

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association

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Cheshire News & Appeals



Latest Cheshire News

Man charged with attempted murder following attack in Crewe

A 55-year-old man has been charged with attempted murder following a serious assault in Mill Street, Crewe in the early hours of Saturday morning (3 November).

Furdinal Stewart, aged 55, of Downside Close in Ipswich, has been charged with attempted murder and possession of an offensive weapon. He has been remanded in custody and will appear at South Cheshire Magistrates Court tomorrow (Monday, 4 November). The incident happened at around 3.15am near the junction with Nantwich Road. The victim, a 32-year-old man, remains in a serious, but stable condition in hospital.

Man jailed for burgling elderly neighbours home

A Warrington man who broke into his elderly neighbour's home while he was in hospital has been jailed.



Ian Massey appeared at Liverpool Crown Court on Friday 1 November where he was jailed for two years and six months. The 60-year-old of Acton Road, Burtonwood and Westbrook, had earlier pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary. The charges relate to two incidents which occurred on Friday 6 September when Massey broke into his neighbours home on Acton Road. The first incident occurred at around 5.30pm when Massey was seen on CCTV footage climbing into the address via the kitchen window. He then went onto to search the kitchen cupboards and drawers before stealing butter and a bottle of Fanta from the victim's fridge. He then left the address. A short time later, at 11.50pm, Massey again entered the house via the kitchen window and began to search the address.

However, unbeknown to him, the victim's daughter had recently installed motion activated CCTV cameras and just seconds after he entered the building she received a notification on her mobile phone informing her that there was movement at the address. Upon checking the footage the woman noticed that Massey stood in her father's kitchen. The woman immediately activated an alarm address and Massey quickly fled the scene. After becoming aware of the incident the woman checked her phone and discovered a message in relation to the incident at 5.30pm. She reported both incidents to Cheshire police who launched an investigation and arrested Massey.

Following today's sentencing Detective Sergeant Tom Hall said: "To stoop so low as to burgle your own neighbours home while he lay helpless in hospital is despicable. Massey knew that his neighbour was unwell, but even that didn't stop him from breaking into his home and stealing his property. During his interviews Massey attempted to divert the blame, claiming that he was the concerned neighbour. He told officers that he entered the house after hearing a loud bang and simply wanted to make sure his neighbour was OK. Although how searching through his cupboards and stealing from his fridge has anything to do with

being concerned for his safety is beyond belief. Thankfully, after hearing all the evidence gathered against him, Massey pleaded guilty to the charges brought against him and is now facing the consequences of his actions.”

Crewe burglar who threatened homeowner with a knife and assaulted him jailed

A burglar from Crewe who assaulted a homeowner and threatened him with a knife has been jailed.



Lee Moss, of no fixed abode, pretended to be a takeaway deliverer when the victim opened his front door to him at around 9.15pm on Wednesday 28 August. After being told that he must have the wrong address as the victim had not ordered a takeaway, Moss barged his way into the house in Bodnant Close, Leighton. The 41-year-old attempted to bind the victims’ arms and legs together with cable ties. After the victim prevented him from doing so, Moss threatened the homeowner with a penknife and demanded money. He proceeded to punch the victim in the face several times and steal a quantity of cash from him. Moss also stole a mobile phone, two watches and a dressing gown from the house. As he searched for more items to steal, the victim managed to flee the address, calling at a neighbour’s home for help. At that point Moss also ran out of the house but he was captured on CCTV and was subsequently identified, arrested and charged with aggravated burglary.

Traces of Moss’ DNA were found on the cable ties that he used during the incident. He pleaded guilty to the aggravated burglary charge at Chester Crown Court on Friday 4 October. Moss returned to the court for sentencing on Friday 1 November, when he was jailed for seven years and six months; he was also sentenced to an additional four years on extended licence.

