

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

## Week ending 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Cheshire News & Appeals



## Latest Cheshire News

### Police arrest man following incident at a pub in Middlewich

Police have arrested a 51-year-old man from Middlewich following a report of a child abduction in Middlewich.

At 8pm on Saturday 8 January a man approached a 4-year-old girl in The Cheshire Cheese pub in Lewin Street, Middlewich and tried to lead her away. He was challenged by a parent, and members of the public detained him outside the pub to prevent him from leaving the area. The girl was thankfully physically unharmed by the incident. Police subsequently arrested a man on suspicion of child abduction. He remains in custody.

Chief Inspector Claire Jesson said: *“While this was very concerning incident, this was isolated and the suspect was swiftly arrested. I’d like to thank those who intervened and prevented the suspect from leaving the area. We have increased patrols to provide reassurance and the family are being supported by officers.”*

### Man jailed after police seized kilo of cocaine from vehicle in Sandbach

A man from Nantwich who had a kilo of cocaine in the car he was driving has been jailed for supplying drugs.

Thomas Conway was stopped by police on Brookhouse Road in Sandbach shortly before 5pm on Thursday 9 September. When detained Conway, of St Annes Court, told officers there was a kilo of cocaine in the boot. The class A drug is estimated to be worth between £16,000 and £42,000, with a street value of between £42,870 and £142,900. The 41-year-old was arrested at the scene on suspicion of possession with intent to supply cocaine. A further search of his vehicle recovered drug paraphernalia including a set of scales and a notebook containing sums referencing the price of high purity cocaine. While in custody Conway admitted to knowing the cocaine was in his boot and that it belonged to him.



DCI Adam Ross, from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: *“Conway was involved in the supply of cocaine that we suspect was on behalf of an organised crime group. He was moving the kilo that was found in the boot from one unknown location to another because he claimed he was short of cash. Information available to us at the time linked the vehicle he was driving to the supply of drugs and acting on that intelligence resulted in him being stopped while he travelled through Cheshire as a courier. Our ability to*

*quickly intercept individuals like Conway demonstrates that we can strike at any given moment. Through our relentless determination we will continue to prevent and disrupt criminal enterprises profiting from serious and organised crime."*

Conway was sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Monday 20 December and will serve five years behind bars.

## **Latest Cheshire Appeals**

### **Appeal following a burglary in Latchford**

Detectives investigating a burglary at a convenience store are appealing for information from members of the public.

Two men, wearing balaclavas, entered the Co-operative Food on Kingsway South in Latchford armed with a sledge hammer. The pair ripped the cash machine door and stole a number of boxes which had money inside. They then fled the scene in a car which was left abandoned and has since been located and recovered by police. The burglary occurred at 8.40pm on Thursday 6 January. Detectives are appealing for anyone with information, CCTV or dash cam footage to get in touch.

DC Ian Morris, from Warrington's proactive team, said: *"While our enquiries are continuing I am appealing to anyone who has information to please contact us. Perhaps you were in the area at the time or you have dash cam or CCTV footage that may assist with the investigation. Any information you have – no matter how small could be really useful to us."*

Information can be passed anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by contacting Cheshire Constabulary's [website](#) and quoting IML 1171975.

### **Appeal for information after collision in Warrington**

Officers are appealing for information following a collision in Warrington.

At around 6pm on Wednesday 22 December a report was received of a collision involving a cyclist and a blue Volkswagen Golf on the A49 London Road at the roundabout with Hillside Road. The cyclist, a 60-year-old woman, sustained serious non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the car stopped at the scene and is assisting police with their enquiries. Officers are now appealing for anyone with any dashcam footage to come forward.

PC John Teasdale said: *"The cyclist suffered fractured bones as a result of the collision and a number of enquiries are currently underway. The A49 would have been particularly busy at this time of day and we are keen to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the collision but has not yet spoken to us. The same goes to anyone who may have captured dashcam footage shortly before or of the incident itself."*

Anyone with information is asked to call Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 1162067 or report it via [the Cheshire Police website](#). Alternatively, information can be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report it via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

## Appeal for information after smoke bombs set off at football match

Police are appealing for information and video footage after a number of smoke bombs were set off at a football match between Chester FC and AFC Telford, at the Deva Stadium, in Chester.

At around 4.20pm on Sunday 2 January, three smoke bombs were ignited after a goal was scored. Two were thrown onto the pitch, while the third was ignited amongst the supporters and remained in the stand. One woman suffered breathing difficulties and was treated at the scene by paramedics, before returning to the stand. There were no reports to police at the scene of any further injuries. However, officers are aware of media reports relating to a nine-year-old boy and enquiries are ongoing. Officers are working with both clubs to establish who is responsible and to assist in seeking banner orders for those people.

Insp Anna Galloway said: *“While the vast majority of fans were well behaved throughout the match, sadly there were a small number of fans who decided to ignite and throw smoke bombs. Throwing objects onto the pitch during a regulated football match is a criminal offence and we are working closely with both clubs to identify those responsible. As part of our investigation we are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or anyone who knows the identity of those involved along with anyone who may have video footage of the incident.”*

Anyone with any information in or video footage is urged to contact Cheshire Police by visiting [the Cheshire Police website](#) quoting IML 1160301. Information can also be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via [the Crimestoppers website](#).

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