

# Northwich North

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## September 2023

## **Community newsletter**

## This is the first community newsletter created by your teams that look after NORTHWICH NORTH.

This newsletter will cover issues, good news stories and will provide updates to concerns raised on the below areas:

WINNINGTON AND CASTLE (winnington and castle police)

NORTHWICH TOWN CENTRE (northwich police)

BARNTON AND MARBURY (marbury police)

WEAVERHAM AND CUDDINGTON (weaver and cuddington police)

This newsletter will be published quarterly through the year to provide relevant information and advice that is current to keep yourself and others safe in your community.

## Meet the team



## How to contact the team

In an emergency-999

Non emergency-101

RESIDENTS VOICE—scan the QR code to the right, or visit the Cheshire Police website.

Social media—contact your local officers through their facebook pages listed above.

## Your officers

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### It is very important to have your say on policing in your area.

You can make a difference: Send us your views and concerns anonymously, as often as you want. These could be anything from burglaries to parking, speeding to anti-social behaviour.

Scan the QR code or visit the address below to give your feedback



www.cheshire.police.uk/ residentsvoice

## **OPERATION ICEPICK—Northwich town centre**

#### ST HELENS CHURCHYARD, CHURCH ROAD, NORTHWICH.

Over the course of the past few months, the town centre team have been made aware of ongoing anti-social behaviour incidents, drug use and drug activity in the area of ST HELENS, VICKERSWAY, CHINKERS FIELDS AND GREENALL ROAD. The team have actively been up and around this location, gathering residents voices on the problem, engaging with residents and being proactive in stopping individuals linked to this activity.

OPERATION ICEPICK was created in JUNE 2023 as a problem solving profile that is managed by the town centre team to ensure work at the location is documented and is assessed every three months with updates on progress to mitigate the problem going forward.



This is a multi-agency approach and has lead to a lot of partnership work to deter the behaviour. This is set to continue into the new year with a review just been done and another due in December 2023.

In recent reports and updates through northwich police facebook, there has been an increase in prison sentences for drugs offences, which is assisting the town centre team in tackling this activity.

If you see anything that you believe relates to the above, please report this to 101 or via social media and residents voice so we can achieve the best results for the community.

In the past couple of month, the below results have been achieved-

WARD WALK – ST HELENS – multi-agency approach to ST HELENS and assess areas to focus on and work on, stripping back shrubbery and targeting certain areas.

Two males stopped and searched under S23 MDA.

Three males stopped and searched under S23 MDA.

E-SCOOTERS seized. One summonsed for being disqualified driver.

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## Anti-social driving—Northwich town centre

The town centre team have become aware in a rise in reports of antisocial and erratic driving in and around BARONS QUAY/ CUMBERLAND CAR PARK/VENABLES ROAD in the late evening/ early hours of the morning. Patrols are being put in place to respond and deal with any offences that are seen.



The team previously had a problem profile under OPERATION ENERGISE that saw a targeted approach, undercover work and positive results in respect of this activity. This is when the reports of these incidents were almost daily. It lead to multiple vehicle being seized under Section 59 Police reform Act 2002. Many drivers being summonsed to court for no insurance, use, cause or permitting the driving of persons who were not insured and driving without due care and attention.

This was thanks to the reports and alerting the police of the times and sort of activity which has lead to a successful operation and prosecutions for this manner of driving. This will continue off the back of reports being made and evidence being available.

If you see anything that you believe relates to the above, please report this to 101 or via social media and residents voice so we can achieve the best results for the community.



## Speeding concerns and complaints—Winnington & Castle

#### Castle Hill and Winnington Lane.

Thanks to the responses from the Winnington and Castle community via residents voices and social media, the team have identified that there is an ongoing issue and concern being raised for the speeding down Castle Hill and Winnington Lane. This is allowing your local PCSO, PCSO Amanda FilNNET-TY-BRAY to provide speed enforcement, speed monitoring and prevention in the location. PCSO Amanda is working towards created a speedwatch in the area to allow residents to become a part of what we do to tackle speeding and to play their part in wanting to be involved.

PCSO Amanda is also encouraging residents to report these concerns to the council and highways via their website, to encourage and support the police in requesting surverys for more street furniture or further crossings to assist in the prevention of speeding in these key areas.

REMINDER—THESE ROADS ARE 30MPH.

## Protecting and supporting vulnerable people—Winnington and Castle

#### **Vulnerable female**

The Winnington and Castle team have identified a repeat caller who has been involved or reported incidents 25 times since JANUARY 2023. These mainly consist of concern for safety, assistance to other agencies, such as ambulance and domestic incidents.

The female has been identified to have poor mental health, along with being reliant on alcohol to function. A profile management was created in MARCH 2023 to ensure that there is a single document created for all incidents, responses and reports from multi-agencies to be brough together and assessed by police in how we can support this female.



The female fluctuates in her health and wellbeing, which is being managed by mental health services and regular visits by PCSO Amanda.

