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# Editor's Comment

AS I flicked through the pages of the national newspapers my heart sank when I saw the headlines proclaiming Warrington to be bottom of the league for culture and the "worst town in Britain for culture vultures!"

How could it be? My home town which boasts the first ever public library and a museum celebrating its 160th anniversary and our historic Golden Gates and town hall and the impressive Walton Hall and Gardens, to name but a few, rank bottom of the league.

When I came to the line proclaiming Warrington had no canals I realised the report was not entirely factually correct - when entirely tactually correct – when in fact we boast the Sankey St Helens canal, one of the oldest in the country, the Bridgewater canal and the Manchester Ship Canal – apparently these canals didn't count because they are privately owned! Working closely with my friends at Culture Warrington we moved aujickly to set the record straight and

quickly to set the record straight and it wasn't too long before the authors of the original report, the Royal Society of Arts, were back pedalling a little bit attempting to clarify the rankings and the awarding of points. It transpired the whole of Cheshire

ranked pretty poorly. I won't bore you with the details of the point scoring mechanisms as I personally don't think they are worth

the paper they are written on – a little bit like some of the tabloid press who appeared to take great pleasure in slagging of our town (again) without checking their facts.

I took great pleasure in poking The Times and their Cultural Editor in the eye on social media with their factually incorrect reporting and their silence spoke volumes. It eventually transpired that Warrington wasn't even bottom of the

overall league table, (we are bottom for assets apparently) with the likes of Rotherham, Slough, Knowsley, Darlington and Luton below us.

On a positive note what the report



has done is highlight how much we have got to be proud of in Warrington and how we need to make more of the opportunities to tap into the heritage funding pots of money to help showcase and preserve what we have got. With a revitalised Warrington Civic

Society now gaining momentum, working in partnership with Culture Warrington, who have opened up the museum for their meetings, there is plenty to be positive about looking to the future.



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# £70,000 facelift for Bewsey Meadows



Left to right, Peter Fitzhenry, managing director, GGHT, Cllr Steve Parish, Angus Lord, WBC, Cllr Kate Hannon, Roy Smith, chairman, GGHT, Chris Ball, neighbourhoods team Cllr Pat Wright, Rita Robertson, WBC.

### WORK has started on a £70,000 scheme to improve and regenerate the Bewsey Meadows area of Warrington.

The improvements will enhance the area and help improve the health and wellbeing of local residents – as well as improving access routes and bringing residents closer to noture

well as improving access routes and bringing residents closer to nature. They will include a new path network, access and site boundary fencing, foot bridge improvements, meadow habitat improvement and tree planting. Meadow habitat will be further enhanced by enriching species diversity through supplementary wild flower planting in partnership with local schools. Borough councillors Kate Hannon, Pat Wright and Steve Parish were

Borough councillors Kate Hannon, Pat Wright and Steve Parish were joined by Golden Gates Housing Trust chairman and managing director Roy Smith and Peter Fitzhenry on site to mark the start of the work. The refurbishment work to the area will see £70,000 worth of investment

The returbishment work to the area will see £70,000 worth of investment taking place from partners including the borough council, Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) with substantial funding from WREN's FCC Community Action Fund. The project which was formally approved by WREN earlier this year is expected to be completed in late October. Cllr Hannon, the council's lead member for leisure community and

Cllr Hannon, the council's lead member for leisure community and culture, said: "Access to and use of the meadows by all members of the community will have a positive impact on local young people and families."

Cllr Wright, lead member for health, wellbeing and adult services, said: "By helping to make the meadows more accessible to the community, not only will the health and wellbeing of residents be improved, but so will community spirit and cohesion."

Mr Smith added: "It is fantastic to see work beginning to improve the look and feel of Bewsey Meadows. It sends a clear message that partners in the 'Delivering Wellbeing in Bewsey and Dallam' project are committed to improving the lives of residents who live in the area."



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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .



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experiences. Belief is the trigger for synchronicity, the law of attraction, sending out the right vibes for what is wanted and needed. If you don't believe, then you can't activate this extraordinary gift. Your brain won't process information that it doesn't expect to see. If you are not open to believing, something could be right in front of you and you still won't see it. However, when a synchronistic event does occur, it creates new positive thoughts and beliefs. The energy produced by the new belief system and accompanying positive

system and accompanying positive attitude can then affect the chance of

other similar events and experiences

The most widely recognized synchronistic events are those where

a career or relationship has followed

a chain of unexpected changes, and the person knows intuitively they are being guided in a certain direction. We regularly see clients who are going through significant life changes where they may feel out of control with events. However, we

encourage them to look at patterns and signs which then highlight the synchronicity, and help them to believe that they deserve the positive

changes that their intuition is guiding

## Synchronicity not open to the possibilities that they deserve wonderful life changing

How much has chance played a role in your life? Think about how you met your partner or got your first job. Have strange encounters dramatically encounters dramatically changed your life? Have you ever experienced a coincidence so incredible that it left you stunned? If so, then you have just taken a step into the amazing world of 'synchronicity'.

'synchronicity'. What happens in most people's lives is beyond their control. Think about it, no matter how carefully you plan your life, you cannot know if your future endeavours will be affected by a single random event. One small detail can and will change everything. People often put it down to good luck, being in the right place at the right time or bad luck that at the right time, or bad luck, that nothing goes right for them. Some people think it is due to karma, that good things happen to them because they have done a good deed, or bad things happen because they are getting paid back for a mistake or a

getting paid back for a mistake or a wrong decision they have made. Our beliefs have a large part to play. People who are happy go lucky and believe they deserve good things, usually have good things happen to them, whereas the more pessimistic of us will expect bad things to happen and are therefore,

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#### them towards.

Change is difficult as it often means leaving situations or people means leaving situations or people behind that may no longer be giving us what we need. A prime example is staying in a safe, well paid job, even though you are longing for something more meaningful and challenging which provides more flexibility and a better work-life balance. Once you acknowledge what you want to do and you believe you deserve it, events will unfold to lead you in the right direction. It may be a chance right direction. It may be a chance meeting with someone who is doing a similar job that you would like to do, or you see a course advertised that would give you the qualifications you need.

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# Cheerleading group strikes gold



A WARRINGTON-based cheerleading group has struck gold after winning a top regional prize.

Knights American Cheer, a not for profit cheerleading, dance and tumble club, beat off stiff competition from various clubs across the North West to pick up a prize of £500 in the regional round of the Miller Homes Summer of Sport contest.

Judges were looking for examples of how the sporting clubs in each community would make the most out of the donation, how the cash boost would directly support the learning and fitness of its members and specific examples of how the money would be used.

The judging panel, which included Preston North End FC's Chris Humphreys agreed that Knights American Cheer were worthy winners in the North West region as they're looking to raise money for new equipment and a gym refurbishment that includes a new sprung floor which will help improve how coaches and athletes are able to train.

Chris commented: "It was great to see such strong entries from across the North West and to know that the money is going to be put to such good use. Supporting grass roots and community based sport is critical for success in later life."

