

# Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

## Week ending 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Cheshire News & Appeals



## Latest Cheshire News

### Man jailed following fatal collision in Saughall

A man from Chester has been sentenced after a man died in a collision in Saughall.

Hayden-Lee Gibson had been travelling home when he collided with a motorbike on Parkgate Road. The rider, 48-year-old Chris Rimell, sustained serious injuries and was taken to Aintree Hospital where he later passed away. Gibson, of Cedar Grove, was driving a red Volkswagen Golf and was taken to hospital with minor injuries. The 23-year-old was overtaking a car when he collided with the motorbike that was travelling in the oncoming lane. The collision occurred shortly after 6pm on Monday 23 November 2020. Following an investigation Gibson was charged in September 2021 with causing death by dangerous driving and he pleaded guilty on 3rd December 2020. He was sentenced to two years in prison at Chester Crown Court on Thursday 13 January 2022. Gibson was also banned from driving for three years and will be required to complete an extended re-test.



PC Liz Thompson from Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: *"This was a tragic but entirely preventable collision. It is an example of why it is essential motorists should not overtake unless it is completely safe to do so. All drivers should always be 100 per cent certain there is enough time and space to do so when judging this type of manoeuvre. In this case, Chris would still be here enjoying life with his wife Petra and his family if the driver had adhered to this. My thoughts continue to be with Chris and his family and friends who have understandably been left heartbroken and devastated by this tragic incident."*



### Man charged following abusive calls to police control room staff

Police have charged a 46-year-old Crewe man following a series of abusive calls to Cheshire Constabulary's control room staff using the 999 system.

The calls began at 6.37pm on Wednesday 12 January. Officers then located and arrested the man who was charged today (Thursday 13 January) with persistently making use of the public communication network to cause annoyance, and obstructing a constable in the execution of their duty. Richard Ransome of St Pauls Close, Crewe, has been remanded in custody to appear at West Cheshire Magistrates on Friday 14 January.

### Man jailed for three years after stalking woman in Chester for seven years

A man who stalked a woman from Chester over a seven year period has been jailed.

Satish Kumar, of Old Hawkhill in Dundee, contacted the 26-year-old via Facebook after they both studied at Leeds University between 2013 and 2016. For two years the 29-year-old sent her numerous messages until she blocked him. In November 2018 to January 2020 Kumar then began sending messages to her friends in an attempt to speak to her. On one occasion he told the friend he was on a train to Chester to meet her and in another message he said he was waiting outside her workplace. On Sunday 10 October 2021 Kumar travelled to where her family lived and stopped a stranger in the street who then contacted her on social media. Kumar also attended to a pub in the area to enquire about her and her family. He visited the pub over three weeks with a card and chocolates. Kumar was reported to police the same day and subsequently charged. He pleaded guilty to stalking with fear of violence and was sentenced to three years after appearing at Chester Crown Court on Monday 10 January 2022. Kumar has also been given an indefinite restraining order. On sentencing Kumar Judge Simon Berkson said he was 'in the highest category of harm and culpability' and told him he was 'the definition of a stalker'.



DI Danielle Knox, from Chester Local Policing Unit, said: *"Kumar developed an infatuation with the victim despite never having a face-to-face conversation with her. After seeing her at university he found her on social media and repeatedly messaged her. After she blocked him he then travelled the country to speak to her friends and family to try and get her to be in a relationship with him, even attending her work and speaking to her colleagues on numerous occasions. Kumar began telling his family the pair were in a relationship and inviting them to Chester to meet her which eventually led to him being reported and arrested. During his police interview he continued to believe they were a couple telling officers they were meant to get married and have children. His obsession was very apparent and it was clear he would never stop until the police became involved. The victim endured seven years of Kumar's stalking and simply wanted it to go away. She realised his behaviour was a criminal offence and sought support by reporting it to police and he was swiftly arrested. I hope this highlights the behaviours of stalking to perpetrators and victims and I would encourage anyone who feels they are a victim of this crime to report it to police straight away."*

If you feel you have been a victim of stalking please contact Cheshire Constabulary [online](#).

## Latest Cheshire Appeals

### Appeal for information following robbery in Crewe

Police in Crewe are appealing for witnesses and video footage a robbery in the town.

At around 7.40am on Monday 10 January a 17-year-old girl was walking on the footpath between Henry Street and Greystone Park when she was approached from behind by an unknown man. The man grabbed the victim before stealing her mobile phone, a red iPhone 13, and running off behind the Jehovah Witness building at the bottom of Greystone Park. The suspect was described a white man, in his 30's or 40's, around 5' 4" tall and of medium build; he was wearing all black clothing. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and officers are keen to hear from anyone with any information which may aid the investigation.

PC Matthew Steele from Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: *“Enquiries in relation to this incident are ongoing and we are committed doing all that we can to trace the person responsible. As part of our investigation we are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and believes they may have witnessed anything suspicious. The same goes for anyone with any video footage that may be relevant to our investigation. I’d urge anyone with any information, no matter how small, to get in touch.”*

Anyone with information or CCTV footage that may help the ongoing investigation should contact Cheshire Police on 101, or at <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua>, quoting IML 1174287. Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

## **CCTV image released in connection with an assault in Warrington town centre**

Police investigating an assault in Warrington town centre have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to.

