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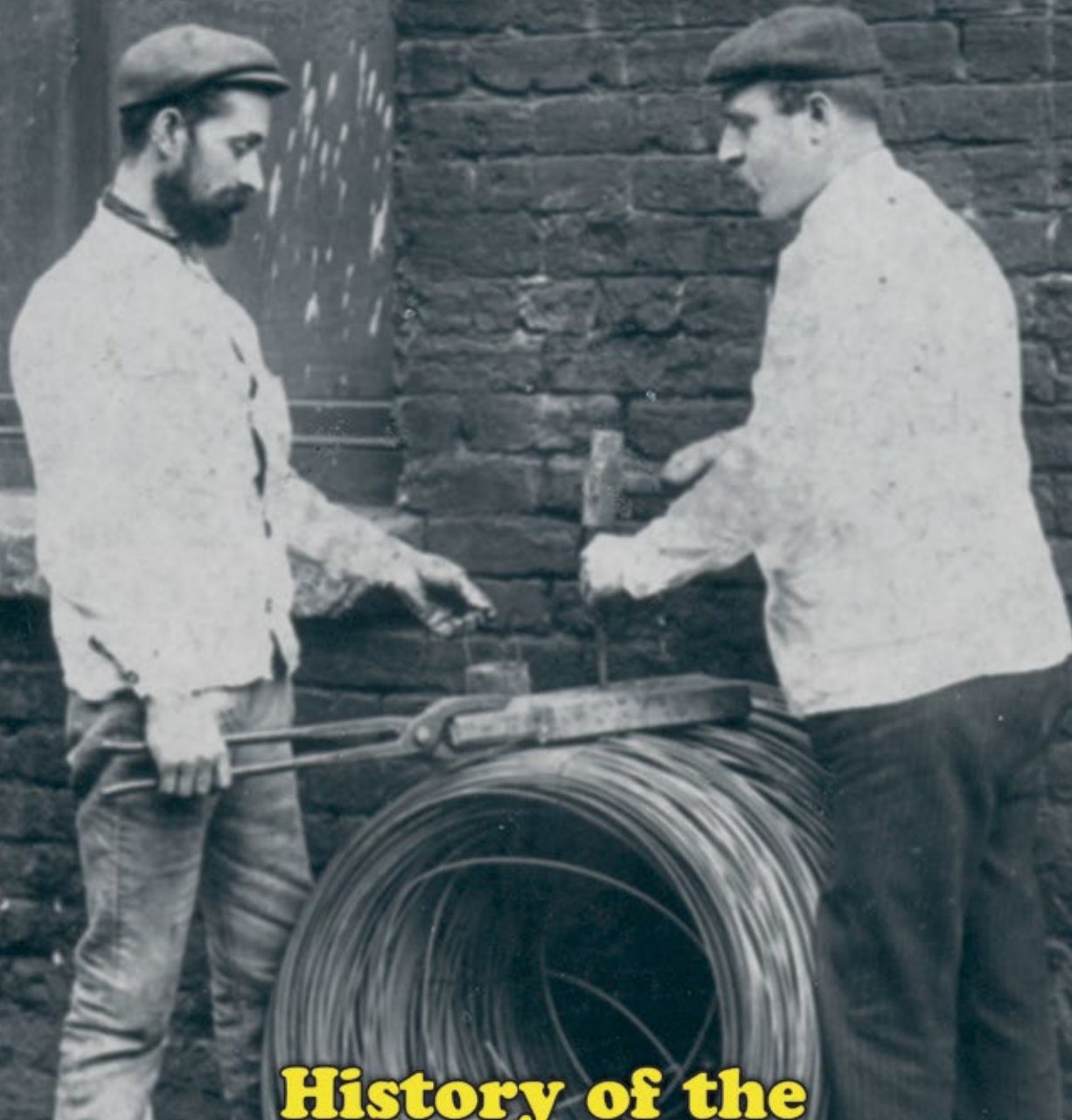
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Editor's Comment



IT has been truly humbling to see the great work going on in the local community since we launched our Legacy Projects grants.

The Warrington Litter Networks, who received the first Legacy Project grant, is going from strength to strength, recently collecting 170 bags of litter in eight locations over one weekend in September to mark World Clean-Up Day.