Angeline Rees from Knights American Cheer adds: "As each season progresses so do the skills and abilities of the athletes and that's why it is so critical that we have the right equipment to help them reach their full potential."



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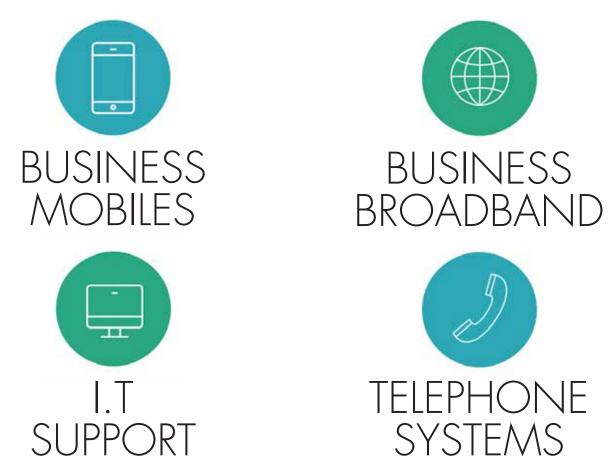
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# Development progress hotting up

#### It's another very busy month as development progress heats up in Warrington.

At Omega the extension of Skyline Drive, connecting Junction 8 to Omega Boulevard is complete and will open later this year on Omega South. On Omega North Hermes Parcelnet has acquired three acres

of land next to its existing 150,000 sq ft facility, allowing it to increase its parcel handling capability to a million parcels each day. Hermes will be adding a new £7million conveyor system to the depot and will create an additional 200 jobs.

Bridge Street Quarter moves on at a pace. We have appointed

a contractor to construct the temporary market hall and works are set to commence early next year. It is the area at the northern end of the site currently being cleared, behind the British Heart Foundation shop. The area at the lower end of the site, down towards where B & M bargains once stood will be converted into a temporary car park in time for Christmas and to support Christmas trade at the market.

Early in 2017 the market will move into the temporary market hall and then remain trading there

until the permanent market hall is built and open in 2019. At Stadium Quarter, the Business Incubator is being fitted out and will be formally opened in November. Next door UTC Warrington is now well on site and steelwork will appear from the ground soon. And speaking of new starts I'd like to welcome Tori McNally, Manager at the Wood Floor Warehouse who have recently opened on the A49, I wish them every success for the future. This is another great example of inward investment; a growing Northern investment; a growing Northern Ireland company that has chosen Warrington as its first UK mainland store



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# MBS site supplies set new goals for growth

WARRINGTON based MBS Site Supplies has revealed plans to buy an additional seven sites in the next seven years after securing a finance package from RBS Invoice Finance

tinance package from RBS Invoice Finance. The £2.5m turnover company, which also has premises in Liverpool has been provided with a £250k working capital facility that it believes will help it grow its turnover to £15m by 2021. While MBS Site Supplies has only been trading for 18 months, the firm now operates two sites in Liverpool and Warrington, with plans to establish a third centre in either the North West or North Wales by Q2 2016. Carl Oates, the managing director of MBS Site Supplies, said: "I have operated in the industry through my marketing career for a number of years and by utilising the contacts I have made, this is helping MBS Site Supplies to become the number one choice for building supplies in the UK. building supplies in the UK.

"I am delighted with the support the bank has given us and for recommending an invoice finance facility that is assisting with the continued growth of the company." Carl added: "We are already in discussion about upgrading our IT system to make it more user friendly for our staff and customers, which will cost in the region of £40k. "Significant investment will prevail as the company evolves and it is rewarding knowing we have a trusted banking partner on board."

board.

The firm supplies products such as plasterboard, tools, nails and fixings to the construction industry through trade counter and online sales

sales. Recent growth has seen the firm hire an additional five members of staff, bringing MBS Site Supplies' employee count to 14. Ciaran Kilheeney, a relationship manager with The Royal Bank of Scotland, who also plays centre forward at Warrington Town FC

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commented: "Carl is a passionate individual who is certainly putting MBS Site Supplies on the UK map as a credible supplier to the construction trade.

"Carl has ambitious targets and we will endeavour to support his expansion plans and help him achieve greater things to come

# First residents move into new affordable homes

### **RESIDENTS** are settling into the first of 18 new homes at a $\pm 1.5$ m affordable housing scheme in Warrington.

Edenhall Grove, off Howson Road, Orford is Golden Gates Housing Trust's (GGHT) first affordable housing development for residents in

In April this year, GGHT became part of Torus, a housing group with a commitment to deliver much needed affordable homes throughout the region. The 18 home development of two

and three-bedroom rented homes has been developed with fellow Torus group company Helena Partnerships, while Manchester-based Harbur Construction has built the properties.

Richard Hutchinson, managing director at Harbur Construction, said: "The scheme has been designed sensitively using similar brickwork and materials used to build homes bordering the site, so it fits in with the traditional feel of existing housing in traditional feel of existing housing in the area. The development provides high quality family homes for local people while making use of wasted space, as it is based at a site which had stood derelict for years. It has really helped to regenerate a key part of the community.

' The new homes achieve Sustainable Code Level 3, which is a national standard awarded to homes that achieve greater levels of energy efficiency and a reduced carbon footprint compared to current building regulations.

Allun Finlay, one of the first residents to move into one of the new residents to move into one of the new homes with his partner and young child, is delighted. He said: "We are delighted with our new home. I'm really looking forward to getting settled in and making it ours now." The Howson Road development is one of several new Torus developments across Warrington. At Howley Meadows on Howley waterfront, 20 two bedroom rented apartments and a collection of two and three bedroom family homes for

and three bedroom family homes for affordable ownership will be ready to move into this October.

Early next year the regeneration of Bewsey and Dallam's Harrison Square will commence with two and three bedroom houses and

Whilst in Latchford, a development of over 100 new homes for rent and affordable ownership is also planned for 2016/17.

GGHT Chair, Roy Smith said: "I would like to wish a very warm welcome to the new residents of Edenhall Grove. The completion of this development marks a new era for GGHT in being able to offer more affordable homes in Warrington. It's great to see these houses now turning into homes.

The build was funded by GGHT and the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).



Mark Burrows, GGHT Head of Repairs and Maintenance, Kath Harkin, GGHT Neighbourhood Office, GGHT Chair Roy Smith, Linda Letwenjuk, Torus Development Manager, Sophie Griffiths & Allun Finlay and daughter.



GGHT Chair, Roy Smith handing the keys to new residents Sophie Griffiths and Allun Finlay and their daughter.

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# Not-for-profit shop is 'retailer of the month'

A NOT-for-profit community shop at Warrington, partly-run by volunteers, has won the "retailer of the month" award from a national wholesale delivery company.

Hollins Green Community Shop only opened earlier this year in response to demand from locals who face a three-and-a-half mile journey to the nearest supermarket. It was chosen ahead of hundreds

of entrants from across the UK because of its commitment to youth engagement projects and giving back to the community.

