

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Cheshire Detective wins award at National Bravery Awards

Detective Sergeant Mark Naylor, from Cheshire Police, won the Inspiration in Policing Award at the 25th National Police Bravery Awards. The 2020 awards ceremony, hosted by the Police Federation, had been postponed twice but was finally hosted on the evening of 12 October. DS Naylor's award was presented by the Home Secretary, Priti Patel at the ceremony held in London. The award recognised DS Naylor's inspirational method for helping officers to better understand what it is like to be a survivor or victim of sexual abuse. Since 2018, DS Naylor has travelled



around the country, giving presentations focusing on shame, sexual abuse and mental health problems encountered as a result. The aim was to bring investigators a chance to see things from a victim's point of view and try to reduce some of the stigma around talking about these topics. His presentation begins with a moving audio-recorded witness testimony of the victim's recollection of the excitement brought by holidays spent in Canada with extended family. However, the account then recollects the point when a family member begins to prey on the victim by sexually abusing him when aged eight and then again at 10. The audio describes how suppressing the memory takes its toll on the victim, affecting their self-image, confidence and trust and ultimately leads to a breakdown when a younger sibling is given the same opportunity to visit Canada. As the presentation concludes, DS Naylor reveals that he is the victim and the experiences are his own. DS Naylor then opens the floor to a 'no holds barred' question and answer session about the abuse, the effects on him, the stress of making a disclosure, the experience of court as a victim and his battle to build his own relationships as a survivor. DS Naylor continues to do this to highlight an important issue in society and to make positive change for the benefit of policing. DCS Denise Worth from the Constabulary's Public Protection Directorate said: *"Congratulations to DS Naylor, for his incredible work and for sharing his story to help so many others. Victims are at the heart of our policing here in Cheshire and DS Naylor has gone above and beyond to help officers here and across the country better understand victims and survivors with his incredibly brave and moving presentations. DS Naylor continues to support us in understanding those who come to us in their greatest time of need and we're incredibly proud of his work and dedication in this. In 2018 we also recognised DS Naylor's outstanding contribution to policing and victims and survivors of abuse at our very own ACE (Achieving Cheshire Excellence) Awards. DS Naylor truly deserves all the recognition he gets for his selfless commitment to victims and survivors, and policing."* DS Naylor said: *"My intention is to move the victim agenda forward by being open about the effects of abuse and in doing so, help officers to get a better understanding so that the victims gets better support and empathy when they come to us for help. I feel incredibly humbled by receiving this award and hope that I can carry on with this work. I also want to continue to help colleagues understand the importance of speaking openly about difficult and taboo subjects such as abuse and mental ill-health. Being a victim can be an incredibly lonely place to be and I believe that the more we talk about shameful things, the less power they hold over us. I would like to give special thanks to our Federation representative DC Jamie Thompson for*

looking after me and the other nominees from Cheshire so well. Thanks also to PFEW for organising such an amazing event."

Man arrested in connection to Northwich stabbing

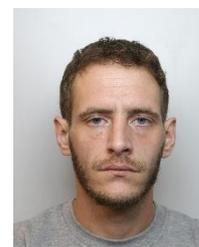
Detectives investigating a stabbing outside a gym in Northwich have arrested a man in relation to the incident. Shortly after 7pm on Thursday 23 September police were called to reports of an incident outside Pure Gym on Leicester Street. Officers attended the scene and found that a 20-year-old man from Winsford had been stabbed. The man was taken to Aintree hospital for treatment and is now recovering at home. Following enquires officers have now arrested a 47-year-old man from Wigan in relation to the incident. The man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and is currently being questioned by officers in police custody.

Body found in search for missing man in Winsford

Officers searching for a missing man in Winsford have found a body. The body was discovered in a wooded area near to Lily Lane, Byley at around 5.20pm on Wednesday 13 October. Formal identification has not yet taken place, but it is believed to be that of missing man Robert Godfrey. His next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers. His death is not believed to be suspicious. A case file will be prepared for the coroner.

