



Friday 30th May 2025

Dear Residents,

We're writing to you in relation to the tragic events which took place on the morning of Wednesday 28 May on Bedford Street in Gloucester.

We know you'll be equally as horrified by what took place and join us in keeping the family of the man who died in your thoughts as they come to terms with their loss. Our thoughts too are with the two other victims as they make their recovery.

We understand the concern you may be feeling following the incident and we wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that detectives are doing everything they can to establish what happened. The investigation is being led by the Major Crime Investigation Team (MCIT) and is well underway. A 39-year-old man has now been charged with one count of murder and two counts of attempted murder in connection with the incident.

At this stage of the investigation, it is extremely important there should be no commentary or sharing of information or images online which could in any way prejudice any future proceedings. The sharing of images, footage or even discussing the incident online could have a devastating impact on the victims' families and could also hinder the investigation.

We're committed to keeping you and the wider community informed of the progress of the inquiry and encourage you to visit the Gloucestershire Constabulary website and social media channels for all the latest updates as they become available.

The investigation team are extremely grateful to the members of the public who have come forward with information and we're also grateful to the wider community for the patience and understanding shown these past few days, especially those residents whose properties were inside the cordon on Bedford Street.

Officers from the Gloucester Neighbourhood Policing Team are patrolling the area for reassurance and we encourage anyone with any concerns or questions to speak to them. They will be happy to assist in any way they can. You can also visit the Neighbourhood Policing Team page on the Gloucestershire Constabulary website and Facebook Page.

Help and support

Help is available for anyone who feels they have been impacted by these events and are experiencing a reaction associated with trauma.

Common signs of the impacts of trauma include:

- Feeling unable or not having anyone to talk to about what happened.
- Poor sleep due to intrusive thoughts or disturbing dreams impacting rest.
- Experiencing overwhelming emotions or feeling emotionally numb.

- Feeling as if your relationships are suffering since the incident.

In the first instance it's important that if someone's wellbeing or mental health is suffering, they call 111 or contact their GP.

Mental health support in Gloucestershire can be accessed by contacting:

- Gloucestershire Talking Therapies on 0800 0732200 or <https://talk2gether.nhs.uk>
- Be Well Gloucestershire has a directory of local services:
<https://www.bewellglos.org.uk/category/mental-health-support/>

Information and advice related to mental health and the support available can also be found online:

- Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/gloucester/>
- Gloucester MIND: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Reporting information

If you witnessed this incident or have any footage that could help the investigation, such as CCTV or doorbell footage and have not yet contacted the police, please do so at the earliest opportunity.

Information can be provided to police online by completing the following form and quoting incident 48 of 28 May: www.gloucestershire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/

Alternatively you can report information anonymously through the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting their website: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously-anonymously>

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Ash Gardner

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