

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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## Cheshire News & Appeals



### Latest Cheshire News

#### Family pay tribute to man who died in Agden collision

The family of a man who died in a collision on Lymm Road, Agden have paid tribute to him. The collision occurred at 3.14pm on Wednesday 29 September and involved a Mercedes Sprinter box van and a Ford Transit Connect van. The driver of the transit van, Anthony Murphy, 64, from Runcorn, sadly died at the scene. The driver of the box van is believed to have sustained minor injuries. Mr Murphy's family said he was: *"The kindest and most generous Man you will ever meet."* They went on to say: *"As anyone who ever met him will tell you, he really was larger than life in every sense! "As a family we are devastated and heartbroken, and the outpour from the many, many people whose lives he touched has been incredible. He was a true legend. In the words of our Dad - 'A day without laughter is a day wasted' and he truly never wasted a moment."* Anyone with information on the collision should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website quoting IML 1096322.



#### Statement following the sentencing of Wayne Couzens

The monstrous actions of Wayne Couzens are a terrible abuse of power and do not represent policing. Police officers and staff who want to protect the public are sickened by this man's crimes. We understand how deeply concerning his actions are and the desire to know how to verify an officer's identity. Police officers always carry identification and can always be asked for verification. They are used to providing that reassurance. In light of the actions of Wayne Couzens it is right that police officers expect and are tolerant of those who wish to be further reassured. They will want to explain and reassure who they are, what they are doing and why. If people still feel things are not quite right or you are in imminent danger, please seek assistance. If that means shouting out to another member of the public, flagging a car down or even dialing 999 then do that.

#### Woman sentenced for drug supply in Runcorn

A 46-year-old woman has been jailed for 48 months for supplying crack cocaine and heroin in Runcorn. Zoe Enamu, of Bridgewater Street, Runcorn was arrested after officers executed a warrant at the address. The warrant occurred on 14 May 2019 and a quantity of class A drugs were discovered and seized by officers. Enamu was arrested at the scene and taken into police custody for questioning before being charged. On Tuesday 21 September she appeared at Liverpool Crown Court and was convicted of being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin and possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin. Following a search of the address officers linked Dawn



Bennett, of Stonelea in Runcorn, to the supply of crack cocaine and heroin after her belongings were found in the property. She was arrested at an address on Whitchurch Way in Runcorn and charged. On 7 September 2021 Bennett was sentenced to 47 months in prison after being convicted of being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin and supplying crack cocaine and heroin. Alan McHugh, of 11 Bedford Street, Liverpool was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A drugs and possession of cannabis following a warrant at an address on Bedford Road in Liverpool on 20 December 2019. When questioned by officers McHugh admitted to helping to 'bag' up the drugs in order to 'speed up the process of buying them'. He was sentenced to 40 months behind bars after being found guilty of being concerned in the supply of crack cocaine and heroin at an earlier hearing. He was also given a four month sentence for possession of cannabis which will be served concurrently. PC Chris Nicholls, of Runcorn's Beat Team, said *"These three individuals were part of an organised crime group that supplied drugs within the town. They preyed on vulnerable drug users in order to make a profit from their supply. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues who assisted in this investigation and to reassure the community that although these individuals are now in prison our fight against drugs and county lines criminal activity goes on. I would therefore appeal to the local community to come forward if they believe they have seen or heard this type of criminality and to report it to Cheshire Constabulary via the [website](#) or 101."* You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 and we will act on the information you provide.

## **Winsford residents encouraged to attend community improvement event**

Winsford residents are being invited to attend a Community Conversation event to help make the town an even better place to live. The free event will take place between 7pm and 9pm at Winsford Lifestyle Centre, The Drummer, on Thursday 7 October. The conversations are facilitated by the ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) charity, and there will be representatives from Cheshire Constabulary, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Cheshire West and Chester City Council, local faith groups and community organisations. Anyone who lives or works in the town is invited to attend, with people from all walks of life wanted at the event. Winsford Beat Sergeant Paul Cundy said: *"The events are an ideal opportunity for everyone in Winsford who cares about where they live, to get together under one roof and formulate plans to make their town a safer and nicer place to live. The aim is to identify the issues that are most important to the people of the town and agree on action plans and goals that can be achieved by everyone working together as a united community. It is also an opportunity for the local community to meet up and talk about what's good in the area, what they would like to see change and how they can work together with partner agencies to make a real difference in their communities."* John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, said: *"I hope as many people as possible can attend this really worthwhile event. It's important for people to have these conversations about the good things that are happening in their communities, and to know who they can work with to make things even better. Preventing and tackling crime is a key priority for me. Events like this, furthering understanding between the public and the organisations that serve them, help to achieve that aim."* ROC is a national community engagement charity that has conducted more than 160 Community Conversation events across the UK. The events identify gaps in provision and what emergency services, local authority members, statutory agencies, key community individuals, community groups and local faith groups in attendance can offer to bridge those gaps. There will be free refreshments available and anyone planning to attend is urged to register in advance [online](#) or by calling 0161 393 4511. The capacity for the event is 150 and only a few spaces remain therefore people are encouraged to register as soon as possible to secure their place.

