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Editor's Comment



Exciting times are ahead for Warrington town centre as we approach a major turning point in its long history.

The new temporary market is set to open while the old market will be demolished as part of a major redevelopment programme, making way for a new state of the art facility which will be fronted by the old Boots building on Bridge Street.

From what I have seen so far the temporary market will provide a great community hub of local traders and I will be one of the first through the front doors when it opens. The concept for the new permanent market looks very exciting and will certainly be a major focal point for the town centre which has been ailing in recent years.

Our recent live broadcast on social media inside the new temporary market hall attracted a huge amount of feedback and mainly positive feedback from local people, although I still do find it amazing how a vocal minority continue to be negative about their home town.

Yes Warrington is not perfect – don't get me started on the traffic – but nowhere is perfect and we have plenty to be proud of.

Warrington was unfortunately not shortlisted for the City of Culture bid and it didn't take long for those knocking the idea to be broadcasting the "told you so"

messages.

Like I said at the time – you can't knock ambition – and certainly if at first you don't succeed at something you want to achieve in life, you should certainly not give up!

There is plenty to be proud of in Warrington and plenty of things to get involved with if you really want to make a difference in your local community.

Anyone out there who feels like that want to make a difference in their local community, drop me a line and I will try and help point you in the right direction.

There are numerous community groups and charities and organisations always on the lookout for willing volunteers who want to help make a difference.

I recently got involved in the mentoring programme run by Warrington Youth Club and have found it extremely rewarding. They are always on the lookout for people to get involved.

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Latchford Duck Race makes splash for cash for local youngster

THE annual Latchford Duck Race attracted large crowds to the banks of the River Mersey at Warrington Rowing Club, helping raise funds for local youngster Cameron Smith.

The profit from the race and any donations will go to support Cameron, a local eight-year old boy who has multiple disabilities.

His family are fundraising in order to buy a specially adapted bike to enable him to go on rides with his siblings and they also wish to purchase specialised mobile seating for him.

Mayor and Mayoress of Warrington Cllr Les and Mrs Gwyn Morgan, were special guests at the annual event organised by

Latchford Community Association and supported by the Latch Ford Big Local Partnership and was the culmination of 10 days of various events and activities in the area.

The Corporate Duck Challenge was won by LiveWire, with JD Kitchens coming second and the Co-op third. This was followed by 1,000 rubber ducks being tipped into the River Mersey, each one being sold for £1 to help raise funds for eight-year-old Cameron.

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Charity event raises £18,000 for new children's play area



A CHARITY dragon boat event raised £18,000 for a new children's play area at Warrington Hospital.

A total of 11 teams competed across three rounds and the team that came out on top was Hair Force 1, captained by the on-site hairdressers at Warrington Hospital.

The total amount raised by all teams came to an astonishing £18,000, making it the most successful fundraiser the charity has ever organised.

All of the money raised will go towards the charity's Making Waves campaign, which aims to build a brand new outdoor play area for Warrington Hospital's children's ward. The charity is looking to raise an ambitious £100k for the project and the funds raised from the Dragon Boat event means they're well on their way to smashing their target.

Helen Higginson, Charity Fundraising Manager at WHH Charity said: "May I sincerely say a huge thank you to all who took part and supported this fabulous, fun day out on the water – our 167 participants really made a huge splash!"

The date proposed for next year's event is July 1. Visit whhcharity.org.uk/dragonboat to register your interest.

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New walking group will explore local beauty spots

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The borough council's Neighbourhoods in Warrington team are running the group in the hope of encouraging more people to get out and about and keep active.

Future walks will take place on the third Wednesday of the month with the next one taking place on Wednesday September 20.

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Former car park recycled as town centre works progress at speed

IT IS easy to forget the speed of progress and change taking place in our town centre. It was only twelve months ago that the old multi storey car park was demolished. The new 1,100 space car park is now nearing completion and has become a striking feature on the landscape.

