



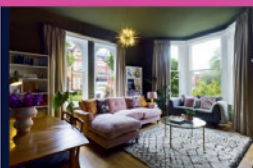
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Hello & Welcome...

Hello and Welcome to South Liverpool Times August 2026 - Issue 22.

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Hope you are all well, safe & hopefully at the time of writing this intro for this South Liverpool Times you are enjoying the summer weather.

I would like to welcome all our new advertisers in this edition of South Liverpool Times - there are many- My good wishes go out to all of my new advertisers- "Good Luck" with their current business ventures.

Secondly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our LOYAL businesses again for their tremendous support supplying advertising or producing fantastic articles last year for all my magazines which I'm sure we all enjoy reading.

We have had a lot going on since we last spoke in June with new businesses & events popping up everywhere - I can't believe were nearly into September! Lots of our local bars/ restaurants & hair & beauty businesses are ready for you to support them - they all still need your help!! & with the Summer months why not treat yourself & your loved ones. The Edinburgh Pub on Sandown Lane is getting completely refurbished so another new place to visit. The Village Cat which is part of The Black Cat group now open their 4th venue in the heart of Woolton Village.

Also in Penny Lane junction we have a brand new venue - TWENTY really nice -serving Coffees/Teas/Wines/Breakfasts and offering Small Plates Menu, Vintage clothing and many more - well worth a visit. Lastly Cheese Cellar from Garston has opened its doors on Allerton Road with their Deli and coffee shop & Cheese and Wine Evenings also well worth a visit- highly recommended.

I'll close now take care, now and hope you all keep safe and healthy and let's hope the sunshine returns.

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Regards, Margaret



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"Thank You" to everyone who has supported this campaign and donated so far. A second phase of fundraising for these ambitious plans will begin in Autumn, along with community consultation events to decide on how the building can be refurbished while keeping its classic 1920's look and feel.

SO WHATS NEXT??

For the rest of the year, we will be screening films on the last weekend of each month and using the time between showings to make some repairs and improvements to the building.

At the same time, we will be applying for funding for a large scale re-furbishment of the place which will keep the 1927 style but introduce more modern facilities.

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- Replace or repair the lobby/auditorium arched entrance door.
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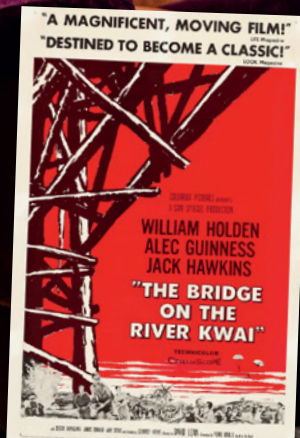


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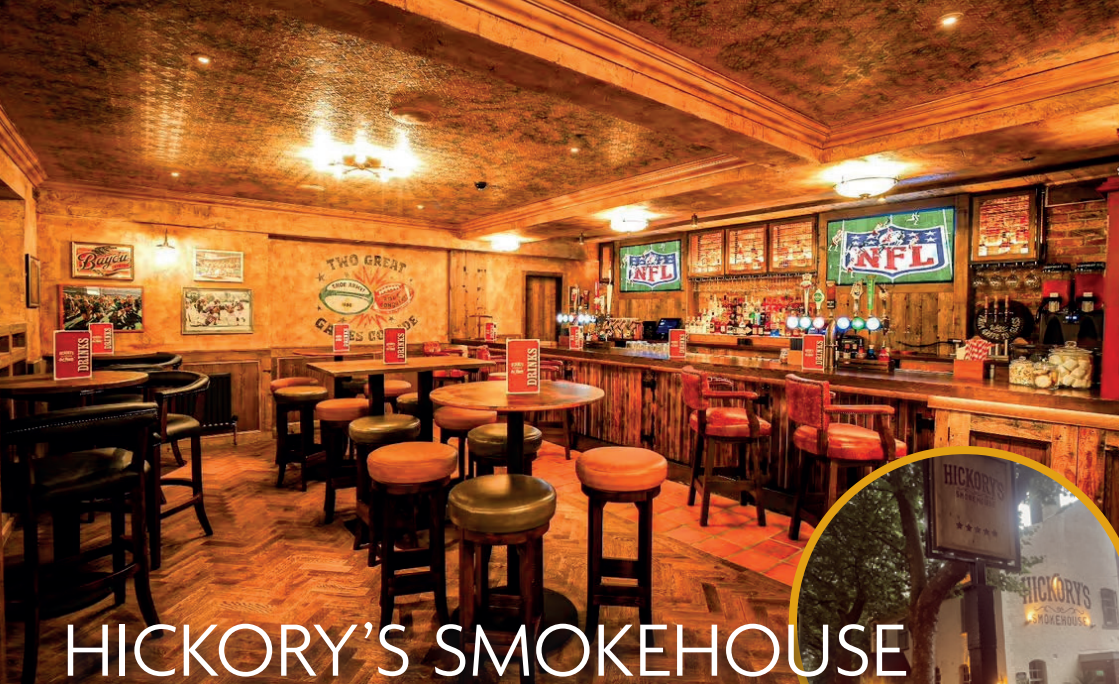
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HICKORY'S SMOKEHOUSE

Barbecue restaurant group Hickory's Smokehouse has opened its first Liverpool location on Gateacre Brow.

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A "significant investment" has been made to bring the concept to fruition and is expected to create 100 jobs for the area. Hickory's Smokehouse scheduled its opening on Friday 17th July.

"The team at Hickory's are thrilled to be coming to Liverpool (Gateacre)! We are delighted to be heading to Liverpool - it's been on our radar since the very beginning and Gateacre seems like the perfect place to call home."

"We are so happy to be finally planning our first Hickory's in the city, we've got to know so many guests from across Liverpool who have been visiting our neighbourhood bar and restaurants in West Kirby, Chester and Southport for many years now. We are delighted that the people of Liverpool will finally get a Hickory's on home turf.

