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Hello & Welcome...

Hello and Welcome to South Liverpool Times June edition 2026 - Issue 21.

Margaret's Publishing has been established over 24 Years.

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

Great News that Mossley Hill are planning a 2nd show in Summer - watch for further details -all coming soon.

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, also I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our LOYAL businesses, again for their tremendous support by choosing to advertise with us or producing fantastic articles last year for all my magazines which we all enjoy reading.

We have had a lot going on since we last spoke in April with new businesses and events popping up everywhere - I can't believe were now into April ! 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 on the horizon why not treat yourself and your loved ones.

Great news that we have a new business team in the Wavertree Town Hall which reopened its doors on April 17, with the feel of an "old school pub" downstairs with a restaurant, bar and function space intended to breathe new life into the historic building.

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 are ready to 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 a Small Plates Menu as well as a florist /Vintage and many more - well worth a visit. Lastly Cheese Cellar from Garston has opened its doors on Allerton Road with their Deli & coffee shop also Cheese and Wine Evenings, well worth a visit. I'll close now take care, now and hope you all keep safe and healthy and let's hope the sunshine returns.

Regards, Margaret

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An update from Paula Barker MP

Member of Parliament for Liverpool Wavertree



As ever it has been another incredibly busy month for me and my team, helping my constituents here in Liverpool Wavertree and making sure their voices and concerns are heard in parliament.

This month, I had the pleasure of welcoming Ian, the newly appointed Chair of Fairfield West and Newsham Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board, to the House of Commons. We joined a meeting bringing together Pride in Place Chairs from across England to discuss how we can make the most of the £20 million funding allocated to Fairfield West and Newsham.

I'm genuinely excited to start working with Ian as we begin recruiting members for the board and developing a plan to engage with the local community. Keep an eye on my social media channels for updates on how to apply to join the board in the coming weeks.

Last month, I spoke in Parliament about the urgent need to support our incredible small businesses, which form the backbone of our communities. With rising costs and business rates, many wonderful small businesses here in Liverpool, and across the country, are struggling. We must do everything we can to ease the pressure and help our local businesses thrive.

Another area I raised in Parliament is the need for more comprehensive support for young people. While I welcome the governments new investment in training, skills, and employment opportunities, many young people continue to face complex barriers to work, particularly those with disabilities or those leaving care. We need guaranteed funding for smaller community organisations that support these young people, helping them find jobs where they can thrive and succeed.

I also spoke about the urgent need for radical reform of our student loan system. No young person should finish further education only to find that the debt they have accrued grows faster than they can repay it.

Following last month's scorching weather, I have put on record my strong support for the Independent Committee

on Climate Change's call for the government to introduce a maximum temperature for workplaces.

No one should have to work in unsafe conditions, and it's vital we acknowledge the everyday risks posed by the climate crisis.

This month, I will also be hosting the launch of this year's Women's Rough Sleeping Census.

Women are under-represented in rough sleeping statistics and provision, yet research, lived experience, and service feedback show that they are among the most vulnerable in the rough sleeping population. The Women's Rough Sleeping Census aims to gather more comprehensive data on women experiencing rough sleeping and to trial new methods of data collection. It also seeks to improve support and provision for women experiencing hidden homelessness, working directly with service and outreach teams to develop gender-informed practices. Data is collected through a survey conducted across a week in September, engaging with women who experience rough sleeping, alongside borough-wide data collection and discussion meetings.

Since 2022, more than 3,000 women across England have shared their experiences of recent rough sleeping through the Women's Rough Sleeping Census. This is vital, as without understanding the full scale and nature of the problem, how can we ever hope to solve it.

As previously mentioned, I hold regular constituency surgeries. Each week I met with constituents to discuss their concerns.

If you'd like to schedule an appointment, please contact me at paula.barker.mp@parliament.uk.

My office is committed to supporting local residents. If you or your community have any issues you'd like to address, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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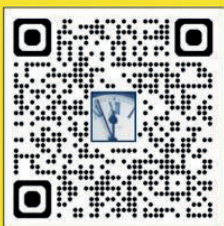
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E-Scooters, E-Bikes the hidden dangers on our roads and pavements

Mike Storey

Walk down any street in Britain and you will see them. E-scooters and e-bikes weaving through traffic, along pavements, past pedestrians. Most people assume they must be legal. Many are not, and people are getting hurt as a result.

Last October, Sandy Peters was walking on a pavement in south London with her son on his birthday when a hire e-bike hit her at full speed. Her face went into a brick wall. She spent seven days in hospital and still lives with PTSD, facing a £10,000 dental bill she has no way of recovering, because the company that hired out the bike carries no rider liability insurance. The rider was under sixteen and should never have been allowed near one of their bikes, but the age checks had failed and the law required none of it. There was nobody to hold responsible. There still isn't.

Sandy Peters got to go home. Gloria Stephenson never did. She was eighty-six, crossing on a zebra crossing in Sunderland and walking her daughter's dog, when a teenager on an illegal, defective e-bike hit her at speed. He was over the cannabis limit and holding his phone in his left hand, the only hand connected to a working brake. He did not slow down and Gloria died at the scene. She was a mother of four, grandmother of thirteen, great-grandmother of five, vital and vivacious, her family said, until the day she was killed. She is irreplaceable. The rider was jailed for nearly seven years, and that is justice of a kind. But it is not prevention.