The shop is run by manager Julie Atkinson with a small staff backed

up by a team of enthusiastic volunteers, many of them retired people from the village.

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# Inspirational university lecturer retires

**POPULAR** lecturer has retired from the Warrington campus of Chester University where he had taught for more than a quarter of a century.

Dave Grimshaw had lectured on journalism and broadcasting at Warrington since 1989 when the Padgate campus was still North Cheshire College.

Prior to that he had a successful career as a news producer and broadcast journalist with BBC Radio

Merseyside. His first experience of the Warrington campus was as a student, graduating with a BA in audio-visual communications combined theatre studies.

Only last year, he was named "most inspiring lecturer" in the Students' Union "Above and Beyond"

Students' Union<sup>37</sup> Above and Beyond" awards. He said: "That was very flattering because at the end of the day, I'm simply doing my job. Teaching for me has been an accidental career, but the reason I've stayed so long is the people – working with my colleagues and the students has been an inspiration for me." Although now retired from teaching, Dave is not about to hang up his headphones just yet! He added: "I have a list of radio and audio\_design projects in mind,

and audio design projects in mind, but I'm definitely going to shift my work-life balance over, towards the



life side!"

Dave Grimshaw was the driving force behind setting up the university's award winning student-run radio station, The Cat Radio, so-called in reference to the Alice in Wonderland

character, the Cheshire Cat. Author Lewis Carroll was born in the Warrington village of Daresbury. In November last year, The Cat Radio won silver in the Student

Radio Awards, one month after beating some of the biggest names in broadcasting, to scoop a prestigious national Jerusalem Award.

Professor Peter Harrop, former Senior Pro-Vice Chancellor and Provost of the Warrington Campus, roosi of the Warrington Campus, said: "Dave has made a tremendous contribution to student experience and employability across both our media degree programmes and the Cat Radio which has been part of the fabric of the campus for many years. Dave's accessible blending of theory and professional practice will be and professional practice will be much missed."

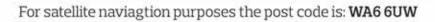


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# School offers help to stamp out bullying

STAFF at Great Sankey High School who have received specilaist training to help stamp out bullying are offering free train the trainer courses.

Schools have a duty of care to protect their students and Great Sankey Teaching School Alliance have recently been designated a "Stonewall" Training Partner. This project is supported by DFE and funded by the Government Equalities Office. Homophobic, biphobic and

Homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) language and bullying are widespread in UK secondary schools, affecting young

AWARD winning Northwood, the company which offers a guaranteed rental income scheme that uniquely is not an insurance policy is celebrating its 4th anniversary in Warrington.

Northwood is also proud to announce that it is the winner of the gold award for 'The Best Letting Agent in Warrington, Cheshire for 2015' and secured third place in the North West of England.

The business is owned locally by Sadia Mian who said: "We introduced our 'Guaranteed Rental Income Scheme to Warrington 4 years ago this month and it has proved to be an incredible success.

"During this time our fantastic team have been passionate about the level of customer service we provide and whilst Northwood people's well-being as well as their attendance and attainment.

Almost half of primary teachers say pupils they teach experience homophobic bullying and seven in ten hear homophobic language – phrases like "that's so gay" – trom pupils. Nine in ten teachers say they want to tackle the problem but lack the training or support to do so. Staff from Great Sankey High School have been trained by Stonewall and are offering free "Train the Trainer" courses.

These courses give teaching colleagues the knowledge, tools and confidence to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying and celebrate difference in their schools.

"We are delighted to be a driver in this new initiative" said Paula Crawley, headteacher of Great Sankey High School

"Any form of bullying affects a child's progress in school and their well-being. By training staff to be

able to tackle this type of bullying means they are able to safeguard the children and young people they teach and will ensure they fulfil their potential, achieve their aspirations and ultimately be able to progress in their future careers. "

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\*Costume and Medals for adults and children (5-14 years). Please ensure you order the correct costume sizes for participants as LiveWire is unable to make any changes once the form is submitted.

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# Launch of 'Live Laugh Love' Ladies Club

### A WARRINGTON mum of two is launching a "Live laugh Love" Ladies Club in the town after a "life changing experience."

Julia Bowden, who has two sons Kristian 24 and Jordan 21 trained as a nurse aged 21 and then worked in operating theatres throughout the



north west for the next 15 years, followed by 10 years in medical

sales. She explained: "Looking back my life on the whole had been very stable and relatively stress free, but then in 2009 I lost my father followed 18 months later by my mother, being an only child I was devastated.

"The next five years were very difficult for me , my family and friends were very support, but I struggled hugely.

"My mum always said "everything happens for a reason" then May this year I was invited to Bournemouth by my best friend, and it was utterly life changing. "By chance I was invited to a Live

Laugh Love ladies evening and was so impressed with the concept and Michelle herself, that I instantly knew I wanted to be part of the venture.





And this is where I find myself today, looking forward to meeting new friends, learning about and sharing new knowledge and interests

sharing new knowledge and interests from the speakers, and being part of a club that will bring ladies together for friendship, company and fun." Julia will launch Live Laugh Love Ladies Club with a charity event on Wednesday, November 18 7pm-10pm at The Waterside, Park Boulevard, Warrington. Julia added: "Ladies, you are invited to the fantastic Live Laugh Love Ladies Club North West Charity Launch in Warrington Cheshire in aid

Launch in Warrington Cheshire in aid of Claire House Children's Hospice.

"The highlight of the evening will be an empowering talk from Angela Preston author of Opening Doors. A true to life story of a girl growing up in a poor family with a dream, and how she achieved that dream. www. angelapreston 1.com

"There will also be an amazing insight into the work of Claire House Children's Hospice, plus the fascinating story of Tropic Skincare and the part played by Lord Sugar."

The evening will also include a charity raffle, a finger buffet with tea and coffee. Alcoholic beverages will be available at an extra charge.

### Join the Brainwave Santa Dash

BRAINWAVE'S annual 5km Santa Dash takes place at Birchwood on Sunday December 13, with registration from 8.15am at the Peacock Pub. То

register for the event www.brainwave.org.uk/ visit birchwood-santa-dash

The event costs £10 for adults and £5 per child and is free for under 5s when accompanied by an adult.

The entry fee covers a 3 piece santa outfit for adults and a santa hat for children.

The event is being sponsored by Birchwood based yellowbus and helps raise funds to help disabled children reach their full potential. Community fund-raiser Joanne

Freeman is pictured helping launch the event at a special Love Warrington meeting held at the Halliwell Jones Staidum, with Wolves' CEO Roger Draper, Birchwood Shopping centre manager Gazy Jones and Mark Birchwood Shopping centre manager Gary Jones and Mark Bowater from Yellowbus.





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**Doves For Peace Campaign** 

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## Chief Executive Nick Taylor - Violent extremism

Violent extremism isn't new. The Irish Republican terrorists who 22 years ago planted bombs in litter bins on a busy shopping Centre in Warrington, were extremists. Their radicalised views and motivations to kill innocent people were no different than that of contemporary terrorists that commit atrocities to further a cause.