We'll be spending time getting to know the local area and our ambition is to create something truly special. We are looking forward to becoming part of the community for many years to come."

"Coming to Liverpool and having a home in the heart of Gateacre is genuinely exciting for us all. Along with our smokin' BBQ and everything you can expect from a Hickory's, the bar will be a big focus for us, with a relaxed vibe."

"Guests are equally welcome to join us in the bar for drinks as they are for dining. We can't wait to swing open the doors as we head into summer."

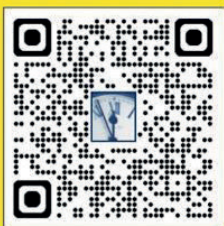
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TIME TO STAND AND STARE?

In 1911, the Welsh poet W.H. Davies wrote his poem 'Leisure,' a plea for people to slow down, resist the pace of modern life and take the time to look around and enjoy the world. More than a hundred years later, he might still have just published that poem, unchanged, because our world today is even more frantic than ever before.

It seems that we can't even slow down when we're supposedly on holiday! So many people now take laptops along with them, to 'keep in touch with work,' because they 'have a few things that must be done to meet a deadline' or simply because they fear that if they don't keep on top of things, someone else will be found to replace them.

Another poet, Philip Larkin, asked a similar question to Davies. 'Why should I let the toad work / Squat on my life?' He clearly saw a difference between working to live and living to work: how many of us today have made work our whole reason to exist? Families are deeply affected by mothers or fathers who have no time to spend with their children because there's work that must be done, or they have to stay late at work. All in pursuit of that mythical thing, a 'safe and secure life.' We surround our children with technology, but neglect that most precious gift of engagement and interest in their lives.

If recent times have taught us anything, it's that relatively little about life is either safe or secure. A farmer, looking at the devastation that wildfires have wreaked on his crops, knows the uncertainty of life under climate change. Tourists become trapped by civil unrest in popular holiday venues. Perhaps the only certain thing now is uncertainty!

It follows, then, that we should reassess what matters. At a time when stress, depression and attempts at suicide are soaring, where can we find the calm, the peace, that we all need – especially when holidays are frenetic attempts at excitement, extremes of experience, all apparently judged as successful by how exhausting they prove to be?

Davies' poem offers us a possible answer. 'What is this life if, full of care / We have no time to stand and stare?' It seems that the solution is to stop, to be still, to allow ourselves to experience without action: to sit in the cool stillness of a shady woodland; to lie down and look at the slow drift of stars across a dark sky; to breathe deeply the salt tang of a deserted beach, and listen to the susurrance of the waves.

According to the Book of Genesis, even God took time to rest after his miracle of creation, and He advocated the same for all of us. Taking time to appreciate the wonder of that creation might cause a shift in our priorities and an awareness of how much we need to protect that wonder, that marvel. And maybe – just maybe – we'll return to the daily grind refreshed, renewed and ready. Or even allow regular moments of stillness to punctuate the busyness of life! And wouldn't we be the better for it, if we saw the 'streams full of stars in broad daylight', the dance of Beauty in this world? A poor life indeed if, 'full of care, / We have no time to stand and stare.'

However you spend this holiday season, I pray that it will be a time that presses a reset button on your life, that allows you to take a deep breath, exhale deeply, and relax.

*Liz Roberts, Associate Priest,
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SPRINGWOOD WARD

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Dear Residents,

I hope you're all enjoying the summer and making the most of everything our community has to offer. As always, I wanted to update you on some of the work I've been doing across Springwood ward and some exciting developments taking place locally.

I'm delighted to confirm that plans remain on track for work to begin later this year on the **former St Bernadette's Church site**. I recently met with Regenda Homes to discuss progress, and the new supported living development will provide 11 high-quality apartments for adults with learning disabilities, helping people live independently. You'll begin to see preparatory works taking place over the coming weeks, and I'll continue keeping residents nearby updated as the project progresses.



One of the highlights of recent weeks was joining pupils from **Springwood Heath Primary School on their visit to residents at Kingswood Manor Care Home**. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, kindness and confidence as they spent time chatting with residents over afternoon tea. The handmade gifts they had created for residents were a thoughtful touch, and the smiles they brought to everyone's faces were a reminder of the strong community spirit we have here in Springwood. My thanks go to the pupils, staff and everyone at Kingswood Manor for such a memorable afternoon.

I'm also pleased to share some great news for local families. Liverpool City Council has introduced **free swimming and gym memberships for all under-18s** at our Lifestyles centres. I was proud to support this as part of this year's Council budget because I know how important it is that young people have opportunities to stay healthy and active, without cost being a barrier. I hope many local families will make the most of this fantastic initiative.

Finally, I'm delighted to confirm that the hugely popular **Allerton Hall Crafters Market will return on Saturday 29 August**. Having worked with the Council's Markets team to bring this to our community, it's been fantastic to see them become such a well-supported fixture in the local calendar. With a great selection of independent traders, artisan food, handmade crafts and unique gifts, it's a wonderful opportunity to support local businesses while enjoying a day out in the beautiful surroundings of Allerton Hall. I hope to see many of you there.



As always, if you're a Springwood resident and there's anything you'd like to discuss, or if I can help with an issue in your neighbourhood, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below.

Best wishes,

Kimberley

Councillor Kimberley Berry
Springwood ward

P.S. Don't forget - You can follow me on Facebook. I'm often publicising useful information and community events, along with some of the work that I do here in Springwood.

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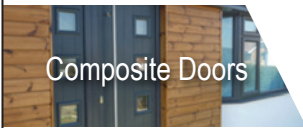
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We train and support community volunteers to give children something powerful – time, connection and joy – a shared love of books and the opportunity to dream. By spending time each week, building relationships that go far beyond the pages of a book, our reading helpers follow the child's pace, share laughter, listen deeply, and create a space where children choose to read and build essential skills for a brighter future.

