Willows was arrested on Tuesday 7 September and subsequently charged on Thursday 9 September with two counts of possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. Pridham was remanded in custody and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court this morning (Thursday 9 September). The charges relate to an incident that occurred on Sunday 5 September on Burtonwood Road, Warrington involving two 17-year-old boys alleged to have been threatened with an imitation firearm.

## Man sentenced following racist social media abuse

A man who posted a racist message on Facebook following the Euro 2020 final has been sentenced. Scott McCluskey appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court today, Wednesday 8 September, where he pleaded guilty to sending an offensive/ abusive message by a public communication network. The 43-year-old of

Blyth Close, Runcorn, was sentenced to 14 weeks in prison suspended for 18 months. He was also handed a 40 week curfew and ordered to complete up to 30 days rehabilitation. McCluskey was also ordered to pay £100 compensation, £85 costs and £128 surcharge. During questioning McCluskey told officers he posted the message following the match between England and Italy on Sunday 11 July. He claimed that he thought it would make people laugh and did not realise that people may find it offensive. McCluskey stated that he deleted the message after around 10 minutes after receiving a number of comments.

CI Leeroy Moss, head of Runcorn Local Policing Unit, said: *"Everyone is responsible for what they do and say, and posting a message on social media is no different. McCluskey's comments were clearly racist and included a number of emojis which were directed towards specific England players. Thankfully the message was reported to us within hours of being posted and a full investigation took place. Hate crimes and online abuse are heinous crimes, which can have a significant impact on the people targeted and also our wider communities. As this case demonstrates, we treat this sort of offending extremely seriously and will do everything we can to ensure that those responsible are held accountable for their actions."*

Mark Roberts, Chief Constable of Cheshire Constabulary and the NPCC Lead for football policing, added: *"McCluskey is the first person in the UK to be convicted in relation to the racist abuse posted after the Euro 2020 final and I hope that his conviction acts as warning to others. I'm pleased to see Cheshire leading the way in this regard and I know there are many others in the pipeline. The racial abuse aimed at our players following that game was totally abhorrent and quite rightly it shocked and appalled people across the country. Those in the England team were true role models throughout the tournament, conducting themselves with professionalism and dignity and they did not deserve such vile abuse. I want to make it clear to anyone using social media that you will be held accountable for what you post, you cannot simply hide behind a computer screen, or use pseudo names to conceal your identity. This prosecution is not the end, the UK Football Policing Unit will continue to work closely with social media platforms to trace those responsible for the utterly vile messages and ensure that they will all be held responsible."* Anyone who has been a victim, or witness of hate crime, is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tv/true-vision-report-hate-crime/> .

## **Northwich man banned from owning dogs for five years**

A man whose pet Rottweiler attacked an innocent member of the public in Northwich has been banned from owning dogs. Jason Lowe, of Station Road, Northwich, owned two Rottweilers and a Labrador. On Saturday 12 December 2020 the 45-year-old decided to take them for a walk in the town. Despite being aware that the dogs could be dangerous, he did not put muzzles on them and only the Labrador and one of the Rottweilers were on a lead. As he walked down Chester Way, without any warning the second Rottweiler lunged towards an innocent member of the public and bit their right arm. Thankfully the man was wearing a thick quilted coat and escaped without any injuries. The incident was reported to police and Lowe was subsequently charged in connection to the attack. Lowe appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Friday 3 September where he pleaded guilty to being the owner of a dangerously out of control dog. He was disqualified from owning dogs for five years and ordered to pay a £200 fine. Lowe was also ordered to pay £50 compensation, £34 victims surcharge and £85 court costs. Following the incident PC Ellie Reddecliff said: *"I welcome the conclusion of this case and I hope that it provides reassurance to local residents. Prior to this incident Lowe had already been spoken to by police and he had signed a voluntary Dog Behaviour Contract in which he agreed to adhere to a number of strict conditions. Yet he showed total disregard for this contract and purposefully chose to take them out without the appropriate safety measures. Thankfully on this occasion the victim escaped without any injuries, however the consequences could have been far worse."*

## **Frodsham man jailed for drugs offences following police stop**

A Frodsham man has been jailed for drugs offences after he was stopped by police in the town last year. Jason Burgess, from Meeting House Lane, Kingsley appeared at Chester Crown Court on Friday 3 September where he was sentenced to three years in prison.

