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Hello & Welcome...

Hello and Welcome to South Liverpool Times October 2026 – Issue 23.

Margarets 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 edition you are enjoying the nice Autumn 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 by advertising or producing fantastic articles last year for both my magazines which I hope we all enjoy reading.

We have had a lot going on since we last spoke in August with new businesses and events sprouting up everywhere. – I can't believe were in October with Christmas not that far away! Lots of our local bars/ restaurants and hair & beauty businesses are ready for you to support them – they all still need your help! with the Winter months approaching why not treat yourself and your loved ones. The Village Cat which is part of The Black Cat group now open their 4th venue in the heart of Woolton Village back in Summer and doing really well it's worth a visit.

Let's get out in South Liverpool and support all that is on offer to us!!

I'll close now take care, and hope you all keep safe and healthy and let's hope the Autumn weather is good to get out and about and meet our family & friends.

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I sat down to write this article with no enthusiasm, and with no ideas! In front of me was a blank white screen with a little flashing cursor nagging me to get on with it, to do something. Yes, yes - but what? I've previously written about autumn and harvest - now what? Inspiration was lacking; I felt as dried up as the fruit starved of water in our long hot summer.

A great way to start - and these opening words are hardly going to encourage you to read on, are they?

But wait - bear with me - because as I stared, as I struggled, it began to dawn on me that we all hit these moments when we can't see our way forward, when we struggle to just get on with a task - maybe the ironing has piled up; maybe our desk is groaning under the weight of work to be done.

What do we do about it? Maybe we lie down, close our eyes and hope it will all magically disappear; maybe we rush through the job, not worried about quality but just about finishing? Maybe we decide to hand in our resignation: the job has all got to be too much, and we're going to walk away.

Or maybe, just maybe, we give ourselves a moment. Perhaps we close the laptop, put on a good pair of walking shoes and set off to get some fresh air. Perhaps we call that friend we've been meaning to catch up with for weeks, and enjoy a good chat that reminds us of why we're friends. Maybe we just put the kettle on, make a drink, sit back, mug in hand, and relax. So often, the problem is that we don't give ourselves this time: we pile on the pressure, grit our teeth and try to focus on the job in hand, getting more and more miserable and desperate. 'No time to waste; no time to stop,' we tell ourselves. No wonder depression, ill-health and even poor workmanship are becoming commonplace.

The pressures of modern life in this country have made so many of us stressed, strung out and shattered. In other countries where the pace of life is slower, life expectancy is higher, and people are happier. We seem to have lost our way, enslaving ourselves to the need to work faster, smarter, better. Appraisal at work, self-appraisal about our own performance, a sense of not being good enough, pervades modern life. 'Imposter syndrome' is an all-too-common manifestation of our sense of failure or inadequacy; it's a phrase that was unknown fifty years ago, but now we immolate ourselves on the bonfire of our own insecurity.

What happens if we take a break? Amazingly, the world doesn't end. The economy doesn't plunge into a spiral of debt and disaster (anyway, it's already there, isn't it?). We stand up straighter, feel refreshed, invigorated, and ideas start to flow again.

The poet Ted Hughes went through a dry spell; he wrote in his poem 'Thought Fox' that he sat late at night staring at a blank piece of paper, stuck for an idea. Looking up, he stared out of his window and saw a fox sculking through the edges of his garden, then darting through a hedge and into its den. When he looked back at his paper, he realized that what he had seen had become his poem; and it was also a metaphor for the process of creating.

We all need to give ourselves space to think; room to relax; permission to pause.

Even God, when he was in creative mode, decreed that a day off was in order! Leisure isn't a waste of time: it's a vital part of a healthy lifestyle. We're better for it - and so, ironically, is our work!

May we all take time to smell the flowers, watch the starlight, and just be - and may our lack of effort bring us success!

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

My office has had several constituents get in touch detailing their concerns regarding the proposed academisation of St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School. As a result, I have written to the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Chair of Governors, and the Schools Minister.

