

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

County lines drug dealer jailed for more than five years

A county lines drug dealer who was found with around 315 wraps of crack cocaine and heroin in his coat pocket has been jailed for more than five years.

Michael Shawcross, 38, of Tennyson Street, Bootle appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Wednesday 8 December where he was sentenced to five years and seven months imprisonment for possession with intent to supply class A drugs (crack cocaine and heroin).



He had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing. The court heard how police became aware of Shawcross after officers conducted a warrant on Cartwright Street – a property owned by Shawcross. During the warrant Shawcross admitted to officers that he had something on his possession. Following a search, officers found around 315 wraps of brown and white powder along with £915 in cash. A search of the address found several wraps of drugs, four mobile phones and cash. Shawcross was arrested and brought into custody. During an interview with police, Shawcross confirmed the drugs were for the onward sale to others and that this was done by word of mouth and not by using mobile phones. A drug expert tested the powder which turned out to be heroin and crack cocaine all with a potential street value of £3,290. Shawcross was subsequently charged with two counts of possession with intent to supply class A (crack cocaine and heroin).

DS Tom Hall said: *“This is a great result and sees another drug dealer off the streets of Warrington. “This investigation is part of an ongoing crackdown on county lines drug dealing in the town and hope that it acts as a warning to criminals who think that they can target our area with illegal activity. I would like to thank the officers that worked on this case and helped bring Shawcross to justice while helping to remove a large quantity of crack cocaine and heroin that were heading to the streets of Warrington. We will continue with our work in making our town a hostile environment for people like Shawcross but I would urge that the public help us too – any information we receive is vital in our fight against drugs.”*

Anyone with information in relation to illegal drug activity in their community is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Information can also be provided to Crimestoppers, anonymously, by calling 0800 555 111 or report via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Man charged in connection with aggravated burglary in Warrington

Detectives have charged a man in connection with a burglary in Warrington.

Kayne Price-Evans was detained at around 12pm on Thursday 9 December following a warrant executed at an address on Dudley Street. The 29-year-old, of Dalton Bank in Fairfield and Howley, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary. A 25-year-old woman was also arrested at the address on Dudley Street on suspicion of assisting an offender. Rosie Frankish, of Wellfield Street in Warrington, has since been charged.

Price-Evans has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Warrington Magistrates Court on Saturday 11 December. Frankish has been bailed to Warrington Magistrates Court on Saturday 11 December. A 37-year-old man was arrested at an address on Knutsford Road in Warrington at around 6pm on Monday 6 December. Thomas Quinn, of Chantler Avenue in Latchford, has also been charged with aggravated burglary and possessing criminal property. He has been remanded in custody and appeared at Warrington Magistrates Court on Wednesday 8 December. He is next due to appear at Liverpool Crown Court on 5 January 2022. The charges relate to an aggravated burglary that occurred at 7.45am on Monday 6 December at an address on Greenings Court in Fairfield and Howley. A 30-year-old woman sustained minor facial injuries that were treated by paramedics.

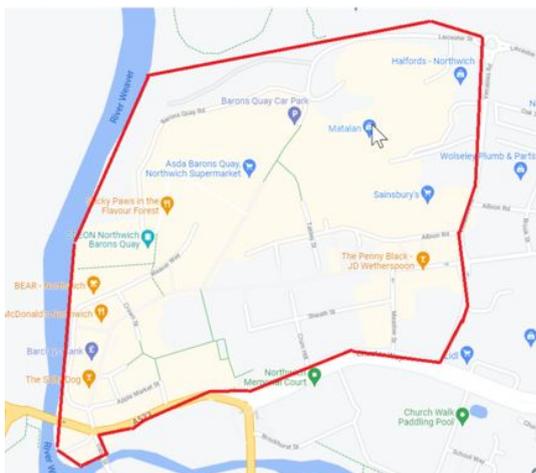
Northwich police to crackdown on anti-social behaviour

Police in Northwich will increase patrols this weekend and have a dispersal order in place to deter anti-social behaviour.