Following sentencing, Detective Constable Kieran Heathcote, who led the investigation for Crewe CID, said: “Lee Moss subjected the homeowner to a terrifying ordeal that may have only lasted 10 minutes but will live with him for the rest of his life. He answered the door to a complete stranger who claimed to be delivering a takeaway and ended up being threatened at knifepoint and assaulted during a particularly abhorrent burglary which left him with minor injuries that required hospital treatment. It is always a traumatic experience being the victim of a burglary and being targeted in your own home, which is the place that you should be able to feel most safe. But what this victim was subjected to was the stuff of nightmares and I am delighted that Moss has now been brought to justice for his sickening crime. Thankfully incidents such as this are extremely rare and I hope that the custodial sentence imposed on Moss by Chester Crown Court deters others from committing similar crimes. I also hope that it gives the victim some closure and enables him to move forward with his life.”

On top of his prison sentence, Moss was also handed a restraining order.

Chief Inspector Simon Newell, of Crewe Local Policing Unit, said: “This case highlights the fact that you should not open the door to strangers. You should use your door chain, if you have one, when answering the door. If you don’t have a door chain ask the caller who they are through the door before opening it. If you don’t know them and are not expecting them then don’t open the door. They may not be who they say they are.”

Mindless vandals cause disruption across Halton and Warrington

Mindless vandals caused disruption across Halton and Warrington last night, Wednesday 30 October, resulting in more than 80 reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage across the north of the county.

A number of additional police officers had been deployed to hot spot areas as part of an ongoing operation to tackle anti-social behaviour over the Hallowe'en and bonfire period. Despite this, a small number of thoughtless individuals were intent on damaging properties and vehicles. In total, police officers responded to 30 incidents in Widnes, 22 incidents in Runcorn and 29 incidents in Warrington. These included a number of vehicles damaged, including one being tipped on its side and one that was damaged by a firework, a number of buses damaged by stones, and two police cars were also damaged – resulting in them being taken off the road for the rest of the night. Police officers and firefighters also dealt with a number of nuisance fires which involved fires in children's play areas, wheelie bin fires and a small fire on a boat in Warrington.

Chief Superintendent Bill Dutton said: "Damaging property and vehicles is simply unacceptable behaviour and is extremely distressing to the victims. Furthermore, it has much wider implications for the local community. We had an increased officer presence out on the streets making sure crime and anti-social behaviour was kept to a minimum and members of the public felt safe, but despite our best efforts there were still a minority of people intent on causing mindless vandalism and causing disruption within their communities. A number of police cars were damaged, so much so that they had to be taken off the road for the rest of the night. While a smashed windscreen might not sound like a serious crime, damage such as this has a number of knock on implications. Not only were there less police cars on the streets, but it also meant that officers were tied up dealing with the criminal damage - when they could have been responding to real emergencies.

Increased police patrols will continue in those areas affected throughout this week and into the weekend.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's Deliberate Fire Reduction Manager, Andy Gray, said: "People might see starting a small bonfire or setting off fireworks as a bit of harmless fun, but fire is extremely unpredictable and can easily get out of control and spread – and tragic accidents can happen with fireworks. While firefighters are out dealing with nuisance fires, they are not in the best position to respond to genuine emergencies. We will continue to monitor high activity areas throughout the Hallowe'en and Bonfire period, and we are encouraging the public to support us in reducing deliberate fires by ensuring wheelie bins and rubbish are not left out in the open - once your bin has been emptied please ensure you put it away securely."

Anyone with more information in relation to any of the incidents that took place last night contact Cheshire Police on 101. Alternatively information can be passed on anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111.

Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM Wednesday 6 November 2019

The Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (CNWA) AGM 2019 is taking place on Wednesday 6th November.

We have a number of guest speakers including John Heywood-Cripps, CEO Neighbourhood Watch Network and Mark Cotton, Design Out Crime Officer Cheshire



Constabulary. We will also be announcing the winners of the CNWA Neighbourhood Award 2019 on the evening.

All members of the CNWA Committee will be attending the event and will be available throughout the evening to assist with any queries you may have on your scheme, or to start up a new scheme, including the Alert system (they will have laptops so will be able to complete any live updates for your scheme on the system).