The former car park, you may recall, was completely demolished last year by local contractor I & H Brown and they have just won a prestigious award as Construction Recycler of the Year as they managed to recycle 100% of the pre-stressed concrete from the former car park which was crushed and reused as the underfloor fill material and piling mat of the new car park. This saved over 1,000 wagon movements into Warrington town centre and the requirement for 4,500m3 of imported material.

Meanwhile there is tangible excitement amongst the traders and public about the market move into its new temporary home which will open August Bank Holiday weekend and be 'formally' opened with celebrations on Saturday 2 September. Demand for stalls in the market has been phenomenal and there will be an exciting mix of traders old and new when it opens. I am privileged to have had a walk

By Steve Park

around of the interior of the market hall as it takes shape and the fit out by contractor Styles & Wood is of a very high standard.

Almost immediately after the market has moved and is open demolition works on the former market will commence.

UTC Warrington is about to enter its second year. The first academic year has been a phenomenal success and it is great to see that the second cohort was again oversubscribed.

In 2013 Warrington Skills Commission found that compared with other EU countries, the UK

suffered from a shortage of technical skills and identified technical and engineering skills as being top priorities for future skills development in Warrington.

The future success of Warrington's economy will be partially dependent upon the availability of young people with technical skills. The UTC is a key addition to Warrington's education and skills provision. UTC Warrington offers an additional choice and vocational based learning for young students and ultimately will develop a rich source of well-qualified and 'work ready' students for Warrington businesses.



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Bringing back the sounds of the punk generation



VINTAGE band Stiff Little Fingers are to bring the sounds of the punk generation to Warrington's Parr Hall this autumn.

After many studio albums and countless tours, the band is finding itself more in demand than ever.

They are currently working on a new album with many of the songs being debuted at live gigs, to a tremendous response from fans.

Stiff Little Fingers (SLF) were formed in 1977 in Belfast, Ireland and along with the likes of The Clash, Sex Pistols, The Jam, Buzzcocks, The Undertones, Sham 69 and The Stranglers they were at the forefront of the punk movement.

SLF's signature style comprises lyrics that meld the personal and political, music that combines the energy of punk with infectious hooks, and delivery that rings of honesty and commitment.

Their live shows continue to be special events of energy and power and, though now focused on their new material, the band continues to play the old favourites at gigs.

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Of these, an incredible 56 millionaires have been made – more than two every year.

Most recent big winners to have shared their good news were John and Patricia Gill who won £1M in December 2015 in the EuroMillions Mega Friday draw.

Andy Carter, senior winners' advisor at The National Lottery, said: "The WA Warrington postcode, is an area which is clearly very lucky, with both multi million pound prize winners and lucky people banking prizes of several hundred thousand pounds."

"The National Lottery makes, on average, a new millionaire every day meaning there are big winners in every corner of the country. We are always ready to help celebrate and have plenty of champagne on ice."

It isn't just individuals winning big – the entire community benefits from the money raised by The National Lottery.

Among lottery funded projects in Warrington are: Lymm Heritage Information Centre, Golden Gates Housing Trust, Warrington Irish Club, Warrington Youth Club, Warrington Wolves Foundation and Warrington Olympic Weightlifting Club.

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Rain fails to dampen spirits at launch of 10th VPX

RAIN failed to dampen spirits at the launch of the 10th annual VPX events at Warrington's Victoria Park.

The brain child of local PCSO Tony Spruce and his former colleague Tom Reid, the free event takes place on the first four Tuesdays during August and caters for youngsters of all ages.

Mayor of Warrington Cllr Les Morgan was joined by Police and Crime Commissioner David Keane

to officially launch the event.

Despite the rain, which eventually cleared, hundreds of youngsters were queuing to enter the event which was devised to help get them involved in healthy activities during the school holidays, keeping them off the streets and out of trouble.

It has achieved record numbers this year and is supported by various community organisations including LiveWire, Active Cheshire and Cheshire Fire Brigade.



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Persimmon build on partnership with college

LEADING housebuilders Persimmon Homes North West has joined forces with Warrington Collegiate and taken on six young brickwork students.

The company is laying the foundations of an ongoing partnership with the college and after guaranteeing three students full time employment, has upped that number to six.

