

**August 2023**



## **Kingsley and Gowy Police Update - August 2023**

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**between the 1/08/23 and 31/08 /23 Incidents and Crime committed**

**The update will include information relevant to the residents.**

Offence	number
Theft from a vehicle	
Highways disruption	10
Concern for safety	5
Missing person	2
Burglary dwelling	
Theft	1
Drugs	2
Suspicious person	5
wildlife	
Criminal damage	
Personal nuisance	

- *Sample of incidents from the Kingsley and Gowy, data for crime available on the Cheshire Constabulary website*
- <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/a/your-area/cheshire/cheshire-west-and-chester/kingsley-and-gowy/>

**Residents are encouraged to look at their home security.**

For advice visit our Cheshire Police website -

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/>

**Please use 101 or Cheshire Police website to report any incidents. 999 in an emergency.**



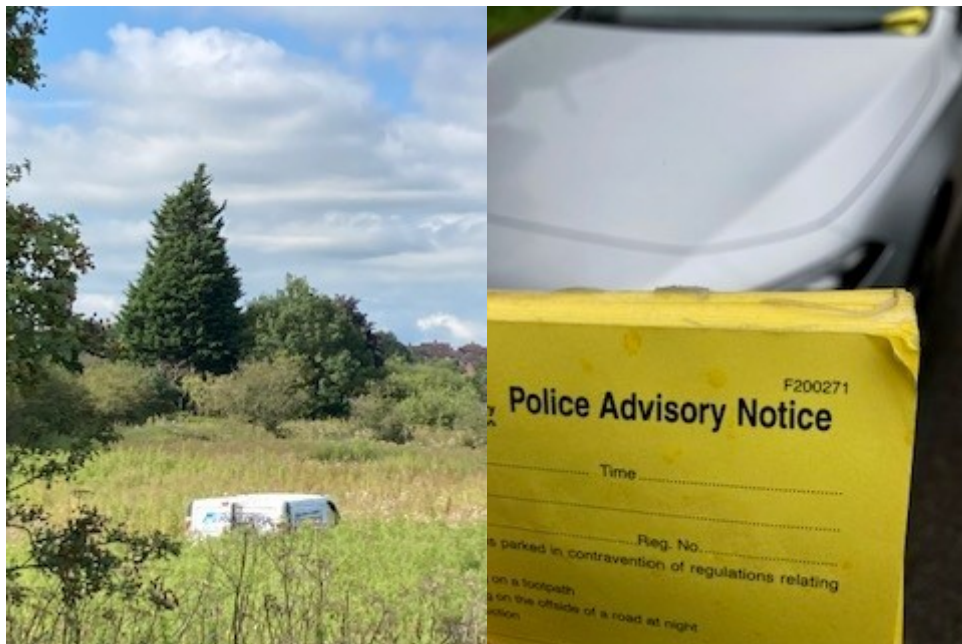
### **Community Engagement:**

We have held several different events including bike marking and youth engagement in several different area unfortunately the typical English weather has meant some have been cancelled however as part of this engagement we have continued with the op revision which runs throughout the summer across Chester area, where officers patrol in area where there has been reports of ASB or nuisance behaviour,

this is collated from what has been recorded and reported to us via 101 and 999.



Several reports related to parking have been reported in different areas which I have looked at over the last few weeks, no offences have been witnessed however advisory notices have been given where needed.



This month I have noticed we have had a spike in Fraud scams, lots of Amazon order/parcel related and WhatsApp pretending to be family or friends, please be aware and check out any

suspicious messages before replying, also check in with those who may not be as up to date with scam alerts.



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- **Never give your personal details**, such as your address or bank account information, to anyone you do not know.
- **Never give out your passwords**, pass phrases or other security information.
- **Use strong passwords** - remember, use three random words or phrases that only mean something to you.
- **Add two-factor authentication** to your online accounts, such as by adding your phone number, to prevent any unauthorised changes.

**How to report**

Please report all incidents to **Action Fraud**:

**Action Fraud**  
Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
actionfraud.police.uk

0300 123 2040  
www.actionfraud.co.uk

Incidents can also be reported directly to **Cheshire Police**:

**Cheshire Constabulary**  
www.cheshire.police.uk  
101

QR to Cheshire Police Reporting Tool

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**Emails**

Emails are one of the most common methods used by criminals and will often try to disguise themselves as being from a legitimate organisation.