Meaningful consultation is essential, and decisions about the future of the school should not be made before all alternatives have been fully considered. Which is why I am calling on the archdiocese to ensure they comply with the consultation protocols, engage meaningfully with staff and parents, and ensure the school community is not side-lined. The voices of parents, staff and pupils must be at the heart of this process. I have also written to the Secretary of State, and the Chief Executive of Ofcom regarding the failures of Royal Mail. We have had several complaints from constituents about missing appointments and receiving fines due to letters arriving too late. And this problem is countrywide. The hardworking staff at Royal Mail know what solutions need to be put in place to fix the issues yet are not listened to.

I have also spoken at several events over the last couple of months. Last month I spoke at the National Housing Federation's annual conference and hosted a homelessness rally here in Liverpool. The rally was about bringing the wider homelessness sector, those with lived experience of homelessness and policymakers together to discuss how you turn the ambition of ending homelessness into real and meaningful action.

We heard from many brilliant speakers from the sector, and some of our brilliant mayors and deputy mayors, including Tom Copley, Bev Craig, Oliver Coppard and Paul Dennett. However, the most important voice we heard from was Nathan, a Big Issue vendor who has been struggling with homelessness for the last few years. Those with lived experience know better than any of us the barriers to support, and the physical and mental toll being made homeless takes.

I also recently visited Hope University in my constituency where I joined the University Vocational Awards Council

(UVAC) and the students explained to me why it was so important to them that universities play a role in skills devolution.

A skills system that responds to the changing needs of people, employers and local economies is an ambition we can all share. But as greater responsibility for skills moves closer to local communities, we need to think carefully about who that system serves and which institutions are around the table shaping it.

I am also really pleased to say that the graffiti on the Cullen Street area has now been removed. It is something that residents have quite rightly requested for a long time and my team have been working hard to ensure it happens. My sincere thanks to the street scene team at the city council for their hard work and assistance.

As previously mentioned, I hold regular constituency surgeries. Each week I meet with constituents to discuss their urgent cases. If you would 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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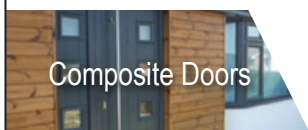
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Future of Woolton takes shape as campaign to save Woolton Baths continues

Since L25 Times in September edition the campaign to save Woolton Baths, work has continued behind the scenes to build the organisation, partnerships and community support needed to give the historic building a sustainable future.

One of the biggest developments has been the formation of Future of Woolton, a new charitable organisation being established to take the campaign forward.

Save Woolton Baths will remain the public identity of the campaign and the Baths will become Future of Woolton's first flagship project. The intention is that Future of Woolton will ultimately become the accountable charitable body responsible for securing, restoring and operating Woolton Baths for community benefit.

The organisation is being formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with trustee recruitment currently underway. Its ambitions also extend beyond a single building. Once Woolton Baths is protected and operating sustainably, Future of Woolton is intended to provide a permanent community organisation capable of supporting future heritage, community and environmental projects across Liverpool.

Meanwhile, discussions with Liverpool City Council regarding the future of Woolton Baths remain ongoing, and no final tenure arrangement has yet been agreed.

The campaign is continuing to build its support network while those discussions progress. Local residents, businesses, community organisations and professionals have offered their time, knowledge and practical assistance, including professional expertise that could support the assessment and eventual restoration of the Grade II listed building.

The developing vision for Woolton Baths also extends beyond simply reopening the swimming pool. Swimming would remain at the heart of the building, alongside potential health and wellbeing activities, community events, opportunities for social connection, fitness provision and other complementary uses designed to help make the facility financially sustainable.

Future possibilities being explored include dedicated aquatic wellbeing and hydrotherapy-style sessions with appropriately qualified partners, as well as activities aimed at bringing people together and reducing social isolation. Founder Josh Murphy said: "The support we've received since the last article has been incredible. There is still a long road ahead and our discussions with the Council are continuing, but we're now building the organisation and network around the campaign that we believe will be needed to give Woolton Baths a sustainable future."

"Future of Woolton has grown directly from the campaign to save the Baths. Woolton Baths will always be our first flagship project, but our hope is that the organisation can eventually use the experience, partnerships and community spirit built through this campaign to protect and improve other places across Liverpool too."

The campaign is continuing to welcome supporters, potential trustees, businesses, professionals and community organisations interested in becoming involved.