Whatever their motivation, such acts draw a deep abhorrence from the majority of people. In the case of the IRA bombing in Warrington, the act was a step too far, and even those at the core of an organisation that deployed such tactics and their fervent supporters, began to question these actions, saying openly 'enough is enough.' The British Prime Minister at the time, Sir John Major, believes that the Warrington bombing was a pivotal moment in the peace process that eventually led to a 'ceasefire.'

From the start of this century, conflict changed dramatically as Al Qaeda inspired attacks challenged the whole complexion of terrorism and gave rise to something badged by certain politicians as 'global terror', a very different proposition to that experienced in Britain and Ireland, but with the same outcomes of needless death and injury, and the need to help those traumatised to cope and recover. A realisation also that the techniques used to do this were not conflict specific and in 2001 the Foundation developed a new project to deal with the legacy of conflict and support survivors and victims of terrorism in Great Britain. (See page 5).



Nick Taylor CEO

### Dinner with The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH

Sir John delivered compelling reasons why the Foundation is not only vitally important to the people of Britain, but also to the business community,



The Foundation is delighted to announce that the speaker for our Peace Lecture 2016 will be the BBC Middle East Correspondent, Jeremy Bowen.

As a foreign correspondent for more than 20 years and the BBC's Middle East Editor, Jeremy always has a bag packed with his flak jacket, first aid kit, helmet and portable kettle. He has firsthand experience of conflict in war torn countries and many interesting tales to tell.

Further details will be announce in the New Year but the date for your diary is Thursday 24th March. when he spoke to an invited audience at the Athenaeum Club in Liverpool in September.

In what has become a key annual event for the Foundation, Sir John's speech ranged from how deeply the events of March 20, 1993 affected him when he was Prime Minister, to the ever-increasing threat posed by terrorist groups, such as ISIS.

His grasp of national and international politics deeply impressed an audience

made up of senior managers from the corporate sector around the North West.

Colin Parry, the Foundation's Chairman, said: "I was delighted to welcome, thank and introduce Sir John who, as former Prime Minister and one of the Foundation's most high-profile Patrons, gives enormous credibility to the work

we do. Guests attending the dinner were delighted to be part of the evening and enjoyed Sir John's speech".



# President of Ireland visits the Peace Centre

On July 22nd, the Foundation was delighted to welcome the Irish President Michael D Higgins to the Peace Centre.

The Foundation's Chairman, Colin Parry, invited the President to speak at the Centre when they met at Queens University in Belfast in October 2014. The invitation was immediately accepted by the President who was eager to see the Peace Centre and learn more about the Foundation's work.

During his speech, the President urged people to reach out to those at risk of being drawn into radicalised behaviour and extremism. He warned that the radicalisation of young people was fast becoming one of the most significant threats in a global society.

The President said "For all of us who are committed to the ideals of freedom, tolerance and peace, it is essential that we engage with those excluded individuals who may be drawn towards extremism and radicalisation. We must give leadership in identifying and tackling the social conditions in which extremism can take root.

He added: "The Foundation's work in addressing the root causes which lead vulnerable citizens into lives of destructive crime and conflict, including discrimination, prejudice and violence, is impressive and inspiring, as are the many programmes aimed at enabling vulnerable young people to envision a different future; a future founded on forgiveness, resolution and true empowerment."

"While a terrible and heinous act cannot, and should not, for the most moral of reasons ever be forgotten, it is only through an act of imagination and creativity that we can prevent that tragic memory from colonising the future.

"The immense space left behind by the loss of Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball has been used to build a place of healing and reconciliation – that is an achievement from which we can all draw inspiration. This Peace Centre reminds us of the good that can come from the consequences of great tragedy, and of all that can be achieved when we remember ethically, in ways that have the potential to release us from bitterness, revenge or denunciation and allow us to move forward and achieve new beginnings."

The President, his wife, the Irish Ambassador to Britain, Dan Mulhall and his wife, toured the Centre, met members of the team and learned more about the programmes as they spoke with many people who the Foundation work with.





### Kelly & Jason become Mr & Mrs Fowler

#### **Congratulations to Kelly & Jason**

Kelly, the Foundation's Director for Commissions, married long-time partner Jason Fowler in the beautiful idyllic setting of Belmont Hall in the Lake District on the 8th August.

Wendy Parry said: "Kelly has worked for the Foundation for over 15 years and I have seen her develop and become an



important member of the Management team.

"Their wedding day was just perfect in every way, the setting, the food and even the weather! I hope they have a long and happy life together".

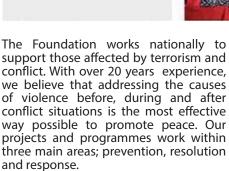
### Good luck for the future from everyone at the Peace Centre





# What we do and how we do it

PREVENTION



**Prevention** - Bearing in mind that prevention is often better than the cure; we support young people to turn away from violence. Through our Think project, we work with young people to reduce their susceptibility to extremism, helping them to develop the skills needed to consider carefully the consequences of their actions.

**Resolution** - In local communities throughout the United Kingdom and beyond, immigration and economic strains are increasingly connected, leading to polarisation and potentially, where differences are embraced, not feared. In this way, we provide neutral platforms for safe and productive dialogue. We tackle head on some 'difficult conversations', using the ideas proposed by participants in our projects to promote a counter-narrative of peace, inclusion and equality.

**Response** - Our experience shows that the long term impact of violent conflict on individuals and groups, has not been addressed. Consequently, the help we offer to everyone affected by violent conflict, victim or perpetrator, military veteran or individuals drawn into conflict from other entry points, aims to turn them into advocates of promoting peace. We deliver programmes for families and individuals affected by violent conflict, to break the cycle of violence by providing the assistance they need to 'cope and recover'

How we work - The Foundation's programmes encompass six broad areas of work. Using practice - based research and conflict transformation theory, the Foundation equips people with skills to use their experiences positively and to effect change for themselves and their communities.

For more information regarding our programmes, please contact the programme team on

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or email neil.renwick@ foundation4peace.org

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Survivors Assistance Network Anglo Irish Reconciliation

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Dialogue





RESOLUTION



Citizenship

Violence Prevention

**Counter Extremism** and De-radicalisation



RESPONSE

# Remembering victims of the 7/7 London Bombings on the 10th Anniversary

On July 7th, the Foundation attended a ceremony in London to mark the 10th anniversary of the bombings.

The day began with an official wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial site in Hyde Park. This was attended by those injured in the attack, victims' families and friends, Prince William Duke of Cambridge, a number of senior politicians and Heads of the Emergency Services. This ceremony coincided with individual events at each of the four sites across London where the incidents had taken place exactly 10 years before. At 11am a service of Commemoration was held at St Pauls Cathedral & a minutes silence was respected around the UK.