The students have now swapped college life for full time employment on two of Persimmon's new housing developments.

Mark Cook, Regional Managing

Director of Persimmon Homes North West, visited the college a number of times to see this year's crop of 10 students, and was so impressed with the quality and attitude of the students that he doubled the number of places up for grabs.

Mark said: "I was really impressed with not only the quality of tuition at the college, but the calibre of the students themselves."

"As a business, we are committed to investing in the future, and this is only the start of our relationship with Warrington."

"We are delighted to have these

young men on board at two of our developments, The Willows and Vulcan Park in Newton-le-Willows, and hope it is the start of successful careers for all of them."

Andy Atkins, curriculum leader and brickwork tutor at Warrington, said: "We really appreciate everything Persimmon is doing for both the students and us as a college, it is a really positive partnership."

"I'm confident that these six students will provide Persimmon with some top quality young brickies who will be a real asset to

the company."

The six students – all from Warrington – are Lewis Morris, aged 18, Robbie Doran, 19, Jay Smith, 19, Hassan Amin, 19, Nathan White, 19, and Daniel Clare, 19.

Robbie said: "We attended an induction at Persimmon's head office last week and were given a really inspiring talk by the MD Mark Cook."

"This is such a great chance for us to work hard, listen and learn and have a great career, and we are really grateful to Persimmon for the opportunity."

As part of the sponsorship, Persimmon is promoting the construction industry around the college, offering a practical insight into what it's like to work for one of the country's leading housebuilders. The building firm recently donated 14 packs of bricks for an internal competition.

Andy added: "A huge thank you to Mark Cook and Persimmon Homes for investing in our students and donating bricks – a gesture unseen in the college's history. This level of support is exactly what young students need to thrive in an industry suffering from a lack of skilled labour and we are thrilled to have gained such a great partner in equipping the next generation with the skills needed in the construction industry."



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Tom puts his heart and soul into new venture

A YOUNG entrepreneur who believes in paying his way in the world has set up a business – restoring old trainers.

Tom Davies became a sole trader after collecting a triple Distinction* in BTEC Business following two years at Priestley College.

Shoe Shine Boy Restoration already has a two-month waiting list and Tom is repairing two pairs of sneakers every week.

He hopes the income will help pay for his time at university as well as fund his own passion for collecting bespoke and fashionable trainers.

"People are sending trainers to me from the top end of Scotland to the far end of Cornwall," said Tom, who is 19.

"They are in various states including one that had been chewed by a dog, but the challenge for me is to never turn down a pair of trainers that need restoring."

Some sneakers have sentimental value to their owners while others are just too expensive to part with.

That's where Tom steps in. People pack off their favourite pair to him so that he can treat their faded colours and damaged souls.

He mixes his own dyes to match the trainers that arrive and has picked up restoration techniques from various sources including YouTube.

"I watched videos on how you restore old leather sofas and just applied it to trainers," said Tom, who is from Grappenhall.

Tom's passion for trainers began at football matches when he saw other fans wearing bespoke

fashions that were too expensive for him.

He decided to find a job and during his time at Priestley College held down a milk round, part-time work at an accountancy firm and worked as a tyre fitter so that he could afford to buy what he wanted.

Now he has a collection of 30 sets of trainers including a pair it took six months to track down – he eventually found them in Japan.

"I like a pair of trainers with a good story behind them," said Tom, whose style also has musical influences including Noel Gallagher.

Tom has been nominated for Priestley College's Student of the Year, the winner of which will be announced at an awards evening in September.

That same month he starts studying International Business Management with American Business Studies at the University of Manchester.

His dream is to set up a workshop in Manchester and have people drop in when their trainers need treatment.

"One of the reasons I wanted to do this was so that I could pay my way through university, but I hope that maybe one day I will be able to set up a franchise," said Tom.



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GI Bride "The Duchess" takes one last trip down memory lane

GI Bride Olive Deloma took an emotional journey down memory lane as "The Duchess" returned to her Warrington roots for "one last time."

Part of that trip included a first ever visit to Warrington Town Hall where she was welcomed by the Mayor Cllr Les Morgan, who gave her a guided tour.

