

Chester Local Policing Unit Parish Council Update

November 2023

Tarvin and Kelsall

Local Officers

Sergeant – James Dingsdale

Beat Manager – Owain Hughes

Police Community Support Officer – James Hannath

REPORTING PROCEDURE

Please telephone **101** or visit the website at www.cheshire.police.uk to report non-emergencies.

Call **999** only in an emergency.

RESIDENTS VOICE

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.

Please complete the survey by following this link -

[Residents Voice | Cheshire Constabulary](#)

It came as disturbing news in late November to be approached by residents in Kelsall about their beloved cats that have been seriously injured or killed after been shot by a pellet gun.

Investigation and additional patrols have taken place, working in partnership with the RSPCA and residents to identify the person(s) responsible.

If you have any information in relation to this, please contact me directly on -

james.hannath@cheshire.police.uk

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT

In October PCSO Hannath attended The Beavers in Tarvin where children took part in a Police community engagement session where they were able to take part in what Police do, equipment they use, fitness and reflex games and received some crime beat funded visibility goodies!

The children involved were all brilliant and more sessions in the future are being planned!



E-Safety was the hot topic at Duddon school in October with three sessions taking place with PCSO Hannath. Presentations and discussions about the risk of online gaming, social media sites and how to stay safe online. Children were very aware and able to give excellent answers to the questions asked!

The Trucam has been away for its annual maintenance, so enforcement was limited over September and October, but areas continue to be enforced over the villages.

In the New Year a review will take place via Residents Voice Survey feedback on new locations, but generally speeding complaints are lower.

We also asked Parish Councils if there was interest in forming Community Speed Watch as Cheshire Police have relaunched the scheme and training can be given to those wishing to volunteer.

POLICE SURGERIES

From March to September, Police Surgeries have had low or no attendance, therefore I have changed this to a crime prevention drop-in session, where not only can you pop in for a chat but there will information available to collect and possibly devices to help stay safe.

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surgery

This has been trialed over the last few months and has proved more successful and helpful for the community. Residents were able to discuss the topic, talk about experiences and gain useful tips!

Police Surgeries will be advertised soon for 2024.

Please remain vigilant and report any crime/suspicious activity via 101 or via the Cheshire Police website www.cheshire.police.uk. Call 999 in an emergency.

THE GOLDEN CLUB, DELAMERE

A special thanks to Gloria who has invited me as a guest speaker twice to the group session.

On the first visit to the group as a presentation we discussed scams, fraud, and cold callers.



LET'S GET VISIBLE PROJECT!

This being my first winter on the beat I became aware of the lack of visibility that some residents took, I decided over November to approach this with the 4Es, Engage, Explain, Educate and Enforce.

The idea of Let's Get Visible was to raise awareness of the importance of staying safe while the darker and shorter days are with us. Funding gained by PCSO Hannath allowed bike lights, children's hi-vis jackets, stickers, panic alarms, reflectors, and torches to be handed out in the communities to send the stay safe message!

As part of the Let's Get Visible Project over November PCSO Hannath worked in partnership with The Sand Vets in Tarvin, it was met with positive feedback with over thirty dog walking kits handed out which included High Visibility waist and arm band, torch and panic alarm, dog bags, and more.





The new Hollie Guard app was recommended, and 12-month subscriptions offered to those who were vulnerable or felt they would benefit, this included lone dog walkers, horse riders and those with medical conditions...read more about the app on...Hollie Guard – Personal Safety App

Dogs were also invited to be scanned to ensure the chip was working!

DELEMERE ROAD SAFETY DAY

On the 26th of October an operation ran at Delamere Forest...Op Close Pass brought partnership agencies and teams together, this included education over passing cyclists safely, speed camera enforcement, stops on vehicles with defects and general road safety.



CHESTER WELL-BEING FUNDING SUCCESS

In March the Police Crime Commissioner offered funding for community projects, Helen Ritchie was keen to provide more youth friendly opportunities. In partnership the application was completed and £5000 was awarded. We are now looking forward to more workshops, support and engagement with young people and reducing crime and ASB in the community.

ROAD SAFETY SCHOOLS

Schools were invited to take part in a funded road safety project with PCSO Hannath where Duddon, Tarvin, Delamere and Kelsall were able to approach concerns over dangerous parking with decorated cones and a poster competition.

Cones were brought to life by both Looking Forward service users and Tarvin Art Club and children from both Kelsall and Tarvin.



The winners for the poster competition will have their road safety message professionally printed and placed around the community.

OP SCEPTRE KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Over the 14th to the 16th of November, Op Sceptre to place in local communities offering an insight to knife crime, knife bins allowed the opportunity to surrender knives to be destroyed safely, searches were made in local areas, displays and presentations were given to show the impact of knife crime.



IDENTIFYING THE VULNERABLE

It's not all blue lights and sirens, Ruth was almost a victim of a scam, making her feel very vulnerable and isolated after only recently losing her husband.

Our Crime Prevention Officer Beth George and PCSO Hannath worked together with a home visit to offer advice on making her home safer but also getting in contact with Opal to support Ruth in her loneliness and change in her lifestyle.

We are both pleased and proud as Ruth has embarked in new social support groups and treated herself to a new Mini!

Some recent scams that have affected community residents...

A person claiming to be from Sky contacted the resident and tried to get them to pay for a maintenance pack, when the resident refused the caller became aggressive making threats to come to the address.

Lots of reports of WhatsApp messages where they start the message with Hi Mum, lost my phone, can you send me over some money...

A story is created to gain money by transfer.

A resident went on a bereavement site to find comfort where she was befriended by a male who then took advantage of their vulnerable state by getting the victim to pay via bitcoin.

We have several resources to raise awareness and give prevention advice on scams, please don't hesitate to request a pack.

The local Police Community Support Officer will be at ...

... Duddon Village Hall from 10am – 11am on Saturday 2nd December

This is part of the Let's Get Visible project, this is an opportunity to receive a FREE pack that includes high visibility waist and arm band, torch and panic alarm! Stock is limited though.

This is also a great opportunity for you to chat to the local officer with any local concerns or issues that you may have.

You'll be able to find your PCSO in the Safer Streets Bus in the car park.

... we will also be at Delamere Community Centre from 2pm – 3pm!

Pop down, pick up a Stay Safe Christmas pack and Let's Get visible!

