

Creamfields

Up to date information on Cheshire Police's involvement with this event can be found on our website (<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/creamfields/>).

1 - Total number of arrests at Creamfields Festival for the following years: 2016, 2017 and 2018 (broken down by year and arresting offence)

BREAKDOWN OF Arrests/cautions	Total 2016	Total 2017	Total 2018
Possession with Intent to Supply	112	124	35
Concerned In Supply of Drugs	0	3	0
Possession of Controlled Drugs	51	26	4
Assault/Assault Police/Resist Arrest	6	6	6
Sec 5 Public order / BOP/Breach of s69 notice/D&D/Affray	5	3	3
Wanted / FTA Warrant	6	1	3
Possess Offensive weapon/bladed article	3	10	0
Driving Offences	1	2	2
Theft	5	2	1
Crim Damage	1	0	2
Immigration Offences	2	2	0
Handling of stolen goods	0	3	0
Breach of Bail	0	1	0
Total	192	183	56

In line with National Guidance relating to Event Policing Cheshire Constabulary significantly reduced the number of officers deployed to the 2018 Creamfields Music Festival. This was done with the support of the Event organisers who willingly accepted the responsibility for keeping their customers safe whilst at their event. The reduction in arrest numbers is also as a result of Cheshire Constabulary taking a different approach to dealing with offenders. Where appropriate to do so, offenders were offered a Voluntary Interview at a later date rather than being arrested. This approach allowed Cheshire Constabulary to thoroughly investigate alleged offences without causing the significant disruption within our Custody Facilities that has previously been experienced. An additional 69 people are being investigated for offences via this approach.

2 - What method was employed to report crime during each of the above festivals – where you undertaking an ethical reporting procedure? Or were crime stats collated in a traditional way?

All crimes that were reported were recorded in line with the National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) and associated Force Policy.

3 - Total number of stabbings at Creamfields Festival for the following years: 2016, 2017 and 2018 (broken down by year and whether fatal or non-fatal)

2016 - 0
2017 - 0
2018 - 0

4 - Number of offensive weapons seized by police at Creamfields Festival in the following years: 2016, 2017 and 2018 (broken down by year)

2016 – 3
2017 – 10
2018 – 2

Please note - these figures are based solely on arrest for possession of offensive weapon/bladed article for 2016, 2017, 2018. No further information is available on any other instances of offensive weapon seizure at these events.

5 - Total number of police officers deployed to Creamfields Festival for the following years: 2016, 2017 and 2018 (broken down by year)

2016 – 1595
2017 – 1186
2018 – 597

Please note that this figures includes officers deployed inside and outside the event as well as in support roles (e.g. in custody).

6 - Total number of police officers injured at Creamfields Festival for the following years: 2016, 2017 and 2018 (broken down by year)

2016 – 3
2017 – 3
2018 – 1

Please note - these figures are based on arrest and crime figures only. No information is available in respect of any other injuries that may have occurred during these events.

7 - The total cost of the policing operation at Creamfields Festival for each of the following years: 2016, 2017 and 2018 (broken down by year)

Cheshire Police do not account for salary costs at activity level, therefore no information is available to answer this question.