



Stakeholder Update – Community Policing Special Edition (28 August 2020)



Welcome to the latest edition of the stakeholder bulletin, providing you with an update on the work of Cheshire Constabulary and the Police & Crime Commissioner in helping to keep Cheshire safe.

In this edition, we are pleased to announce some significant changes to how we police our local communities, which will position Cheshire as a leading police service for delivering community policing.

Our focus has and will always remain on preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, supporting victims and protecting vulnerable people. We believe that the best way to do this is by delivering a truly local police service that is fit for the future and visible in our communities.

From next month, each of the 122 policing communities in Cheshire will have the following:

- ✓ A dedicated PCSO
- ✓ A dedicated PC
- ✓ A local community police base
- ✓ Regular community policing surgeries
- ✓ Funding for your local community

The new community police officers will work with their fellow PCSO, the wider policing team, and partners across the county to help solve problems and take action in our communities.

They will be given the time to dedicate their efforts to these problem solving issues, as well as engaging with the communities by making more effective use of the tools available to them, such as their social media platforms and the Neighbourhood Alert messaging system.

Another benefit of the changes will be that Cheshire residents will be able to directly contact their officers, whether online, through social media, or face-to-face during police surgeries.

This will be supported by a fund for your local policing area, made available by the Police and Crime Commissioner from money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Delivering this initiative has been a key budget priority for this year and we are delighted that we're on track to introduce an officer aligned to every community. This will build on the success we've already had in providing each community with a dedicated PCSO and its own community base.

Our ambition is to make Cheshire the best in the country at community policing and with the support of Cheshire residents, we have been able to increase our officer numbers, which has helped make this next stage possible.

We look forward to seeing our communities reap the benefits of these changes. We know that further fostering these relationships will help us to deliver on our We Care commitment to look after our communities and those who need us.

This bulletin provides you with a snapshot of some key local policing initiatives currently being delivered across Cheshire as well as some recent good news stories for the force. You are a valued stakeholder and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

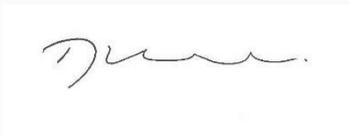
In the meantime, we would like to remind you of the ways you can get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary.

In an emergency, where a crime is taking place or there is a danger to life, always dial 999.

For general enquiries, please visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/> or if it is not an emergency you can call 101.

A number of police station helpdesks are open across Cheshire for residents who have no other means of reporting crime. Further details can be accessed here: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/news/cheshire/news/articles/2020/5/public-reminded-of-the-helpdesk-services-available-at-police-stations-across-cheshire/>

David Keane – Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire
Chief Constable Darren Martland – Cheshire Constabulary





£550,000 in funding to tackle burglary

The Police and Crime Commissioner has secured £550,000 in funding for a project to reduce burglaries in Warrington. The government grant will be used by Cheshire Constabulary to crack down on burglary and theft in the Bewsey and Whitecross areas of the town.

The money will go towards measures proven to cut crime. It will also be used to bring Warrington's problem solving team to the area with a police sergeant, six constables and local authorities representatives dedicated to working with the community to develop local problem solving approaches and community resilience.

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Man jailed for series of burglaries across Cheshire

A man has been jailed for 10 years following a series of burglaries across Cheshire and Greater Manchester. Tony Lock, of Church Street, Leigh, was sentenced at Chester Crown Court for six counts of burglary and conspiracy to handle stolen goods in Cheshire.

He was also sentenced for burglary, theft and fraud offences committed in the Bolton area between March to May 2019. The 45-year-old had pleaded guilty to all offences at earlier hearings.

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Officers use new tool to combat caravan and motorhome thefts

Cheshire Constabulary is using a new tool to help the force's fight against caravan and motorhome thieves. The anti-theft identification system enables officers to scan a touring caravan or motorhome from up to 15-metres away to see if it has been reported as stolen and find out who the registered owner is.

Cheshire's Roads and Crime Unit officers are now using the system, and owners of touring caravans and motorhomes across the county are being advised to ensure that they have a VIN CHIP fitted and are registered with the Caravan Registration and Identification Scheme (CRiS).

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£68,000 in funding delivered directly to communities

As part of PCC David Keane's Safer Communities Fund, he has now awarded £68,773 in funding to 61 individual community organisations through his express grants programme to support them to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fund used money taken from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act and reinvests it back into the local community to make Cheshire safer. Recent grant recipients include local sports clubs to make their activities COVID-secure so they can continue to reduce anti-social behaviour along with funding for fraud advice services.

[Read More about each individual project...](#)

You can find out how to apply for the Safer Communities Fund Express Grant here: <https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-i-do/making-cheshire-safer/safer-communities-fund/>



Warning issued after Facebook and Microsoft scams

Residents are being warned about a new wave of online scams where fraudsters hack into Facebook accounts in a bid to steal money from family and friends. The sophisticated scam involves a hacker gaining access to an existing Facebook Messenger account who then message friends and family asking them to receive cash after an item has been sold on eBay.

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Emmiline Burdon Lynsey Burdon

Trio jailed for high-value fraud offences

Three sisters who committed large-scale fraud offences across the North West have been jailed. In February, officers from Cheshire Constabulary and Merseyside Police's Economic Crime Team launched a joint investigation into an Organised Crime Group (OCG) who were committing payment card fraud in Chester, Greater Manchester and Merseyside.

The trio pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit fraud and were recently jailed at Chester Crown Court for a total of four-and-a-half years.

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Work to improve victim services

PCC David Keane is conducting a review of victims' services across the county to ensure victims of crime have access to most appropriate support to help them recover from their ordeal. The Victim Needs Assessment is reviewing existing services available to victims, highlighting good practice and also identifying gaps and areas where improvement could be made.

As part of the review, victims of crime are being asked for their views on the support they have received via a survey. If you have been a victim of crime in Cheshire during the last three years or work directly with victims, please complete the appropriate survey below:

Victims survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cheshirevictimsvoicesurvey>

Community groups survey (aimed at those who may indirectly come across victims or support those who don't report) - www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cheshireVNAConsultationB

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