

OWL WATCH CYMRU CRIME WATCH NEWS

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Incidents updates & appeals during this week !

Were you in the areas mentioned below recently? Did you see anything suspicious?

We are circulating this information in case you were visiting these areas and so you are aware of any crime trends that may be developing, helping you stay one step ahead of the opportunist criminal.



Thank you for the feedback we have received in regards to this overview of some of the crime alerts/information circulated to various watch schemes & Districts during the past week.

Please do contact us if you need any information from any of the alerts or larger pictures to help in providing information that could assist Police as part of their investigations.

V078270 Woman arrested in Connah's Quay murder investigation

Police have arrested a woman as part of their investigation in to the murder of Matthew Cassidy in Connah's Quay Flintshire. A 19 year old woman from Connah's Quay was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit murder. Police continued to search properties in Connah's Quay following the latest arrest. Matthew, 19, was murdered on May 29. David John Woods, 19 from Liverpool has been charged with murder & remanded in custody.

V090557 Robbery appeal Wrexham

Police are appealing for information following a robbery in Wrexham town centre 19th June. Police were called at 3.23pm to reports that three males had smashed a window & stolen items at Martin Rees Jewellers in Chester Street. The suspects made off on a motorbike which has since been recovered from the Pentre Gwyn area of Caia Park. No one was hurt during this incident.

V088935 Attempt murder charges: Colwyn Bay

Two men have been charged with attempt murder following an incident in Colwyn Bay during the early hours of Saturday, June 17th. Shortly after 02:30hrs North Wales Police were called to reports of a disturbance in the Woodland Road West area of Colwyn Bay. Officers arrested two men in connection with the incident & both have now been charged. 18-year-old Cody James Allen, who is from the Llandudno Junction area & 27-year-old Kyle Mark Rochell, who is from the Mochdre area have both been charged with attempt murder & possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. Both were remanded to appear before Llandudno Magistrates Court on Monday, June 19th.

V090544 Caravans Broken into Presthaven Sands & Point of Ayr Caravan Parks

There has been reports of a number of caravan burglaries in Presthaven Sands & Point of Ayr Caravan parks recently. Please do not leave valuables on show. We have many products & resources that could assist in preventing caravan crime – contact us for more information on our 'Caravan Crime Prevention Pack'.

V089716 - Theft of Caravan in Froncysyllte area

There has been a report of the theft of a caravan from the Froncysyllte/Llangollen area. The incident occurred during the evening of 17th June. The caravan is a Bailey Pegasus 524 with very distinctive off white patches on the near side. It contains an awning and clothing.



Increase in Theft from Vehicles in Wrexham – Please be vigilant

There has been an increase of theft from vehicles in the Wrexham area over the last week where bags and wallets have been stolen. Please ensure you lock your vehicle and remove valuables when left unattended. Also do not leave anything on display within your vehicle. Report any suspicious

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activity to Police at the earliest opportunity. Dial 101 for non-urgent calls. Dial 999 if your call is urgent.

V092109 - Stolen Vehicle – Golf – Registration CX64 KHB

Have you seen a Golf Vehicle, registration CX64 KHB? It was reported stolen. Possibly in Conwy or Denbighshire areas. If sighted please contact North Wales Police by dialling 101

STOLEN VEHICLE



Please call 101 if sighted

RC17092173 Theft of equine equipment from Waun Fawr

There has been a report of the theft of tack from the Waun Fawr area recently. The following items have been reported as stolen: Western Saddle and bridle "big horn brown western saddle (black seat) Trail Rider. There was a slight pattern around the edges, the rest was plain. It had a small dark oil mark on the left hand stirrup. with bridal, brown leather with plaited reins. Thorowgood High Wither General Purpose Saddle black fabric 17 inch saddle. 2 x black velvet riding hats with peaks. One is a size 7 and the other a size 7.5 , one has yellow and orange lining inside. Western breastplate & a silver iPhone 6

Stolen car explodes into fireball in Bagillt 2 men have been arrested after allegedly crashing a stolen car which then exploded recently. Neighbours were woken just before 02.00 hours in the morning in Broadacre Close in Bagillt after the vehicle smashed into a wall & burst into flames. Two men from Connahs Quay aged 22 & 25 years were arrested on suspicion of aggravated taking of a vehicle without consent and drink driving. **If you have any information that could assist please call**



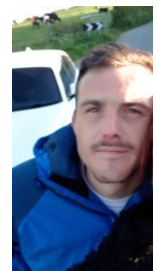
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Incidents in Treuddyn area

Small fires were lit in Treuddyn Park during the evenings last week. Police have reported that Patrols are being conducted.