Kind Regards, Josh Murphy
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~ Friends of Wavertree Rose Garden ~

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Among the flowers is a rogue plant that could turn out to be a butternut squash or a pumpkin, but it is unlikely to form fruit by Hallowe'en. We didn't plant it. We suspect it grew from a seed in the home-made compost that a generous donor helps to spread around the garden. We look forward to seeing the final results.

You will see fuchsia, Californian poppies, Michaelmas daisies, pink lilies and roses.

The pink one at the front has bloomed prolifically twice this season, and new buds are appearing daily, thanks to the compost.

Soon the sycamore trees will be turning brown or gold, and shedding their leaves all over the grass. We will collect them and save some to make leaf mould. We have just spread some around the plants. It sat slowly decomposing in bags for about two years before it was ready for use as mulch around the shrubs.

You will be pleased to hear that Joyce, who created the garden with her late husband, John, in the 1970s, has been given an award by LoveWavertree in a ceremony at Wavertree Town Hall, which was presented by our MP, Paula Barker.



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Have you noticed the bursts of colour around Childwall? We currently care for 32 community planters across the neighbourhood!

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We would sincerely like to thank all 300 visitors to our Wavertree Lock-Up on the 27th September it was a very successful Heritage Open Day for 2026.

We were pleased to see many families visiting, most for the first time and it brings us hope that we can begin to use the Lock-Up for future events.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 7th November @ 2pm in the Olive Mount Community Centre.

We hope to have a speaker for this event - Lydia Jane Alice who is a teacher from Wavertree who will speak about the 'Save the Abbey Campaign' to try and find a use for the former Abbey Cinema.

We also would like to mention that our 2027 Wavertree Calendars are now on sale, this year they showing 12 images comparing historic photographs with the same location today, all of these taken from the Wavertree Society's Archive as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of The Wavertree Society.

One last thing on the 9th July, The Wavertree Society finally met with Liverpool Council to formally ask for the Picton Clock to be repaired. The Society had first become aware the clock had stopped in December 2024. What followed next was nearly two years of letter writing, emails and decreasing hope.

Thankfully, after a constructive meeting with Alan Smith (Head of Heritage Preservation and Development) we are pleased to see the clock working again! Our discussions with Alan also spoke about a larger piece of work to fix many of the damaged, failing and broken parts of the clock and give it a comprehensive restoration.

We look forward to working closely with Alan and securing a better future for our beloved clock



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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

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BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

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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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LEARN SPANISH & FRENCH WITH ALEX

Hi! I'm Alex, a U.K. trained Spanish and French teacher who has worked in Liverpool and internationally. After 8 years in teaching, I have decided to take a break and focus on my own private tuition project.

My love of languages started at a very young age with Spanish. Holidays with family being the main catalyst for learning the odd phrase here and there resulted in weekly Spanish lessons after primary school which then continued into further education. French was picked up along the way and I somehow discovered that languages were a skill I excelled in.

Fast forward to The University of Leeds, studying Spanish and French alongside each other opened a whole new world of opportunities. I was lucky enough to spend half a term in Dijon (yes, everything I ate contained the mustard!) and then move to the South West of France where I was an au pair for 2 children.

The immersion industry offered me didn't stop there; I then spent a year working as an English language assistant in Madrid. This was where I thought to myself that teaching was something I saw in my future. So I put two and two together: I enjoyed teaching and I loved languages, so I signed myself up for a PGCE in Liverpool Hope University.

It may sound cliché, but the thing I love about teaching is building a safe space for students to feel comfortable enough to grow in confidence and to see their progress. Learning a language can be daunting, particularly when it comes to speaking, and my goal has always been to encourage people to try, because there is no better feeling than finally being understood in a different language.

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CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS NEED HOLIDAYS

Richard Kemp



Two weeks ago, I was relaxing in Spain on what I consider to be a well-deserved holiday, and I started thinking about my life and how I shared that with my parents and sister, with my children, and now with my grandchildren. I quickly concluded the holidays had been important points in the whole of my family life.

I can vividly remember holidays in the Isle of Wight, Tenby, and the Lake District with my mum, dad, and sister. I remember playing with my oldest grandchild in the warm sea pool on Crete as we tried to catch the little fishes we had lured in with some bread stolen from the breakfast bar. Now it is just the Boss and I relaxing and, perhaps, having a little more vino and pasta than we should!