This female can be particularly challenging to engage with, but PCSO AMANDA has built a rapport with the female and is able to encourage common ground allowing in the successful assistance of multi-agencies. Ensuring the safety of members of the community is a key role for the neighbourhood team and is one PCSO Amanda has taken on board, attending meetings and creating plans going forward for the female.



## Premises Closure—BARNTON

### **BLACKCROFT AVENUE**

PC BOYLE was alerted to ongoing distruption and anti-social behaviour and drug activity occurring at an address on BLACKCROFT AVE-NUE, BARNTON. He was alerted to this through 101 reports, intelligence reports, residents voice survery, street a week initiatives and reports to weaver vale housing. The reports were not only from immediate residents, but the wider community showing the impact of this person and the premises.

In JULY 2023, the occupier of this premises was handed the premises closure notice, informing them of the intended closure and an invite to



the court hearing of the closure. They were also provided with statements to show the evidence that would be provided in the court hearing.

One week later, the court hearing was conducted and the closure on the premises was granted, allowing for weaver vale to board the property up to prevent access for anyone to the premises.

This work contributed to the safeguarding of the residents and wider community affected by this activity and behaviour. The occupier will not return to this location and will reside elsewhere.

This sort of result and work is prompted by the community and information police receive and with the right information, we can ensure we achieve outcomes that will benefit the community long term.

If you are witnessing anti-social behaviour, drug activity or nuisance, please report this to 101, social media or complete a residents voice survey and tell us.

## Dispersal orders and ongoing problem solving—Pickmere Lake

#### PICKMERE LAKE, EARLES LANE.

PC BOYLE and PCSO WIGGINS are aware that Pickmere Lake is a hotspot destination for when the weather is glorious, attracting groups, alcohol and individuals wanting to swim in the lake.

Although many visitors remain respectful and courteous, PC BOYLE and PCSO WIGGINS become inundated with reports that some visitors are not, causing parking disruptions, anti-social behaviour, littering and nuisance.



PC BOYLE has created a problem profile back in 2021 when the increase in police demand for the location arose. This documents the ongoing work with multi-agency partners, residents and visitors to deter from illegal activity and nuisance.

There has been a recent meeting with the PCC and other stake holders at Pickmere Lake to discuss a way to design out crime at the location.

There has been dispersal orders created, vehicles seized for obstructions and visitors arrested for offences.

There will be ongoing presence and problem solving to achieve a decreased demand for the location.

Please report any incidents to 101, Cheshire police website or 999 in an emergency.



## **Cannabis importation—WEAVERHAM AND CUDDINGTON**

#### WEAVERHAM

PC GRIMSHAW has dealt with a incident of cannabis importation in MARCH 2023 which was alerted to Cheshire Police by border force security. It was suggested that the package contained over 1,000grams of cannabis imported from America to an address in WEAVERHAM.

PC GRIMSHAW attended to CONVENTRY to recover the seized package and evidence this to progress the investigation. The receiver address for the package provided, linked with an individual known to police and this resulted in them being interviewed over the matter and investigated.

Throughout the investigation, more evidence appeared in relation to the offence of dealing and possession, but not for importation. There was also concerns that PC GRIMSHAW saw of children at the location which has lead to further multi-agency involvement and social care taking the concerns on board.

The offender in this case was given a conditional caution, with prohibitions to liaise with drugs services and there is ongoing support for the children and education. Work is ongoing with police and social services to ensure the prohibitions of the conditional caution are met and not breached, which could result in a court appearance and sentence.

If you have a concern of drug use, anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, please report these to 101, complete residents voice survey and through Cheshire police website.

## **Operation EXPEL—Vulnerable members of the community**

Operation EXPEL is a Cheshire Police force wide operation that identifies vulnerable members of the community who are vulnerable by previous drug use, previous addictions or vulnerable through mental health, capacity and age in some instances. These are tasked to the neighbourhood teams in every local policing unit to

provide active visits and to ensure safeguarding of the individual and any support plans and referrals to be made are accordingly done.

Northwich North team have held 5 open profiles through the year, with now only one active profile being acted upon. This is due to the pro-active work of the north team, in terms of visits and closures of premises. Referrals were made to adult social care and arrests were made on those taking advantage of persons subject to OPERATION EXPEL.

This work is continuous through Northwich.

If you believe anyone in your community is vulnerable and you believe are being taken advantage of, please report it to us on 101, complete residents voice survey or 999 in an emergency.





## Residents voice survey—concerns and responses.

#### WINNINGTON AND CASTLE

Speeding on Castle Hill and Winnington Lane. PLAN—Trucam sessions once a week on each road, and community speed watch to be set up.

Drug activity—Darwin street, Highfield Place. PLAN—High visibility patrols at random times and random days around Spencer Street, Darwin Street, Highfield Place and the abandoned building behind Highfield place.