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All our partner schools receive a starter pack of Beanstalk Brilliant Books so our volunteers can introduce children to a wide variety of engaging resources and help each child to find and explore their own identity as a reader.

We believe every child deserves the magic of books and the opportunity of a bright future but we need volunteers to join us in order to reach those children.

Amy Lewis, Head of Coram Beanstalk: "Reading is such a fundamental skill for children to develop during their early years, but children who find it a struggle and don't have an adult to read with on a regular basis can start to fall behind their peers, which can lead to a loss of confidence and reading enjoyment. Evidence shows, that when children not only can read but choose to read, they not only achieve more academically across the whole curriculum, but they also benefit from improved well-being and go on to experience greater success in life.

And that's where Coram Beanstalk reading helpers can really make a difference. We need to fill vacancies in settings locally, especially in the L25 Woolton postcode area of Liverpool and we can only reach more children by recruiting new reading helpers. Each volunteer will receive training and will support on average three children for 20-30 minutes, at least once a week. It really is such a fulfilling and meaningful volunteering role which transforms lives, so please get in touch today if you think you can help."

Quote from one of our reading helpers: "I had no idea how much it would come to mean to me, literally the best thing I have ever done (after a long career with various good causes). I think the children are truly amazing and I look forward to seeing them each week. It's always such a joy to see them grow in confidence and discover that books can be fun and enjoyable!" If you would be interested in becoming a reading helper in a local school, please visit our website for more information www.corambeanstalk.org.uk or call us on 020 7729 4087.





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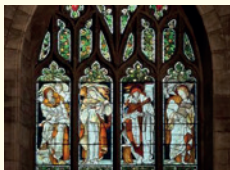
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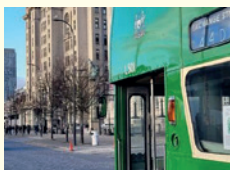
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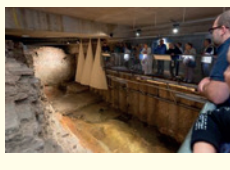
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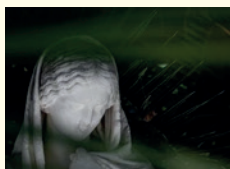
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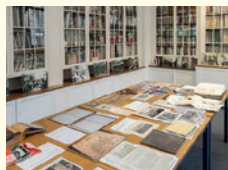
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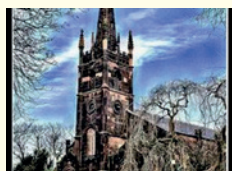
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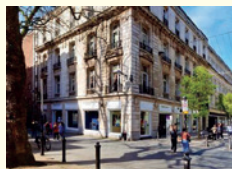
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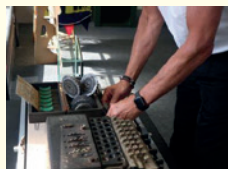
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Thousands of people have passed beneath Picton Road Railway Bridge but few realise that they were walking passed one of the oldest Wavertree landmarks.

Standing unobtrusively alongside the road is a 165 year old granite drinking fountain, installed in 1860 to provide free, clean drinking water for the area's residents.

Now after more than a century and a half of serving the community the historic fountain is finally getting its recognition local historians believe it deserves.

Members of the Wavertree Society have finally unveiled a new green heritage plaque beside the fountain, ensuring the Victorian monuments story, and the man behind it, are preserved for future generations.

The fountain was one of dozens donated across Liverpool by businessman and philanthropist Charles Melly whose campaign provided many with free, clean drinking water and transformed the life for many of the city's poorest residents.

Melly had the idea of providing drinking water fountains across the city after visiting Geneva in 1852. He put the first one at the Princes Dock where he noticed Dockers, Sailors and local people had only waters from horse troughs or cheap beer to quench their thirst. Melly installed 40

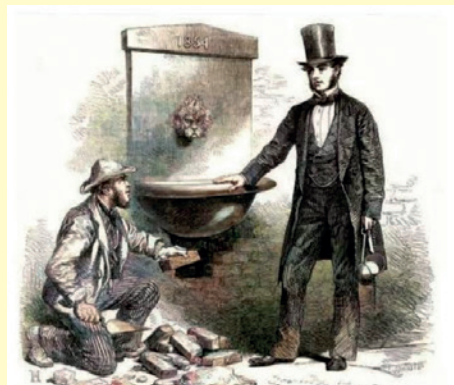
fountains each made from Aberdeenshire red granite and sculptured by the Alexander MacDonalld Company who also fashioned the Trafalgar square bases and tombs of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria.

Wavertree Society chairman Robert Zatz said the landmark is one of only a handful of Melly's original fountains still standing in the city today. There is currently only nine left in city and they were presented to various parts by philanthropist Charles Melly. This one in Wavertree has remained with us since 1860 and is in very good condition and one of the Wavertree Committee regularly cleans it. The Society has around 10 plaques on its historic buildings throughout Wavertree so we thought it would be a good idea to commemorate a plaque next to the drinking fountain.

To install the plaque the Society worked with Network Rail who owns the wall were the plaque is mounted next to the railway bridge. For Robert however, the plaque is far more than just marking an old structure it is fairly unique in the city and provides a link to the past for the poor people of Wavertree, where there was no fresh water. This was probably the only place for the people living in back to back houses could get clean drinking water. The link to the past is vitally important for people still living in the city. We hope people understand and celebrate that.

If we honour Charles Melly and what he did it might spark somebody to do something in the future.

Robert believes it is often the smaller easily overlooked pieces of history that reveal the most about the community. He said it's the smaller things, the little fountains and little houses and their historic value that give people an idea of people and place and that's one of the aims of The Wavertree Society. Next year will be our 50th Anniversary and we've always aimed to care for Wavertree's Past Present and Future.