## Salford man pleads guilty to stalking TV star

A 53-year-old man from Salford has pleaded guilty to a number of offences on the first day of his trial at Chester Crown Court today (Monday 27 September). Toraq Wyngard, from Cannon Street, Salford admitted possession of a knife, criminal damage, arson and stalking causing serious alarm or distress, following a campaign targeting Denise Townley, also known as Denise Welch, between 18 September 2020 and 11 February 2021. During his disturbing stalking campaign, on 19 September 2020 Wyngard went onto Mrs Townley's property and set fire to the skip on her driveway which spread to the garage attached to her property. On arrival, police officers found Wyngard nearby and on searching his backpack discovered a knife. DS Dave Thomason from Cheshire Constabulary's Harm Reduction Unit said: *"Wyngard's actions were causing Denise great distress and a trial would have further impacted on her, so I'm pleased that he has now pleaded guilty. I'd like to thank Denise for her bravery in coming forward and I hope this reassures other victims that we do listen and take action against those who carry out such distressing crimes in our communities. Our Specialist Victim Advocates in the Harm Reduction Unit have been supporting Denise and her husband throughout - providing practical support, safety planning and advocacy. The Specialist Victims' Advocates are currently providing direct support to a number of stalking victims across Cheshire in highly complex stalking cases, and I hope seeing this outcome will give others going through a similar ordeal the confidence to come forward and get the support and advice they need to end their nightmare. We will listen and we will help you get the right support in your case, just as we have done with Denise. Don't suffer in silence, call us on 101 or report it via our website."* Denise said of the guilty pleas: *"Lincoln and I are very relieved that Toraq Wyngard, otherwise known as Todd, has pleaded guilty. This has been an incredibly terrifying and stressful time for me and our family. We are grateful to the fire service for their prompt action saving our house and to the police for their amazing vigilance and support. Special thanks go to the Harm Reduction Unit assigned to us who have guided us through this horrible time every step of the way."* Wyngard is due to be sentenced on 26 October 2021, pending psychiatric reports.

## Man sentenced to life in prison for murdering his Congleton neighbour

A 47-year-old man has been sentenced to a minimum of 30 years in prison after being found guilty of murdering his neighbour at her flat in Congleton. David Mottram was today, Monday 27 September, sentenced to life in prison with a minimum term of 30 years at Chester Crown Court. At 10.27pm on Tuesday 2 March 2021 Mottram called Crisis Line and told them that he had killed his neighbour, 45-year-old Samantha Heap. Officers attended the supported living complex in Nursery Lane and while in his flat, Mottram admitted that he had killed his neighbour. He was immediately cautioned and arrested on suspicion of murder. Mottram later told a psychiatrist that he said to Samantha that he had been locked out of his flat and asked to come in whilst he rang a family member to get a spare key. He then subjected her to a sustained and brutal assault. A Home Office Post Mortem revealed the cause of death as strangulation with many other serious injuries sustained by the victim. Detectives searching his flat found a blue holdall with a number of handwritten letters inside stating that he didn't want to live in the community and wanted to go to prison. Over the course of two days Mottram was interviewed by detectives but he answered no comment. Due to the overwhelming evidence he was charged with murder and remanded into custody. The jury heard that Mottram has Autism Spectrum Disorder and that as part of reaching their verdict they



needed to decide whether his condition affected his rational judgement and provide him a defence of diminished responsibility. They concluded that it didn't and he was found guilty of murder unanimously. On sentencing Mottram, Judge Michael Leeming described Mottram as 'a very dangerous man'. In determining the minimum sentence, Judge Leeming decided that Mottram had taken a ligature with him that he used to strangle Samantha, had stabbed and inflicted other sharp force trauma on her with a knife from her flat, as well as inflicting multiple blunt force injuries that resulted in more than 60 injuries to her. He described this a 'cold blooded and premeditated murder planned over a number of years' which involved a sexual element by subjecting her body to sexual degradation. DI Julien Culham said: *"What Mottram did that evening was inconceivable and has left a family absolutely devastated. Despite admitting to officers at the time, and on his initial call to the crisis line, he decided to plead not guilty causing the family further distress of having to go through a trial. I hope that following today's sentence Samantha's family can take some small comfort, knowing that Mottram has now been given a significant prison sentence."* Samantha's family said: *"Samantha was a warm lovely person who had no bad in her and did not deserve what happened to her. As a family we have suffered a great loss and we are struggling to come to terms with what happened. While it won't bring Samantha back to us, knowing he is in prison for what he did to Samantha and our family will, I hope, help us in some way as we try to come to terms with our devastating and cruel loss. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the police and CPS for their advice and support throughout this traumatic time."*

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