These are not freak accidents. They are the predictable consequence of a political decision to do nothing. Hire e-bikes are heavier and faster than ordinary bicycles, regularly ridden by people with no experience, and the law treats them like any other bike. Councils hand out licences and ask no questions about insurance, so a child can ride one onto a pavement, injure someone for life, and nobody is legally responsible. Ministers have known this for years. They have chosen to act as though it is somebody else's problem.

Mike Storey pictured with an e scooter left in the middle of the pavement on Chelwood Avenue.



And the danger does not stop on the street. Lithium-ion battery failures in e-bikes and e-scooters are killing people in their own homes, while devices sit charging in bedrooms and hallways. This is not a road safety problem.

It is a product safety crisis, and it is being ignored.

Meanwhile the police are left to manage the consequences with rules that do not work and resources that have been cut to the bone. They cannot fix this. Only government can, and so far it has chosen not to.

Rider liability insurance must be mandatory; safety standards must have teeth.

Hired e scooters when finished with should not just be left to be abandoned anywhere. They cause problems for elderly and disabled pedestrians and those in wheel chairs or parents pushing a pram or buggy. The operating companies should provide returning bays.

Finally, pedestrian areas should be e bike or scooter free and no operator should be able to hand out bikes on our streets without meeting them.



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This April, I took a weekend break to the city of Krakow. It is truly a beautiful city, one of the loveliest places I've been privileged to visit. It struck me as a city that's proud of its heritage, a place with an artistic soul, a place delighting in literature, music and architecture.

It is also a bare forty minutes' drive away from one of the darkest places in world history: Auschwitz, where Hitler's 'final solution' to what the Nazis called the 'Jewish problem' led to the deaths of one million Jews along with around 120,000 people of other faiths or nationalities.

From the moment when you walk through the infamous gate, with its terrible lie 'Arbeit Macht Frei' (*work will make you free*) beaten into an iron arch above you, there is an appalling silence, a feeling of horror and disbelief that any group of people could be responsible for perpetrating this dreadful crime. You are shocked by the extent of this camp: we walked for a long time around Auschwitz labour camp first, then on to Birkenau, where the gas chambers and furnaces were mostly situated.

We walked through the dormitories where human beings had been crammed together, lice-ridden, emaciated, hollow-eyed, and hopeless. We walked through rooms full of photographs of the earliest prisoners, taken by the Nazis in a hypocritical attempt to convince their victims that they were there to carry out forced labour. And we walked through a room with glass cases filled with the possessions confiscated by the guards - only a tiny part of the total confiscated, the rest having been sent out to factories and for re-sale: shaved hair which would be sold to stuff mattresses; prosthetic legs, false teeth, spectacles which would be sold to support Hitler's war effort; the shoes of thousands of people, both young and old, some pathetically tiny; and thousands of small suitcases, marked still with the names of the families who had been permitted to bring only that much with them, only to have them wrenched from their hands as they descended from the cattle wagon trains.

Why am I labouring this point, in all its nightmarish detail (*and I have limited the details, not wallowed in them*)? Well, when our tour was over - a tour conducted for a group of silent, stunned visitors - our guide told us, "It is right that you should be

appalled by all that you have seen here today. It is right that we preserve this place, so that such atrocities are not forgotten, in the hope that we will learn. But I wish to tell you that the Russian forces which liberated Auschwitz then perpetrated the same kind of torture and torment on the people of Poland until we were liberated from them."

And that's why I'm telling you this. Yes, Krakow is a beautiful city; but it has been a location of man's inhumanity to man over and over again. Scratch the surface, and you confront the memory of long oppression and violence. Visit any one of the restored synagogues there and alongside the beauty of their interiors, you will see rebuilt walls containing the shards of gravestones smashed by the invading Nazi forces. They stand side by side in this city: beauty and grief.

Poland is still recovering from the deprivation caused by repeated invasion and occupation, yet its people are welcoming, happy to see you in their cities. In a lovely café in the Jewish quarter, we stopped for a delicious lunch amongst people reading at their tables, amongst the shelves containing books, menorah and musical instruments.

Nowhere did we meet with negativity or resentment: this nation smiles despite all it has undergone, shows love and is honoured to stand as a warning of what can happen when extremism is allowed to go unchecked.

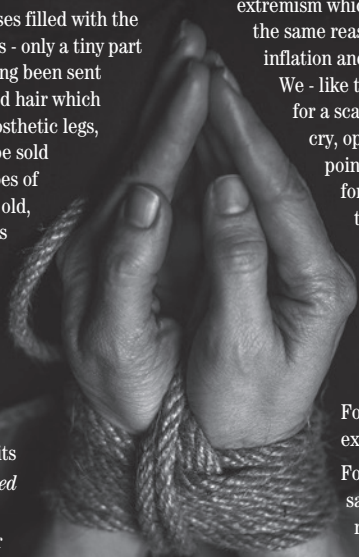
Today, here in Britain, we teeter on the brink of that same extremism which once swept across Europe, and for the same reasons: economic hardship, job shortages, inflation and all the other problems we currently face.

We - like the Germans in the 1930s - are looking for a scapegoat. Someone must be to blame, we cry, opening the doors for our own extremists to point fingers of suspicion and loathing. God forbid that we should ever find ourselves in the same frenzy of anti-any-other-group that once caused the deaths of millions and changed the face of our world forever. God cries for peace, for all people to live together in harmony and love. He does not single out anyone as deserving of these things, nor does he condemn.

For the love of all creation, can we follow his example?

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SPRINGWOOD WARD

 Springwood Councillor - Kimberley Berry



Dear Residents,

With spring now in full swing and the lighter evenings finally here, it's a great time to enjoy the green spaces that make Springwood ward such a special place to live. I wanted to share some of the progress I've been delivering locally, along with something to look forward to later this month.