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Meet the Manager: Woolton Grange

At Woolton Grange, a welcoming care home within the We Care Group family, compassionate leadership and a genuine commitment to residents' wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. Laura Madigan our Home Manager shares her journey into care and what makes Woolton Grange such a special place to live.

Having dedicated almost two decades to Woolton Grange, Laura knows the home, its residents, and its values better than most. Her career began at the age of 20 when she joined the team as a night carer. Through hard work, passion, and a commitment to delivering exceptional care, she progressed to Senior Carer, Deputy Manager, and ultimately became Registered Manager in 2018.

Woolton Grange has been a huge part of my life, & she explains that she has had the privilege of growing my career here while building lasting relationships with residents, families, and colleagues. Watching residents thrive and knowing you've made a difference to someone's day is incredibly rewarding. Her passion for care started long before her professional career. Inspired by her mothers work within the care sector and through volunteering in residential care homes during her school years, she quickly developed a deep appreciation for supporting older people. Those early experiences taught me the importance of kindness, patience, and treating every person as an individual. That's something that remains at the centre of my approach today.

When asked what makes Woolton Grange unique, the answer is immediate - The family atmosphere. As soon as you walk through the door, there's warmth that people notice straight away. We treat our residents as members of our extended family, ensuring they receive the love, respect, and personalised care they deserve. This commitment to patient-centred care begins from day one. Every resident is supported according to their individual needs, preferences, and life experiences, helping them maintain independence, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

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Under Laura's leadership, Woolton Grange continues to provide a caring, homely environment where residents can enjoy comfort, companionship, and the highest standards of care.

I'm incredibly proud of our team and the culture we've built together. We strive every day to create a home where people feel safe, valued, and happy. That's what Woolton Grange is all about

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BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

Birkenhead School Announces Free Transport for Liverpool Students

Travel to award-winning independent school made easy
Birkenhead School - named North West Independent Secondary School of the Year 2025 by The Sunday Times - has announced an exciting new initiative offering free transport for Liverpool-based students, making it easier than ever for families across the region to access its outstanding education.

Located just 15 minutes from Liverpool city centre, and with more families than ever from South Liverpool choosing Birkenhead School, the School is ensuring that families across the Mersey can easily access its exceptional education and wide-ranging opportunities.

Free transport on the School's bespoke bus services will be provided for all primary pupils for the duration of their primary education in Prep, ensuring a smooth and supportive start to their educational journey.

In addition, new entrants joining Birkenhead School into Seniors (Year 7 to Upper Sixth) will benefit from a year of free transport.

Currently, the School operates two dedicated bus services serving South Liverpool, offering a convenient and safe daily journey for pupils. With demand for places continuing to grow, this initiative further strengthens Birkenhead School's commitment to supporting Liverpool families and broadening access to its exceptional provision.

"More Liverpool families than ever are choosing Birkenhead School, drawn by our academic excellence, rich co-curricular offering, and strong community values," says Mr Paul Vicars, Headmaster. "By offering free transport, we're removing a barrier to joining our thriving School community. Average journey time for many of our existing students from South Liverpool is just over 30 minutes. We encourage families to come and join many of our existing families who use our bespoke Liverpool travel network each day. This initiative builds on our established provision and highlights our on-going commitment to accessibility and convenience." This initiative complements the School's ethos of providing accessible, values-driven education, combining academic rigour with personal development and exceptional opportunities - now with even greater convenience for Liverpool families.

The School is oversubscribed for Seniors entry, so families are encouraged to join in Prep or to attend the Seniors Assessment Days for Year 5 pupils held in June.

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OVERNIGHT CHAOS ON QUEENS DRIVE



Many residents contacted me to complain about the fact that contractors working on Queens Drive were working overnight, apparently without even informing residents that they were doing so. This work was undertaken without reference to me as the local councillor or even the council's engineering department who are responsible for the contract.

I'm pleased that I was able to stop the work taking place overnight after two nights and to receive a reassurance that no further night work will take place to disturb the peace. I'm also pleased that in the reply to my queries from the council which you can see below, the council has agreed that there are lessons that must be learned from this debacle to ensure that this does not happen again.

In the short term I will work with the council officers to ensure that this work which is causing major traffic problems in our area will be completed on time by the end of August and the increased pressure from school runs begins to kick in.

Response from the council to Councillor Richard Kemp

Thank you for your email and for highlighting the concerns that residents have raised regarding the works on Queens Drive. First and foremost, I would like to offer a sincere apology for the disruption, inconvenience and frustration that these works have caused, particularly as they have been taking place overnight. We fully appreciate the impact that this can have on local residents, including the disturbance to sleep and the understandable concerns that arise when significant works are undertaken outside of normal hours.

Having considered the issues raised, we will ensure that the works do not continue overnight. We recognise that, whilst it is sometimes necessary to undertake highway works outside of peak traffic periods, it is equally important that the impact on surrounding communities is carefully considered and managed.

We are also concerned by the reports that residents were not adequately informed in advance of the works but having looked into this, further letters were sent out to residents informing that works were going to be undertaken overnight. But I will speak to officers to review the circumstances surrounding the scheme and as part of this review, we will look at the communication processes that were followed, identify any shortcomings and consider what improvements are needed to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

The intention is to work collaboratively across the relevant teams to understand what happened, address the concerns that have been raised and ensure that future works are planned and communicated more effectively.

We recognise the importance of keeping residents informed about activities that may affect them and are committed to learning from this situation.

Thank you again for bringing these matters to our attention. Your feedback is appreciated and will help us improve both our communication and the way in which works of this nature are managed going forward.