#### **TOWN CENTRE**

Speeding and parking, MANCHESTER ROAD and VICTORIA STREET. RESPONSE – speeding and parking on MANCHESTER ROAD causing concerns and the parking at the junction of VICTORIA STREET/MANCHESTER ROAD. PLAN – Trucam deployed on MANCHESTER ROAD and parking addressed during TOD by PCSO DEVEY.

Drugs reports around PERCY STREET, MANORA ROAD, HEBER WALK. RESPONSE – people hanging around near the arches, chinkers field and the bridge at BRIO. Possible drug dealing occurring.

PLAN – This is part of OP ICEPICK and is being targeted by local patrols. Ongoing high visibility patrols.

#### BARNTON AND MARBURY

Ashwood Crescent Barnton - cars speeding and using it as a rat Run due to one way system. SID SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE actioned and attended location to conduct speed monitoring in the area. SID SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE actioned and attended the location to conduct speed monitoring on Linnards

Earles Lane & Pickmere Lane Earles lane—vehicles parking too close to the corner/junction. PLAN—Fixed penalty Notices issued to vehicles causing an obstruction / parked on double yellow lines. More Police presence on Linnards Lane /Earles Lane.

#### WEAVERHAM AND CUDDINGTON

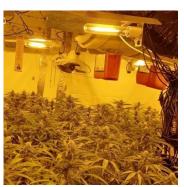
DRUGS -NORTHWICH ROAD & WALNUT AVENUE PLAN—ongoing patrols, street a week, liaise with PC GIRMSHAW.

PARKING—FARM ROAD, KEEPERS LANE, MEADOW ROAD PLAN—ongoing patrols and endorse fixed penalty notices where required.

SPEEDING—MILTON ROUGH, FOREST ROAD PLAN—Deploy the trucam, SID and enforce.







## Weaver and Cuddington Police

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BRIDGE, KEEPERS, MERE, SCHOOL and BRIAR LANE Tick ts issued for parking contraventions

WEAVER and CUDDINGTON beat team



12th June

EVENTS





## **Northwich North Police on facebook**

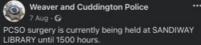


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Come along to discuss any community issues or concerns, alternatively complete our survey https:// orlo.uk/iODbd

WEAVER and CUDDINGTON beat team





Winnington and Castle Police

wich BEAT team are currently at Krazy Races , teams are here getting ready for the main all the

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Today a closure order has been placed on a https://

Today a closure order has been placed on a https: orlo.uk/w4Tik in the Barnton area. The closure is for three months in relation to drugs ,anti social behaviour and general disorder impacting on local residents living in the area. The above will not be tolerated and action will be taken regarding any tenants who have no respect within the community that they live. We all have our part in reporting to the Police and Housing Association.





Northwich bingo event to tackling

anti-social behaviour is a success

PCC John Dwyer and Youth Fed director of operations Kevin Bradburne alongside a Northwich LPU officer (Image: OPCC)

## BIKE MARKING—FRAUD ADVICE

#### 5 tips to keep your bike safe -

1.Keep a record & register it

Photograph your bike and record all your bike's details (the serial number or frame number can be found on the bottom of the frame).

Register your bike on the National Cycle Database to help recover your bike if it goes missing.

Make sure it's insured and covered when at home and travelling.

#### 2. Mark it

Get your bike security marked. It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced, and they will be arrested. Security marking products can be found at Secured by Design.

#### 3. Park it securely

Thieves prefer to operate in dark, secluded areas where they are less likely to be noticed.

Park your bike in a well-lit and busy area, ideally covered by CCTV.

Designated bike parking in public places is often positioned and designed to reduce the risks of bike thefts. **4. Lock it** 

As a guide, spend about 10% of the cost of your bike, on locks.

Using two lock types slows thieves down (as it often requires more tools), making your bike less of a target. Lock the frame and both wheels to a secure bike stand.

Choose 'Sold Secure' badged bike locks ideally with a gold standard rating.

Sold Secure - Security Product Testing & Approval.

For high value bikes consider additional security features such as, GPS trackers, smart locks, and audible alarms.

#### 5. Keep it safe at home

Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street.

If kept in a shed or garage, lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor.

Use a layered approach by also using a Sold Secure - Security Product Testing & Approval padlock on the shed or garage door.

Act fast if stolen.

Contact us as soon as possible by calling 101 or reporting online.

## Upcoming meetings and events 2023

**Surgeries**—Please see social media for updates

#### **Community Cohesion Groups (CCGs)**

11th October — Cuddington Village Hall.

#### **TOWN CENTRE events**

15th & 16th September—Beer festival

14th October— Artisan markets

4th November-Northwich fire fest

11th November—Artisan market

25th November—Christmas extravaganza

2nd & 3rd December—Christmas food festival

**Bike marking events**—Please sign up for Cheshire alerts for dates and locations of these events, along with social media.

## **Contacting Cheshire Police**



Report non-urgent incidents online

Abuse of the 999 system is an offence and may lead to prosecution.