

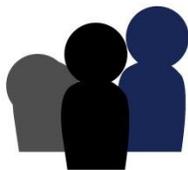
# Cheshire Constabulary highlights for financial year 2016-17

It's been another busy year across the Constabulary with a number of great success stories in every area of the Force.

Our Annual Performance review for the year ending March 2017 (below) outlines some of our achievements, including a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads and the huge social media reach during our Twitterthon.

## April 2016 - March 2017

### Cheshire Constabulary's annual performance



**85%**

Public say police dealing effectively with issues in their area

**94%**

Victims of crime satisfied with police action and support



**96%**

Emergency calls answered within 10 seconds

**3** MILLION people reached in 24hrs during our Twitterthon #CP24

**Roads Policing**

**30**

less people killed or seriously injured on Cheshire's roads



**8** Drug supply **CRACKDOWNS** resulting in **69** **CONVICTIONS** with a combined custodial sentence of **250** years



**1 in 4** of all crimes solved

**64,987**

Recorded Crimes

We're here - where you need us, when you need us

\*contains some unaudited data

**There are also a number of ongoing operations including Op Sands, which has involved a special team investigating the alleged historical sex abuse at football clubs in the county. The dedicated work of the team has led to former Crewe youth coach Barry Bennell being charged with 20 offences. He is due to appear at Liverpool Crown Court later this year.**

The past year has seen a number of high profile court convictions which has highlighted the great work being done across the force. Amongst these were jail terms of 65 years and 30 years for organised crime groups in Crewe and Ellesmere Port and a 30 year conviction for a group involved in a robbery in Nantwich.



**Cheshire Police has also continued to feature on TV screens across the country in two separate shows. *999 What's Your Emergency* returned to Channel 4 July last year with incidents being followed from**

the moment the Force Control Centre receive a call to the arrival of frontline officers. Channel 5 series *Police Interceptors* is also currently being aired and focuses on the work of Cheshire officers with a real insight into the work being done by the intercept team.



This year saw the Constabulary named as one of the best employers in the country for lesbian, gay, bi and transgender staff. In January the force was ranked 16th out of 439 in Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index (WEI) Top 100 Employers for 2017. As well as that we were also handed Silver Status by Investors in People in April 2016.

**Big policing challenges were presented to officers at the annual Creamfields festival which took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Almost 1,000 Cheshire officers were involved in the planning and execution of the 2016 policing operation, which saw 137 arrests – the majority for drug supply offences, but also weapon possession, assault and those wanted for other outstanding offences. In January this year numerous groups of people who attended the festival were charged and sentenced with drug supply offences. In total, 108 suspects and offenders are being processed through the courts**



Technological advances have continued to move along at a rapid rate during the past 12-months. Between August and November 2016 the Tablet Project delivered a total of 1,655 Microsoft Surface 3 tablets to officers across the force, enabling them to work more efficiently and effectively. With the significant investment in technology, the Constabulary also gave officers and staff the opportunity to take a look at some of the game changing technology that is transforming the future of policing at the Tech Expo, which took place in October.



The communications and insight team had a busy time over the festive period with the 'All we want for Christmas' campaign. The team recorded a number of short videos highlighting how people can keep themselves and their belongings safe at this time of year. The themes included robbery, alcohol consumption, debit card fraud and drink driving. This year has also seen the launch of our internal *Social Stars* award which recognises best practice across our Force social media channels.



In May 2016 Labour candidate David Keane replaced John Dwyer as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. David spoke of his “immense pride” in taking on the role and will shortly be celebrating the first anniversary of his election.



The ACE Awards in September saw a 75 year-old Nantwich resident become the star of the show. The prestigious awards recognise officers, staff and volunteers who have gone above and beyond the ‘normal’ line of duty. Sixteen individuals and teams were presented with awards during the course of the evening, with the highlight being Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Chesters, from Nantwich, who was awarded with a ‘lifetime achievement’. Betty started working as a tea lady and cleaner at Nantwich police station in 1967 – a job she still carries out today.



The Constabulary purchased a new Police Marked Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB). Due to the value of the RHIB it was necessary to conduct an open procurement process. This tender opportunity attracted a lot of interest and 11 bids were received from as far as South Africa, Dubai and Australia. The winning bidder happened to be based in Liverpool. The boat is now in operation and assists the team, amongst other things, in the recovery of dead bodies from the water, notably nine days spent searching the Manchester Ship Canal after a man had jumped from the Runcorn Bridge. The family of the man made special mention and thanks in the press for the Underwater Search Unit's efforts.

**One of the key achievements for our finance department in the last 12 months was the early production of the Constabulary's statutory Statement of Accounts. We were one of only three forces in the country to achieve this early production along with Cumbria Police and the Met Police.**

And finally, the Blue Light Collaboration Programme is continuing to progress well. A number of joint teams have already been formed and are delivering services back to both organisations. This includes IT, estates and the Strategic Change teams. Several other teams such as fire's Corporate Communications and Business Intelligence have moved to co-locate with their police colleagues in advance of the implementation of their new joint structures. Fire's senior officer team will be moving across to Clemonds Hey later this year along with the remaining fire teams that will be forming the new joint corporate services teams.