

HALEBANK PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

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Here is the Police Report for the Halebank Parish Council. This report covers a month as shown on each header and are from 2nd September 2023 to 02nd October 2023 The date shown is usually the reported date and not necessarily the date of the incident, though it often is.

Overview and Crime

These reports I produce are for the Parish Councils, residents and other interested parties and I produce them because I feel they are a good way of keeping connected with you all. Sometimes, if I am off for whatever reason, they may not be produced. I am always able to try to help anyone with anything I can. I hope the Parish Council and readers understand.

We are not saying any crime is acceptable, but we are pleased to say we are experiencing lower levels of late. We are always striving to improve this, and, with your help, we can do this. Thank you for the part you play in keeping the area a nice place to live and work.

Statistics

You may not realise just how much you keep the statistics low. You, the residents and your families, the school including teachers and pupils, businesses, church and congregations and visitors alike. By being crime aware, looking out for each other and for reporting suspicious activity. Thank You - from all of us here at Cheshire Police. Thank you to those residents that also keep a watch, not only on their own property, but also on their neighbours.

Parking & Traffic issues

Parking is enforced across our area with particular attention to the "hot spot locations of Halebank Road with hale Road, Pickering's Road and Foundry Lane etc.

Double Yellow Lines is NO WAITING AT ANY TIME. Please remember also if there are solid white lines in the middle of the road then you must not park (even if on the kerb as the restriction applies up to the wall or building). Single Yellow lines indicate a restriction to waiting usually shown on a plate which will be on a post nearby. The main issue is Unnecessary Obstruction - not allowing sufficient space for prams, wheelchairs, and disabled persons etc. to pass freely on the pavement. Remember to keep lowered kerbs clear.

The local authority put the markings and signage in place and the police enforce (Widnes and Runcorn)

Weight Limit

As Halebank has a 7.5t weight restriction on Halebank Road, I do keep an eye on this to try to maintain low levels of transgressors. Remember it is not an HGV ban! I must also highlight that we do have farms in the area and so will be vehicles over the limit but needing access, this is allowed. We have not had any reports of Heavy Goods vehicles causing issues this period. When carrying out speed enforcement I am conscious to any possible breaches of the limit though, as the potential vehicle was not seen transiting through, it would only be a courtesy or advisory letter at the most.

Speed Enforcement

Speed enforcement is carried out on Halegate Road and Halebank Road. Enforcement has not been carried out since the last report due to staffing and commitments. Enforcement will continue and please do report any concerns you have via our website www.cheshire.police.uk

I have heard that we are still trialling a new speed detecting device which is more suitable for darker evening.

Wildlife & Rural matters Pleased to report generally no issues on this topic. We do get the occasional incident around the area connected with farming etc. We are keeping our eyes and ears open for any reports of illegal wildlife activity. Please do report any suspicious activity to us – often such activity is carried out under the cover of darkness, telephone us on 101 and we will check.

Places of faith we do try to be visible around places of faith when possible and when shifts allow

Summary

Halebank remains a very nice and safe place to live. Please carry on reporting the issues you do and do not rely on others possibly calling us if you witness anything that troubles you. Remember when you phone 101 for the police you are covered by Cheshire – not Merseyside Police. There is often an option so please choose correctly.

We want to encourage even more information – intelligence that we gather. If residents are not confident in passing their details to us, they can call Crimestoppers on **0800 555111** – they will not ask for your details and the information will still reach us. We would rather the callers have the confidence in us and the system as the callers' details are “sanitized” from all the intelligence reports. I.e., suspicious goings on/suspicious persons/vehicles, smells of cannabis etc. if reporting vehicles or persons try to obtain details such as vehicle registration marks; clothing descriptions etc. – if you have a mobile with you many have voice recorders.

I would like our readers here or followers on social media (Ditton and Hale Police Facebook) to complete a **Resident's Voice** Survey. This is a Cheshire Police survey to try and ascertain what issues are important to the residents and the survey only takes five minutes, is anonymous to street level and they all get read. Please visit the main website www.cheshire.police.uk and type in the search Residents Voice Widnes. You should be able to “Take the survey” and if you have any issues email me. Some reports of certain crimes can be reported via the website also.

We are hoping the Parish Council, school, church, businesses and residents are encouraged and reassured by the report however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

If you want up to date information about Halebank policing matters, we post messages on Facebook – see below for details. We will post as often as we should/can when we are on duty. If any readers are local and they need any help with this, I can also call along to set these up for you or show you how to tweet or post yourselves! It's so easy - just like texting!

I would also like to promote the Cheshire police ALERT system further. This Alert system is geared up like a Homewatch scheme whereby businesses or households can choose to be alerted on matters that you want – such as scams, bogus callers, etc. and by which method you choose such as text, phone call, email etc. There is more information on our website or via <https://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk> I am more than willing to help any resident or business get set up.

A resource for obtaining information as to police related matters is <https://www.askthe.police.uk> (apps available)

Remember **999 calls are for emergencies only** and these cover matters such as but not limited to:

- there is a danger to life.
- violence is used or threatened.
- a serious crime (violent crime/burglary) is in progress or likely to occur.
- a suspect for a serious crime is nearby.
- there is a road traffic collision involving personal injury or danger to other road users.
- a vulnerable person needs urgent attention.
- Our 999 call handlers strive to answer all calls within 10 seconds.

Non-emergencies

For non-emergency calls, call **101**. Using 999 for general enquiries may delay response to someone who needs urgent assistance. You should dial 101 (the non-emergency number) if:

- you want to report a crime or criminal damage that is not in progress at the time of your call
- you want to report a minor road traffic collision.

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Please do not report crimes to our social media accounts. They are not always monitored, and we do not yet have the facility to use this process.