My reflection was started because I read an article in the paper about how some schools were gearing up to issue fines to parents who took their children on holiday during term time. I basically believe that children should go to school every day that they possibly can, and that the school experience as well as the learning experience is vital to their development. But I also believe that the family bonding rituals of holidays should also take place and that within reason they should be allowed for within the other 42 weeks of school life.

Many parents cannot go to anywhere on these key holiday times because they work in the tourist, recreation and leisure industries which are at their peak during school holidays. Others just cannot afford to go and pay the inflated prices at key times which means that their children get few holidays and that bonding just does not take place. In my view, that means that the children and their parents miss out on valuable experiences which enable them to function better within the school and community.

So, I believe that the law needs to change. I believe that parents should be allowed to take their children away for up to two weeks during term time. I believe that the benefits of that two weeks building up a strong family base hugely outweigh the two weeks of formal learning that will be missed.

Yes, this may cause a little disruption within the school for those two weeks, but I believe that this opportunity will stabilise the school for the rest of their time and that pupils and their parents will feel more comfortable and have a greater wish to engage within the system. Strong families are just as important to a child's development as the formal sides of education.

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THE FLOWERS OF HARTHILL & CALDERSTONES PARK, PART 2

As promised in our previous article, we would like now to introduce you to some more of the wild flowers growing in the Nature Reserve.



EVENING PRIMROSE

The large yellow blossoms open in the evening – hence the name and its country names of Dusk Beacon and Evening Star. The flowers attract evening-flying moths and its seeds are the source of Evening-Primrose Oil, used to treat skin disorders.



QUEEN ANNE'S LACE

This is the country name for both Cow Parsley and Wild Carrot. The white, lacy flowers of Cow Parsley edge country roads in early summer, whilst the flowers of Wild Carrot are seen in midsummer. It was said that,

when Queen Anne, who lived in the late seventeenth century, travelled the countryside, the roadsides had been decorated in her honour. It was also said that the red flower in the centre of Wild Carrot flower heads represents a droplet of blood where Queen Anne pricked her finger making lace. Other country names include Fairy Lace, Grandpa's Pepper and Mother Die, the last name resulting from the belief that bringing Wild Carrot flowers into the house could have disastrous results.



VIPER'S BUGLOSS

The blue and purple flowers that spiral up the stems of this striking plant have red stamens protruding from them like tongues, making the flowers resemble adders' heads. The speckled stems suggested snake skin to the early herbalists and even the fruits are shaped like snakes' heads. Unsurprisingly, in ancient times Viper's Bugloss was used to treat snake bites.



TEASEL

Teasel plants can grow up to 2.5m tall – indeed, we have some of this height in the Nature Reserve. Its spiny flower heads were used to ‘tease out’ tangled sheep’s wool before it could be spun. The lower parts of the leaves form cups around the stems, where raindrops collect into puddles. This water was thought to have rejuvenating powers – and to remove freckles! Its seeds are attractive to many bird species, especially Goldfinches.



GREAT MULLEIN

The yellow flowers are held on spikes which can grow to a height of over 2m. The large leaves are covered with a soft, greyish wool, which gives the plant its country names of Donkey’s Ears, Hare’s Beard and also Our Lady’s Candle. In modern times it has been called The Andrex Plant and has been used accordingly!



FIELD POPPY

This much-loved flower has many common names, including Corn Poppy and Flanders Poppy. Since the First World War, it has become an annual symbol of remembrance for fallen soldiers around Armistice Day, on 11th November. It grew in battlefields, churned up by shells, where hundreds of thousands of soldiers met their deaths, as remembered by the war poet, John McCrae:

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

The use of wild plants in medicine over hundreds of years has resulted in more than 150 of them having names which end in the word ‘wort’, meaning a plant or herb. The first part of the name indicates the complaint against which the plant was thought to be most efficacious – Woundwort, Bladderwort, Feverwort, Sneezewort and many others. Wort plants were used by the Wise Woman/Man of the village, who, in days gone by, filled the role of today’s doctor.