This follows a recent increase in anti-social behaviour in the area of the town centre, particularly in the areas of McDonalds on High Street, and around Barons Quay. Insp Jason Murray of Northwich Local Policing Unit said: *“In recent weeks we have seen a marked increase in anti-social behaviour and criminality in the Northwich Town Centre area. Those responsible are a small number of local teenagers who feel it is okay to abuse and threaten members of the public and business owners, damage others' property and act irresponsibly. They need to understand that this is not okay, and we will take every action possible to identify them and take action against them. We have already identified a number of these youths, and taken formal action against them. We are also working closely with our partner agencies to ensure that appropriate joint interventions are put in place with these young people in order to divert them from this behaviour. There will be a dispersal order in place in the town centre for the next few weekends, which will give officers authority to direct anyone engaging in anti-social behaviour or criminality an instruction to leave the town centre. They may also be taken home to their parents, who will be advised about their behaviour. Whilst I do not want to prevent young people having fun, they need to understand what is appropriate and what is not, and abide by the law. I would urge parents of teenagers going out, to know where your children are going, and advise them about their standards and the possible consequences if they don't behave.”*

If anyone witnesses a crime or anti-social behaviour in Northwich Town Centre, then please let us know either by calling 101, 999 (in an emergency), or via our website www.Cheshire.police.uk . Information can also be passed anonymously or via Crimestoppers on 08000 555 111.

Dispersal order map



Cheshire Police introduce sting cars to deter thieves

Cheshire Police have introduced sting cars to their arsenal of assets to tackle car crime.

The cars, which have forensic marking technology and trackers, look like any other parked car and could be anywhere, lying in wait for criminals. The forensic marking technology means that the car itself can be marked as well as any property left in the vehicle.

Insp Andy Baker from Macclesfield Local Policing Unit said: *“Our commitment to tackling car crime is clear, and our latest ‘sting cars’ should make criminals think twice about stealing in our area. We’ve got access to different ‘sting cars’ and one could just be the one you try to steal, whether that’s in Wilmslow, Handforth, Macclesfield, or any other part of the county. Is it really worth the risk? As well as this new technology, we will continue to put our focus on deterring crime with regular patrols by roads and crime officers, who are supporting the local policing unit officers, and sharing information with our colleagues over the border in Greater Manchester. We also rely on the valuable information the public gives us. If you see suspicious, activity please make sure you call it in or tell us via the website. Together we can make your neighbourhood a no go area for criminals.”*

The sting cars will complement Operation Prancer, which sees officers taking part in a number of initiatives to apprehend burglary and theft suspects, with a particular focus on those thought to be involved with recent burglaries in the eastern side of the county, including the towns of Wilmslow, Knutsford, Poynton and Macclesfield.

Insp Andy Baker, said: *“So not only have we got a number of plain clothes detectives, uniformed response officers and our colleagues on the Roads Policing Unit being deployed to the right areas at the right time to support neighbourhood officers, our sting cars are also out there waiting for the opportunity to catch a thief too.”*

One of Europe’s most wanted men found guilty of brutal murder

One of Europe’s most wanted men has been found guilty of the brutal murder of a father at a farm in rural Cheshire.

Christopher Guest More Jr, who was on the run for almost 16 years, has been convicted of conspiracy to murder Brian Waters at Burnt House Farm in Tabley. It took the jury just over 12 hours to reach its verdict following a trial lasting four-and-a-half weeks at Chester Crown Court. The 43 year-old was also found guilty of conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm with intent against another man. Today (Friday 10 December) More Jr was sentenced to life in prison to serve a minimum term of 24 years.



Following the verdict, DI Kate Tomlinson, who led the murder investigation, said: *“Christopher Guest More Jr has finally been found guilty of his part in the brutal murder of Brian Waters at Burnt House Farm on 19 June 2003. He fled the UK two days after the incident and stole another man’s identity in a bid to evade justice. We never gave up hope of finding him over the years and the guilty verdict marks a significant point in a long and painful road for all those involved. The level of violence used against the victims in this case was absolutely shocking. As police officers we are used to dealing with violent crime – but the barbaric nature of*

this attack is something that you never forget. When you look at what happened at the farm that day, and what those men did, it feels like something you only ever see in the movies. It doesn't feel like something that could ever happen in real life – let alone in rural Cheshire."

Nicola Wyn Williams from the Crown Prosecution Service said *"It has been a privilege to work as part of such a dedicated prosecution team to bring the defendant to justice and hopefully provide some closure for the victims and family in this case."*

Nikki Holland, NCA Director of Investigations, said: *"We are utterly delighted that after very many years of cheating justice, Guest More Jnr is in prison where he belongs for a long time. The NCA and Cheshire Police worked quietly, hand-in-hand behind the scenes for all those years developing strategies and pursuing leads to find him. The Agency's investigators and International Liaison Officer network were instrumental in tracing and identifying Guest More Jnr to Malta. We used a range of specialist capabilities – which we lead for the benefit of all UK law enforcement – to pinpoint Guest More Jnr where our Maltese partners arrested him. More Jnr featured on the very successful Operation Capture fugitives hunt, and out of 96 fugitives there are now just nine evading justice. We were never going to give up the hunt to catch him. Other fugitives should remember that and ask themselves if it's worth living a life looking over their shoulder."*

Police, Council and Environment Agency tackling illegal fly-tipping

Cheshire Constabulary's Rural Crime Team have joined forces with Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Environment Agency as part of an ongoing operation targeting illegal fly-tipping and waste transfer offences.