- The email might be unexpected, request urgent payment, offer a prize or include a link/attachment.
- Do I know who has sent this email? Why am I being asked to pay a fee or outstanding amount? Why does this email want me to act immediately?
- Check for spelling mistakes and poor grammar. Check the actual email address rather than display name. NEVER follow any links or download.

**Social media**

Criminals will hack into social media accounts and contact friends and family, requesting money or gifts to be sent, relying on goodwill and often urgency.

- The message might be from a friend's compromised account, requesting help with some emergency.
- Why would they request money via social media? Why would they need me to act urgently? Do they normally speak or write like this on social media?
- Contact your friend/family via another method. Never send money or personal details over social media. Stop communicating and report the account to the site.

**Online dating**

Criminals create fake dating accounts with plausible back stories and pictures to request money or items, relying on the victim to be emotionally invested.

- The back story may involve being stuck or needing money, along with promises of love and marriage.
- Has the relationship moved on too quickly? Have I ever met them or talked via video? Why would this person suddenly need money from me?
- Never send money to anyone that you have not met. Check whether the person has other accounts online. Ask friends or family for their opinion.

**Phone call & text**

The call or text will try to imitate a legitimate organisation and will often want you to act quickly or provide personal details.

- This might be from a withheld number and panic you into doing something quickly, catching you off guard.
- Why would this organisation ring me? Why am I being asked to urgently pay or provide my details? Does the voice speaking sound pre-recorded? A reputable company will never ask for details over the phone. Always verify who you are speaking to and ask for proof. If in doubt, hang up or delete the text message.

**Remote access**

Criminals may want you to download software which will allow them to control your computer remotely.

- A criminal pretending to be from a reputable organisation wants access to your computer to fix an issue.
- Would an organisation need direct access to my computer? Why am I being directed to another website? Why am I being rushed or pressured into acting so quickly? Never give anyone control over your devices. End the conversation if someone asks for access or control. Install anti-virus software on your devices.

**Online shopping**

Online auctions and marketplaces are used by criminals to advertise non-existent items or to obtain details.

- You see an item that is too good to be true and are contacted by someone who requests urgent payment.
- Is this item real or genuine? Why is the item so much cheaper than similar items? Am I being pressured to pay quickly? Be wary of brand new sellers with limited information. Research, reviewing feedback and reviews. Always use secure payment methods e.g. PayPal.

**This month trucam is currently being updated**

This month speed monitoring has been in Ashton Hayes,  
Mouldsworth, Dunham on the hill



All drivers caught will be dealt via the central  
ticket office.



**Surgery Dates** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Norley village hall. 13.00 to 14.00 hours, we can also be contacted via email and we can arrange a meeting, contact through the website or 101.

A blue poster for 'Resident's Voice' with a yellow speech bubble logo. It includes a QR code and text about a survey on policing in the area.

**Resident's VOICE**

**Have your say on policing in your area...**

It is important to us that we know about the issues that cause you concern. We have set up a survey where you can tell us about the things you would like us to focus on in your area.

Open the camera or a dedicated QR code reading application on your phone and hover over the QR code to scan it.

You will be taken to a page where you can complete the survey.

If you can't scan the code you can go to [www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicechester](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicechester)

We continue to offer you the chance to get in touch with online and in person police surgeries at different locations and times throughout the Kingsley and Gowy. I have been making the 'Residents Voice' QR cards available in different locations. This is your platform to put forward your views about the Cheshire Constabulary Service, improvements, concerns, and comments of what we do well. You can also find residents voice

on the Cheshire police website.



As part of our ongoing work to deter people from committing crime in Cheshire, we have invested in forensic property marking kits to identify those responsible for theft. The work we are doing in this area of prevention is branded Operation Shield. Neighbourhood Policing Teams are visiting households and businesses to introduce forensic property marking. They are offering householders and business owners free kits which are made by a UK company called Selectamark Security Systems plc. Their product is called Selecta DNA.



**What is SelectaDNA?** It is a cutting-edge way of protecting your property from theft. Each bottle within the kit contains a unique DNA code and thousands of tiny microdots that, once applied, identify it as yours.

Parking is a ongoing issue in several villages, we will continue to monitor the areas and give advisory notices where needed.

[Waiting and parking \(238 to 252\) - The Highway Code - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waiting-and-parking-238-to-252-the-highway-code)