*Another indication that a plant had medicinal properties is the inclusion in its Latin name of the word officinalis – for example, *Pulmonaria officinalis* [Lungwort] and *Taraxacum officinale* [Dandelion]. Officinalis means belonging to an officina, which was the storeroom or apothecary in a monastery where medicines were kept, the monks being renowned for treating the sick.*

These are just a few more of the flowers of the Nature Reserve which create a spectacular, beautiful and traditional display throughout the summer. Although the flowering season is drawing to a close, there is always something interesting to see. We are open on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Further information can be found on our Facebook page, Calderstones Park Forever.

FUTURE EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE F.H.C.P

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The John Brodie	194-196 Allerton Road	L18 5HU	Public	24 HOURS
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Liverpool School Sports Partnership has secured substantial grant funding for the 2026/27 academic year to support primary schools across the city in delivering the best possible physical and personal development outcomes for all their pupils.

For a second year running, the not-for-profit organisation has received a generous grant award from the Steve Morgan Foundation to ensure all primary school children in Liverpool have the opportunity to benefit from high-quality sport and physical activity.

As a leading UK charitable foundation that works with not-for-profit organisations across Liverpool, North Wales and Cheshire (west of the M6) to tackle the root causes of social disadvantage, the Steve Morgan Foundation has awarded LSSP £150,000 so it can continue its ongoing work of ensuring school sport is accessible for all.

This brings the total awarded to LSSP by the Steve Morgan Foundation to £358,000, with 100 per cent of the funding awarded passed directly on to affiliated primary schools to heavily subsidise their membership packages.

Ruth Dixon, regional grants manager at the Steve Morgan Foundation, said: "Following the success of our partnership with Liverpool School Sports Partnership over the last academic year, we are pleased to continue our support for their work in schools across Liverpool.

"LSSP plays an important role in ensuring young people can access high-quality sport and physical activity opportunities, helping them to stay healthy, build resilience and develop skills for the future. We look forward to seeing the impact this continued investment will have for pupils, schools and communities across the city."

Following the announcement in the summer that the primary PE and sport premium will be ending, schools this year have received just one interim payment this term while the government transitions to its new model.

LSSP's team, including its CEOs Adella Dando and Jimmy McGinn, has worked tirelessly to secure funding so schools and their students can still benefit from specialist sports provision, alongside a rich programme of competitions and festivals, targeted inclusion, wellbeing work and a collaborative network.

Headteacher of Dovedale Primary School in South Liverpool, Mr Nik Smith, commented: "I'm sure I speak on behalf of all Liverpool headteachers when I say how grateful we are to Adella and Jimmy for securing this funding and ensuring primary schools like ours can continue to offer our pupils the very best sporting opportunities.

"We see first-hand the positive difference that LSSP makes to our pupils, from helping them discover their love of sport and developing confidence to creating memories that will last long after they leave primary school."

Last year, LSSP was also awarded a three-year grant totalling £114,000 from KIND, which works with disadvantaged families and children across Merseyside to improve confidence, education, health and overall life experiences.

This year's £38,000 instalment from KIND will continue to support LSSP's delivery of its 'Happy, Healthy, Active' programme to Key Stage 2 pupils. Created in conjunction with North West Cancer Research, the programme provides children with the knowledge and insight to make healthy life choices relating to physical activity levels and positive behaviours.

Joint CEO of LSSP, Adella Dando, commented: "We are absolutely delighted to secure this vital funding for schools across Liverpool. On behalf of our entire team and board of trustees, I would like to thank the Steve Morgan Foundation and KIND for their generosity and ongoing partnership.

"With our primary schools facing so much uncertainty surrounding the future of sport funding, we are determined to ensure that their pupils can still access PE, sport and physical activity opportunities, and attend competitions and festivals, all of which keeps them happy, healthy and active."

LSSP's enhanced membership package is still available to purchase at the subsidised rate for the 2026/27 academic year. Liverpool schools interested in securing this can contact LSSP at enquiries@lssp.co.uk.



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I will continue to put pressure on UU to update me and residents on the project and the timeline going forward. Rest assured, I will be keeping a close eye on this.