Itrace 18405 – Appeal for Information – Anthony Roberts

Police have said they have concerns for 31yr Anthony Roberts. May be in the Prestatyn or Rhyl area. He likes fishing has a blue/white mountain bike. If you have any information contact North Wales Police by dialing 101 quoting Ref OWL CYMRU Itrace 18405



COMMUNITIES DEFEAT TERRORISM

MAKE NOTHING HAPPEN

If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, act on your instincts and call the police, in confidence, on 0800 789 321 or visit gov.uk/ACT



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North Wales Police are providing reassurance patrols and extra visits to local Mosques and other religious centres in the aftermath of the Finsbury Park terror attack. Chief Supt. Sacha Hatchet at North Wales Police said, "Following the weekend's horrific attack in Finsbury Park our thoughts are very much with all those who have been affected & to the greater Muslim community across the country who will be looking for

reassurance from their local Police Force. Additional patrols have & will continue to be made to Mosques particularly during prayers & in the coming days NWP Diversity & Community Officers will meet with local Imam's & other representatives to personally reinforce our commitment in keeping all our communities safe. North Wales Police has strong links with the Muslim community & members of that community have worked with us to provide support & reassurance."

"We are aware that following attacks such as this, there can be an increase in hate crimes. To date there has been no increase in North Wales but over the coming days we will reach out to reassure & strengthen bonds with the communities we serve. We have already met with key figures to

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personally provide that reassurance & presence. There can never be any excuse for hate crime in any shape or form & this criminality will not be tolerated. More than ever in these uncertain times we want anyone who may be subjected to hate crime to feel confident in the belief that we'll take your reports seriously, protect you & make sure you get all the support you need."

"There has been no specific threat towards any locations or targets in north Wales & we will maintain contact with the Metropolitan Police Service & Welsh Extremist & Counter Terrorism Unit (WECTU) & will continue to monitor the situation....click on the link below to download full bulletin.
<https://www.north-wales.police.uk/news-and-appeals/additional-reassurance-patrols-in-north-wales-following-events-in-london>

DOORSTEP COLD CALLERS



Purchasing or using the services of cold callers can be a risky business, as if something goes wrong with the service, or product, they may prove difficult to trace. **Some cold callers are also linked to burglaries, or other criminal activity.**



Reputable, local traders can be found via North Wales Trading Standards Services 'Buy With Confidence' Schemes information visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Cold caller selling Fish

We have received a report of a fish seller attending at an address in the Penyffordd area on Friday 16th June. A resident paid an amount of cash for fish that was unlabelled, & potentially unfit for consumption. The fish seller was in a white unmarked vehicle.

Citizens Advice Consumer helpline can be contacted on 03454040506 – more contact details information is in this link
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/wales/consumer/get-more-help/if-you-need-more-help-about-a-consumer-issue/>

Doorstep scams: Doorstep scams have been going for just about as long as people have had doorsteps and these types of fraudsters are so confident that they will openly lie to your face and even lie their way into your home in an attempt to relieve you of your hard earned cash

Protecting yourself from nuisance calls and messages



For many of us nuisance calls are an irritating and annoying interruption to our daily lives. But for some vulnerable people they can also cause anxiety and distress.

Telephone Cold callers - remember, telephone numbers can be 'SPOOFED' so they can appear to be local numbers or even a number known to you, so unfortunately, you cant trust that the number shown on your caller display is the genuine number.

A resident has received a telephone call claiming to be from Nat West Bank. The caller stated that they had **agreed to take part in a survey**. The resident stated they had not & refused to give them any details. The resident then rang the bank who informed her that there were no notes on their file to indicate they were to be contacted. Although, on this occasion, the caller claimed to be from Nat West, bogus callers can claim to be from any bank



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Some nuisance calls can be blocked by Telephone Preference Service. This does not include calls from abroad. For more information visit their website <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps/index.html> . Contact your own telephone service provider to see how they can assist with nuisance calls. Some offer a 'call screening' type service where a caller has to announce who they are before you choose whether you answer the phone or not. They may be able to assist you in other ways.

