



Widnes Outer Newsletter

Farnworth, Ditton, Hale, Broadheath, Birchfield, Hough Green, Halton View
Spring 2025

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

2025

2026

8 minutes



7 minutes 54 seconds

-6 seconds

Inspector Anthony Sullivan

As we enter the second quarter of 2026, our focus remains firmly on key community issues that have been raised such as road safety and ASB, drug activity.

Since January, we've taken significant action from community feedback tackling drug-related crime, seizing off-road bikes, ASB particularly with youths. Since November last year to now we have put over 50 young people on the ASB pathway working in conjunction with Halton Borough Council. It provides a clear path of escalation should they continue to be involved ASB. As we move into towards the summer and school 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



BROADHEATH

You Said: Residents raised concerns through Residents Voice regarding drug dealing activity around THE BLUNDELL road area, and AVONDALE DRIVE area.

We Did:

On Thursday 5th March, officers from Widnes Neighbourhood Team executed a warrant at an address on Blundell Road where a quantity of class A and B drugs were found. One male was arrested for Possession With Intent To Supply Class A and B drugs. On Wednesday 15th April, officers from Widnes Neighbourhood Team executed a warrant at an address on Avondale Drive, where a quantity of class B drugs were found. One male was arrested for being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs.

HOUGH GREEN

You Said: Drug Dealing and ASB Issues

We Did: Flat identified by residents as causing ASB on Cherry Sutton estate. Community Protection Warning letter issued.

Two flats identified for ASB and drug dealing. Two positive warrants executed and two illegal bikes seized.

ASB on Cherry Sutton estate. Problem tenant vacated flat after partnership working with Clarion Housing, tenant was responsible for causing numerous ASB issued and demand.

Other Initiatives

The CCTV ring doorbell initiative is still ongoing providing them to the vulnerable in the community.

HALTON VIEW

You Said: Electric bikes, ASB / Drugs in parks overnight. Police visibility, parking obstructions, i.e. Tan House Lane and Ireland Street.

We Did: Earlier this year, we actioned a Warrant at an address in Halton View. This led to the arrest of a male for multiple offences. The male was found guilty at Court for the supply of Class B drugs, possession of Class A drugs and being in possession of criminal property. This warrant also led to the seizure and destruction of electric bikes that were identified as being used for criminal activity within Halton View. Parking obstructions were a frequent complaint amongst the community. Ongoing traffic checks of the problematic areas were part of the shift patrol plan. This led to multiple fixed penalty notices being issued among locations such as Tan House Lane and Ireland Street. Enforcement and monitoring will remain a focus to deter further offences.

You Said, We Did



FARNWORTH

You Said: Drug dealing / vehicle crime / parking issues

We Did:

- Several warrants have been executed within the ward in relation to cocaine supply with suspects being charged and remanded for supply offences.
- OP Floodlight has seen a significant decrease in theft of and theft from cars and vans since the previous quarter. Faraday pouches and anti-tamper number plate screws have been provided to the public to prevent keyless car theft and number plate theft.
- Local PCSO has attended areas of concern for inconsiderate parking with consideration for issuing penalty notices when appropriate.

BIRCHFIELD

You Said: Increased ASB at Upton Rocks including retail premises / attempt damage to motor vehicles / causing danger to road users.

We Did: During FEBRUARY and MARCH 2026 there was a spike in ASB related incidents which was affecting road users on QUEENSBURY WAY, as well as local shops and public houses off LANARK GARDENS. There has been ongoing work with local HBC around improving the park itself in relation to signage and cutting back some of the trees, which was used as cover by the youths in order to throw objects at passing vehicles. CCTV and officer BWV has been scrutinized which has enabled local Beat Management officer, youth engagement officer and HBC ASB lead to identify and place various youths on the ASB Pathway. Ongoing targeted policing, in plain clothes and uniform, has resulted in a downturn in ASB and other crime in the area recently.

DITTON & HALE

You Said: Residents raised concerns over ASB surrounding a property in BAGUELY AVENUE. The local Beat Manager identified the address through reported incident and Resident Voice.

We Did:

Following consultation with Halton Housing Trust, and Cheshire Police's Legal team, a partial closure order is being sought in relation to the problem property. This will restrict persons able to attend at or enter the property, protecting the resident from any potential exploitation, and surrounding residents from any linked ASB.

Meetings and events

We run regular police surgeries where you can come along and speak to us about issues in your area. Please see Facebook links for dates

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Your officers

PC Alex BOYD

PCSO Ste HILL

Broadheath

PC Sarah PECK

PCSO Ste HEAPS

Hough Green

PC James COTTERAL

PCSO Chris BLAKE

Halton View / Farnworth

PC Mat POWELL

PCSO Ste HEAPS

Farnworth

PC Jamie CHAMBERS

PCSO Chris BLAKE

Birchfield

PC RAHMAN

PCSO Ste HILL

Ditton and Hale

Contacting Cheshire Police



In an emergency

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Less urgent than 999

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Report non-urgent incidents online

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