At the conclusion of the formal event those present made their way to a nearby marquee. This was an opportunity to speak with Prince William but for many, more importantly, to reconnect with so many others who had been affected by the events of that day. Everyone sharing the same experience regardless of background, faith or religion.

The Foundation has worked with victims affected by the 7/7 incident for many years. Based in the official marquee in Hyde Park, our 'Survivors' team were able to speak to victims and inform those, who have never taken part in our programmes, how we can help them and their families.





### Survivors Assistance Network (SAN)

The Foundation manages the Survivors Assistance Network (SAN) which provides support to those affected by terrorism and political violence. Aimed at sharing information and experience, encouraging self-help and reducing the impact of post-traumatic stress, SAN focuses on improving recovery time, enabling people to cope and recover and making a real difference to those affected by terrorism.

Completely free of charge, SAN offers practical and emotional support through a variety of means including a secure online support network, social media and newsletters. It also offers trauma education, dialogue, sharing experiences, conflict resolution and leadership training.

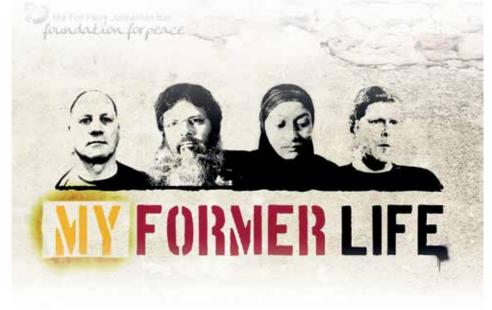
If you, or someone you know, has been affected by the events of 7/7 or any other acts of terrorism, then don't suffer in silence. Contact us to see how we can help you.

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# Young people taken through a journey of understanding and learning

The Foundation launched a multimedia education resource that is set to change the approach to tackling the extremism that leads people to violence and terrorism.

The resource focuses on a documentary film sharing the story of four former extremists, and explores the motivations that led to them becoming involved in



### Alsop High School take part in 'My Former Life'

Alsop High School welcomed the Foundation to help launch our multimedia education resource in Liverpool.

A group of Year 9 students attended workshops that focused on the documentary film which took them on a journey to understand and learn about the causes and effects of violent extremism. Ultimately, the ideologically driven life stories of those involved in the film, that aims to show that violence and the chosen group didn't solve anything.

Jemma Buntin Project Manager said:

"Many thanks to Alsop High School for allowing the Foundation to deliver our 'My Former Life' workshops. Alsop students were a credit to the school responding to the challenging subject matter with curiosity and maturity. They were a pleasure to work with and I wanted to pass on my congratulations to all those students involved."

Mr Joe Mangan, Headteacher at Alsop High School said: "It was a privilege for Alsop to welcome Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace to our school. It encouraged our students to learn lessons about violent conflict and to consider where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead." The Foundation is well known for its work assisting victims of terrorism to cope and recover and in educating young people to resolve conflict without resorting to violence. Now the charity has turned its attention to those people who are former extremists and has challenged them to share their experiences to prevent others from following the same path.



violent conflict, the consequences of their actions and their eventual departure from the various groups.

The resource takes young people on a journey of understanding and learning about the causes and effects of violent extremism. Ultimately, the ideologically driven stories of each individual extremist are undermined by the powerful film which shows that their violence and the violence of their chosen group, didn't solve anything.

"The film, supported by education resources, has been produced and tested over a period of two years and features former extremists who have been encouraged to share what led them down a path of extremism and violent conflict.

Kelly Fowler, 'My Former Life' Project Leader said: "if we are to counter the extremism that can lead people to turn to violence, then we have to start early - on the playground, in the classroom and youth groups, to provide young people with the resilience and ability to think for themselves and reject the warped ideologies of violence, terrorism and violent conflict.

"The film shows their journey and explores what has now changed their minds and describes why they have joined with the Foundation to 'fight' for peace and to defeat ISIS and others who use violence and terrorism to further their aims. Those, whose stories were told through the film, joined the Foundation at the launch to provide a rare opportunity for the audience to hear, first hand, about their experiences and what had motivated them to share their stories. These included a former female recruiter for an Islamist group; a former white supremacist from the United States; a former Irish Republican and a former jihadi fighter.

The Foundation will work through the film & workshops, with young people throughout the UK, to raise awareness and understanding to help those vulnerable to radicalisation to turn away from violent extremism.

**Please note:** The film is not available for general release as it is delivered as part of a facilitated education project. If you would like further information regarding this programme, please call Christine Cox on 01925 581239.

# **Women Building Peace**

AN influential year-long project set up to increase women's participation in conflict resolution and peace-building, has come to an end until further funding can be found.

The 'Women Building Peace' project was funded by the European Union Integration Fund for a 12 month period. A total of 63 women from around the North West, who live in communities affected by violent extremism, have now been trained in outreach work. All the women gained a nationally recognised qualification at level 2 in Conflict Resolution.

The project, which also aimed to build skills, confidence and the capacity to pro-actively tackle conflict, featured on BBC Radio Lancashire in recognition of the efforts in place. Siobhan, project leader, praised the broadcast for allowing listeners to get an insight of the 'powerful stories' of some of the women involved. She added "Despite it coming to an end, for now, I'm confident all those involved will ensure the legacy of the project lives on".

## **Community Dialogue**

The Foundation facilitates dialogue within and between communities. A current example of this is our work in the Moston and Harpurhey area of Manchester. This area was, ten years ago, predominantly white British in its demographic but this has changed and people living in the Moston and Harpurhey area today, are from countries including: Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Hungary, Poland, Cameroon, Somalia, and China.

While the changes are welcomed by some in the community, there are others who are nostalgic for the area they remember from their childhoods. For some residents



there is a natural fear of difference. For some there is anger and resentment over a perceived limit to local services. In addition cultural and behavioural differences can be difficult to comprehend which can create a "them" and "us" mentality leading to selfsegregation, assumptions and community conflict.

The Foundation was commissioned as a neutral third party to 'audit' the potential sources of conflict, and present recommendations for moving the community forward together equitably and peacefully.



#### Comments from those who took part in the programme...

"Just a quick email to say thanks very much for the efforts of you and your team last night and in getting the whole event together. I felt that it was a really positive evening. There was very little focus on the past or on grievances and people genuinely wanted to get to know each other and work together."

"The play really showed the reality but it was hard to watch sometimes."

"We feel scared of different cultures and change."

"For me last night was more positive than ever. The main thing was new people came. There were shop owners from Moston Lane and they listened. Every meeting gets better. Roll on the next one."

*"It's opened my eyes that other people in the community see the same, no matter what ethnicity."* 

"We need more events like this one. This is the first honest conversation we have all had together."





The Women Building Peace Network was co-funded by the European Union Integration Fund

### The Audit

Our work began by recording interviews with 263 residents and business owners. The audio from these interviews was transcribed ensure comments to were accurately recorded. Extracts of these transcripts have been used throughout the process to promote honest dialogue among residents. Quotes were selected by the Foundation facilitators working with a local youth theatre group to create a short, provocative play to "name the elephant in the room" and reach the heart of the matter quickly.