Registration opens at 18:00 and teas and coffees will be available from this time. The AGM, which is to take place at the Cheshire Constabulary HQ in Winsford, will open at 18:30 and close at 20:30. Due to the AGM taking place at the Cheshire Police HQ which is a secure area, you will need to [confirm your attendance](#) to ensure access to the building. Please click on the link below and provide details for yourself and anyone else attending (if you have any scheme members who would like to attend they are more than welcome).
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9P5TRWQ>

Further information on Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch is available on our website <http://cheshire.ourwatch.org.uk> or by emailing cheshirewatch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Serving Cheshire police officer appears in court

A serving Cheshire police officer has appeared in court charged with misconduct in public office and attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Michael Lockett, from Warrington, was initially arrested in May 2019 in connection with incidents which occurred between 27 February and 24 May 2019. The 31-year-old was subsequently summonsed to appear at Manchester Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 29 October where he was charged with misconduct in public office and attempting to pervert the course of justice. Lockett has been released on bail and is next due to appear at Manchester Crown Court on 26 November 2019.

Man who continued to stalk ex-girlfriend sentenced to three years in prison

A man who continued to stalk his ex-girlfriend despite being handed a restraining order has been told he will serve three years in prison.

Basil Thomas, aged 50, from Cheadle was found guilty of stalking and breaching the harassment restraining order at Manchester Magistrates Court on 30 September. He was then sentenced at Chester Crown Court on Monday 28 October. Thomas was also handed an indefinite restraining order. Thomas broke his order after less than a month for coming within 100 meters of the 46-year-old woman and visiting her home address. After contacting the police a tracking device was later found on her car. The order was put in place in June 2019 after Thomas previously caused his victim increased distress after bombarding her with letters, emails and visits to her home when their six year relationship ended.



On the afternoon of 19 July Thomas followed his ex-girlfriend around a local supermarket in Macclesfield until she left the store. When she returned home and checked her CCTV, Thomas was seen climbing over a wall and entering her back garden. He then interfered with the camera by repositioning it to face the sky and then removed the black mask covering his face but he was still caught on camera. Thomas also turned up outside her mum's hospice and a few days before his arrest he admitted watching her and her daughter

while out shopping in Cheadle. After the victim told officers she felt she was being followed, a search of her car was made and the tracking device was recovered. On 15 August officers arrested Thomas at his home address.

Speaking after the sentencing Detective Constable Alison Shields, of Cheshire Police's Public Protection Directorate, said: "This case has proved yet again how Thomas is an obsessive stalker. Despite knowing the clear distress his behaviour had caused in the past he dismissed his victim's feelings and continued to cause her pain by going to great lengths to follow her. As a result he broke his restraining order and has now received a custodial sentence. I hope this now sends a clear message to Thomas while also showing others the consequences of this type of behaviour and how serious we take cases like these. The victim has been incredibly brave in coming forward to report Thomas. I would encourage anyone who feels they may be a victim of stalking to please get in touch by calling Cheshire Police on 101."

Crewe man given criminal behaviour order

A 23-year-old man from Crewe has been handed a two year criminal behaviour order after making the lives of neighbours a misery.

Tarren Mingins, from Smallbrook Walk in Crewe was given a two year criminal behaviour at Crewe Magistrates court on 23 October 2019. The Order has conditions not to cause a public nuisance, or throw any item in a public place or causing damage to property that is not his own in such a way that would cause distress to another person. He is also ordered not to force entry into anyone's property and is barred from entering an exclusion zone which incorporates the Brookhouse Estate including Davenport Avenue, The Birches, Claughton Avenue, The Circle, Briggs Avenue and all alleyways. Mingins is permitted to enter Heywood Green, Smallbrook Walk, The Brookhouse Drive play area and the path from Heywood Green to the Brookhouse Drive play area as well as parts of Artle Road and Brookhouse Drive. Mingins is also barred from associating with named people.