If you have any concerns about the work being carried out on the Mystery, or anything else, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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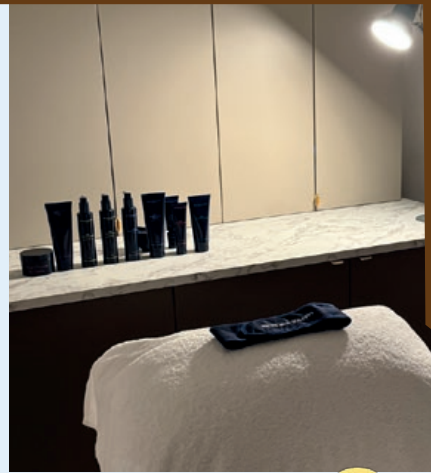
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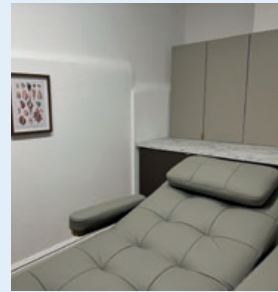
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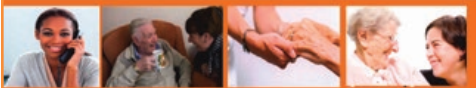
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*The Liverpool Santa Dash is back in 2026!
- a festive favourite for all ages, participants take to the streets of
Liverpool in their Santa suits for the annual celebration.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026

Start Time: 9:30am for the main 5K; approx. 11:00am for the Mini

The different ways to get involved:

MAIN 5K

The Liverpool Santa Dash is hosted as a fun run and those of all ages and abilities are welcome to take part in the main 5K.

The adult Santa suit is one size fits all, with size options available for children. There is a discounted entry for kids aged 3-8, and under 3's may enter for free but must be registered.

MINI DASH 1K

There's something for everyone at the Liverpool Santa Dash, and the Mini Dash is a great way for younger runners to get involved!

This is a separate event which starts at approximately 11.00 on Castle Street.

This is a 1K run for children up to 12 years of age. Parents / Guardians can run with their children and will need to register for free when they sign up their children.

scan the QR code for more information...



WHY RUN THIS EVENT?

The Santa Dash is a fun, festive day for the whole family. Join us in our Christmas celebrations, whether you are running the 5K or the Mini Dash, and help to lift everyone's holiday spirits. The main 5K starts near the Tate and takes runners down Salthouse Quay, past the Albert Dock, taking runners round to Leeds Street before finishing near the Liverpool Town Hall. The Mini Dash has a swift 1K route, going down Lord Street and Stanley Street before heading to the same finish as the 5K.

Little Lights (formerly Zoe's Place) is the headline partner charity for this event. originally founded in Liverpool in 1995, Little Lights was the first hospice in the UK specifically providing for the needs of babies and younger children. Their team of specialist nurses and healthcare assistants are supported by a wide range of healthcare professions to provide services such as respite care, therapies, and bereavement care to young children and babies with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions, as well as their families.

What's included?

For 5K participants:

- Goody bag
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- Finisher's medal

For 1K participants:

- Goody bag (for children only)
- Santa Suit (for over 3s)
- Finisher's medal (for children only)

Free entry for accompanying adults
(must be registered)



CHILDWALL WI

We are a very active group of women who share many social and learning experiences. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Centre, Score Lane.

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.

We had our Childwall WI AM in September which was well attended and went well, our Committee remaining in their same positions within the group.

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MSB Woolton FC

Hi everyone and as always thank you for taking the time to read our articles relating to Woolton FC the biggest grassroots club in the country and one which is right on your door step.

This month I have attached the up-and-coming games which our first team have ahead of them which include some potentially exciting cup games. Remember this is a local team who are now semi-professional and representing our community so as always, any support for our games would be greatly appreciated.

I also thought that for this article it would be nice to hear from one of our coaches who has been with Woolton right the way through the pathway leading hopefully to further involvement at the highest level we can achieve.

My Coaching Journey by Adrian (Tom) Thompson

I'm an architect by profession, with a passion for sport and for football in particular. My coaching journey probably began in much the same way as it does for most coaches at Woolton FC. My then six-year-old twin boys, Andrew and Iain, started playing football at Camp Hill in March 2014. Shortly afterwards the club asked for new coaches, so I volunteered.