### Residential at the Peace Centre

Fourteen people, resident or those working within the area, attended a two day residential at the Peace Centre to learn about conflict resolution, identity, adapting to change, and addressing fear of difference. New friendships were formed around a shared goal of improving the local community. Participants began to plan joint community events with the aim of bringing people of all cultural backgrounds together using some of the social engineering techniques modelled during the residential. These have also been trialled by a primary school head teacher in the playground, to bring parents together as they pick up their children from school. The same techniques can be used in churches, community events and meetings.

# 'THINK' Project goes from strength to strength

The 'Think' project is going from strength to strength. The Foundation is currently delivering the THINK project to four Manchester secondary schools and two Liverpool secondary schools. There is an increasing demand for the project after a successful first year. The 'THINK' project consists of two intensive three day residential programmes where young people develop critical thinking skills and conflict resolution skills as well as gaining a much stronger sense of self awareness and an increased resilience to persuasive harmful narratives. The young

#### THINK project participant said:

"THINK has been a great experience for me. We met some really interesting people with life changing stories. I have learned how to control my anger. I have become close to people who I would never have imagined being friends with, for example people that I really didn't like but now I would call them close friends. THINK has been the best opportunity I've ever had". people participate in a highly creative and experiential learning style that is designed to motivate, engage and empower them to think for themselves.

Project Lead Jemma Buntin said: "It is

essential that all young people have the confidence and consequential thinking skills to make decisions and choices that are well reasoned. The 'THINK' project enables young people to hold multiple perspectives at any one time."



IFE LEWNEWS CHARITY SAYS COUNCILS SHOULD FOLLOW BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL'S LEAD BY APPLYING FOR INJUNCTIONS

### Time to stop papering over the cracks – we need radical dialogue

Figures released by the National Police Chief's Council revealed that almost 800 people were referred to the government's Channel programme between June and August this year—more than double the amount of referrals received during the whole of 2012-13.

Just over 300 of these were young people under the age of 18 . As a programme, Channel was developed to provide support and make interventions with those deemed to be at risk of becoming involved in violent extremism. The programme works primarily with those deemed vulnerable, in a one to one setting with 'interventionists', ranging from local authority professionals to qualified and skilled individuals who practice and promote a 'counter-narrative' designed to provide the opposite argument to the ideology being espoused.

I was invited on behalf of the Foundation to talk about the findings of this report and its implications on ITV's Good Morning Britain.

Worrying trend or to be expected? The first thing is that this should not be a surprise to any of us. The Government's Prevent Duty and a move to enshrine Channel into local authority safeguarding frameworks means that schools, youth workers and local authority teams are amongst those who now have a duty to report if they see signs that a young person may be becoming involved in extremist activity. Government, and privately funded, training programmes are being run across the country, and have been for some months, raising awareness about the signs and symptoms that a young person could be becoming 'radicalised'.

When hate crime awareness increased some years ago - so did its reporting. This is the same with many phenomena in the medical profession and more contemporary issues such as child sexual exploitation. What many people will be interested in doing is ensuring that they are making the referral so it can be properly investigated rather than to ignore a potential problem and safeguarding issue. The figure's also reveal that whilst referrals may have increased, the number of these referrals that are converted into fullscale interventions have stood at around only one in five, with the overwhelming majority being referred on to other 'more appropriate' services.

The government states that Channel is a programme to safeguard vulnerable children and adults of any faith, ethnicity or background receive support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those that would want them to embrace terrorism'. Important here is the sentence 'before their vulnerabilities are exploited'... that does not seem however to have made

the headlines quite as easily or frequently as lines such as 'The new data... suggests authorities are identifying potential extremists at a rapidly rising rate. What's happening here is that they are identifying people who are vulnerable at a higher level, not necessarily that there are more vulnerable people than ever before. The other important question to ask is whether giving these 'vulnerable' people the scary sounding title of 'potential terrorist' helps or hinders. And does it give a label to which people can aspire? We may well do well to remember the criticism about slapping ASBOS's on young people some years back when the sad fact was that some started to live up to the title.

To read the full report, please go to www.foundation4peace.org



Kelly Fowler is the Director of Commissions

Doves For Peace

As part of the first ever refurbishment of the Peace Centre, we are creating a display of 200 engraved Doves for Peace and we'd love you to take part. Each dove will hang in the Peace Centre Foyer and will be a symbol of a group or individual's commitment to peace, whether in hope for the future or in memory. The aim is to create a visual statement of the dedication of the community to the achievement of peace.

To make your pledge to the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace and include your name on an engraved dove, please complete the form below. Choose your dove

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## Hope Café - "Food is our common ground, a universal experience."

The Foundation revealed a whole new culinary experience as part of its ongoing redecoration to the Peace Centre with the opening of the HOPE cafe.

Volunteer Colette Tritschler, who has taken a 12 month career break, volunteered her time and expertise inbetween caring for her growing family. Colette said: "I wanted to spend more time with my children but when my daughter was at school and my son at Nursery, I wanted to give something back to the community. The Peace Centre is a great resource for the people of Warrington so what better place to volunteer my spare time".

Karen Mcmanus, the Centre Manager said: "The Centre is a contemporary building so Collette's design had to match the exterior which she managed perfectly. The new paint design and fittings plus the fabulous new floor have transformed the whole dining experience. This project would not have been possible without the support of Dulux Akzo Nobel and Keith Rowland, the Area Manager for Dulux, who kindly coordinated this.



The Café was named HOPE because of Colin Parry's address at Tim's funeral. Colin said: "If my son becomes a symbol for peace and brings a new sense of Hope, it will be Tim's unique achievement".



### Local company lend a helping hand

The Foundation would like to thank all the staff from Latitude who gave their time and expertise to improve the exterior walls and grounds at the Peace Centre.

Eighteen members of their team over two days painted inside the building as well as the perimeter wall and fence. They also helped to tidy the gardens before donning their aprons and cooking a fantastic BBQ which all the Foundation team were invited to.

Wendy Parry said: "The team from Latitude did a fantastic job. The perimeter walls look as good as they did when they were first erected, and their offer of help was perfect

timing too, as just days before the President of Ireland visited the Centre so everywhere looked fresh and clean. We can't thank them enough for all their help and a big thank you from all the Foundation team for cooking their lunch".

Thank you for your help & support



You too can help to improve the lives of others by texting a donation - Text TPJB20 then the amount to 70070.

# **Conference and Room Hire**

#### THE TIM PARRY JOHNATHAN BALL PEACE **CENTRE CONFERENCE & ROOM HIRE**

The Peace Centre is much more than just a building, it's a place where people come together, a contemporary space which can be formal or informal, it has a generous size car park and excellent public transport links. From the moment you book your meeting or event to the time you leave, we are committed to doing everything we can to make your time with us a success. Throughout the day our helpful and professional team will endeavour to make sure your event runs as smoothly as possible and on time.