Man jailed following Ellesmere Port burglary

A man who broke into a house in Ellesmere Port and stole a car from outside the address has been jailed. Matthew Gill appeared at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 7 October where he was sentenced to two years and seven months in prison. The 33-year-old of Edward Street, Denton, had earlier pleaded guilty to burglary, driving while disqualified and possession of a class A drug (cocaine). During the hearing the court heard how in the early hours of Saturday 4 September Gill broke into an address on Greenfield Road via an open window. Once inside he stole keys before fleeing the scene in a Land Rover which was parked on the driveway. After conducting a number of enquiries, including forensics and examining CCTV footage, detectives were able to identify Gill as the offender and he was arrested. During questioning Gill also admitted to another burglary at an address on Red Lion Lane, where a Kia Sportage was stolen. Thankfully, the vehicle was subsequently recovered, along with other property, and returned to victims. While Gill was not charged with the Red Lion Lane incident, the offence was taken into consideration when he was sentenced. Following the sentencing, Sergeant Graeme Carvell, from Ellesmere Port Proactive Team, said: *"Following an efficient and effective proactive investigation by Ellesmere Port detectives, the offender has been dealt with by the courts, receiving a custodial sentence. I hope this sentence provides some reassurance and closure to the victims, enabling them to move forward with their lives. I also hopes that it acts as a warning for other offenders because the message is clear, if you come to Cheshire to commit crime you will be caught and you will be brought to justice."*



Two men in Chester arrested in connection with county lines criminality

Detectives in Chester investigating serious and organised crime have arrested two men. A 27-year-old man and a 43-year-old man were stopped by police while in a vehicle on Queens Park View at 5pm on Tuesday 12 October. Following a search of the 27-year-old police seized a large quantity of class A drugs. The 27-year-old was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin and is currently in police custody. The 43-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply cocaine and has since been released under investigation.

Man charged in connection with serious assault in Lymm

A 37-year-old man has been charged in connection with a serious assault in Lymm. Andrew Potter, of Thelwall New Road in Warrington, was arrested at an address in Latchford on Friday 8 October. He has since been charged with section 18 wounding with intent and possession of a bladed article. He appeared at Crewe Magistrates Court on Saturday 9 October and was remanded in custody. Potter is due to appear at Chester Crown Court on Friday 5 November. The charges relate to a 36-year-old man assaulted on Pepper Street on Monday 19 July.

Man charged following fatal collision near Middlewich

Officers investigating a fatal collision on Warmingham Lane near Middlewich have charged a man in connection with the incident. Liam Foster, of Smallbrook Walk, Crewe, was arrested on Monday 11 October. The 45-year-old has since been charged with causing death by dangerous driving; causing death whilst disqualified from driving; causing death whilst uninsured and failing to stop after a collision. Foster has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' on Wednesday 13 October. The charge relates to a one vehicle collision involving a red Ford Focus which was reported to police at 11.51am on Friday 8 October. Sadly, a passenger from the vehicle, a 57-year-old woman from Crewe, died at the scene. Her next of kin have been informed and are being supported by specialist officers.

Project Servator to be trialled in Warrington

Project Servator – a policing tactic used to disrupt a range of criminality, including terrorism – will be trialled in the Warrington Town Centre from Monday 11 October. The approach, which sees police, businesses, community partners and the public working together, is already in use in various parts of the UK, including across the whole of London after it was pioneered by the City of London Police in 2014. Project Servator sees the deployment of both highly visible and plain clothed police officers,

supported by other resources such as dogs, firearms officers, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and CCTV. The deployments can happen anywhere and at any time and include police officers specially-trained to spot the tell-tale signs of individuals who may be planning or preparing to commit a crime. The tactics have been developed and tested by security experts at the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) in partnership with the City of London Police. We will work in partnership with colleagues from Warrington Borough Council and Golden Square Shopping Centre to carry out deployments in the town centre. Ian Cox, Centre Director, said: *"We're fully supportive of this initiative and encourage all our staff, retailers and shoppers to assist in any way that they can to help keep our local community safe. If we've learnt anything from the last two years it's that looking out for one*