PC Sheridan Tomkinson said: "Tarren caused misery for a number of years making lives difficult for those affected. The conditions placed on Tarren mean that if he breaks them he faces time in prison. I hope this sends a strong message that we will not tolerate this kind of behaviour or bullying and intimidation in our town, and continue to work closely with our partners to take robust action against those who persistently cause a misery in our community."

Warrington Borough Police in the spotlight in new book by former bobby

Retired bobby Paul Carter has seen the fruits of his labour finally come into being thanks to the support of volunteers at the museum of Policing in Cheshire.

Paul was a member of the former Warrington County Borough Police which was amalgamated with Lancashire Constabulary in 1969 with Warrington later becoming part of Cheshire in 1974. He retired from Cheshire Constabulary in 1994. The 75 year-old's passion for police history prompted him to compile a history of policing in Warrington but with the onset of Motor Neuron Disease earlier in the year it looked like it might never be published. But with the help of museum colleague and former Cheshire officer Will Brown his work has now found its way into print with the title 'Borough Bobbies'. Paul conducted detailed research with the help of staff at Warrington



Library, over a period of a couple of years, into the life and times of policing in the old borough force which was formed in 1847.

Will said: "It's a fascinating read which highlights the trials and tribulations together with the gallantry and courage of those serving as a police officer in Warrington in the Victorian era and beyond into the early 20th century." Paul's well-documented insight into policing in a small borough police force is well worth a read with wonderful anecdotes and fascinating insights into intriguing cases from the past together with more than 30 historic photographs. Will added: "I'd urge anyone with an interest in policing and its history to buy 'Borough Bobbies', which you can purchase from our museum."

To celebrate the achievement, an official book launch took place at the Cheshire Museum of Policing based at Arpley Street in Warrington on Friday 18 October. In attendance to acknowledge the dedication author Paul Carter has shown, were Cheshire Chief Constable Darren Martland and Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane together with the Deputy Mayor of Warrington Councillor Maureen Creaghan.

Following the launch Cheshire Chief Constable Darren Martland said: "It is wonderful to see how passionate officers old and new are about policing. Policing is very much a vocation and is in your blood, even when you're retired. Reading about the days before fingerprint readers, tablets and tasers is captivating. It is heartening to see Paul and the volunteers are keeping the history of policing alive so that others can understand how it used to be done, and maybe take something away from it."

Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, David Keane, said: "I was honoured to meet Paul and hear about how he has turned his passion for policing into a book full of tales from his days with Warrington Borough Police. It was fascinating to hear how the world of policing has changed over the years. I'm sure this collection of stories will inspire serving police officers and those with aspirations to join to Cheshire Constabulary."

The book is available to purchase from the museum shop based at County Police Office, Arpley Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 1LQ, next to Warrington Bank Quay railway station.

Latest Cheshire Appeals

Investigation launched following serious assault in Crewe

Police are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault in Crewe in the early hours of this morning (Saturday, 2 November).

The incident occurred at around 3.15am on Nantwich Road, near the junction with Mill Street. The victim, a 32-year-old man, sustained serious head injuries and is in a critical condition in hospital. A 55-year-old man has been arrested, and is helping officers with their enquiries.

Senior investigating officer, Detective Inspector Sarah Oliver, said: "The exact circumstances of what led to this incident are under investigation, which is in its very early stages, but I would like to reassure the public that this appears to be an isolated incident and we will be doing everything that we can to establish the

exact circumstances of what has happened. "I would appeal to any person who may have witnessed what happened, or has any information which could assist is with our enquiries to get in touch immediately."

Anyone with information should call 101, quoting IML 554804. Alternatively you can provide information anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Pedestrian named following fatal collision in Crewe

A 29-year-old man who died following a collision in Crewe has now been named.

Bartlomiej Gabrysiak, known as Bartek, died on Saturday 26 October after he was involved in a collision with a red Hyundai on Mill Street, under the railway bridge. Following his death his family said: "Bartek was a loving son and brother who was sadly taken from us on Saturday 26 October. Nothing can ever take away the fond memories and you will forever be in our hearts. Lovingly remembered and missed by Mom, Dad, Viola, Marzena, family and many friends."