Now a community centre that provided a lifeline for elderly local residents during the COVID-19 pandemic has become the second beneficiary of a Warrington Worldwide Legacy Project grant.

Over the years the Roy Humphrey centre based at Longford, had some previous funding to support these groups with reduced rent and meals.

This funding ceased a long time ago however the charity has still tried to maintain the discounted food and rent as they are aware of the importance of reducing isolation, improving well-being and having a place for people to socialise and engage.

Longford is a distance from the Town centre and local residents rely heavily on the centre for support.

The funding will now help support the cost of meals and rent.

Our Legacy Project involves a grant of £500 to enable local community groups and charities to continue their good work in the local community.

A further eight Legacy Project grants are available.

So if you would like to be considered for a Legacy Project grant simply email me at garys@warrington-worldwide.co.uk titling your email Legacy Project Application.

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Exhibition brings alive history of the Wire industry!

AN interactive exhibition outlining the history of Warrington's wire industry is set to take place in the town through a blend of sculpture, film, dance, poetry and real-life accounts.

The Wire Works, which runs from October 16 to November 20 is a Warrington Borough Council project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The council has worked in partnership with Culture Warrington, artists Laurence Payot and Christine Wilcox-Baker and local media company, Ludovico.

This project aims to highlight and celebrate one of the borough's most significant stories from Warrington's rich heritage – wire manufacturing.

Lynn Radcliffe, the borough council's Cultural Partnerships Development Manager said: "As arguably Warrington's most important industry, putting the town at the forefront of the Industrial

Revolution, wire production dominated the town's employment structure for over 100 years, employing an estimated 9% of all wire drawers in England and Wales and almost twice as many as its nearest North-western rival Manchester.

"The local Rugby became known as 'The Wire' (shortened from 'The Wire-Pullers'), indicating how important wire making was in the town.

"Many Warrington residents are unaware of the significance of this industry to Warrington, think St Helens and glass or Sheffield and steel, even though Warrington wire has had and continues to have a variety of

uses throughout the world: from barbed wire used in the trenches of World War 1 to telegraph cables for communication; from scientific sieves to fencing masks; from suspension bridges to one of Lady Gaga's spectacular dresses.

"The Wire Works exhibition will be an interactive blend of heritage and art, representing the story of Warrington's wire industry through sculpture, film, dance, poetry and real-life accounts of what it was like to work in a wire factory in Warrington."

The Exhibition will run at Unit 31, Old Market Place, Golden Square, Warrington, WA1 1QB (The old

Co-Op Bank, near Vintage Viola) from Saturday 16th October – Saturday 20th November.

Opening times: Wednesday – Saturday – 10am – 5pm Sunday – 11am – 4pm.

Front cover picture: Two Rylands workers producing a wortle plate, through which a wire drawer would pull wire by hand on the draw bench. The worker on the right is using a punch that had been ground into "the same shape as the Blackpool Tower" (as apprentices were taught) to make the holes while the other worker is holding the plate in place using tongs.



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Changes to Breast Care Services across Warrington & Halton

Where will I go for breast care?

Following our recent consultation there have been some changes to Breast Care Services. Here we look at where you will visit and why.

Routine Mammograms

If you need a routine mammogram our breast screening services remain the same and patients can choose to attend several locations. When you receive your appointment reminder the locations will be listed so that you can make the best choice for you.

Services following a referral

Our Assessment Clinics provide services after a routine screening mammogram has shown changes warranting further tests.

Patients who have found breast changes or lumps may be referred by their GP to our Symptomatic Service for more detailed tests including a mammogram, ultrasound scan or a biopsy.

These services, previously offered at Kendrick Wing Warrington Hospital, have now relocated to the new Breast Care Centre in the Captain Sir Tom Moore Building (CSTM) at Halton Hospital. The new centre has two new mammography rooms, two ultrasound clinic rooms, consultation and counselling rooms.

This forms part of our work to

create a Centre of Excellence which offers rapid access outpatient clinics and to ensure that patients receive the best specialist care in a dedicated, supportive setting.

The existing Burney Breast Unit at St Helen's Hospital will also continue to offer these clinics.

What happens if I am diagnosed with breast cancer?

Patients can choose where to have their treatment.