another has never been more important." Project Servator was first trialled in Chester City Centre in June 2019. The team at Chester was then accredited in March 2020. Following the success in Chester, we are now trialling this tactic in Warrington. Chief Inspector Neil Drum said: "I am really pleased to be trialling Project Servator in Warrington. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to talk to residents, visitors to the town centre and staff about the importance of being vigilant at all times, and to work with them to keep everyone safe and add another layer of security to our existing policing methods. This isn't in response to a particular threat, but something we're trying out to see if it can further enhance our existing security measures." Officers will also be talking to the public, including businesses. They will be asking people to be our eyes and ears to help keep people safe, and encouraging everyone to remain vigilant and report anything that doesn't feel right. You can help by reporting any suspicious activity by speaking face to face with officers, or by calling police on 101. In an emergency, always call 999. Warrington Local Policing Unit Inspector, Ruth Atherton, said: "The security of everyone who works and visits the town centre is important to us, which is why we're working closely with the Golden Square Shopping Centre, local shops, businesses and Warrington Borough Council to make Project Servator a success. Our town centre is an incredibly safe place and this will further strengthen the visible and less visible measures already in place to keep everyone safe and secure.

Man charged following serious assault in Crewe

Detectives investigating a serious assault at an address in Crewe have charged a man in relation to the incident. John Healy, of no fixed abode, Crewe, was arrested on Monday 11 October. The 43-year-old has since been charged with section 18 assault. The charge relates to an incident at an address on Underwood Lane, Crewe on Tuesday 5 October. The victim in the case, a 53-year-old local man, remains in hospital at the current time in a stable condition. Healy has been remanded in custody and is set to appear at Chester Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 13 October.

Man charged in connection with commercial burglaries in Nantwich and Alsager

Detectives investigating two burglaries at commercial premises in south Cheshire have charged a man in relation to the incidents. Michael Williams, of Masefield Mews, Wolverhampton, was arrested on Saturday 9 October. The 53-year-old has since been charged with two counts of burglary other than a dwelling. The charges relate to two incidents, which occurred at opticians in Alsager and Nantwich between Sunday 15 and Wednesday 18 August. Williams appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Monday 11 October where he was remanded in custody; he is next set to appear at Chester Crown Court on Monday 8 November.

Man charged following suspicious incidents in Pickmere area

A man has been charged following suspicious incidents in the Pickmere area. Christopher Hollinworth, 37, from the Pickmere area, was arrested and subsequently charged with criminal damage and three counts of using threatening behaviour with intent to cause fear. He was remanded into custody and appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court today (Monday 11 October). He was granted conditional bail at the courts and will reappear at Crewe Magistrates' Court on 8 December.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police appeal for witnesses following burglaries at veterinary surgeries

Police are appealing for witnesses after three veterinary surgeries were broken into. At 8.56pm on Thursday 14 October a burglary occurred at a surgery in Chester Road, Hartford where a car was taken. No drugs were stolen. At 10.32pm that evening, two to three suspects broke into the vets in Ditchfield Road, Widnes taking drugs from the premises before fleeing in a waiting vehicle. At 11.38pm, a third surgery was broken into in Victoria Road in Runcorn. Nothing was taken in this instance. Police are appealing for anyone who may have been in the area and saw anyone acting suspiciously or has dashcam footage that may help with our enquiries to contact police. Inspector Rob Balfour said: *“Public Health England have been informed. The drugs that were taken from the surgery are designed for the use in animals and are fatal if taken, so I’d strongly advise that if you are offered Dolethal, or a ketamine called Anesketin, or methadone called Comfortan - do not take it. These particular drugs are incredibly dangerous in the wrong hands and you will be putting yourself at considerable risk. We’d advise not taking any illegal drugs, but we understand some will, which is why we are taking this opportunity to warn the public.”* Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or via this website quoting IML 1108538 for Widnes, IML 1108487 for Hartford and IML1108561 for Runcorn. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for witnesses following M6 collision

Police are appealing for witnesses following a collision on the M6 northbound at junction 16. At 9.50am this morning, Friday 15 October, police were called to a collision involving a HGV, a van and a car. The driver of a MAN HGV, carrying a blue container, is a potential witness and police are keen to locate the driver. Two people are believed to have been seriously injured. Emergency services remain on the scene and the northbound carriageway is closed at junction 16. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage should contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1108734.

Police release CCTV image following theft from a Sandbach shop

Police have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to in connection with the theft of a number of bottles of spirits from a Co-Op in Sandbach. A man entered the Lawton Way store shortly before 9am on Saturday 25 September and took a number of bottles from the store without paying. PCSO Sue Holt said: *“As part of our enquiries, we’re keen to speak to the man in the CCTV footage. I’d urge anyone who recognises him to contact police.”* Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website quoting IML 1093111. Alternatively information can be given to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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