Many of you will have seen the ongoing improvements at the **Pony Fields**, and it's been fantastic to see this space really come to life. This open meadow links through to Simpson Ground, Eric Hardy Nature Reserve and Clarke Gardens, creating an important natural corridor right in the heart of the ward. I've worked with the Council's Parks team to secure new fencing and improved access points, making the area safer, more accessible and more welcoming.

I've also been focused on enhancing this lovely, natural space. 20 new trees have recently been planted on the site, including wild cherry, hazel and English oak, which will mature over the years ahead. In addition to this, I've been out sowing high-growing wildflowers like cosmos and zinnia along the Woolton Road border — so keep an eye out as they begin to bloom. It's a lovely natural space where you can regularly spot wildlife, including birds of prey such as buzzards.



I was incredibly proud to accompany members of the School Council from **Springwood Heath Primary School** on their visit to the Lord Mayor of Liverpool at the Town Hall. They represented their school and our community brilliantly — showing confidence, curiosity and excellent manners throughout. They asked thoughtful questions and made the most of the opportunity to learn more about the role of the Lord Mayor, while sharing their own ideas about how young people can make a positive difference locally.

Looking ahead, I'm delighted to confirm that the **Allerton Hall Farmer's Market** will return on **Saturday 30 May**, (in the usual location outside Pub in the Park, between 11am and 4pm). I've worked closely with the Council's Markets team to bring it back, building on the success of previous events. This will be the 12th time I've arranged for the market to return, with a wide range of stalls offering fresh produce, baked goods and artisan products in the beautiful surroundings of Allerton Hall.



If you're a **Springwood ward** resident and would like to chat about any of this, or any other matters that may be on your mind please, do not hesitate to contact me via my details below — your feedback can help shape my next steps and what happens down your road.

Best wishes,

Kimberley

Councillor Kimberley Berry
Springwood ward

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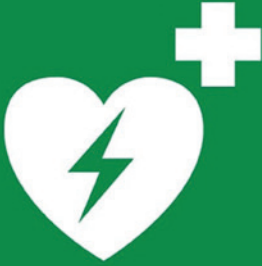
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A big thank you to the Good Gym who joined us on the day and to all the local businesses who have helped with providing water for the planters when the weather was so hot. Thank you also to our volunteers who continue to go out regularly during their own time to litter pick, and to volunteer Adrian for clearing Garmoyle Garden for a story telling event there recently.

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We need dirty & dangerous jobs!

Article by Richard Kemp

Pop star Sting has suggested that the lack of manual jobs is one of the causes of disaffected young men becoming toxic for the rest society. I think he has hit the nail on the head.

Of course, there are a lot of causes of toxic young men but the lack of suitable employment, which is hard, physical, and ‘manly’, is one of them.

Others include social media and a decline in many families of cohesion and concern for their children.

In the 1980s I worked in three depressed areas with high unemployment. In the case of Doncaster and Barnsley it was caused by the closure of the pits. In Hull it was caused by a loss in jobs in the trawlers. Although the job losses came about very quickly, they had been inevitable. The coal was running out after more than 100 years extraction. The trawling fleets had been under attack from regulations and international competition for years.

In both cases they were hard, dangerous, and smelly jobs in which men could use their strength and bond with each other. In many ways they were closed shops for insiders. You finished school on Friday, and on the Monday followed your Dad into the pit or onto the trawlers. In the case of the pits many of the families lived in pit villages these were jobs that required discipline and team work. People were proud of working in these conditions.

Their dads and peer groups ensured discipline and a sense of community. And perhaps just as importantly when you got home from work you were too tired to do more than have a couple of pints at the club and go home!

In fact, there was a huge element in manual job losses across industry. Men who could work complex lathes were replaced by even more complex lathe operatives which in some cases needed a degree. The men who used pneumatic drills were replaced by £million machines that would strip the road surface whilst another big machine re-laid it. That knocked out the big steam rollers and those who used them and those that used wheel barrow and rake.

All this was done in the cause of saving money, but the question needs to be asked, “How much was really saved by these measures?” My belief is that these so-called savings are a public sector mirage with expenditure being moved from service delivery to benefit provision. In other words, we understood the cost of everything but the value of nothing.

So, could I really be suggesting that we knock out some of the ‘kit’ and create dirty, unpleasant jobs that enhanced the concept of ‘masculinity’? The answer is, “Yes I am” or at least I think that we should be considering the types of employment available and adjust the way that the public sector procures services.

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WAVERTREE GARDEN SUBURB NEWS...

A GIFT FROM AN OLD NEIGHBOUR

A previous resident of the Garden Suburb, Pat Moffat, who now lives in Dover, has kindly donated the cost of one of the new trees to the Garden Suburb in Bloom group. Pat lived at 275 Thingwall Road from 1935 till 1971 and has many fond memories of her time there. As the group have already funded a tree outside number 275, Pat's donation will be put towards another tree - maybe one of the ones identified for the next phase of planting.

UPDATE ON PLANTING

Until now, the focus has been replacing trees on Thingwall Road but losses caused by age and disease have also affected Nook Rise and Southway. With that in mind, a group of residents met with Keith from the Council's tree department to discuss whether replacement trees could be planted in those roads. He identified some problems with narrow verges and existing tree stumps which would have to be removed but thought we would be able to plant 6 trees in the next phase. Julie Fadden, our Councillor has promised to see what she can do to fund some of these. Watch this space!

NETWORK RAIL TREE WORKS - A CHAINSAW MASSACRE!