The 31-year-old had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (Cocaine and MDMA) and possession with intent to supply Class B drugs (amphetamines). He also admitted drug driving at Warrington Magistrates on 20 August where he was given a 12 month driving ban and £1000 fine. Burgess' drug dealing



was exposed when an officer stopped his car in the town last year. At 5.40pm on 16 November 2020, while on patrol, PC Ashley Davies spotted a Vauxhall Astra driving along Main Street, Frodsham. The vehicle was stopped and the occupant of the vehicle, Burgess was spoken to. He appeared nervous, erratic, sweating and his pupils were dilated so a drugs wipe was administered and he tested positive for Cocaine. PC Davies and a colleague then had cause to search him and his vehicle, recovering £1,630.00 and three mobile phones. The cash has since been seized through the Proceeds of Crime Act. Burgess was arrested on suspicions of drug driving and money laundering. While in custody a further search revealed a slit in the lining of his jacket. Officers discovered 12 wraps of 0.5g bags of Cocaine valued at £600 and 32 grams of Amphetamine valued at £40. Burgess was further arrested for possession with intent to supply Cocaine and Amphetamine. A search of his address also revealed a small quantity of Class A drug MDMA. Following this, the mobile phones were downloaded which showed he was involved in the supply of high purity and wholesale Cocaine dating back months and he would send out regular flare messages to drug users almost daily. PC Davies said: *"I hope this reassures residents that we are making every effort to make it difficult for criminals to operate in Cheshire. We are out there 24/7 patrolling your communities alongside other specialist units and while you may not always see us, we are there stopping vehicles, arresting criminals and keeping your roads safe."*

## **M6 closed following serious collision**

Shortly after 8am on Tuesday 7 September police were called to reports of a collision on the M6. The incident on the northbound carriageway near to Sandbach involves a HGV which has collided with a bridge. One person is believed to have sustained serious injuries. As a result of the incident the northbound carriageway is currently closed between junctions 17 (Sandbach) and 18 (Middlewich). The closure is expected to remain in place for several hours. Local diversion are in place but there are long delays and members of the public are advised to avoid the area if possible. Updates will be provided when available.

## **Man charged with assault and driving offences**

Detectives have charged a 35-year-old man with assault and driving offences. Anthony McDonagh, of Russell Street in Derby, has been charged with attempting to cause grievous bodily harm and dangerous driving. He was remanded in custody and appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court on Monday 6 September. The charges relate to an incident on 18 August 2021 on Woodhead Road in Derbyshire involving a Cheshire Constabulary police officer. McDonagh was remanded until he appears at Manchester Crown Court on 4 October.

## **Police and partners join forces in Wilmslow to improve safety on A34**

Police and partners joined forces in Wilmslow as part of continued efforts to improve safety on the A34. More than 100 drivers, pedestrians and children were spoken to as part of the 'Driver Engagement Day' on Thursday 2 September. The day, which is part of Operation Topnotch, saw police officers working alongside Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service to talk to and educate drivers following reports of anti-social driving and an increase in the number of fatal and serious collisions on the A34 in Handforth Dean. More than 40 vehicles were stopped by police for a variety of reasons including using a mobile phone while driving, not having proper control of a vehicle, having defective tyres and excessive tints on windows, lights and number plates. Motorists were spoken to about the potential dangers of their actions and all who were stopped engaged with officers. CC Mark Roberts also attended the event to see the work being done as part of a wider operation to make the roads around Wilmslow safer for all road users after listening to the public. Sergeant James Bell said: *"This day was a great success and was set up to educate drivers about the consequences of their habits when driving and encourage best practice. We offered the drivers the chance to speak with us to change the way they drive making the roads safer for our communities. The day is part of a much larger operation aimed at improving the safety of our roads and is a culmination of talks with the local authority, which along with highways, have been discussing everything from installing cat's eyes, re-marking, cutting back vegetation and most importantly – reviewing the speed on the road. Another part of this wider project will see 420 trees being planted along the road, where space allows, combating the sound that the surrounding villages and towns suffer from due to the increased traffic on this road. I hope that this operation shows that we are committed in making roads safer for everyone and we will continue to work with our local partners in order to make a difference to Cheshire's road network."* Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, said: *"I've heard from numerous residents about the issues they're facing on the A34. On the 23 September I'm holding a public meeting to discuss the issues and how we can move forward. Saying that, seeing the action the Constabulary has taken shows that we don't tolerate this sort of behaviour on Cheshire's roads."* Station Manager Andy Gray, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's Road Safety Manager said: *"It has been great to be out with officers to help educate and provide advice to road users on the dangers of the road. These events allow us to get our message to those motorists who may not be thinking about the consequences of their actions on the road and help them make changes to ensure we protect not only themselves, but others from harm."*

## **Second man charged in connection with serious sexual offences**

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has authorised Cheshire Constabulary to charge a second man in connection with allegations of sexual assault. Louis Saha Matturie, aged 40, has been charged with four counts of rape. The charges relate to three complainants over the age of 16 and are alleged to have taken place between April 2021 and August 2021. Matturie, of Edwin Court, Eccles, appeared at Chester Magistrates' Court on Monday 6 September. He was remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 10 September. Cheshire Constabulary and the Crown Prosecution Service would like to remind everyone that criminal proceedings against Matturie and Mendy are live and that they have 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.

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### Officers continue to appeal for information following serious fail to stop collision in Widnes

Officers are continuing to appeal for information following a serious fail to stop collision in Widnes. At 12.27pm on Saturday 11 September a report was received of a collision involving a mobility scooter and a blue Piaggio Beverly moped on Lower House Lane, Widnes. The rider of the mobility scooter, an 88-year-old local man, has been taken to hospital with serious injuries. The moped failed to stop along with a fluorescent yellow quad bike. A 26-year-old man from Runcorn and a 20-year-old woman from Widnes were arrested on suspicion of failing to stop following a collision, causing serious injury by dangerous driving and drug driving. A 31-year-old man and a 27-year-old man, both from Widnes, were also arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and for failing to stop after a collision. The 26-year-old, 20-year-old and 31-year-old have since been released under investigation. The 27-year-old man remains in custody being questioned by detectives. Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1082550 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](#).

