

# Warrington South

Warrington LPU

# **Autumn 2023**

Dear resident,

We are please to send you our quarterly newsletter for Warrington LPU.

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** 

# **Back to school**

Advice to keep young people safe

As young people return to school for the Autumn term we have put together some safety advice in relation to internet safety and personal safety when travelling to and from school.

#### **Internet Safety**

The internet is such an integral part of children's lives these days. It opens up so many educational and social opportunities, giving them access to, quite literally, a world of information and experiences.

Whether on a computer at school, a laptop at home, a games console or mobile phone, children and young people are increasingly accessing the internet whenever they can and wherever they are.

As you would protect your child in the real world, you will want to make sure that they are safe whatever they are doing. Like learning to cross the road, online safety skills are skills for life. If your child understands the risks and can make sensible and informed choices online, they can get the most from the internet and stay safe whilst doing so – particularly from those people who





So, how can you protect your child online?

The answer is simple. If you understand the internet and understand what the risks are, there are a number of things you can do that will make your child safer online...

To find out how you can protect you children and for more information about keeping your child safe on the net please visit the website **www.thinkuknow.co.uk** 

### Your officers

PC Wendy Whitehead

PCSO Jordan Burke Stockton Heath

PC Will Austin

PCSO Sharon Perrie

Grappenhall & Thelwall

PC Ann Muldowney

PC Dave Mahon/PCSO Matt Kirkham

Appleton, Hatton, Stretton, Walton

PC Andy Rowley PCSO Phil Redshaw Lymm



#### 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



# Back to school

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#### **Travelling to School**

If your child is travelling to school on their own for the first time it can be a very worrying time. Below are some simple steps to make the process easier.



• Where possible, practise the new journey with your child a few times beforehand. If they will be taking a bus, then practice the run a few times until they are comfortable with the journey.

• Avoid distractions such as using mobile devices or wearing headphones.

Let them know that if there are any incidents on the way to or from school, they can talk to you in the first instance and to keep themselves as safe as possible.

### Museum open days

#### Museum welcomes over 1000 visitor



Throughout August The Museum of Policing In Cheshire opened its doors to the public for a series of open days.

The open days gave visitors the chance to inside the museum which is based at the police station on Arpley Street.

Visitors were able to see the various exhibits on display, ranging from the Victorian times to the present, try on uniforms and sit behind the wheel of police car.

The museum will once again be open for its annual open day on

Saturday 16th September 10am to 3pm



## **Hollie Guard**

**Personal Safety App** 

**Hollie Gazzard** was murdered by her ex-partner in February 2014. Wanting to make sure that Hollie did not die in vain, Nick - Hollie's father and co-founder of the **Hollie Gazzard Trust** created Hollie Guard a personal safety app designed to help keep people safe.

This innovative app turns your smartphone into an advanced personal safety device at the touch of a button - letting you set up emergency alerts to trusted contacts, plan and track journeys and much more.

The Journey Feature gives you confidence to travel safely by allowing you to set your start and end locations and the time it should

take you to arrive. When using this feature, your emergency contacts receive updates and can check your real-time location, in case you're in trouble. They'll be notified when you've arrived at the end location safely.

You can download the Hollie Guard app by visiting www.hollieguard.com

### War Memorial Vandal Sentenced

Offender ordered to pay thousands.



In January 2023 a number of properties in the Chester Road area were vandalised by a male with spray paint, amongst the things targeted was the First World War Tommy Silhouette at Walton war memorial.

An investigation was launched, which included assistance from the Port Of Liverpool Police, we quickly identified a 24year old male as the offender, he was interviewed at Stockton Heath police station and after admitting the offences the male was issued with a conditional caution with set conditions he had to comply with, including cleaning the paint he had sprayed on local properties.

Unfortunately, not all the conditions were met, the male was therefore summoned to court on the charge of criminal damage. On 2nd August, the male pleaded guilty to all charges, he was given a conditional discharge for 2 years, ordered to pay £4954 in compensation, £120 court costs and £26 in victim surcharges.

### **Operation Treacle**

#### Halloween and Bonfire 2023

Officers once again will be taking part in Operation Treacle, our annual Halloween and Bonfire night operation. As part of the operation, beat officers and PCSOs will be talking to children in schools about keeping safe and respecting the communities when they head out on Halloween and Bonfire Night.

We will also be working with partner agencies to speak to local businesses about keeping wood, cardboard and other flammable materials stored safely as this is often used to start fires in local communities.

We will also have staff on patrol on the run up to and on both nights to target anyone who intends to cause any anti-social behavior within our communities.





Project Servator is a policing tactic which aims to disrupt a range of criminal activity, while providing a reassuring presence for the public.

Specially trained Project Servator officers work alongside partners including retail security, businesses and the members of the public.

Project Servator officers are deployed in uniform and plain clothes across all parts of Cheshire anytime of the day, in Warrington Town Centre this year they have successfully located individuals wanted by neighbouring police forces, in possession of stolen items and drugs.





During the Creamfields music festival and the run up to the event, Project Servator Officers were present in the communities surround the event offering a reassuring presence and disrupting any criminal activates.

Officers will continue to deploy at any time in any location especially with the run up to Christmas.

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### Upcoming meetings and events

Please follow the following Facebook accounts for regular updates and details of community meetings. Stockton Heath Police Lymm Police Grappenhall and Thelwall Police Appleton Police Hatton, Stretton, Walton Police

#### **Contacting Cheshire Police**







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