A Wavertree woman has launched a community campaign to save the landmark Abbey Cinema amid concerns that the historic building could be lost to decay despite its protected status. Lydia Jane Alice, who lives locally, said she felt compelled to act after waking one Friday morning with the cinema on her mind

Lydia Jane Alice is on a mission to help bring life back into the Abbey Cinema

The moment prompted the 30-year-old to take a closer look at the building she passes every day on her way to work and to ask what could be done to give it a future.

The A-level history teacher said “I woke up recently with this gut feeling that I had to do something for our local cinema. I’ve always felt that it could be a real asset to the community. “It’s a bit of an eyesore now, but you can still see the original Art Deco façade. Given that it’s such an amazing and beautiful relic, I believe it’s something the community should be able to treasure.”

The Abbey Cinema, in Wavertree Village, opened in 1939 just 6 months before the outbreak of the Second World War, with seating for nearly 2,000 people and was designed by renowned Liverpool inter-war architect Sir Alfred Ernest Shennan, who also served as a leader of Liverpool City Council. The cinema quickly became one of the area’s most beloved entertainment venues, with the grand ‘picture palace’ pulling in visitors from all over the North West. Architecturally, the building represents an elegant and sophisticated example of the art deco ‘streamline moderne’ style, with its sweeping curves and originally opulent interiors. Particularly significant is its glazed, drum-shaped corner entrance, a moderne take on a circular castle tower, framed by a pair of smaller cylindrical turrets. The building became part of the fabric of the local community and has a particular connection to Liverpool’s musical heritage. John Lennon and George Harrison, who both lived nearby, are known to have visited the cinema as teenagers. The Abbey also features in Beatles history, appearing in the personal writings of members of the band and in the original lyrics of their 1966 song In My Life. The Abbey survived the Liverpool blitz and by the 1960’s had become the largest picture house in Liverpool, and the city’s only ‘super cinema’.

After closing as a cinema in 1979, the building was subsequently used as a bingo hall and snooker club before becoming a Co-op supermarket. The supermarket closed in 2020, leaving the building without a long-term use.

The future of the Abbey had already been the subject of controversy after supermarket chain Lidl acquired the site and proposed demolishing the cinema to make way for a new store of theirs.

A local campaign helped prevent the proposed demolition, with Historic England subsequently recognising the building’s architectural and historical importance and awarding it Grade II listed status.

Historic England described the Abbey as a “rare survivor from the 1930s heyday of cinema”; while listings adviser Sarah Charlesworth said she hoped a “sustainable new use” could be found for the building.

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Alice imagines a vibrant destination for local people, particularly the youth, incorporating independent businesses, food and entertainment.



She added: "I feel like there is a yearning for community again. With the social media ban, it would be lovely to have it as a hub for young people and a local entertainment space. It doesn't have to be a cinema, just a cool hangout place, maybe with independent businesses and a food hall."

Lydia moved to Wavertree with her husband in January 2020. She remembers visiting the building when it was still operating as a Co-op and says she was "fascinated" with it back then.

She added: "Nothing has happened in those six years. As it sits at the heart of Wavertree Village, it could become a real asset, not only for local residents but for the city as a whole."

LIDL supermarket chain responded to Alice & said it is "actively working to explore all avenues"

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However, six years on, Lydia says there is still uncertainty about what will happen to the site. In response to Lydia's effort, a spokesperson from Lidl has said "We understand the historical significance of the Wavertree site and remain committed to securing a long-term future for the location and the local community.

"We are actively working to explore all avenues and engage with local stakeholders to find a clear, viable solution for the property. We would like to thank the public for their continued support and passion for the site's heritage, and we look forward to sharing further updates as soon as formal progress is made."

Lidl said the site remains secure and subject to regular monitoring and maintenance as it continues to be actively marketed for sale. In May 2020 when Lidl acquired the building, the company said that subsequent specialist surveys revealed significant, structural degradation throughout the main frame, which has made any conversion of the listed building economically unviable. For Lydia, the concern is not simply about preserving an old building for the sake of it. She believes the Abbey could once again become an important community space, although she does not necessarily think it has to return to its original use as a cinema.

You can follow Lydia's Save the Abbey Liverpool campaign on Instagram and TikTok (@savetheabbeyliverpool).



THE FLOWERS OF HARTHILL & CALDERSTONES PARK

Although work on establishing the Nature Reserve, after saving the area from being developed for housing, started only six years ago, our remarkable nature archivist and photographer, Eliza, has recorded almost a hundred wild flower species now growing there [as well as 37 different bird species, 20 species of butterflies and moths, 32 different types of bees, flies, spiders and ants, 2 dragonflies and 15 types of fungi and slime moulds, together with numerous cultivated plants, ferns, shrubs and trees].

In this, and in our next article, we would like to introduce you to some of our wild flowers – their common and country names, the country remedies for which they were used, a little of their history and present day uses. Not all produce beautiful flowers, but all have their places in the English countryside and in our Nature Reserve.



LADY'S BEDSTRAW

Also known as Lady's Tresses. The frothy yellow flowers are honey-scented when fresh but smell of new-mown hay when dried. It used to be the custom to include the dried flowers in the stuffing of straw mattresses, especially for use by women about to give birth. The dried flowers were also used in potions for skin conditions, as a mild sedative and made into a soothing bath for tired feet.



SNOWDROP

One of the earliest signs of spring, the Snowdrop's country names include Mary's Tapers, February Fairmaids and – perhaps best known of all – Candlemas Bells, so called as their flowering coincides with the Christian festival of Candlemas [2 nd February], symbolising hope and renewal after the dark days of winter.



CORNCOCKLE

Known as Kiss-me-Quick, its purple flowers are furled like a flag before opening. Despite this being a poisonous plant, it was often used in folk medicine. Recent research suggests that it might also have anti-cancer and cholesterol-reducing properties.



