Bolton rape victim was dragged into alleyway

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An 18-year-old rape victim was dragged from a main road in Bolton town centre and into an alleyway, where she was attacked, police have revealed.
The teenager was grabbed by a man in his 30s at around 2.30am on Saturday as she walked in an area at the back of Bradshawgate, near to the Alma Inn pub. Detectives are now examining CCTV footage.

The teenager had been on a night out in the Bradshawgate area of the town centre, and her ordeal only came to an end when a passer-by heard the commotion and went to intervene.

The attacker then fled while the Good Samaritan comforted the victim and walked her home.

Detective Inspector Andy Meeks, of Bolton CID, said: “I believe the attacker forced her down the alleyway by the side of the pub before subjecting her to the attack. We are following CCTV footage of the nearby area and are continuing to provide support to the victim who was left extremely traumatised.”

He renewed his appeal for the passer-by to come forward, as well as other town centre revellers who may have been in the area at the time, getting a taxi or visiting nearby takeaways.

The offender was described as white, aged in his mid 30s, 5ft 10ins, of medium build with short brown hair. He was wearing a dark-coloured jacket with the lapels turned up towards his face.

Anyone with any information is asked to call police on 0161 856 5740 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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