On average, there are almost 600 fly-tipping incidents every month across the borough, costing taxpayers more than £350,000 a year to clear up. As part of Operation Flycatcher, which began on 29 November, officers from Cheshire Police, Environment Agency and Cheshire West and Chester Council have been working together to conduct vehicle stops at checkpoints and roaming patrols across the borough. Everything from small commercial carriers to large HGVs are being stopped to check if they are legally transporting waste and have the necessary licences and documents. The partnership operation, which has seen more than 35 vehicles stopped in its first week, is part of ongoing efforts to make the borough a hostile place for those involved in illegal waste transfer and disposal offences.



PC Ashley Tether from Cheshire's Rural Crime Team, said: *"Sadly, we've seen a rise in illegal fly-tipping during the coronavirus pandemic and we are working closely with the local authority to tackle this issue and make Cheshire West a hostile environment for those involved in the movement of illegal waste. Fly-tipping is a crime which affects everyone. Not only does it cause a blight on our landscape, but it also cost taxpayers thousands of pounds to clear up. As part of our ongoing efforts to tackle the issue, we also need support from residents. If you need to dispose of any waste, ensure that you use a legitimate waste removal company and always ask to see their license. There are a number of unscrupulous people out there who claim to 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. In addition, 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 who dumped the waste."

Officers were joined by John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, who visited one of the checkpoints at Dunkirk. Mr Dwyer said: *"I'm regularly contacted by residents who have been impacted by illegal fly tipping, so it's great to see some of the partnership work taking place to tackle the issue. Fly tipping can have a detrimental impact on many of our communities and operations like this one demonstrate that we are listening to your concerns and cracking down on those who think it is acceptable to leave waste wherever they choose. I want to thank all of the officers and staff from Cheshire Constabulary and those from Cheshire West and Chester and the Environment Agency who all played a key role in this operation. I hope that the operation acts as a deterrent to those who are considering fly tipping as a way to earn a fast buck."*



During the vehicle stops, several offences were identified which resulted in seven fines being issued to drivers, two further fines issued for no insurance, three vehicles being reported for no insurance, four vehicles being seized and one person being reported to court for motoring and suspected drug offences. There was also a separate arrest for drug driving and motoring offences. Officers also used Selecta DNA to mark rubble being carried by one of the vehicles they stopped which mean if they dispose of it illegally, officers will be able to link the rubble to the carrier and take direct action. Since the beginning of the operation, Cheshire West and Chester Council enforcement officers inspected every reported fly-tip across the borough to gather evidence, take witness statements, obtain CCTV footage, conduct interviews and deliver enforcement interventions. There has been more than 400 points of contact made with the public during the first week of the operation. Officers have issued more than £2,000 in fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping offences. Several investigations are ongoing for waste transfer offences. Mobile CCTV has been used in key locations across the borough and this will continue over the coming months to obtain video evidence from fly-tipping hotspots.

Councillor Karen Shore, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Strategic Transport, said: *"This is a successful start to an ongoing operation. Our officers will continue to inspect and enforce against fly-tipping and waste carriage offences as part of their normal duties. We will continue to work in partnership with Cheshire Police and the Environment Agency to target anyone who chooses to blight our borough with illegally deposited materials, or to carry waste illegally within our borough. Our mobile CCTV cameras are moving around the borough specifically to identify incidents of fly-tipping. We encourage residents to contact us to report fly-tipping, as soon as possible, on either 01244 973708 or via email on regulatoryservices@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk. Or you can provide information anonymously via Crime Stoppers either online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555 111."*

Jane Sansbury, Waste Crime Engagement Specialist said: *"The Environment Agency are determined to make life hard for criminals by disrupting and stopping illegal waste activity through tough enforcement action. Targeted weeks of action like this are a great example of how we can achieve better outcomes by working collaboratively, using our combined powers to stop illegal activity. We would like to remind anyone carrying waste for business, including tradespeople, they are required to hold a waste carriers registration to transport commercial waste. It is their responsibility to ensure they obtain the correct licence for their business activity. In order to protect the environment, their customers and obey the law they should also*

operate in line with the waste duty of care code of practice. To get a waste carriers registration, you can apply online via the government's website www.gov.uk"

The Environment Agency will continue to work with the Council and policing teams to conduct waste carrier checks for inspections of documentation, along with inspections of suspected illegal waste transfer stations. The operation follows on from the recent and ongoing work undertaken by the Council which has seen secret cameras installed in hotspot areas.