CORN MARIGOLD

Also known as the Corn Daisy, its bright-yellow flowers are top producers of nectar and pollen, but this plant was a serious weed in cornfields. In 13th -Century Scotland, a farmer who allowed a single Corn Marigold to go to seed in his fields would be fined a sheep!



CORNFLOWER

Its country names include Bluebottle and Blavers. Fields full of the vibrant cornflower-blue flowers were a common sight up to WW1. The petals, which taste of cloves, are edible and are used as garnishes for salads, cakes and desserts. In traditional medicine, Cornflowers were used in herbal teas to soothe eye infections and as a general anti-inflammatory potion.

CLEAVERS

This well-known scrambling plant – famous for sticking to clothing – can grow over three metres in a season. Its many country names include Goosegrass, Catchweed, Sticky Willy, Stickleback and Robin-run-by-the-hedge. Cleavers were used as food for geese and chickens, and, combined with nettles, to make a drink like ginger beer. The tender new shoots can be eaten raw in salads or cooked in soups and stews.

Before the days of the widespread use of herbicides, cornfields were full of 'Cornfield Weeds' such as Corn-cockles, Cornflowers and Corn Marigolds.

To the farmers, these flowers were a menace as, if left amongst the harvested corn, they gave bread a bitter taste and could even be poisonous. Now, these lovely flowers grace uncultivated areas in the countryside and our Nature Reserve.

These are just a very few of the flowers of the Nature Reserve which give a spectacular, beautiful and traditional display from now throughout the summer.

We shall be describing more of our flowers in our next article, but, in the meantime, why not visit and see for yourself. We're open every Tuesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm and on various Open Days, including:
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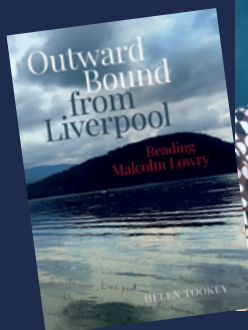
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You are invited to the book launch of *Outward Bound from Liverpool* by poet, writer and LJMU creative writing lecturer Helen Tookey.



Tuesday 8th September 2026
The Bluecoat, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX
6.00-7.30pm (pre-talk drinks from 5.30pm)
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Weaving together literary criticism, memoir and place-writing, the book takes the reader on an immersive journey through the landscapes – textual and geographical, remembered and reimagined – of Wirral-born novelist, poet and short-story writer Malcolm Lowry (1909–57). Moving through the various terrains of Lowry's life and work – Liverpool and the Wirral; Dollarton in British Columbia; the archive of his work; and the richly textured, symbolic landscapes of his writing itself – the book offers a compelling, lyrical and often moving account of a sustained engagement with a writer and what it can enable.

Outward Bound from Liverpool also pays tribute to the humour, beauty and passion of Lowry's writing, his deeply felt sense of place, and his prescient concern for the natural world. It explores how reading can change us and shows why Lowry is a writer still very much for today.

Helen will read from her book, and be in conversation with the Bluecoat's Director of Cultural Legacies, Bryan Biggs, with whom she collaborates on the arts centre's annual Lowry Lounge celebration of the writer.

Helen Tookey is Reader in Creative Writing at Liverpool John Moores University. She has published three collections of poetry with Carcanet Press: *Missel-Child* (2014), *City of Departures* (2019) and *In the Quaker Hotel* (2022). She is also the co-editor, with Bryan Biggs, of *Malcolm Lowry: From the Mersey to the World* (Liverpool UP, 2009) and *Remaking the Voyage: New Essays on Malcolm Lowry and In Ballast to the White Sea* (Liverpool UP, 2020).

Outward Bound from Liverpool: Reading Malcolm Lowry is published by Liverpool University Press, August 2026
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This event is presented by the Smithdown Litfest and RILCH (Research Institute for Literature and Cultural History at Liverpool John Moores University).

Programme of events 2026

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The hard work and determination of students at St Francis Xavier's Catholic Academy Sixth Form (SFX) in Woolton has been rewarded today (Thursday, 13 August) as they proudly received their A-level and BTEC results.

Students arrived at the sixth form early to share the pivotal moment with friends and families as they prepare to take the next steps towards university, apprenticeships, employment and further study.

There were plenty of smiles as students collected the envelopes containing their results, with staff on hand to provide advice and support as they plan for the opportunities ahead.

St Francis Xavier's Catholic Academy Sixth Form, which is proud to be part of St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust (SJC MAT), has seen a wide range of achievements across its sixth form this year, with students securing strong results in both A-level and BTEC courses.

This year's results include 85 per cent of A-level students heading to university, of which 60 per cent are heading to their first choice, with 62 per cent of A-level students achieving grades A* to C, 94 per cent achieving A* to E, and 74 per cent of BTEC students securing Distinction to Merit grades. Heading to the University of Liverpool is Zak Mainwaring, who achieved A*, A*, A in geography, history, and religious studies and will be studying law.

Zak said: "I am absolutely buzzing with my results and so excited for my future. Thank you to all the staff at SFX who have supported and challenged me over the years to succeed as I have."

Teddy Watson, who received A, B, B in geography, chemistry, biology, will be studying medicinal chemistry.

Teddy commented: "All the hard work has paid off for me and I am delighted. I would like to thank the teachers at SFX who really pushed me to achieve what I have."

Aiden Barnett, who received C, C, D in history, criminology, and religious studies, has secured an apprenticeship with Tesco.

Fellow student, Paddy Donnelly, who achieved D, C, Merit in biology, religious studies and music, is now progressing to St Helen's College to study music production.

Paddy said: "I've overcome some challenges, and I am really happy with my results; I am now going on to study my passion for music further. I am grateful to the teachers at SFX who have supported me."

Jacob McGregor secured Distinction*, C, C in business, history and criminology, and is following his preferred pathway into quantity surveying.

Jacob commented: "I am very happy that my hard work and efforts have paid off, and I am looking forward to my future."

