

Warrington Central & Town Centre Beat Team newsletter May 2022



Dear resident,

We are please to send you our May 2022 newsletter for the Warrington Central & Town Centre beat areas.

As always we are here for you 24hrs a day, if you need us please call 101 or 999 in an emergency or report online via our website- www.cheshire.police.uk



Neighbourhood Watch celebrates 40 years.

22 years ago, here in Cheshire the first Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was born, back then being known as Home Watch.

40 years on Neighbourhood Watch has now grown to be the largest crime prevention charity in England and Wales with strong brand recognition and an army of dedicated volunteers.

To Celebrate the 40th anniversary, this **years Neighbourhood Watch Week- 30th May to 5th June**, Our Watch, the national Neighbourhood organisation has developed a theme of **40 YEARS, 40 ACTIONS**, have a look at: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/nwwweek> for some ideas and free resources that may suit your community during the celebration week.

*Neighbourhood Watch Week this year not only falls on the same weekend as **The Big** weekend with May Day Bank Holiday on Thursday 2nd June and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June. With always putting health and safety first, if you are considering planning a street party check out the [HOW TO ORGANISE A STREET PARTY](#) guide.*





Officers from Warrington hold a special 'Night at the museum' of to celebrate our Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

Neighbourhood Watch coordinators from across Warrington joined officers and PCSOs for 'a night at the museum' event at the museum of policing in Cheshire at Warrington police station.

It was an opportunity to thank the volunteer coordinators for helping keep our communities safe and to give them an opportunity to discuss local issues and suggest ideas on how to improve the scheme - including how to recruit more volunteers.

Also in attendance were Andy Kevan- Cheshire Police Cyber Protect and Prepare Officer, Alison Gabbott- Crime Prevention Officer for Warrington and Clare Harrison Engagement Officer and Cheshire Police Neighbourhood Watch Officer.

Visitors were also treated to a display from drugs dog PD Leo and his handler PC Barber.

Insp Atherton said: "This year celebrates the 40th anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch in the UK, and so it is important that we help mark the event and recognise those volunteers who help keep us safe.

"This was a fantastic opportunity to meet, and chat to, the volunteers, some of which have been involved in the scheme for over 15 years. They are an inspiration dedicating their time to help others".

We will be looking to hold another event this year for those who were unable to attend. Your local PCSO will contact with details once we have a date an location arranged.



Off road bike nuisance.

As the weather improves we are seeing an increase in the use off road bikes being ridden illegally across our wards. We need your help to tackle this problem within the communities.

The pictured bike was stopped by officers from the Warrington South beat team after they had received numerous complaints about it being ridden illegally and in an anti-social manner. The bike has been seized and the rider has been reported to court for no driving licence and no insurance



If you have any information that may help identify the rider/s please call us on 101 or report via the Cheshire police website via the link:

[Report antisocial behaviour | Cheshire Constabulary](#)



Do you know or care for someone who suffers from dementia?

The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme that encourages carers, family and friends to provide and put together useful information, which can then be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing

The scheme is designed to help those caring for someone with dementia also to make sure in the event a person goes missing the police can gain access to essential information promptly.

For more information on the scheme and to download a form, please visit the Cheshire police website via the link below:

[Herbert Protocol for people with dementia at risk of going missing | Cheshire Constabulary](#)

Bike security.

There have been a number of bike thefts across the area. Officers are targeting these areas and those who seek to commit bike thefts. The below steps will help you to keep Your bike safe when unattended.:

Lock It

Lock your bike to a secure stand using least 2 locks, 1 being a D type lock. Lock both the frame and wheels to the stand

Park securely

Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit and covered by CCTV.

Mark it and register it.

Get your bike security marked. It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. Keep an eye on our social media pages for any upcoming bike marking events. You can also register your frame number for free on a cycle database such as www.BikeRegister.com or www.immobilise.com.

For more info please visit our website via the link: Protect your bike from theft | Cheshire Constabulary



Knife & gun Surrender



We will be hold several knife surrender days across Warrington in the coming weeks. Officers will be at various with our knife bins for anyone wanting to safely dispose of unwanted knife, please keep an eye out on social media for dates, times and location of the surrender bins.