CALL BLOCKERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OWL WATCH CYMRU PROTECT – online crime prevention shop at a neighbourhood discounted price

SCAMS **TARGET YOU** **PROTECT YOURSELF**

SCAM AND SUSPICIOUS E MAILS, TEXTS OR LETTERS

Remember, scam and phishing e mails, texts and letters are designed to panic you into reacting, or make you respond without thinking. Never automatically click on a link, or respond, without being sure that the sender is genuine

Postal scams: If you're on the receiving end of a postal scam then you'll probably receive a letter telling you you've received money in a (fake) prize draw or that you've missed a council tax payment. In either case, there'll be an enclosed form you should return which, of course, requires you to enter your bank or credit card details.

A resident has received numerous texts last week relating to a **placed order of a 'hub.'** The texts related to various things including the account number, & another had another persons name on it, relating to the order. On Thursday the resident had a telephone call. The resident did not wish to confirm anything, as they had not placed an order & was concerned in case it was a scam. The caller apologised & stated that there was possibly a mistake regarding the telephone number, & their number would be removed. At that point the resident deleted the previous texts. After the call they had a further text on Friday stating the order would be delivered on Monday 19th June. We are unsure, yet, wether the parcel arrived or not, but after that the resident had a further text stating that a 'returns envelope' would be sent to them. Whether this was a scam attempt, or not, it is a useful reminder to be wary of unexpected telephone calls, texts or emails. It is always advisable to never pass on any information to a telephone cold caller

ADVICE: Do not reply to scammers - Please see below our usual advice on dealing with unsolicited e mails.



- Do not click on any links or open attachments contained within unsolicited emails.
- Do not reply to scam emails or contact the senders in any way.
- If an email appears to have come from a person or organisation you know of but the message is unexpected or unusual, contact them directly via another method to confirm that they sent you the email.

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- If you receive an email which asks you to login to an online account via a link provided in the email, instead of clicking on the link, open your browser, go directly to the company's website yourself.
- If you have clicked on a link in the email, do not supply any information on the website that may open.

If you think you may have compromised the safety of your bank details and/or have lost money due to fraudulent misuse of your cards, you should immediately contact your bank, and report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

You can report nuisance sales calls and spam texts to ICO (Information Commissioners Office) <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/nuisance-calls-and-messages/spam-texts-and-nuisance-calls/>

Protect your personal data - Watch Video (use link below) !

The Data Cycle – For Consumers. This shows how one persons personal data can be used, passed on & re-used in ways that people may not expect. It also gives advice about what to do to reduce nuisance calls. <https://vimeo.com/148346668> (click on the link in the main OWL alert if you cannot access it via this link)

You should also contact your local police station, particularly in the case of doorstep fraud, on the non-emergency number, 101. And if you've received any phishing emails claiming to be from your bank then contact your bank's fraud team.

Fraud stats reported for: North Wales :

Computer software service fraud	113
Cheque, plastic card & online bank accounts (not PSP)	152
Banking & credit industry fraud	42
Application fraud (excluding mortgages)	40
Online shopping & auctions	144
Other advance fee frauds	79
Other fraud not covered elsewhere	143





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Which? do you live in a fraud hotspot report ! Latest Which? Research has mapped fraud hotspots in the UK and revealed the ways that you could be targeted. Do you recognise any of these scams?

When they drilled down into the date, Which reported that some people could be more likely to be victims of certain types of fraud than others.

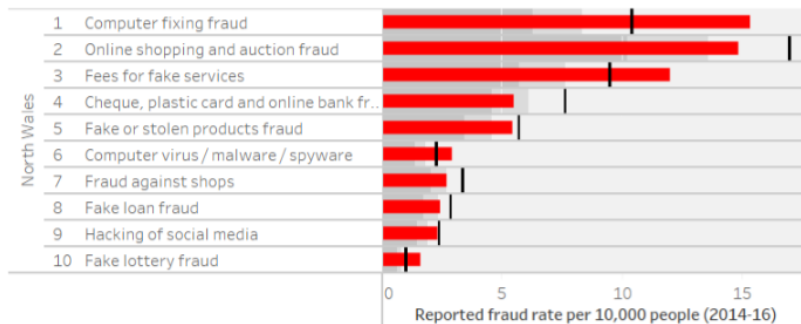


Fraud Patterns:

The analysis of reported fraud suggests that where you live might affect what types of scams you are likely to be exposed to. Which looked at stats released to them by Action Fraud following a request under the Freedom of Information Act & they have managed to identify hotspots for several different types of fraud.