St Francis Xavier's Catholic Academy Sixth Form provides a supportive and ambitious environment where students are encouraged to achieve their full potential, guided by the school's mission statement, 'Life in all its fullness'. Alongside a variety of A-level and vocational courses, students benefit from dedicated pastoral support, excellent facilities, and a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Oxbridge preparation, volunteering and apprenticeship workshops.

Miss Kelly Arends, head of sixth form, commented: "This morning has been a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements of our students and recognise the effort they have put in over the

past two years. Our students have embraced the opportunities available to them, supported one another and shown great ambition for the future. We are delighted to see them rewarded for their hard work and look forward to seeing all they go on to achieve."

Mr David Hayes, headteacher of St Francis Xavier's Catholic Academy, said: "Congratulations to all of our Xaverians today. They should be incredibly proud of the results they have worked so hard to achieve, and I would like to thank our dedicated staff and families for the support they have given them along the way.

"At SFX, we believe in helping every young person to flourish. Together, we inspire 'life in all its fullness', and it has been wonderful to see our students grow in faith, integrity, ambition and respect. On behalf of everyone at the academy and sixth form, our governors and the wider SJC MAT family, we wish them all every success for the future."

St Francis Xavier's Catholic Academy (SFX) is an 11-18 school located in Woolton, Liverpool, which boasts a rich and vibrant history. It was founded in 1842 by the Society of Jesus. As a Catholic academy, it is driven by the mission to 'inspire life in all its fullness', and its FAIR values of 'Faith', 'Ambition', 'Integrity' and 'Respect'.

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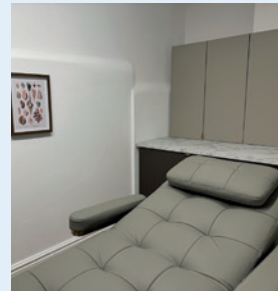
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Our events are as varied as ever. Our Summer Garden Party included a chance to try Crown Green Bowling as well as enjoy our picnics.

An interesting visit to the Western Approaches museum was followed by lunch in the city centre.

After a talk and demonstration about Making Pickles, most members went home with preserves ready for Christmas. We rounded off 2025 visits with a successful coach trip to Bakewell Christmas Market.

Other activities include our supper club and lunch club which take place regularly, as well as our traditional Christmas Dinner. These provide more chance to socialise as well as to try different types of restaurants locally.

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MSB Woolton FC

MSB Woolton F.C. is an English association football club based in Woolton, a suburb of Liverpool, Merseyside, recognized as the largest grassroots football club in the United Kingdom. With roots tracing back to 1930 as Woolton Boys' Club and a modern formation in 1994, the club operates over 230 teams - including youth squads from under-6 to under-21 levels for both boys and girls, seven senior teams (six men & one women's), and a veterans team - serving more than 2,400 players and supported by over 400 volunteers.

Their first team competes in the North West Counties Football League First Division North, having joined the league for the 2025/26 season after winning the Liverpool County Premier League in 2022/23 and 2024/25. The club emphasizes community engagement and player development, generating an estimated £5.5 million in annual social value by reaching around 30,000 community members through its programs, which contribute to health benefits, reduced youth crime, and local economic impact. Affiliated with the Liverpool FA and holding FA Charter Standard Community Club status, MSB Woolton has been awarded Club of the Year in 2014 and 2024, and partners with Nike as an official club.

History-Origins and formation

The origins of MSB Woolton F.C. can be traced to the 1930s, when local youth football initiatives in Woolton, South Liverpool, were spearheaded by the Woolton Boys' Club, a community organization aimed at engaging young boys through sports and social activities. This early entity, supported by figures such as the local school headmaster, town councillors, and the Reverend Rector of Woolton, established strong ties to the area by providing accessible football opportunities amid pre-World War II efforts to promote youth development in working-class neighbourhoods. The club's heritage reflects broader pre-WWII initiatives in Liverpool, including the acquisition of playing fields in Woolton by 1925 for boys' clubs, which laid the groundwork for organized local football. The modern club was officially formed in 1994 as Woolton Youth Centre F.C., evolving from the loosely affiliated junior teams that had operated out of the Woolton Youth Club since the post-war era.

Initially, these teams functioned without a formalized senior structure, emphasizing community involvement and grassroots participation over competitive hierarchies, with management handled informally by a committee of team leaders. This formation marked a pivotal step in consolidating the club's community-focused mission, building directly on the 1930s foundations to serve South Liverpool's youth.

Development and restructuring

In the early 2000s, MSB Woolton F.C. underwent significant restructuring to manage its rapid expansion from loosely affiliated youth teams operating under the name Woolton Youth Centre FC. A general meeting led to the election of a formal committee, the establishment of a constitution, and the adoption of codes of practice for players, coaches, parents, and spectators, with all managers and coaches required to achieve at least FA Level 1 qualification. This process, which took several years due to the growing number of teams, culminated in the club's application to the Football Association (FA) by 2005, resulting in the award of FA Charter Standard Development Club status that year. By 2010, the club had advanced to achieve FA Charter Standard Community Club status, the highest level in the FAs development pathway for multi-team organizations providing high-quality social, training, and playing opportunities, with a particular emphasis on creating structured youth-to-senior player pathways. This recognition underscored the club's commitment to formalizing connections between its junior sections and emerging senior teams, fostering progression for young players into competitive adult football. Following this milestone, the club articulated ambi-



tions to elevate its men's senior team to the North West Counties League, enabling better opportunities for player development and integration from youth ranks. The early development of the senior teams involved their entry into regional competitive leagues, with the establishment of multiple adult sides by the early 2010s to support the pathway goals.

By 2014, the club had been named Liverpool County FA's Charter Standard Community Club of the Year, reflecting its progress in senior integration alongside junior growth. This period marked the emergence of MSB Woolton as a major grassroots club, with team numbers increasing to over 150 by the mid-2010s and player participation exceeding 3,000, supported by around 270 volunteer coaches.