In early April The Society was contacted by concerned members and others about the extensive works being carried out by Network Rail on the embankment that runs along the east side of The Mystery park.

The Society already had been told and been made aware by Network Rail that some works were going ahead and we were not concerned.

Network Rail said: "The project will involve keeping immediate trackside areas clear of vegetation and removing or reducing any trees on railway land that are within striking distance of the track and therefore posing a hazard to passing trains."

It is now clear that the extent of the works went far beyond what Network Rail suggested in their communication, with many dozens of mature trees falling victim to the chainsaw.

Whilst we understand the need for maintenance and judicious pruning, we are disappointed at the extent of the work - especially as we had previously been told that tree-works should not take place after March due to the nesting season for birds and other wildlife.

We have written to Network Rail to express our concerns and point out that lack of regular low-level pruning has resulted in this damaging situation for the park's appearance, harming its natural habitat and public enjoyment. However, as the work has now been done, we are not hopeful of any meaningful response.

FRIENDS AT LOVE WAVERTREE

The difference we make, why we volunteer for Love Wavertree - can you too?

With rising costs, global uncertainty and everyday frustrations, life can feel overwhelming. But there are ways to make things better- and together we can. Love Wavertree CIC was founded in 2019 to challenge negative perceptions of the area after it was described as a declining high street. Since then, it has grown into a thriving community initiative. In 2020, it took over the charity shop at 203 Picton Road, now known as the ReLoved Shop. Run by dedicated volunteers, the shop is more than a place to find a bargain. It's a welcoming space for conversation, connection and support.

Volunteer Yves values the chance to break from routine and meet people he'd never otherwise encounter. Director Graham highlights the impact of small actions - like helping someone afford a school uniform. For Bethan, volunteering is about shared responsibility and feeling part of the community. Beyond the shop, Love Wavertree has organised Car Free Days, numerous litter picks, Christmas events, film screenings, literary activities and more - bringing opportunities to the area that might not otherwise exist. All of this is powered by volunteers, and more help is always needed. Even an hour every couple of weeks can make a real difference. Volunteer Lorraine supports events such as pre-loved fashion shows and prom dress initiatives with local schools. This year, eleven students found dresses they could afford. "Seeing young people feel confident and included, regardless of cost, is incredibly moving," she says. Her aim, she explains, is simple: to remove barriers, create opportunities, and help people feel included. If you'd like to give your time - or donate items such as pre-loved prom dresses visit the shop or email lovewavertree@gmail.com.



HAUNTED BOOKCLUB Something a bit different is coming to the Lock-Up this summer. Childwall-based horror author John Reppion and Lancashire storyteller Gav Cross are bringing their Haunted Book Club podcast live to The Wavertree Lock-Up. The Haunted Book Club is a perfectly contained evening for the lovers of the spooky tale. The format: a story, the deeper details and then the conversation.

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WAVERTREE SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

2027 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of The Wavertree Society. We are planning anniversary celebrations including a reflection back on what The Wavertree Society - with your support - have achieved over the past 50 years. We would like to invite members to submit their suggestions to the Society for events or activities that we could use to celebrate.

WAVERTREE AND THE SOCIETY'S WORK.

We are exploring a funding bid to the National Lottery Heritage or Community Fund to see if we can secure some funding to help support our activities. One idea already suggested is a campaign to lobby the Council to fix the clock-tower...

TIME TO FIX THE PICTON CLOCK

One of the most frequent types of email we receive is asking the question: 'When will the Picton Clock be fixed?' Since at least 2021 the clock has been broken and we have not been slack in trying to encourage the Council to do something about it. We have been told that one of the issues is that the internal staircase to fix the clock mechanism is unsafe and cannot be used. Whilst we accept that fact, we do not see why an alternative solution, such as a ladder, cannot be used. Given the lack of action by the Council, we now think the time is right to start a publicity campaign, calling on the people of Wavertree to make their voice heard - watch this space.

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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.

From September, 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.

For more information about Birkenhead School, admissions, and transport routes, please visit www.birkenheadschoo.co.uk



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We opened our first venue on Smithdown Road back in 2017 and over the past 9 years it's grown and evolved into a great place for good beer and even better vibes! We now have Black Cat currently on 3 venues- Smithdown Road, Rose Lane and Parr Street in the city centre.

All our venues are welcoming, inclusive space for everyone, Black Cat has had some great nights at Smithdown, and the most relaxing sun soaked afternoons at Rose Lane.

Our last venue in Parr Street opened in October 2025 and this month of May 2026 we are opening another in Woolton Village. The owners of Black Cat Pub are Andy Scott, Chris Welsh and Rich Midgley. Brought together by a love of Beer, Music and never having a day off!

We're all incredibly excited to open our 4th venue in the heart Woolton Village; it's been a dream of ours for years.

Although it's part of the Black Cat family, Woolton will be a slight departure from our usual style as we go for a more homely, country vibe under the name The Village Cat. We'll still have the same great range of craft and cask beers, amazing wines hand-picked by R and H Wines on Allerton Road, and cheeseboards from the Woolton Cheese Company. Not to mention delicious Crosby Coffee and Cakehole Cakes.

We will also be opening our back garden bar and planning amazing Garden Tap Takeovers during the summer months with local breweries from Handymans to Azvex and more.

Much like our other venues, Woolton will also operate as a craft beer off licence so you can take some amazing beers home with you that you wouldn't find in most shops!