Enquiries in relation to the collision remain ongoing and anyone with any information in relation to the incident is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 549365 or give the details online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> . Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>

Appeal for witnesses and dashcam footage following Great Sutton Burglary

Detectives from Ellesmere Port are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage following a burglary in Great Sutton.

At around 8pm on Thursday 31 October three unknown men entered an address on Bridgewood Drive while the owner, an 29-year-old woman, was in an upstairs dressing room. Upon hearing the noise downstairs the woman shouted 'hello' believing that her friend had arrived. The men, who were all around 6' tall, of medium build and wearing dark clothing, then walked upstairs and confronted the victim. They told her not to move and ordered her to hand over her mobile phone. One of the men then stayed with the victim while the others searched the address. All three men then fled the scene taking with them with watches and a mobile phone. As well dark clothing, all of the men had their hoods up and were wearing full face masks, one of which was described as a red devil mask and one a white mask similar to the mask worn in the film 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre'

Detective Constable Josie Fergus, of Ellesmere Port CID said: "Thankfully the victim in this case did not sustain any injuries as a result of the incident. However, she was been shaken by her ordeal and we are committed to doing all that we can to trace the people responsible. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and as part of the investigation I'm keen to hear from anyone with any information, no matter how small, which may aid the investigation. We believe there could have been a number of people out trick or treating in the area at the time of the incident, and they may be able to assist with our enquiries. I'm also keen to hear from drivers with dashcam footage who in the Bridgewood Drive or Foxall Way area at the time of the incident and may have recorded the suspects arriving at or leaving the scene.

Anyone with information that may help detectives with their ongoing investigation should call Cheshire

Constabulary on 101, quoting IML553583, give the details via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Police appeal for witnesses after street robbery in Palacefields

Police are appealing for witnesses after an 11-year-old boy was robbed at knife point in Runcorn.

At around 10.50am this morning (1 November 2019) the boy was cycling with his brother when they approached the tunnel under the busway near the Palacefield shops. A teenage boy demanded the bike from the 11-year-old and threatened him with a knife. The suspect then fled with the bike. The suspect is described as white, approximately 6ft tall and around 15 or 16. He had a spotty complexion and brown hair which is short at the sides and longer on top. He was wearing a grey bubble jacket zipped up and black tracksuit pants. He had a strong Liverpool accent.

DC Dan Williams said: "The boy wasn't hurt but he was shaken by his ordeal and I'd urge anyone who saw the incident or has any information that may help me with my enquiries to contact me."

Anyone with information should contact DC Dan Williams on 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/> quoting IML 554051. Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 0555 111.

Appeal for information and dashcam footage following fatal collision in Crewe

Police are urging witnesses to come forward after a man died following a collision in Crewe.

At 10.50pm on Saturday 26 October a red Hyundai collided with a pedestrian on Mill Street, under the railway bridge. The pedestrian, a 29-year-old local man, sustained serious injuries and was sadly pronounced dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed and they are being supported by specialist officers. Enquiries in relation to the collision are ongoing and as part of the investigation officers want to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or has any other information or dashcam footage which may aid the investigation.

Sergeant Nick Rogers of Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Sadly a young man died as a result of this collision and we are committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what happened. As part of our investigation I'm keen to hear from anyone who witnesses the incident or anyone with any dashcam footage of the collision. I urge anyone with any information to contact the team here at Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 549365 or give the details online via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>."

Information can also be reported anonymously, via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

Appeal for information following death of a man in Warrington

Detectives investigating the death of a man in Warrington are appealing for information and dashcam footage.

Michael Mairs died at Warrington District General Hospital on Monday 28 October. The 53-year-old had been in hospital since Sunday 6 October when he was assaulted on Crown Street, Warrington at around 12.15pm. Two other people also sustained minor injuries during the incident.