The Peace Centre is unique and an alternative to a hotel. The proceeds earned from room hire are used to keep the Peace Centre open and to continue the work of the Foundation.

For more information regarding the Foundation work, please go to www.foundation4peace.org

#### DELEGATE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- · Hire of meeting room
- Syndicate rooms (Subject to availability)
- Tea, Coffee & Biscuits on arrival
- · Working lunch
- Full audio visual equipment.
- Free WIFI connection
- · Flip Charts
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SMALL MEETING ROOMS FOR UP TO 8 OR 12 PEOPLE ARE AVAILABLE FOR £15:00 PER HOUR. REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT YOUR MEETING

#### CATERING

All your catering needs can be provided. Various menus are available on request and special dietary requirements can be arranged. Our catering facilities are run by a professional Catering Company which holds a Food Hygiene rating of 5\*

#### TEAM BUILDING DAYS

Corporate Team Building has moved on from being a 'Perk' to becoming an important way of building a forward thinking team. Breaking down barriers, encouraging competition in a fun environment and enhancing communication and collaboration skills. are just some of the benefits to your company.

Multi activity days including laser clavs, archery, bungee runs, inflatable beach volley bail, human table football, and land rafting are just a few of the activities available.

Daily rate per delegate is £15.00 which includes room hire, food & breakout refreshments (one am & one pm)

#### Please ring 01925 581234

or email wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org for the cost and list of activities.

Minimum numbers apply.



### **Comments from satisfied customers**

The Peace Centre is a professional and slick operation and well organised. The facilities are great with ample parking; great room and we had all we needed for the day. This should be our venue of choice for any Blue Hat Training we have in the North.

**James Millward Project Manager, Wates Smartspace** 

I was the trainer at Wates workshop and thought I would give some feedback from the day which I thought was excellent. I will certainly recommend as a conference venue and, where possible, use again myself.

**Carl Wales, Pochins** 

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# First-ever festival brought 20,000 into town

THE first Warrington Festival, which hosted more than 25 events in September, has been declared a huge success by its organisers after it brought more than 20,000 people into the town.

Running for three weeks, the festival celebrated sport, culture and entertainment. It reached its climax with Pixie Lott playing a headline slot at Bank Park and the English Half Marathon, 10K and LiveWire Mile finishing through Warrington's iconic Golden Gates for the first time.

for the tirst time. Highlights during the festival also included a cycle festival at Orford Park, Warrington's Medieval Market in the town centre, the Walton Hall Country Fayre, Wolf Crawl Challenge and the celebration of 160 years of Warrington Museum

Warrington Museum. LiveWire, Warrington Borough Council, Culture Warrington, Warrington Wolves and Contest Sports teamed up to offer the events with the aim of improving people's wellbeing by giving them



the opportunity to get active, have fun and try something new. The family focused festival was developed by partners who wanted to re-ignite the community spirit created during the Rudby spirit created during the Rugby League World Cup. Back in 2013 Warrington was the host town for the Samoan team which brought more than £1 million into the town's economy and received fantastic feedback from the Rugby Football League who said Warrington's League who said Warrington's activity offer changed the whole

Warrington Festival was entirely inclusive and offered something for everyone whether they wanted to take part in an event, organise at an event or even volunteer at an event.

Chairman of the festival steering group, Jan Souness, said: "The first ever Warrington Festival has been a huge success and has really brought the whole community together. Thank you to everyone in the town for celebrating the fantastic sport, culture, talent and entertainment the town has to offer with us. Also a big thanks goes to our many partners, the event organisers and sponsors and all the volunteers who have given up their time to help out at the festival's many events. The town really got behind the festival and it was a pleasure to see families and residents of all

ages getting involved." Cllr Terry O'Neill, leader of Warrington Borough Council, said: It was fantastic to see so many families and friends come together to enjoy all of the great events that were part of Warrington Festival. The festival gave our town a real chance to shine as we showcased all the things Warrington is great at and showed everyone how much we've grown as a 'town.





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# Gold awards for young people

YOUNG people who are members of Warrington Mencap have received gold, silver and bronze awards for work carried out within the Gateway Awards Scheme – which is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

They received their certificates at a special awards ceremony. Pritchard. Lesley

Davies, Brian Clare and Ian Rafferty learned many skills while working towards their gold awards. Despite having a learning

disability, they learned how to cook and bake as well as many life skills, volunteering, taking up a range of hobbies and learning how to carry out tasks as a group.

They will now mentor a group of members starting on their silver and bronze awards, under the watchful eye of their Gateway leader, Amy Noon.

She was presented with a copy of the School's 125th Anniversary book, Towards the Light, by Head

Girl Radhika Saggar and received a posy of flowers from seven-year-old Tara Sumra, the youngest pupil

The Royal visit officially marked

the completion of an extensive £5 million building and redevelopment project; the largest-ever single capital investment in Withington's

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### School receives Royal visit

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WITHINGTON'S Junior new School and Central Hub was officially opened during a Royal visit by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the School's foundation.

The Duchess was escorted on a tour of the school's impressive new buildings by Headmistress, Mrs. Sue Marks, accompanied by civic and local dignitaries. She was treated to a choral recital by Junior School pupils before going on to visit the new Zochonis laboratory, one of the school's three state-of-theart Chemistry laboratories, which have been upgraded to university specification as part of an overall enhancement of senior school facilities.

Her Royal Highness unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening of the new Junior School and Hub.

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# Wolves' chief bids to make Warrington the best rugby league club in the world

WARRINGTON Wolves' CEO Roger Draper firmly believes the club will soon be back on the road to success after an inconsistent season of "highs and lows" as he works through his 300 day plan to bring the club fully into the 21st century.

While he says things are very different from working at Wimbledon with the LTA and Wembley with international events, he has been "pleasantly surprised" with what is going on in Warrington where he says there is a lot of ambition and

energy. "Warrington is a town going places and hopefully Warrington Wolves are going places," he said. "A lot of forces are coming together the together something really

in the town to create something really successful."

Commenting on reports of Warrington being "bottom of the league for culture vultures" he added: "I did have a chuckle because I have been on the end of a few Daily Mail campaigns myself and for Warrington to be voted the worst place in the UK

for culture is just a nonsense. "I have seen for myself in my first 200 days here all the good things going on in Warrington and here at the Wolves with the Foundation, all the things we have done with the heritage and the Wire and how that is all very much part of our community, so I think there is a rich heritage of culture in Warrington."

Turning to the challenges he faces at the Wolves Draper admits it has been an inconsistent season but says "the highs have been pretty high but the lows have been pretty low.

"When we have been on our game we have been in the mix but it has really been an inconsistent season and what we are doing is learning and strengthening our spine and making sure we are strong going forward at 1, 6, 7 and 9 and more strength in depth with the forwards and strength coming off the bench. " I think all the building blocks are now in place and Lam excited about

now in place and I am excited about the season ahead and we are going to make sure if not next year, it will be the year after that and make sure we deliver on the pitch as well as off

On his ambition for Warrington to be the "best rugby league club in the world," Draper said: "We are still in the trenches but getting better with engaging with our fans, bringing the club into the 21st century, listening to fans and trying to make "We have a new membership

scheme, loyalty programme, are in the process of refurbishing Wolfware to make a really good retail operation and we have a new website going live on November 4.