A 19-year-old local man was punched and kicked to the head on Bridge Street at around 4.30am on Wednesday 29 December 2021. He was taken to Warrington Hospital with a cut to the back of his head. A fight occurred involving a group of men at the time of the assault. An 18-year-old man from Warrington has been arrested on suspicion of assault and has been released on conditional bail.

PC Lyndsey Travis, from Warrington local policing unit, said: *“Since the assault took place we have been speaking to numerous witnesses and reviewing CCTV footage. As part of those enquiries we’re keen to speak to this man in the image as he may be able to assist further with the investigation. If you know who might be or have any information about the assault please get in touch. I would also appeal directly to the man in the photo to get in touch.”*



If you can provide information please contact Cheshire Constabulary [online](#) quoting IML 1166084. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## **Police appeal for witnesses following racially aggravated hate crime in Chester**

Police are appealing for witnesses following a racially aggravated hate crime in Chester.

At 6.05pm on 6 January a woman was walking down Brook Street, away from the city centre, when a black taxi cab drove past and the driver shouted at her using a racist slur before driving off. The taxi driver was described as male and white.

PC David Griffiths said: *“We take all reports of hate crime extremely seriously and will act on any incidents of this nature. This type of behaviour is never acceptable and caused the victim to become quite distressed by the comment made by the taxi driver as he drove past. There were lots of people in the area at the time, and I’d urge anyone who witnessed this, or has dash cam footage, to contact us so that we can find the person responsible.”*

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via the Cheshire Police website quoting IML 1171901. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## **Police appeal for witnesses following fatal collision on the M6 in Cheshire**

Police are appealing for witnesses and video footage following a fatal collision on the M6 in Cheshire.

At 4.41pm on Tuesday 11 January police were called to reports of a serious collision on the southbound carriageway between junction 17 to junction 16. Officers attended the scene and found that a white HGV had collided with the central reservation. Sadly the driver of the HGV, a man in his 60s, died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed. There were no other vehicles involved in the incident. 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 quoting IML 1175380 or report via [www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report).

## **Appeal following an aggravated burglary in Latchford**

Detectives investigating an aggravated burglary in Warrington are appealing for information from members of the public.

Approximately four men forced their way into a house on Steers Close in Latchford. The men, armed with knives and screwdrivers, attacked two men inside. One of the men sustained an injury to his head that required hospital treatment. A quantity of jewellery was then stolen before the men got into a car and drove away from the address. The men are described as wearing black coloured clothing. The burglary took place at 7.25pm on Monday 10 January. Enquiries are ongoing and police are appealing for information that could assist with their investigation.

DS Tom Hall, from Warrington's proactive team, said: *"The investigation is ongoing with numerous enquiries underway to help find those who are responsible. While we continue with house-to-house and reviewing CCTV I am also appealing to residents in the area to come forward with information. I would also encourage people to check their own CCTV or dash cam footage to see if it features anything that could assist with the investigation."*

If you have information please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or visit the Cheshire Constabulary [website](#) quoting IML 1174772.

## **Information sought in connection with thefts of motorcycles in Widnes and Runcorn**

Police investigating numerous thefts of motorcycles in Widnes and Runcorn are appealing for information from members of the public.

In the last three months there has been an increase in the bikes being stolen. The bikes are then believed to be used to commit crime and anti-social behaviour in the towns.

DC Jordan Trentini said: *"While we will have officers patrolling these areas I am keen for the public to come forward with information that could help in pursuing those involved that would help put a stop to this*

*behaviour. If you know who might be committing the thefts or using the bikes in an anti-social manner or to commit further crimes please get in touch. I would also like to hear from anyone who may know where the bikes that have been stolen are now being stored. I understand people may be reticent in coming forward therefore I would encourage you to still provide information but to do so anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visiting their website. Information can be provided by visiting Cheshire Constabulary's website too."*

## **Appeal after 14-year-old boy is seriously assaulted in Warrington town centre**

Detectives investigating a serious assault in Warrington town centre are appealing for information from members of the public.

A 14-year-old boy was punched to the face outside the Hop Pole pub near to the bus station. The assault occurred at 5.25pm on Tuesday 21 December. The offender rode away from the scene on a scooter in the direction of Horsemarket Street towards Buttermarket Street. The boy is believed to be 18-year-old with a Liverpool accent. He is described as wearing a black Moncler puffer jacket, light grey tracksuit and jogging bottoms, white Nike trainer with a black balaclava covering his face. He was also wearing a Gucci bag with a red and black strap across his shoulder. The victim was taken to hospital with injuries consisting of a fractured jaw. Since the assault took place police have been reviewing CCTV footage and speaking to witnesses however are still appealing for information.

DC Pam Hunter said: *"The boy sustained serious injuries to his face after being punched by a male using what we believe may have been a knuckleduster. While the circumstances surrounding the assault are ongoing I am encouraging anyone with information to get in touch. If you know the person who committed the assault or if you were in the area at the time it took place and not yet spoken to an officer please contact us. I would also appeal to anyone with dash cam footage that may be of assistance to the investigation to also make contact."*

If you have information please contact Cheshire Constabulary via the [website](#) quoting IML 1161314. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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