Recent promotions and challenges

The senior team of MSB Woolton F.C. entered competitive league football in the 2014-15 seasons, joining the Liverpool County Premier Leagues Second Division as simply Woolton. They secured promotion that year and followed it with another elevation to the Premier Division in 2015-16, marking successive advancements within the Liverpool County structure. In 2016, following these early successes, the team adopted the name MSB Woolton, reflecting the club's sponsorship and community ties. Building on this foundation, the team established itself in the Premier Division, achieving its first major senior success by clinching the 2022-23 championship with 19 wins from 24 matches.

In the 2024-25 season MSB Woolton captured the Premier Division title once more, finishing with 17 wins, 3 draws, and 2 losses to earn promotion to the North West Counties League Division One North for the 2025/26 season. This step up to Step 6 of the non-league pyramid, as of the 2025/6 seasons, highlighted the culmination of a decade-long progression from grassroots origins.

Teams and player pathways

MSB Woolton F.C. operates an extensive team structure encompassing over 250 teams across junior, senior, and veterans levels, involving more than 2,400 players and supported by over 400 volunteers. The club self-describes as one of the largest grassroots football organizations in the UK, with a strong emphasis on inclusivity and development from an early age. The club's youth setup includes boys and girls squads ranging from Under-6 to Under-21, with training sessions commencing at age 4 on Saturday mornings at Camp Hill.

These teams provide foundational coaching focused on skill-building, teamwork, and enjoyment, adhering to FA Charter Standard guidelines to ensure safe and progressive environments. At the senior level, MSB Woolton fields six men's teams, including the first team competing in the



North West Counties Football League (NWCFL), two women's teams, and one veterans team, all participating in their respective premier divisions. This structure allows for competitive opportunities across age groups while maintaining high standards of play. Player pathways are designed to facilitate seamless progression from youth academies to adult football, with the ambition to elevate teams into Step 6 of the England Football Pyramid for smoother transitions. Supported by a Nike partnership for kit and resources, as well as involvement in the FA Club Leaders Programme, the club prioritizes sustainable development, coaching quality, and long-term player retention to bridge junior and senior levels effectively. Over the last 12 months MSB Woolton has also set up a disability football section which is run by Colin Windrow and Phil Wasley and operated in conjunction with The Walton Lea Partnership.

Governance and community impact

The clubs 1st team governance is led by chairman David Woods, with key committee members including manager Mike Harvey, secretary Andy Scregg, and directors such as Keith Glover, Christopher Leahy, and Colin Windrow. Supporting roles encompass coaches like, Gary Hearn, Adam Leadbetter, and Adam Scregg.

It also has a successful reserve team competing within The Liverpool County Premier League and managed by Phil Wasley, Jay Maguire and Kev Sheahan. The reserve team is the first port of call for players looking to progress to step 6 football.

The club generates significant community impact, producing £5.5 million in annual social value and reaching approximately 30,000 community members through its programmes. Among its contributions, youth initiatives yield £1.2 million in combined social and economic value via health and crime savings, while adult programmes deliver £658,000 in similar benefits.

As one of the largest grassroots football clubs in the UK, with more than 2,400 players across over 230 teams and over 400 volunteers, MSB Woolton emphasizes inclusivity for all ages and genders, fostering broad participation in South Liverpool. The clubs vision prioritizes sustaining an enjoyable environment for players, promoting respect and fair play among all members, and ensuring long-term viability through volunteer support and community programmes.

Facilities

Training and youth grounds MSB Woolton F.C. primarily conducts its training and youth development activities at two key sites in Woolton, South Liverpool: Camp Hill and the Simpson Ground. These grounds function as the central hubs for the clubs extensive youth programmes, accommo-

dating over 230 teams across various age groups and genders. They support daily operations focused on grassroots football, including skill development, matches, and community engagement for more than 2,400 players starting from age four. MSB Woolton has over 400 volunteers in coaching and administration, ensuring comprehensive support for player growth. The clubs commitment has earned it FA Club of the Year awards in 2014 and 2024, underscoring their importance in promoting inclusive football.

Senior match venue

The senior men's team of MSB Woolton F.C. plays its home matches at Simpsons Hub on Hillfoot road. Admission for the 2026/27 season is priced at £6 for adults and £4 for concessions, with match day programmes available for £2.

League titles

MSB Woolton F.C.s senior team has secured three championships in the Liverpool County Premier League Premier Division since adopting their current name in 2016, marking significant milestones in their ascent through the English football pyramid. The first victory came in the 2022 - 23 season, representing the clubs inaugural major senior title. This success solidified their position within the Premier Division and laid the groundwork for sustained competitiveness at Step 7 of the non-league system. The team won the title again in the 2023/24 season but were unable to secure promotion due to ground-grading issues. Building on these achievements, they clinched the title for a third time in the 2024/25 season, earning promotion to the North West Counties Football League Division One North for the 2025/26 campaign.

Cups and other awards

MSB Woolton F.C.s senior team has achieved success in regional cup competitions, notably winning the Zingari Cup in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 seasons, which are organized by the Liverpool County Football Association for Premier Division clubs. These victories highlight the team's competitive prowess in knockout formats, complementing their league performances.

Beyond on-field triumphs, the club has received prestigious accolades recognizing its broader contributions. It was named Liverpool County FA Club of the Year in both 2014 and 2024, honours that celebrate its excellence in grassroots football operations and community involvement. In 2010, MSB Woolton attained FA Charter Standard Community Club status, an accreditation maintained to the present day, affirming high standards in coaching, safeguarding, and inclusive participation. These awards emphasize the clubs pivotal role in youth development and community engagement, extending its impact far beyond senior-level play by fostering accessible football programs for over 2,400 young players across numerous teams.



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