THE BIGGEST SCAMS REPORTS IN NORTH WALES data between 2014 & 2016

Choose your area from the map to see the top 10 frauds in your area during 2014-16. The red bars show how many reports we found per 10,000 people, and the black lines show the national average for that fraud. Full data for Scotland and Northern Ireland isn't yet available, while figures for application, and cheque, card and online bank fraud are skewed in favour of banks' locations.



Their analysis revealed that 1,066 people in North Wales reported a computer repair scam - the most commonly reported type of fraud in that area.

Across the UK, 264,204 scams were reported to Action Fraud in 2016 – up by 10.7% on 2015. As rates soar, we're calling on the new government to prioritise fighting scams.

From dating scams to auction fraud, Which? exposed the biggest scam hotspots in England and Wales. Under the Freedom of Information Act, Which? requested and obtained thousands of fraud reports made by victims during 2014-16 to Action Fraud.



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EVENTS: OWL Watch team will be holding safety & security events as follows:

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| Saturday 24 th June | Ruthin Carnival, Ruthin School |
| Wednesday 27 th June | Mold Market, High Street Mold |
| Saturday 1 st July | Flint 999 day |
| Sunday 2 nd July | Wepre Community Fun Day – we will be hosting a W.K.A. companion dog show as part of our DOG Watch/Paws On Patrol |
| Saturday 8 th July | Presthaven Beach Resort festival day |
| Sunday 9 th July | Mold Carnival |

Crime prevention resources & information will be available from the team



OWL WATCH COMPANION DOG SHOW 'Paws On Patrol'
 With kind permission of the Welsh Kennel Club
 Sunday 2nd July 2017 at Wepre Park Connah's Quay as part of the Connahs Quay Festival 2017
 Judges: Mrs Julie Edwards Elshajo & Miss Eleric Bluck who will be Judging Junior Handler classes)

Lots of prizes with thanks to sponsors – register for Paws On Patrol for a free dog walkers/dog safety pack



Our unique Y.KOPS (intergenerational crime prevention initiative) Tford 100

Is seeking help to restore the bodywork – can you help so we can get this back onto the road & out working in our communities?

If you can help, please contact us.

Neighbourhood Superhero's competition is now open – if you would like details of how to enter and win a prize, please contact us: ideal for schools & community groups

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help raise funds through helping at community crime prevention events.

If you have some time to give to help keep crime down & want to learn new skills, work as part of a team – please contact us on 01352 708118 or email to watch@owlcymru.org

Being a volunteer with us ! an extract from a volunteer

“it goes without saying that if you want to work for the OWL Watch Association you must have a passion for its mission & genuine desire to work toward their common goal”

The Association established in 1987 strives to: Promote for the benefit of the public, good citizenship, community safety & greater public participation, in the prevention & detection crime. Promote public support for the work of the police service & other partners, in the protection of people & property from, & prevention of crime

“The organisation is both visible & accessible for its services & efforts within the communities, as well as community groups. Its reputation is known to its stakeholders, as well as the local community.”

“Since relocating to the UK I have been presented with a whole new set of challenges. It has been on of the life’s biggest transitions so far. Assimilating into & becoming an integral part of the community has become an important aspect in my new life here & volunteering has helped me to achieve this. Since I have worked in multi cultural organisations, as well as in the non-profit sector, I wanted to offer my qualifications & administrative skillset to an organisation that was a viable part of the community. What a better way to do so than by volunteering with a local organisation that helps to make the community safer, at the same time offer an invaluable support system to its residents” that organisation is OWL Watch as it is referred to these days. I am happy to be one of its volunteers. Volunteering with them has enabled me to learn new skills, work with many others and give something back to the community I now live in” – THANK YOU DL

We provide volunteer placements for work experience students from Schools, Colleges & Universities.

We provide volunteer placements for people who are sign posted to us from Local Authority departments, North Wales Training, Police, Fire Service, Councillors.

Our Volunteers range from 14 years to into their 90’s – we are indebted to them & welcome new people who feel strongly about helping to make a difference within the community, building relationships & making a significant & valued contribution to preventing crime & supporting those who are more vulnerable

“It is rewarding to be part of something good that affects so many people”

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