Nicknamed "The Duchess" by her late husband John, the couple had a whirlwind romance after meeting at a party in 1946, while he was based at Burtonwood.

While John was keen to stay in Warrington, it was Olive, who grew up in Sankey Bridges, attending Evelyn Street School, who made the decision to move to the States.

She recalls how John wanted to get married within three weeks of meeting at a party at her aunty's house.

"I was fed up of the rations of one egg a month and thought it would be good to make a fresh start in America."

The couple lived in Connecticut, having two sons, five grandchildren

and now nine great grandchildren. Following a fall a few years ago Olive moved to Washington to be closer to her sons.

She last visited Warrington two years ago and prior to that it was 18 years ago.

"I told my sons that I am now 92 and wanted to visit Warrington one last time to see family and friends," she said.

"I have no regrets about moving to America but the older I have got the more I have missed Warrington. My one regret is that I didn't go for dual citizenship."

Olive was made up with her first ever trip to the town hall.

"My husband called me the Duchess and some people thought I was really a Duchess. I have a picture of the town hall gates hanging in my living room so it was nice to get the chance to visit."

Her many memories include trips to the "Blighty Club" which is the Old Conservative Club, attending dances and her days at Evelyn Street School and working at Bennett's Shirts Works.



Olive is given a guided tour by the Mayor.



Sarah's super Slimming World

AFTER losing an incredible eight stone at a slimming group Sarah Jones was inspired to become a Slimming World consultant to help others achieve their dreams.

Now nearly one year on Sarah has lost another stone and is within sight of achieving her goal weight.

Sarah from Stockton Heath, Warrington, said: "After my own success and completely changing my life through the confidence that weight loss gave me, I felt I could inspire others to banish the feelings of shame and guilt attached to being overweight and allow people to achieve their potential by opening my own group in Warrington."

"Since then, my group is almost a year old and is highly successful and I am immensely proud of the achievements of my members. Weight loss changes lives and affects people in so many different ways."

"Members within my group have



reported some of the fabulous achievements they have made as a direct result of weight loss. One member Sue reports that she has been taken off all of her diabetes medication after losing 3 stone in weight, whilst another member Chris has noticed huge changes in his breathing as he requires breathing apparatus and night.

Sarah added: "As well as experiencing significant improvements physically, lots of members have also embraced physical activity and are loving the way this makes them feel and have started doing physical activity as a result of being more confident in their own abilities through the weight they have lost. One of our lovely young members Tom has found a new love and passion for cycling and is feeling the amazing benefits."

"These changes experienced by my members have had such a significant impact on their lives. Since becoming a consultant, there are so many things that I have learnt and I am always so inspired by my members who are working so hard to achieve their weight loss goals and dreams."

"Dreams vary as much as my members do but the confidence gained through losing weight has allowed so many people to achieve their potential."

Sarah says her role as a Slimming World consultant is one that she loves and one that she feels allows her to be at the heart

of changing people's lives.

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Nearly 200 memories received for display in dementia friendly facility

AN appeal to the people of Warrington to share their old photos and stories to feature in a new health and wellbeing facility has received almost 200 responses.

Culture Warrington's archives team has received 193 new pieces to add to their collections, including photographs, newspaper clippings and letters.

Some of the memories will be showed in Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub – one of the region's first dementia-friendly facilities – when it opens to the public this winter.

Philip Jeffs, archives and heritage officer at Culture Warrington, said: "The items we have received paint a fantastic picture of the development of west Warrington between the 1860s and 1980s.

"Amongst the images and memories gathered, we have obtained a great set of colour postcards showing 'Dreamland' – a minute-model village built outside Mr Monks' shop and bungalow on Liverpool Road in Great Sankey, now gone, but fondly remembered by generations of local children.

"We've also been able to capture

memories and photographs of the Burtonwood Peace Camp from 1982 and many shops and cafes in the area, which no longer exist."

The new hub, which will be run by LiveWire, will provide health and wellbeing facilities for residents living in the area, which has Warrington's fastest ageing population.