Until 29th May we are also holding a gun surrender, all guns can be handed over anonymously at police stations throughout Cheshire. The surrender also applies to imitation firearms, illegal antique guns and ammunition. Anyone who surrenders their firearm or ammunition during this time will not face prosecution for being in possession of the item, for the time they are bringing it to surrender.

Enforcement of new restriction in Howley

Parking restrictions have come into force in the streets near to St Elphin's Primary school.

Between the hours of 08.15am-9.00am & 2.45pm- 3.45pm, Monday to Friday, access is restricted to, Salisbury Street, Glazebrook Street, Helsby Street, Wood Street and Robson Grove.



During these times, motorists can only access one of these roads during these times if they have a permit or they are accessing a property within one of these streets.

Any motorist failing to adhere to the restrictions is committing an offence which can be dealt with by means of a Fixed Penalty Notice

Prolific purse dipper jailed

A prolific purse snatcher who targeted a customer in a shopping centre Has been jailed again.

Karen Edgar pinched her victim's purse and the cash within, valued at a combined £300, during an incident in the Cockhedge Centre in the town centre in November last year.

The 55-year-old was brought to justice after Cheshire Police issued a CCTV appeal following the 'purse dipping' incident.



Appearing before Warrington Magistrates Court on Thursday, April 28, she admitted theft and was locked up for six months and ordered to pay £300 in compensation.

Perception Theatre visits local high schools



Perception Theatre visited Bridgewater High and Cardinal Newman schools this month performing their production of 'Cut'. Their performance touches on peer pressure and helps to educate students on the risk of carrying knives and knife crime.

The Theatre group are currently on tour in Cheshire visiting numerous schools across the county

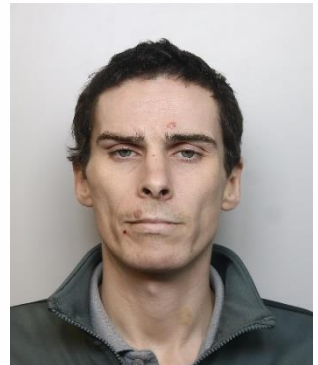
Man jailed after stealing nurses purse from Warrington hospital

A man from Widnes who stole a purse from a nurse at a hospital in Warrington and went on an illegal spending spree has been jailed.

Following enquiries, officers arrested a 32-year-old man from Widnes in connection with the incident.

Shaun Clare was subsequently charged with burglary other than a dwelling and three counts of fraud by false representation.

In addition he was also charged with a number of other offences for Unrelated incidents – these included breach of a criminal behaviour order, two counts of theft from a shop, two counts of vehicle interference, two counts of theft from a shop and an additional count of burglary other than a dwelling.




Clare appeared at Warrington Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 27 April where he was he pleaded guilty to all of the offences and was sentenced to a total of 36 weeks in prison.

He was also ordered to pay £134 compensation and £156 victims surcharge.

Up-coming events



Our Residents Voice survey is still open for residents to complete. The surveys are completely anonymous and help us to better understand the concerns of our local communities and where best to direct our resources.

If you wish to complete a survey please go to our website, [Resident's voice | Cheshire Constabulary](#) or scan the QR code 



Police surgery

Ward Officers hold regular public surgeries across the Town Centre and Central beat areas. Please check the ward Facebook accounts for times and dates of upcoming surgeries.

You can also email your local officers if you have any questions about your local area.

Your Local Officers

Town Centre

PCSO Colin Blanchard
PC Lynsey Travis
PD Leo
Sgt Graham Robinson

PC Graham Davies
PC Kerry Barber

Bewsey and Dallam
Latchford East
Latchford West
Howley and Fairfield

PCSO Susie Armstrong
PCSO Rob Gallagher
PCSO Ste Blake
PCSO Janet Price

PC Paul Fairhurst
PC Pitt
PC Pitt
PC Sigourney Ridsdale

Ward Sgt

Sgt Mark Spaven