Rogue trader who scammed elderly woman out of thousands for uncompleted work is jailed

A rogue trader from Chester who scammed an elderly woman out of £15,960 for work that was never completed on her property has been jailed.

Alexander Emslie, of Birchmuir, Chester was sentenced on Monday 6 December to two years imprisonment at Chester Crown Court. The 60-year-old pleaded guilty to one count of fraud by false representation at an earlier hearing.



Between 11 July and 14 August 2020, Emslie repeatedly targeted an elderly female at her home in Christleton, purporting to carry out extensive remedial work to the roof but only removed a small amount of ivy from the side of her property. Emslie even drove the victim to a cash machine and to the bank to withdraw money on a number of occasions. The fraudulent activity only came to light when the victim's daughter found several hand written receipts relating to work at the address, all signed by different aliases, and then reported the activity to Cheshire Police. Residents also had concerns and reported the work to the council as they had spotted that ivy from the property had been fly tipped nearby. The victim later positively identified Emslie as the man who had carried out work on the property. A chartered surveyor was instructed to evaluate the extent of the work. It was found that if the work to the roof had been completed to a good standard the expected price would be in the region of £8,460 – not the £15,960 the victim had paid out. In fact, the report stated that very little work had been completed and of this work, it is estimated to have cost the victim around £860. Emslie was subsequently arrested and charged with fraud by false representation.

DC Karina Monks, who led the investigation, said: *"Rogue traders have no regard for their victims and only think of their financial gain. They tend to target the most vulnerable people in communities, often going door to door and will offer a service such as cleaning gutters, fixing the roof or cutting down trees and then will deliberately overcharge for the work – which is of a poor standard and is not backed by any guarantee. Residents are strongly urged to use registered approved tradesmen and complete due diligence checks before allowing any work to start. I hope that this case will help prevent others from falling foul of rogue traders and raise awareness on how to spot the signs. I welcome the sentence passed down by the courts to Emslie and hope that this shows that there is no place for rogue traders in Cheshire."*

Anyone who believes that they have been a victim of a rogue trader is urged to contact Cheshire Police on 101, give the details via the Cheshire Police website or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Police in Chester appeal for information after theft of cash

Police in Chester are investigating the theft of cash from a man in his 70s in the city centre.

At around 3.45pm on Friday 3 December the man, using a walking stick, left Barclays Bank St Werburgh Street Chester with an envelope of cash and carrying an orange shopping bag for life. As he did so, he was approached by a woman who offered her assistance to him outside the bank as he was unsteady on his feet. When he went to get the envelope later on, he discovered the envelope, and the cash, had gone. The woman is described as white, with blonde hair and a slight build. She was wearing a light coloured or yellow coat.

PC Martin Redhead said: *"Obviously this has left the victim distressed by what has happened. We're keen to speak to this woman to establish what took place and would urge her to get in touch with us as she may have vital information that may help. We are also keen to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and saw any suspicious activity that could help us establish the circumstances."*

Anyone with information can contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the website quoting IML 1147512. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Detectives issue CCTV following serious assault at club in Wilmslow

Detectives have issued a CCTV image following a serious assault at a club in Wilmslow.

At around 2am on Saturday 4 December a 52-year-old man was seriously assaulted at a club on Grove Street by two unknown males. He was taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The man has since been released from hospital. Officers have now issued a CCTV image of two men they would like to speak to in relation with the investigation.



DC Tom Towe said: *"The outcome of this incident could have been a lot worse and a number of enquiries are ongoing. As part of these enquiries, we have identified two men that we would like to speak to in connection with the incident and would urge these men to come forward. I would also like to appeal to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has any information on the men depicted in the image. The same goes for anyone who may have CCTV or dashcam footage on the Grove Street area around the time of the incident but has not yet passed this onto police. Any information, no matter how big or small, will help us to piece together what happened and would be greatly appreciated."*

Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1147781 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Detectives appeal for information following a serious assault in Stockton Heath

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Stockton Heath are appealing for members of the public to come forward.