The charity has received a grant from Arts Council England to work with the community to display the memorable pictures and pieces of art throughout the building to assist with navigation.

They've trained up a team of volunteers to record peoples' memories and are appealing for residents to come forward who want to have their memories recorded digitally to add to the museum's collections.

To get involved, please contact Philip Jeffs, archives and heritage officer at Culture Warrington by writing to him at Warrington Museum & Art Gallery, Central Library & Museum, Cultural Quarter, Warrington, WA1 1JB, calling 01925 443023 or emailing pjeffs@culturewarrington.org



Sensory garden opens – thanks to volunteers and council

A SENSORY garden has opened in Great Sankey – thanks to some help from volunteers and money from the Community Initiative Fund.

Great Sankey Children's Centre Parents Forum received a £640 grant from Warrington Borough Council's neighbourhoods team to develop a sensory garden at the children's centre.

The money was used to create a story corner with seating and herb beds, installation of windmills, and other brightly coloured ornaments and the purchase of plants, flowers, play equipment and musical instruments.

The new garden also includes a mud kitchen and den, as well as homemade scent boxes filled with essential oils. A number of items were donated and recycled to make the garden an exciting place for fun and learning.

Heather Copperwheat, a member of the children's centre parents forum, said: "Being awarded the money from Warrington Borough Council meant that we could really

make this garden a special place.

"The hundreds of hours our volunteers have spent bringing this garden to life is now paying off as we see so many visitors enjoying the space we have created. We're now planning more fundraising activities to help add to the facilities in the garden."

Cllr Tony Higgins, the council's lead member for leisure and community, opened the garden.

He said: "This is a fantastic local resource for families to enjoy spending time together outdoors. The children have had so much fun exploring the garden and all of the unique things it has to offer and it's all thanks to the hard work of volunteers who have made it such a great success."

As part of national play day an event took place where there was a host of activities on offer including a 'mini-beast hunt' and badge making sessions run by volunteers in the garden.



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There was also a climbing wall and lots of community stalls raising money for local causes. There was also Face painting, hoopla and a Tin can alley -providing plenty of enjoyment for local children knocking them over. They were also entertained by a Punch & Judy show.

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National Insurance for Self-Employed people is changing over the next couple of years.

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Class 2 NIC. It is this class of NIC that counts towards pensions and certain other contribution-based social security benefits. This is paid at the flat rate of £2.85 per week. Liability begins in the week when someone starts self-employment and similarly ends in the week when self-employment ceases. Liability is notified to HMRC by completing form CWF1.

Payment of Class 2 NIC is compulsory if profits exceed the small profits threshold which currently stands at £6,025 per annum. This limit is reduced pro-rata if someone is self-employed for less than the whole year. Below that limit payment is voluntary. However, it may be advantageous to pay this to protect benefit rights if profits are below this level as the voluntary class 3 NIC is currently £14.25 per week. Therefore, a self-employed person on small profits can maintain his/hers contribution record for £592 less each year than someone who is not self-employed. Liability to Class 2 NIC ceases when a person reaches state pension age.

Whilst it is calculated on a weekly basis, Class 2 NIC is payable on 31st January following the year of assessment together with the remainder of the person's tax liability.

Class 4 NIC. This is profit related and is currently payable at a rate of 9% on profits between the lower and upper earnings limit, which are currently £8,164 and £45,000 respectively. Whilst this is considerably more than Class 2 NIC it does not confer any pension or benefit entitlement. This is collected through the self assessment tax system together with any income tax liability.

However, from April 2018 the above is due to change. Class 2 NIC will be abolished from that date and from that date it will be the Class 4 NIC contribution record that will determine pension and benefit entitlement. Following the Spring budget you may recall from an earlier column that the rate at which Class 4 NIC is payable was due to increase to 10% from April 2018 and 11% from April 2019. However, these increases broke "promises" that were in the election manifesto and were cancelled after the resulting outcry. However, the promises were not renewed at the recent surprise General Election and we are due for another budget in the Autumn. We must await any changes that may be announced then.

