



Widnes Inner Newsletter

Appleton / Kingsway / Riverside

Summer 2026

Cheshire Constabulary Performance Update: January 2026 - March 2026

Figures are compared to the same period in 2025

Response



4 seconds - the average time to answer emergency calls.

93% of emergency incidents attended in **15 minutes** **Up 1%**

93% of prompt incidents attended in **60 minutes** **Up 6%**

Compared to **6 seconds** in the same period last year.

Crime and Incidents

18,489 crimes recorded up by **3%**



51,308 incidents reported Stayed the same



5,011 arrests made up by **8%**



Domestic Abuse Offences brought to justice **26%** up by **4%**



Sexual offences brought to justice **19%** up by **7%**



All crime offences brought to justice **26%** up by **4%**



The average time taken to arrive at an emergency incident



Inspector Steven Bradshaw

As we enter the third quarter of 2025, our focus remains firmly on key community issues that have been raised such as road safety and ASB. Since April, we've taken significant action from community feedback tackling drug-related crime, seizing off-road bikes, enforcing traffic offences and reducing incidents of arson. From 30 June to 30 September 2025 there will be a national focus on neighbourhood policing through the government's Safer Streets Summer initiative focusing on ASB, crime and enforcement, diversion sand support, and visibility and engagement. As we move into the summer holidays, we may see a rise in ASB so I would encourage you to work with us to help to keep our communities safe. You can do this by completing the attached Residents Voice survey.



Tell us what matters to you

Have your say on how we Police your local community. Cheshire Police want to target the issues that concern local residents.

Scan the QR or visit the address below to give your feedback

www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoice



You Said, We Did



APPLETON

You Said: The local Beat Manager identified through incidents reported, and Residents Voice that there was a concern relating to ASB in the area, particularly around DOWARD street and town centre.

We Did: Through an increase in patrolling and CCTV trawls local officers were able to link in with High Schools and identify those responsible. The Youth Engagement Officer has gone on to hold ASB discussions with those involved with parents present and placed them on the ASB pathway which will initially focus on diversion away from this behaviour, rather than punishment. Should it continue, this discussion can be progressed on to ASB contracts where we would seek to bring partner agencies on board such as Youth Justice Services, further involvement with Halton Borough Council, and even housing affecting tenancy agreements if applicable. A total of 51 interventions have taken place year to date for Widnes LPU as a whole.

RIVERSIDE

You Said: Issues with Anti-Social Behaviour and drug taking

We Did: The Anti-Social Behaviour was an issue around Tesco Extra, Superbowl and REEL cinema. Plain clothes operations have taken place where youths have been dealt with robustly by being stopped searched and taken home and spoken to in front of their parents. The youths that were not recognised by officers have been identified through work with our school liaison officer.

ASB letters as well as escalations of those letters have been processed and youths have been dealt with. Positive action has been taken and the youths responsible are now on the ASB referral pathway.

The officer has patrolled area where there has been reported drug use and dealing and has taken some positive action.

KINGSWAY

You Said: ASB / Drug dealing

We Did: An address was identified as causing an unproportional amount of ASB that was having a detrimental impact to the community. A multi-agency approach has been able to obtain enough evidence to proceed with a closure order for the address.

Officers and PCSOs are working with businesses and Halton Borough Council to target illegal parking in and around the Kingsway area.

Operation Handlebars has been set up to target off road and illegal E-Bikes in and around the Kingsway area.

Meetings and events

We run regular police surgeries where you can come along and speak to us about issues in your area.

Appleton

Monthly surgeries will be updated regularly on the cheshire police website

Riverside

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Kingsway

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Your officers

PC Chris BALL
PCSO Ste HEAPS
Kingsway

PC Mario NOWACKI
PCSO Chris BLAKE
Riverside

PC Jon WILLIAMS
PCSO Steve HILL
Appleton

Contacting Cheshire Police



Abuse of the 999 system is an offence and may lead to prosecution.