A 55-year-old man, from Runcorn, was stood at the taxi rank near to the Red Lion pub on London Road when he was attacked by a group of young men. He was then left in the road while the group of men got into a taxi. The driver of the taxi is believed to have ran over the victim's leg before driving away from the scene. The assault occurred at approximately 12.30am on Sunday 5 December. The victim was taken to Warrington Hospital by taxi and remains in a serious but stable condition with injuries to his head and leg.

DC Leah Greenacre, from Warrington CID, said: *"The victim sustained serious injuries following the assault and is currently in hospital. We are piecing together the circumstances that led to him being attacked and who is responsible. I believe numerous people were in the area at the time the assault occurred and may have information. I would encourage you to please contact us if you have not yet spoken to an officer. While we are reviewing CCTV I would ask anyone with footage including dash cam to get in touch if it could assist with the investigation. I would also appeal to the taxi driver to contact us as well to help with our enquiries."*

If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary [online](#) quoting IML 1150706. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

CCTV images released in connection with Northwich town centre assault

Police have issued CCTV images of a group of men they would like to speak to in connection with an assault in Northwich.



It comes after a 25-year-old man was assaulted by a group of around six men while walking through the town centre. It occurred at around 3.15am on Saturday 13 November. The victim attended hospital to receive treatment for a broken nose and ankle.

PC James Bonney, from Northwich Local Policing Unit, said: *"At this stage we believe this was an unprovoked assault with the victim sustaining serious injuries that required hospital treatment and are still impacting him today. I am therefore appealing to members of the public to come forward if they perhaps saw the assault take place or have information on who might be responsible. Perhaps the CCTV images may help to jog someone's memory from that night and I would encourage people to come forward - no matter how small you think the information may be. I am also seeking CCTV or dash cam footage that may assist with the*

investigation and identify the group of men. If you have any information please get in touch by contacting Cheshire Constabulary [online](#) quoting IML 1135123."

You can also pass on information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police in Crewe appeal for information after suspicious activity in the town

Police in Crewe are appealing for information following reports of suspicious activity in the Ruskin Road area of the town.

Officers have received two reports of a man who has been walking slowly near to women and playing inappropriate videos on his mobile phone. Both of the incidents took place on Ruskin Road between 4.40pm and 5.05pm on Tuesday 30 November. The man is described as of eastern European origin, around 5' 5" tall and in his 40's.

Insp Andrew Smith, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *"Enquiries in relation to these incidents are ongoing and we are doing all we can to trace the person responsible. Patrols have been stepped up in the area and I urge anyone with any concerns to speak to an officer."*

Anyone with any information in relation to the incidents is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101, or visit www.cheshire.police.uk/tua quoting IML 1145576. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Police appeal for information following fail to stop collision in Blacon

Officers are appealing for information following a fail to stop collision in Blacon.

At 4.55pm on Thursday 2 December police were called to Stamford Road following reports of a collision involving a pedal or electric bike and a six-year-old boy on a scooter. The boy was taken to hospital with serious injuries. He has since been released from hospital. The cyclist did not stop at the scene. Officers are now appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the collision to come forward.

PC Nicholas Watts said: *"This collision left a little boy with fractures to his skull and eye socket and he is now recovering at home, however these injuries could have been a lot worse. We know that the Stamford Road area would have been busy at this time of the evening and a number of enquiries, including CCTV, are underway. We would urge anyone with dashcam footage or anyone who may have witnessed the collision to get in touch with us. I would also like to take this time to appeal to cyclist themselves to come forward to assist us with our enquiries."*

Anyone with information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1146694 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

Police appeal for information after van stolen in Chester

Police are appealing for witnesses after a van was stolen from a supermarket car park in Sealand Road, Chester.

At approximately 11.55pm on Monday 29 November, a Mercedes Sprinter van in white was stolen from the Tesco car park. Police are appealing for anyone who may have been in the area at the time and witnessed anything suspicious to come forward.

PC James Wright said: *"We're particularly keen to speak to the drivers of a White VW Polo and White Ford Fiesta van who were in the area at the time the offence was committed. The stolen van is distinctive in appearance as it is liveried in the Jaguar/Landrover branding on the bonnet, sides and rear of the van. If you have noticed a vehicle similar to this abandoned please contact us. Also, if you witnessed the theft or have CCTV or dash cam footage that may help, please contact us on 101 or via the website, quoting IML 1144756. Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."*

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