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Wolves' legend Bennie Westwood cements place in club's history

WARRINGTON Wolves' legend Bennie Westwood made his 400th club appearance during the 52-24 victory over Catalans Dragons playing his way in to the top 10 appearance makers in the club's history.

The Normanton lad has won three Challenge Cup titles, two League Leaders Shields and played in two World Cups for England.

He enjoyed a testimonial for the club in 2013 and known for his tough style of play, which he often pushed the boundaries, he's a player that opposition fans love to hate.

At the young age – 21 when he moved from Wakefield – Westwood uprooted and moved from Yorkshire to join what was then a new Warrington project.

He arrived at Wilderspool in 2002 alongside Nathan Wood as Paul Cullen steered the club from what could have been a catastrophic relegation.

Westwood was then part of the Wolves team that moved over to the new Halliwell Jones Stadium, starting a new era in the club's history.

Starting as a centre, Westwood soon made the move to the back-row and was the club's Players Player and Fans Player of the Year in 2007.

In 2008, he was named in the Super League Dream Team and earned a place in the England World Cup squad.

His first piece of silverware came the following year, when the Wolves beat Huddersfield in the Challenge Cup final, and that was followed up the year after against Leeds.

In 2011, he played for England in the Four Nations and then added a third Challenge Cup winners medal to his collection in 2012.

The 2013 World Cup turned out to be his last international honours, and he played in all five of England's games, starting in the second-row, including the heartbreaking semi-final defeat to New Zealand.

Whatever happens from now on, Westwood has written his name in to Wolves folklore, and the club's pack will certainly be less fearsome without him.

In the modern day world of sport, stories like that of Westwood may be getting few and far between.

It may well be a long time before the Wolves see someone of his like and longevity again.



New crisis for Dial-a-Ride

WARRINGTON'S Dial-a-Ride transport charity is facing a new crisis with plans for a new Waste Transfer Centre off Winwick Road set to create even more problems from dust and debris.

Dial-a-Ride has been operating from a site at the far end of Athlone Rd for many years and is currently surrounded by a cement works, skip hire company an access road and now an application for a Waste Transfer Centre on the remaining side "being championed" by Warrington Council's Executive Board. Former mayor Cllr Geoff Settle, a former Vice-Chair of Warrington Community Transport said: "Dial-a-Ride will be surrounded by fallout cloud of dust and debris from the neighbouring operations that will lead to further damage and corrosion to the mini busses and a deteriorating environment for staff to work in."

"Dial-a-Ride has always been a cash poor charity with little or no reserves. Two years ago at one point we had to fund a 3-month gap in our finances or we would have gone bust. If it hadn't been for the Bill Holdroyd Foundation and the NHS it would have been lights out for the charity."

"It was a very stressful time and at one point we were down to only 5 trustees from 10, due to resignations and deaths. A former chair of the charity heard of the situation and helped us formulate a rescue plan. She said that she would join the board and bring people with her if the borough council accepted it, however it led to two more resignations!"

Mr Settle added: "The sponsors and partners scrutinised and approved the new business plan. We were also told that if we survived to the start of next financial year we would receive funding albeit at a greatly reduced level."

"Dial-a-Ride didn't collapse and the rescue plan was a success. It did however mean that that we had to halve the fleet and associated drivers, create a new network operational model and take the bold step of not replacing our manager when he retired. At the end of the year. In short it became a self-managing team."

"We had to pay out redundancies, eating into the limited reserves, reduce the distances the mini busses could travel. One knock on effect has meant that we couldn't provide a service to Disability Awareness Day this year."

"Given that Warrington Borough Council are in favour of the new waste transfer centre we need to move. We can no longer stay in the current location. I believe that Dial-a-Ride is now at another critical milestone and needs to come up with a second rescue plan. We have looked at many sites to find a suitable location without success. The ones offered by WBC Estate Management have been either inappropriate, too run down or too expensive."

Mr Settle added: If anyone knows of a suitable site that is safe and secure, can accommodate 5 or 6 mini busses and staff vehicles, office space for two to three staff members, a room for drivers to make refreshments and suitable toilet facilities for a reasonable rent please let us know!"

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