In July 2014 Woolton FC created 12 new U6 teams with German-themed names. Mine was Woolton Wolfsburg, and I was given an initial squad of eight players, including my two sons.

I subsequently coached that team from U6 through to U16.

Our focus was always on development rather than simply winning, and we challenged our players by competing at the highest level possible. In total, 42 different players, including three girls, played for Wolfsburg between July 2014 and September 2024.

I gained my FA Level 1 and Level 2 coaching qualifications in 2015 and 2018 respectively. The group completing the FA Level 2 course with me included some current Woolton stalwarts, such as Kev Sheahan and Chris Leahy.

U16 is a difficult stage in youth football, as players contend with exams and other outside interests. At the start of the 2024/25 season, depleted numbers forced us to merge with Woolton Gilmour. That move enabled our remaining players to continue playing together at U17 and U18 and to see out their time in junior and youth football.

In November 2022 I started working for Woolton FC, under the leadership of first-team striker Matty Robinson, coaching football two days a week in breakfast and after-school clubs at Bishop Eton School. The enthusiasm of the children is infectious, and it's great fun.

In 2024 I joined the team responsible for delivering the upgrades to Pitch 1 at Simpsons so it could be used as Woolton first team's home venue in the North West Counties League. The work included new stands, extra spectator space behind the goal, and new access routes for players and spectators. The project was completed early in 2026. During the summer I became a coach with Woolton FC's newly created U21 development team, working alongside Keiran Hughes and Kev Sheahan. The side is now a key part of the Woolton pathway,

bridging the gap between youth football and the senior game.

We currently have a squad of around 25 talented young players and have started well in the NW U21 Development League. It looks set to be an exciting season, and the future for Woolton FC appears bright.



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

Has Bonfire Night become a resident's nightmare?

As September heralds the end of Summer and the beginning of Autumn, many residents dread the next couple of months as loud explosions can be heard throughout the area and almost continually at weekends. Shops sell fireworks to teenagers including those whose decibel noise is not permitted. It is a time of year which becomes difficult particularly for the elderly or young families with very young children. Dogs and cats are frightened and terrified of going out. Bonfire Night or Guy Fawkes Night was a time to remember when Guy Fawkes and his Plotters tried to blow up the King and Parliament.

*'Remember, Remember,
The fifth of November,
Gunpowder, Treason and Plot.'*

Liverpool City Council would organise Firework Displays in local parks, which were well controlled, safe and enjoyable for the whole family. Of course that has all changed with fireworks or mega fireworks being set off continually from the end of September through to the end of November.

There is no law of the land which prevents this and anyone can set off fireworks at anytime (not passed 11pm) or any month. There is a huge cost to our Police and Fire Services and hospital services.

So what should be done?

A Parliamentary Bill which permits Fireworks on Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve and Diwali or other religious festivals. Residents wanting to celebrate a particular family occasion would have to obtain a licence from their local council which would include strict requirements in terms of safety and time curfew. Let me know what you think at:

storeym@parliament.uk

Mike Storey



Historical Note

A group of 13 English Catholic conspirators led by Robert Catesby and including Guy Fawkes sought to assassinate the Protestant King James 1, blow up the Houses of Parliament and restore a Catholic monarch to the throne. On the night of 4-5th 1605, guards found Guy Fawkes guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder hidden in a cellar beneath the House of Lords.

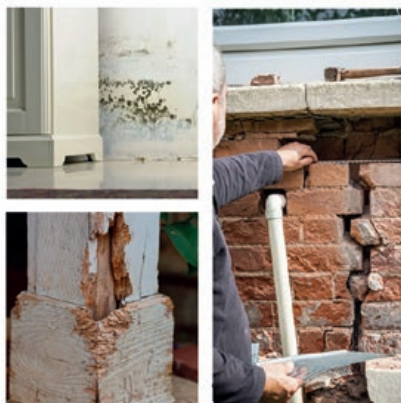
The plot of course failed. Fawkes and his conspirators were arrested and executed for treason; bonfires were initially lit around London to celebrate the King had survived. Parliament declared November the 5th a day of national thanksgiving.

Over the years it has shifted from a religious commemoration into a secular celebration. In the House of Lords you can see the actual spot marked by an English Heritage plaque where the barrels of gunpowder were placed.

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