We will have Quiz nights as these are some of our favourite nights of the week! We'll be hosting a weekly quiz with prizes from bar tabs to bonkers nonsense. Win £40 in beer tokens, or a copy of Jimmy Corkhill's Autobiography - who knows!?

Gift Cards will be available - The best present for any beer aficionado. These can be used in all four venues!

Margarita Mondays will be hitting Woolton at last! Two margaritas for £10 all day, every Monday! Plus we'll have our Cask Club Cards, buy 8 pints get 1 free (and the same for coffee too!). We will have regular brewery tap takeovers and tastings, where you can meet the brewers and find out the secrets behind your favourite new beers.

Our Smithdown venue is a popular coffee shop by day, and a pub by night - and we'll be carrying that on at Woolton too. It's a great space for a coffee whether you're chatting to friends or getting your work done (a good excuse to get out of the house!). We serve incredible Cakehole Cakes - "Boss Cakes that happen to be vegan". As well as cheeseboards and charcuterie boards from local suppliers.

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RIGHT AT HOME SOUTH LIVERPOOL

Right at Home Owners "Honoured" to Attend King's Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

Husband-and-wife team Gavin Preston and Lowri Lloyd-Preston, Owner and Care Director of Right at Home South Liverpool and Right at Home Preston, were "honoured" to attend the King's Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

The event, held on Wednesday 6 May 2026, welcomed over 7,100 guests from across the UK in recognition of their contributions and positive impact within their local communities.

As two of the representatives from the homecare sector, Gavin and Lowri were invited in recognition of their services to the homecare sector.



Right at Home South Liverpool and Right at Home Preston provides care and support to people living in their own homes. The two offices currently support approximately 100 Clients and employ a team of 77 Carers. Services range from companionship, home help and personal care to specialist dementia care and live-in care services. They are a TDDI registered provider with a qualified district nurse on their team which enables them to deliver nurse-led care to Clients with complex needs in their own home.

Gavin, Owner of Right at Home South Liverpool and Preston, said:

"It was a great honour for Lowri and I to attend HRH King Charles' Royal Garden Party on behalf of the homecare sector, representing the amazing work our Carers do year-round supporting our Clients to continue living in their own homes."

In addition to leading their local homecare services, Owner Gavin has also been supporting the Homecare Association's policy team on a range of national sector challenges, including National Insurance contributions, the Employment Right's Bill and direct engagement with the Department for Work and Pensions.

The Homecare Association is the UK's membership body for homecare providers, representing organisations delivering care and support in people's homes. The association works to influence government policy, promote high standards of care, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the social care sector.

The invitation to Buckingham Palace was extended by Dr Jane Townsend OBE, CEO of the Homecare Association as a thank you for Gavin's ongoing contributions and support to the sector.

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WOOLTON GRANGE

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 person-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.

Moving into care can be a significant transition for both residents and their loved ones. Our role is to make that journey as smooth and reassuring as possible. We take time to get to know every resident and work closely with families to ensure they feel supported throughout.

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

For families seeking a caring and supportive environment for a loved one, Woolton Grange offers not just excellent care, but a place to truly call home.



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Memorials In The Park

As well as being a place for fun and games, for the appreciation of nature, for walking and talking with friends, the park is a place for quiet thought and contemplation, which is reflected in the many benches bearing memorial plaques to those who have died.

There are also memorials which are part of the history of the park.

The earliest of these is the grave of three horses belonging to the Walker family, who built the Mansion House in 1828. Commemorated are two ponies - an un-named roan [died 1837, aged 22] and Beppo [died 1826, aged 20] - and a bay horse, Waterloo [died 1837, aged 28]. The ponies were probably used by the children of the family, whilst Waterloo was the mount of their father. The grave is next to the path leading from the Mansion House to the Allerton Oak.

In the Nature Reserve there is a tall granite obelisk embedded in what was originally the lawn of Hart Hill House, the home of the Bibby family in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Fanny, the wife of John Bibby, was the daughter of

Jesse Hartley, who, as Dock Superintendent for Liverpool, revolutionised dock construction by building in stone rather than wood. He brought the stone from a quarry in Scotland, including the granite obelisk [now known as the Hartley Pillar] which commemorates both his life and his many outstanding achievements.

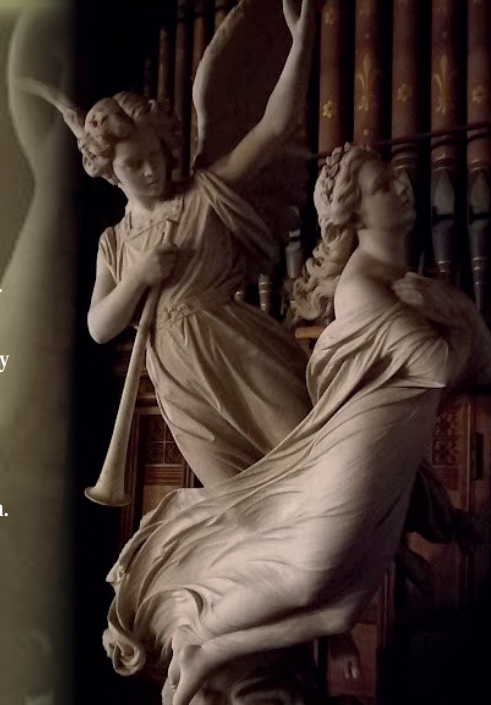
There is a further Bibby family memorial which, although not in the park, has a close connection with it. Sadly, Fanny Bibby died in 1856 at the age of only 46 years. Her husband, in her memory, built the beautiful All Hallows Church, just down the road from the park. It is dedicated to All Hallows, as Fanny's birthday was 31st October. Within the church are memorials to local men who died in the First and Second World Wars, including the two grandsons of John Bibby, both of whom died in France in 1915.