"Everyone is focused on driving membership and making everyone

feel part of club and delivering on the promises we have made to the fans. "There are a whole host of things

are working on behind the scenes.

"We have got to reward fans for loyalty – on one side it is a difficult sell after this season's performances but there is so much good work going on we want fans to buy into that not just for next season but the season after that and the one after that and so on.

"We are excited by the new

website. I think we will be going from the worst website in super league to the best and one of best websites in British sport.

The launch will be a "Steve Jobs Apple type launch" and involve the fans at the Pyramid followed by a Christmas campaign and a new kit to launch some time mid-November.

Draper's dream is for all Warrington fans to be waking up on Christmas day with hardwired membership and a replica shirt!



Roger Draper with club mascot Wolfie.

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Richard Harris, Assistant Principal at Future Tech Studio, who accompanied the team says, "This is a fantastic achievement. 10 winners from each of the regions will compete at the highest level in front of thousands of young people, their teachers and business leaders from the Science, Technology,



Big Bang winners, Engineering students Aimee MacFadyen, Connor Harris, Daniel Rostron, Jared Fisher, Charlotte Pritchard, George Garner

Engineering industries. The Big Bang is all about inspiring young people from all backgrounds to study science, technology, engineering and maths to go on to pursue careers in engineering and science.

The students were invited to take and show after being spotted at the Engineering Education Scheme at Liverpool University, where they

won a Gold Crest Award for their exhibition stand.

The awards keep coming, with the Future Tech team being shortlisted for four awards including the Sellafield Prize for Engineer of the Year and the AMEC Foster Wheeler award for connected excellence.

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Welcome to Future Tech Studio from Principal, Gail Ston<sup>i</sup>ier



Gail Stonier, Principal at Future Tech Studio

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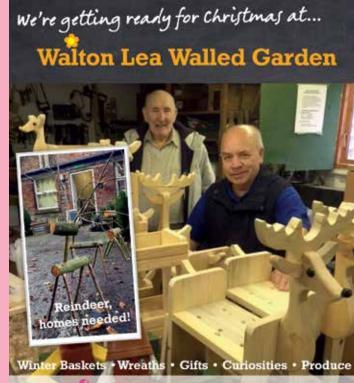
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So, are the rules now consistent throughout the UK?

The answer, you will not be surprised, is a resounding No. There are very significant differences in the details of the rules that are

The difference in the bestignised, is a tesoliding two there are very significant differences in the details of the rules that are applied in each country. For instance, in England the charge only applies to "single use" plastic bags of 70 microns thickness or less, whereas in the other countries the charge applies to all single use carrier bags, including those made of paper and, in Scotland, even bags made from hessian. Meanwhile, in Wales bags made of hessian, cloth, jute and cotton are exempt from the charge. Another major difference is that the charge applies to all relevant bags in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. However, in England the charge only applies to bags supplied by retailers with 250 full time employees. At the start of each tax year, every retailer must record the hours worked by all employees, including part-time and seasonal workers, add them up, and then divide this total by the number of hours worked by a full-time worker. If the answer is 250 or more then the retailer must impose the charge for the whole of that tax year. So much for the government's promise to reduce red-tape red-tape

red-tape There are certain exempt goods, and the charge does not have to be charged on bags carrying those goods, but only if the contents consist only of those exempt goods and you do not place any non-exempt goods in them. The list of what goods are exempt varies, of course, between countries. What a farce! The responsibility for enforcing these ridiculously complex rules rests with the local authorities who can charge varying penalties, ranging from £100 to £20,000 for non-compliance. Of course, you can excuse the complexity as all money goes to charity, doesn't it? Well, actually – No! In Northern Ireland the whole 5p is payable to the Department of Environment. In England, Wales and Scotland, of every 5p charge made VAT of 839 goes to the taxman. Whilst retailers are being encouraged to donate the remainder to charity there is no obligation on them to do so, and remainder to charity there is no obligation on them to do so, and they may choose to keep the proceeds instead.

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# Wire2Wolves project extended



At the launch night with volunteer Graeme Timperley, Wolves Player Bennie Westwood and Wolves Past Player Mike Nicholas (picture courtesy of Bob Brough)

### THE Wire2Wolves Heritage Project is being extended after the Warrington Wolves Foundation was awarded further funding.

It comes from the Heritage Lottery Fund, following on from the success of the Wire2Wolves Timeline, displayed in the south stand at the Halliwell Jones Stadium. The Pass it Back Project has

launched a new interactive website and we will be teaming up with local libraries, community groups and residential homes, giving residents of the town the opportunity to contribute their memories to the ever-evolving website.

The project will also deliver an educational resource for local Primary Schools including school assemblies and stadium tours to help promote the history of the club and town.

# Accountants tot up over £1000 for cancer charity

MORE than £1,000 was raised for MacMillan Nurses Cancer Support at a MacMillan coffee morning held by Warrington accountants Watkinson Black

Cakes were donated by staff and visitors – cupcakes, chocolate cakes, a huge, homemade sponge cake covered with lashings of fresh cream and fresh fruit, a coconut and raspberry cake and the ever-popular lemon drizzle

cake. Clients visiting the Manchester Road offices enjoyed the fare and chatted

about holidays, current news affairs, etc. WatkinsonBlack would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the event – and remind those who could not attend that it is not too late to support the cause by going to Just Giving link www.justgiving. com/Margaret-Black2/





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### Town appoint new Academy manager and unveil new mascot

WARRINGTON Town have appointed former Everton and Plymouth Argyle professional Nick Chadwick as manager of their

Chadwick is currently Academy Coach for Blackburn Rovers U15's and will combine that part time role

with Warrington's Academy. With 13 years in the professional game as a player Nick has held his UEFA B for five years and is currently studying his UEFA A licence and has coached under David Moyes and Tony Pulis to name a few.

Chairman Toby Macormac said: Chairman toby Macormac saia: "Nick is good acquisition for us and will carry out the vision of strengthening our Academy and building for the future." Chadwick started his playing career at Everton, scoring 48 goals in 75 appearances in his first three seasons in the junior ranks.

seasons in the junior ranks. He made his senior debut against Crystal Palace at the age of 18, and made his Premier League debut in 2001.

2001. He was highly regarded at Everton and tipped for a big future in the game but ultimately failed to secure a regular first team place at Goodison Park making 14 first team appearances, with three goals. He went on to play for various clubs, including two spells at Plymouth Arayle

Plymouth Argyle. Meanwhile the club has also unveiled a new mascot.

The super hero character "The Legend" has returned to the Winner Recruitment Stadium after a lengthy absence – with a fresh new look. The club's original mascot went

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