### Appeal for information following serious collision in Adlington

Officers are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a serious collision in Adlington. At around 1.15am on Wednesday 8 September police were called to reports of a collision on Brookledge Lane. Officers attended the scene and found that a silver saloon car had collided with a tree. The driver of the car, a 29-year-old man from the Widnes area, is believed to have sustained serious injuries and is currently being treated in hospital. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any dashcam footage which may aid the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tua](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua), quoting IML-1079746. Alternatively, anyone with information can report it to Crimestoppers anonymously via 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

### Appeal for information following fatal collision on the M6

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision on the M6 in Cheshire. At 8.07am on Tuesday 7 September police were called to reports of a serious collision on the northbound carriageway between junctions 17 (Sandbach) and 18 (Middlewich). Officers attended the scene and found that a blue and white HGV had collided with a railway bridge. Sadly the driver of the HGV, a man in his 60's, died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed. There were no other vehicles involved in the incident. The northbound carriageway remains closed at the current time while recovery work is undertaken. The closure is expected to remain in place for several hours. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, or anyone with any CCTV or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to call Cheshire police on 101, or visit [www.cheshire.police.uk/tua](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua), quoting IML 1079063.



## **Warning issued after opportunist thieves target homes in Ellesmere Port**

Officers in Ellesmere Port are urging residents to keep their windows and doors secure after a small increase in the number of burglaries in the town. Over the past two weeks officers have dealt with a number of burglaries in the area where offenders have gained entry via open windows and doors. The most recent incident occurred at around 3am today, Tuesday 7 September, when an unknown offender climbed into a home on Red Lion Lane via a living room window. They then took the homeowners wallets and purses before stealing their dark Grey Kia Sportage which was parked on the driveway outside the address. DS Graeme Carvell, of Ellesmere Port CID, said: *“Enquiries in relation to these incidents are in the early stages and we’re committed to doing all we can to trace the people responsible. While our investigation remains ongoing, I would urge you to play your part by ensuring that you keep your home secure at all times. Opportunist thieves are always on the lookout for potential targets, so by following our simple advice you can reduce your chances of falling victim.”*

Residents are advised to follow the following advice:

- Make sure that all windows are closed and locked, even when you are at home or in the garden.
- Use the security measures on modern windows, which allow them to let some air in but still be locked.
- Keep all valuables out of the line of sight of prying eyes. Never put car keys or purses on window sills or in view of a window or door.
- Always avoid keeping large amounts of cash in your house.
- Make sure that your vehicle is locked whenever you are not in it and that you have not left any doors, windows or the sunroof open.
- Lock gates to deter offenders getting to the rear of your property.  
Where feasible install CCTV.

Anyone with any information in relation to the incident on Red Lion Lane is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at [www.cheshire.police.uk/tua](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua), quoting IML1079011. Alternatively, information can be provided to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>.

## **Appeal for witnesses following burglary in Appleton**

Police investigating a burglary in Appleton are appealing for information from members of the public. At 9.15pm on Friday 3 September three men forced their way into a house on Ashberry Drive while it was unoccupied. The men searched the property and stole a quantity of sentimental jewellery including three rings, two necklaces, two gold link chains and a Longines watch. The men then fled the scene. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the men and officers are appealing for information, CCTV or dash cam footage which could assist the investigation. PC Hazel Culleton, of Warrington Local Policing Unit, said: *“The men were in the home for a short amount of time and managed to steal items of jewellery which are hugely sentimental to the home owner. If anyone has attempted to sell the jewellery to you or you believe you may have seen it please get in touch with us. The investigation is ongoing and we have been following numerous lines of enquiry. I am encouraging anyone who may have seen these men in the run up to and after the burglary to contact us especially if you have CCTV or dash cam footage that can assist.”* If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary online via the [website](#) quoting IML 1076568. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Latest Cheshire Missing

### Police appeal for help to trace missing man from Holmes Chapel

Police are appealing for information to help find a missing 72-year-old man from Holmes Chapel. Lewis Gwilym Owen, known as Gwilym, was last seen at his home address in the Coniston Drive area at around 5.10pm on Friday 10 September. He is white, around 6' tall, of slim build with white hair. At the time of his disappearance, Gwilym was wearing a dark coloured anorak and dark trainers. Inspector Nick Rogers said: *"A number of enquiries are underway to find Gwilym but we are becoming increasingly concerned for his welfare. I also ask people living in the Holmes Chapel and surrounding areas to continue to help by checking their sheds and other outbuildings for any signs of Gwilym. I also want to ask Gwilym, if you see this, please contact us or your family so that we know that you are safe and well."*



Anyone with information or footage that may assist officers in finding Gwilym is asked to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 1082187 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#).

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