Our next memorial is to the valiant black Alsatian dog, Jet, who was born in 1942 and raised in nearby Garth Drive. After training at the War Dogs School, Jet was sent to work with the Civil Defence Corps in London, where he assisted during the Blitz in the rescue of 150 people trapped under bombed buildings. For this he received the PDSA's Dickin Medal, the canine equivalent of the Victoria Cross. In 1947, when an explosion occurred in the William Pit in Cumbria, in which 104 men died, Jet was taken into the shattered mine to carry out rescue work. His bravery was recognised by the award of the RSPCA's Medallion of Valour.

Jet then returned to his home in Garth Drive, where he died in 1949. His grave and memorial are in the sunken area in the Flower Garden. The playground in front of the Mansion House is our last memorial. It was dedicated by Sir Paul McCartney to the memory of his wife, Linda, following her death in 1998 at the age of 56.

The playground has been a source of delight for many hundreds of children and is now being extended and refurbished by Liverpool City Council.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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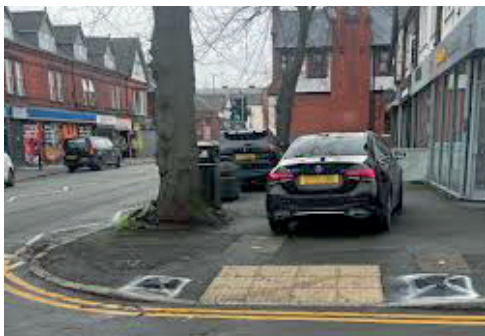
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Dangerous parking

Dangerous parking around Menlove Avenue and Rose Lane. Councillors Andrew Makinson and Richard Kemp have asked the police to help tackle the epidemic of aggressive pavement parking along Rose Lane.

Pedestrians report receiving abuse and being forced out of the way by drivers who feel entitled to park across the pavement on parts of this road.

Police have agreed to step up patrols on Rose Lane and take action against offenders. They also ask resident to report aggressive/threatening behaviour on 101 or the police website www.merseyside.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/.

Action on Beechley House

Liz and Andrew Makinson took the council's Cabinet Member responsible for property assets and the council Properties Manager to inspect the derelict Beechley House off Hartill Road.

Liz and Andrew highlighted how the council has left the Grade 2 listed mansion to fall into ruins over the past decade. They were accompanied by volunteers from the Beechley Stables RDA charity, who explained how the state of the building, which has regularly suffered arson attacks, posed a danger to the horses in the stables next door.

Andrew pointed out that the council would've carried out enforcement action long ago, if the building had been owned by anyone other than the council themselves.

The council has now agreed to properly secure the mansion to stop youths getting inside, and take measures to preserve the building while plans are developed for its future.

Beechley House was operating as a nursing home until 2016, when Liverpool City Council purchased it for £900,000 to facilitate Redrow's proposed housing development on Calderstones Park.



New businesses open around Allerton Road



The former TSB at 20 Smithdown Place, immortalised in The Beatles 'Penny Lane' song, has opened.

The new venue combines food, drink, a florist, and an independent retail space. Meanwhile The Cheese Cellar has opened on Allerton Road in the former school uniform shop on Allerton Road by the corner of Mapledale Road. The successful business has relocated from St Mary's Road in Garston and combines deli/wine shop and a wine bar.

Oda Cafe and restaurant in The Square on Allerton Road is another relative newcomer to the area and is open into the evening serving meals as well as during the day for drinks, coffees and food.



Anti-social Behaviour

The latest reports on tackling anti-social behaviour along Allerton Road. This included a number of distressing incidents of children attacking homes and cars in roads off Allerton Road, as well as being threatening towards residents who challenged this behaviour.

Calderstones school have started sending staff to Allerton Road for an hour after school, and have been holding special assemblies, confiscating water guns, and working with the police. The police, the school and your local councillors will be keeping a close watch on the situation over the coming weeks and months.

Playground plans @ Calderstones Park

Two options presented by play equipment manufacturers for the additional play area that will be built in Calderstones Park. Work is planned to start quickly once the winning design is chosen. The new play area will be built next to the existing one, and will open later in the year.



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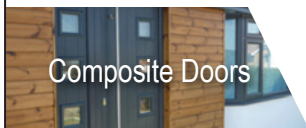
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Walking Tour of Toxteth Park Cemetery

The is delighted to announce the return of its popular walking tour of Toxteth Park Cemetery with historical fiction author JP Maxwell.

The tour explores the final resting places of a wide variety of people from the area. This includes the graves of historical figures such as James Dunwoody Bulloch, the Confederate naval agent who coordinated secret shipbuilding operations from Liverpool during the American Civil War; and John Hulley, the early Olympic pioneer and co-founder of the National Olympic Association.

Hear stories of local people from Victorian artists to MPs. Visit war graves and pauper plots, learn about Titanic connections and unsung lives etched in fading stone.

This tour blends storytelling, social history and urban archaeology. Attendees are invited to consider the relationship between death and place - how burial sites shape memory, and how stories shift as we walk among the dead.

The tour takes place on Saturday 29th August. Places are limited. To be the first to get notified when tickets become available, sign up to the Smithdown Litfest newsletter at www.smithdownlitfest.com.



JP Maxwell is the author of "Water Street" and "The Americans of Abercromby Square", both rich with the hidden histories of Victorian Liverpool. His work brings historical figures vividly to life, revealing the transatlantic ties of war, espionage, and resistance that shaped the city.

