



Latest news

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Welcome to the latest stakeholder bulletin, which is a round-up of highlights for the Police & Crime Commissioner and Cheshire Constabulary.

The summer has been a busy period for the Constabulary but we remain committed to working together to ensure we are delivering a police service which is focused on providing real neighbourhood policing, which includes an increased police presence in our communities.

This edition features a round-up of the successful joint emergency services open day, focuses on the important work of Cheshire's Family Liaison Officers and highlights a recent court case in which a former care worker was jailed for non-recent sexual offences.

It also features details of how victims of bullying can tell their story to improve support services and how residents are being encouraged to set-up a neighbourhood watch schemes to make our communities safer.

You are receiving this newsletter as a valued stakeholder and we would welcome any feedback you have on the content and what you would like to see in any future editions.

Thank you for your continued support.

David Keane – Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire
Chief Constable Darren Martland – Cheshire Constabulary



Thousands attend Blue Light Open Day 2019

More than 6,000 people got an insight into the work of the emergency services at a Blue Light Open Day. Held jointly between Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, the day was a chance for both services to showcase the skilled and varied work they do. There were displays from the Constabulary Band and police dogs, a demonstration of how the police and fire services work together in a road traffic collision and public order officers dealing with petrol bombings and showing how Tasers work.

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National recognition for Cheshire's FLOs

Two of the Constabulary's Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) have been recognised for their hard work and dedication at a national awards ceremony. PC Tony Hayhurst and PC Nick Anderton were both in the running for the Excellent Longstanding Service Award at the 2019 Brake FLO Awards. Tony was announced as the winner at the ceremony and Nick scooped the 'highly commended' award for the category.

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Former care worker jailed for abusing children

A former care worker has been jailed for 15 years after being found guilty of a number of non-recent sexual offences in relation to two children's homes in Cheshire and Derbyshire. Bruce McLean, 62, from Runcorn, was sentenced after being found guilty of eight out of 12 charges against three further victims. In November 2018 he was found guilty of 13 other charges relating to four victims, but the jury could not reach a verdict on a further 20 charges. This result followed a retrial in respect of those charges.

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Victims of bullying urged to tell their story

Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane wants young people who have been bullied to tell their story to help improve support services. It's part of his Anti-Bullying Commission which is bringing together a group of community representatives to look into incidents of bullying both on and off line. The Commissioner has opened a call for evidence which is travelling across the county giving local people the opportunity to share their experiences of bullying.

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More residents encouraged to set up neighbourhood watch schemes

Cheshire's police and crime commissioner has designated funding to help set-up more Neighbourhood Watch schemes across the county. David Keane has awarded a £3,700 grant from his Safer Communities Fund to the Cheshire Neighbourhood Watch Association which supports Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Cheshire so they can promote the development of new schemes and involve more residents.

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David Keane
Police & Crime
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Funding for sports club targeted in arson attack

An archery club in Runcorn which was recently victim to a devastating arson attack has received funding from Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner to help it rebuild. Kyujutsu Archery Club on Castlefield Avenue East was targeted in a burglary and arson attack back in April with intruders stealing thousands of pounds worth of equipment before setting fire to the building. The club is now starting to rebuild and has been successful in its application to the Commissioner's Safer Communities Fund for a £5,000 grant to replace the equipment which was stolen or damaged in the fire.

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