Detective Chief Inspector Simon Blackwell, from Cheshire Police Major Investigation Team, said: "Our thoughts are with Mr Mairs family at this difficult time and we are committed to doing all we can to establish exactly what took place. While a man has already been arrested and charged in connection with the assault, following the death we are now looking to renew our appeal for information. The incident took place in at around 12.20pm on Sunday 6 October under the railway arches at the junction of Crown Street and Winwick Street. This is an extremely busy part of Warrington town centre and also close to Central Train Station. As part of our investigation I'm keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident and witnessed what happened or anyone with any information which may aid the investigation. The same goes for anyone who was driving in the area and believes they have any dashcam footage which may be relevant to the investigation."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Cheshire Police on 101 quoting IML 550613 or visit <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>. Information can also be submitted anonymously, via Crimestoppers, on 0800 555 111. Dashcam footage can be submitted online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

A 37-year-old man from Warrington has been charged with assault in connection with the incident. He is currently being held in custody.

Appeal for information following serious collision in Macclesfield

Officers are appealing for witnesses and dashcam footage after a pedestrian sustained serious injuries following a collision in Macclesfield.

At approximately 7.30am on Wednesday 16 October a red Volvo collided with a pedestrian on Hurdsfield Road, near to the junction of Hulley Road. The pedestrian, a 61-year-old local man, sustained serious injuries and was taken to Salford Royal Hospital. He has since been discharged from hospital and is currently recovering at home. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and no arrests have been made.

Police Constable Eoin Anderson, of Cheshire Constabulary's Roads and Crime Unit, said: "Enquiries in relation to this collision are ongoing and we are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or has any information which may aid our investigation. Hurdsfield Road is a busy road and at the time of the incident there would have been a number people in the area, both commuting to work and walking to school, who may have seen what happened and I'd urge them to get in touch. The same goes for anyone who was driving in the area and believes they have any dashcam footage which may be relevant to the investigation."

Anyone with information in relation to the incident should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 540247, give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. To submit dashcam footage go online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

UPDATED - Appeal for witnesses following fatal collision in Poynton

Officers are appealing for witnesses to come forward after a man died following a collision in Poynton town centre.

Shortly before 7pm on Sunday 27 October a gold Mercedes collided with a pedestrian on London Road North, near to the junction of Woodside Lane. The pedestrian, a 73-year-old local man, sustained serious injuries and was taken to Stepping Hill Hospital. Sadly, despite the best effort of all those involved, he passed away a short time later. His family have been informed and they are being supported by specialist officers. Enquiries in relation to the incident are ongoing and no arrests have been made.

Sergeant Nick Rogers, of Cheshire Constabulary's Serious and Complex Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Enquiries in relation to this collision are ongoing and we are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or has any information which may aid our investigation. The same goes for anyone who believes they have dashcam footage that may be relevant to the investigation."

Anyone with information in relation to the incident should call Cheshire Constabulary on 101, quoting IML 550021, give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries> or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. To submit dashcam footage go online at <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com>.

The driver of the car, a 57-year-old man from Poynton, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of drug driving, driving while unfit through drugs and causing death by driving without due care/consideration while over the limit for a controlled drug. The man has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Detectives in Ellesmere Port appeal for CCTV and Dashcam footage after woman assaulted

Police in Ellesmere Port are appealing for witnesses following an assault over the weekend.

Sometime between 3.10am and 3.50am on 26 October a 28-year-old woman was walking along Flatt Lane toward Princes Road when she was grabbed by a man and pulled toward bushes. The man tried to assault her and the woman managed to fight him off. She suffered minor injuries as a result of her ordeal. The victim described the suspect as 'dark skinned with short back and side's hair.' He is approximately 40 to 50 years old and was wearing a navy t-shirt, navy jeans and trainers.

DC Steven Huxley said: "I'd urge anyone with information to contact police. Maybe you live along Flatt Lane or Princes Street and you have CCTV which may help us, or you were driving in this area in the early hours of Saturday morning and have captured footage which may help."

Anyone with information should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or via <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/> quoting IML 548493. If you have CCTV or dashcam footage <https://cheshireconstabulary.egressforms.com/>

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