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Palmerston Tennis Club Coaching Programme:

Saturday Morning Juniors

Join the fun!

9am-9.45am | Palmerston Tots (Age 3-5yrs)

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Perfect for age 3-5 year olds. Parents encouraged to join in on court.

9am-10am | Mini Red (Reception - Year 3)

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10am-11am | Yellow (Year 7+)

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11am-noon | Yellow Competition (Year 7+)

A high-level program for experienced junior players (typically ages 12-18) with focus on refining technique, tactical awareness, and tournament & competition prep.

- Full court, yellow balls
- Structured match play
- Advanced stroke production
- Mental resilience
- Competitive drills
- Match tactics

For more info on sessions and to book, scan the QR codes or visit:
clubspark.lta.org.uk/PalmerstonTennisClub/Coaching

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GARDEN PARTIES

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Brad's Big Bonanza!

The Bradbury Centre
Saturday 25th July

1pm - 10pm



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MSB Woolton FC

The weekend of the 6th and 7th June saw the annual Woolton FC Liam Costello tournament.

This tournament honours the life of a young player whose life was sadly cut short many years ago but that life and his legacy live on by giving his name to a tournament that hopefully for many of our young players is a starting block into football and sport in general.

The tournament itself is a combination of our babies and early teen players and although competitive it gives the chance for players, parents and of course coaches to meet up and mix.

The emphasis of course is on fun and enjoyment and every year regardless of results it allows the teams to spend a few hours out on the pitch to experience the highs and lows of football as trophies are won and lost, penalty shoot outs bring ecstasy and pain and coaches go home and kick the cat.

It's fantastic to see so many young players. Of course, at that age the teams can be mixed with a combination of boys and girls and I have to say, quite often those girls give the lads a run for their money!

It can be funny. The games are on 4G or artificial grass and seeing players tap their boots on the goalposts before a corner or give hand signal prior to the cross coming in is of course a direct result of watching the professionals doing it on the Telly!

It was also funny seeing a few young players stop midway through a game to watch a helicopter fly over!

But what it does continue to prove is that football is a great way of being involved in something that just makes you feel better.

It would also be remiss of me not to thank our fantastic volunteers. From the committee members who constantly give up their own free time to organise and run such events to the young referees who once again officiated impeccably, kept the games flowing and showed maturity beyond their years.

And to the coaches and parents who are encouraging their children, turning them into team players and supporting our club it's a big thank you.

From a personal point of view, I'd have football and other sporting centres everywhere if I had the chance because it doesn't need an expert panel and a few million pounds worth of reports to conclude that the more people we get active and working as a team then the better society would be.

And this brings me back to young Liam. I believe this tournament proves the point above. Through his involvement in sport and making friends and the impression he made he will always be remembered.



We welcome players of all abilities, anyone interested in participating at any age group or level should initially either visit Camp Hill on a Saturday morning for mini-soccer. For all other age groups, please make contact via email enquiries@wooltonfc.org.uk

or visit our website: www.wooltonfc.org.uk

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Lib Dem Cllr Carl Cashman wants you to have your say on:

THE FUTURE OF THE ABBEY CINEMA

Cllr Carl Cashman is concerned about lack of progress regarding the former Abbey Cinema on Church Road North.

The building was granted Grade II listed status by Historic England in 2021.

But rather than protect and preserve local history, Cllr Carl Cashman thinks the cinema is becoming a blight on the community and listing it has been a mistake.

Everyone agrees that something needs to be done about the Abbey Cinema.

Cllr Cashman has also been dealing with issues in the area like getting alleyways cleaned.

Cllr Cashman said:

“I want to see this site put back into use for the benefit of the community, but I want to do it alongside local residents.

“Take a few minutes to fill out my survey by scanning the QR code or using the web link.”



Lib Dem Cllr Carl Cashman wants to work with residents to put the Abbey to good use!

Scan the QR Code



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Woolton In Bloom Presents Open Gardens

Sunday 12th July 12-5pm

Programmes cost £5 per person available from WIB Farmers Market and Browns Newsagent, The Hub at St Peters Church, on the day at Bishop's Lodge or at any of the gardens.

Visit **www.wooltoninbloom.wixsite.com** Facebook or Instagram

Woolton in Bloom Open Gardens

approx 9 gardens open Woolton, Liverpool

Sunday 12th July 2026 12.00pm to 5.00pm

This is the 25th anniversary of Woolton in Bloom and we will celebrate it with spectacular gardens for you to visit as well as the Bishops' Lodge famous gardens.

Woolton in Bloom has been transforming the village with beautiful floral displays since the beginning of the century. All our work is carried out by our hard-working volunteers and funded by donations and fundraising activities. We were Gold Medal winners in the RHS Champion of Champions 2014.

There will be a number of stalls for you to browse, including crafts by local artists. We are also hoping to keep you entertained with some live music and a Tia Chi demonstration.

Refreshments will be available at the Bishops' Lodge.

Proceeds: All proceeds to go to planting and maintenance of the village floral displays, and Woolton WI.

Cost: £5.00 per adult, accompanied children free,

How to get tickets / programmes: Buy tickets on the day from any participating garden or from the Woolton in Bloom stall in the Farmers Market (2nd Saturday of each month), Browns' Newsagent, Woolton, or via the website.

Contact the organisers: Email: Vivhicks1425@gmail.com

Web: <https://wooltoninbloom.wixsite.com/wooltoninbloom>

Toilet Facilities: Toilets are available at this event.

Directions / Parking: Woolton is easily accessed by car and public transport. By car: signposted off the A5058 Queens Drive. By bus: 75,78,79 from the city centre; 81 from Bootle/Speke; 89 from St Helens. By train: the nearest stations are Liverpool South Parkway, Hunts Cross.

Location: Merseyside. Use Sat Nav postcode: L25 6JZ (please verify before travelling)

Please tell the organisers that you found them on the Open Gardens National Directory.

and ... give them a gentle nudge to make a small donation to our 2026 running costs.

WHAT'S ON?... HERE'S A FEW EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY...

THE 154th OPEN AT ROYAL BIRKDALE

12 - 19 JULY 2026 ROYAL BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB



One of the biggest events in the sporting calendar is heading back to the Liverpool City Region as The 154th Open Championship returns to Royal Birkdale Golf Club in July 2026. Royal Birkdale will host The Open for the 11th time, further cementing its status as one of the most iconic venues in the sport.

Since first welcoming the Championship in 1954, the course has become a firm favourite for players and spectators alike.

Whether you're a lifelong golf fan or just looking to soak up the atmosphere of a world-class sporting event, The Open at Royal Birkdale promises to be one of the standout events of summer 2026.

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

20 - 23 AUGUST 2026 @ VICTORIA PARK SOUTHPORT



The event boasts a packed programme featuring well-known celebrities from the worlds of gardening, entertainment, and food: Gardening Experts: Learn directly from top BBC Gardeners' World presenters including Adam Frost (Thursday), Arit Anderson (Friday), and Joe Swift (Saturday & Sunday). Celebrity Guests: Look out for Strictly Come Dancing favourite Anton Du Beke (Saturday) and vibrant entertainment legend Su Pollard. Nature lovers can catch Springwatch presenters Iolo Williams and Megan McCubbin on Thursday. Live Cookery Theatre: Watch mouth-watering live demonstrations from acclaimed chefs such as Phil Vickery, Briony May Williams, and Great British Bake Off winner Candice Brown. Entertainment & Shopping: Explore the Grand Floral Marquee, a Food Village with over 30 gourmet producers, and a pop-up shopping village featuring 350+ unique trade stands. Arena entertainment includes live music, dog displays, and birds of prey exhibitions.

SPACE SAFARI DRONE LIGHT SHOW

29 AUGUST 2026 AINTREE RACECOURSE



Experience a spectacular drone light show for the first time in Liverpool as Space Safari arrives at Aintree Racecourse.

This immersive outdoor event will see hundreds of synchronised drones take to the night sky, creating stunning animations alongside a captivating soundtrack and narration by BAFTA award-winning TV presenter Michaela Strachan.

Telling an inspiring story of bravery and adventure through light, sound and cinematic storytelling, Space Safari promises an unforgettable evening for all ages.

Before the drone show finale, visitors can enjoy a full programme of entertainment including live tribute acts, fairground rides, face painting and a variety of street food vendors.

A magical family-friendly event that will transform Liverpool's night sky into a spectacular display of light and imagination.

SOUTHPORT AIR SHOW 2026

29 - 30 AUGUST 2026 SOUTHPORT SEAFRONT



The 2026 Southport Air Show takes place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August 2026 along the Southport Seafront and Beach. The event features headline aerial displays from the world-famous Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. In addition to the extensive flying program, the event offers a wide range of family-friendly ground activities. Highlights include military vehicles, the Armed Forces career village, and interactive flight simulators.

~ Friends of Wavertree Rose Garden ~

The spring flowers are over, and today is the first 'official' day of summer. Of course it is raining, but that's good for the garden, because we have had weeks of hot, dry weather.

The garden doesn't seem to have suffered too much. Our abundant roses have been blooming throughout May, thanks to regular donations of home made compost that we spread around them.

Look out for: honeysuckle, Chinese Windmill Palm, salvia and Oxalis (wood sorrel).

The grass was finally cut at the end of April, and again in May (so much for No Mow May!), and looks healthy, apart from round the edges where weedkiller has unfortunately been sprayed. We have requested No Weedkiller in our garden, and are willing to trim the edges ourselves.

The weeds in the borders are rampant at this time of year, and it is a struggle to control them.

More volunteers please!

One of the great pleasures of volunteering in a public garden is meeting people.

They often kindly tell us they appreciate what we do. One of them recently admired the orange Californian poppies. The seeds were sown by my 4-year-old granddaughter eleven years ago, and they come back every year.

We sometimes have very interesting conversations with passers-by, about everything under the sun.

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Who we are:

We are local CIC based on Wavertree High Street whose sole interest is improving our area. All profits we make are reinvested back into the community!



What we do:

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Some of our recent projects include donating three beautiful prom dresses and accessories to enable young ladies to attend prom; hosting a free Christmas Grotto in Wavertree Library allowing 67 children to meet Santa; and closing part of the high street for our second car free day, with over 1000 people in attendance!

Coming up:

We will be hosting FREE family events for both World Book Day and Easter, as well as free Coffee mornings in Wavertree Library! Keep an eye on our socials for more details.

Our Links:



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Our monthly meetings are a good chance to socialise and make friends and always involve a Speaker or activity on an interesting topic. Our fund raising continued this year through Craft Sales and the Silent Auction in January, both well supported by our members. The funds raised will be presented to two local charities, which were nominated by members.

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.

Our Craft Club has grown from strength to strength, and we have explored many different crafts, ranging from greeting cards to Sugar Paste Crafts for Halloween. Book Club also results in some lively discussions.

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