The new Breast Care Centre is co-located with the CanTreat Centre in the Nightingale building where chemotherapy services are operated by Clatterbridge Cancer Centres.

The Macmillan Delamere Centre is also adjacent to CanTreat and offers a range of support services including complementary therapies and information on financial and other support available to those diagnosed with cancer. Breast surgery is carried out at the Captain Sir Tom Moore building.

Travel - planning your journey

Patients required to attend assessment or symptomatic services will need to travel to either Halton Hospital, Runcorn or St Helens. A free shuttle bus operates between Halton and Warrington hospitals at regular times throughout the day. The timetable is available at www.whh.nhs.uk

Car parking is available at all sites, with a wide range of concessions and help to access the Hospital Appointment Scheme for those receiving benefits.

The Breast Care Centre at the Captain Sir Tom Moore building at

Halton Hospital can be accessed by road from Warrington by using the toll-free roads with no need to cross the toll bridges. A new bypass at Sluthers Lane near Bank Quay station has considerably shortened travel time to Runcorn and is free to use.

We continue to listen

To ensure that patients are receiving the best possible experience we will continue to listen to patient feedback and monitor suggestions throughout the year, allowing us to make any further reasonable adjustments.



New Breast Care Centre

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Our recent consultation revealed support for the proposed changes to our breast care services that will continue to provide the best specialist care in a dedicated, supportive setting.

Patients accessing the service have doubled over the past 20 years and the opening of a new Breast Care Centre in the Captain Sir Tom Moore Building, Halton Hospital, will improve access for all patients and bring together specialist resources and equipment in a setting that offers a significantly enhanced patient experience.

The new Breast Care Centre, Captain Sir Tom Moore Building, Halton Hospital will ensure:

- The service can continue to expand to accommodate more patients
- Improved access; the Kendrick Wing at Warrington Hospital has experienced significant issues associated with its century-old buildings and challenges which restrict access to the first-floor service for certain patients
- Scarce specialist resources and equipment are brought together into one site to enable expansion of the service
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No Brainer grows with more staff and more clients

WARRINGTON based PR, SEO and content marketing agency, No Brainer, has added two new account executives and an office manager to its team while securing four new clients.

Alexandra Hudson, 25, joins the team with a background in the property industry. Whilst working at the firm, Alexandra is also currently undertaking a master's in digital marketing and data analytics and joins the No Brainer team as an account executive.

Also joining No Brainer's team of account executives is Charlie Briegal, 22, after completing an internship at the agency while studying languages at Newcastle University.

Michaela Leech also joins the firm as office manager with over a decades' experience working in operations for businesses including ASDA and Byrne & Doherty Mortgage Specialists.

No Brainer has also welcomed four new clients to its roster, supporting the agency's growth plans, including Manchester-based clinical trials company, MAC Clinical Research, which undertakes pioneering new research into treatments for a range of conditions including depression, Alzheimer's, and eczema. No Brainer has been appointed to support the team on all PR, paid media, and influencer

marketing activities to drive leads for trial volunteers.

In addition, joining the agency's client list is one of the UK's leading credit card providers, MBNA. The team at No Brainer has been appointed to manage the brand's regional and national sponsorship strategy which includes Chester Zoo, Chester Football Club and Storyhouse. The firm will lead on sponsorship activation including events and special projects.

Online life management platform Once I've Gone has appointed No Brainer to manage its PR, social media, and content marketing activities. The brand, which helps provide people with the tools to ensure they create and manage their legacy, appointed No Brainer after a competitive pitch.

And Rochdale-based community and cultural charity, Your Trust, is also working with No Brainer on a new PR and social media strategy for its brand, leisure and cultural assets. The charity manages many of the borough's leisure and cultural facilities on behalf of Rochdale Borough Council, aiming to inspire residents to live more healthier,

happier and creative lives.

Celebrating its sixth year in business in 2021, the agency is also currently recruiting for a new PR Account Manager.

No Brainer co-founder and managing director, Gary Jenkins said: "This is a really exciting time for us all, as it's fantastic to be growing our clients and our team."

"We're proud to have so many talented people and delighted to welcome Alex, Charlie and Michaela to the team. It's great to see them already rolling their

sleeves up and getting stuck into life at No Brainer.

"We're also proud to have the opportunity to work with four amazing new clients, all of which are doing fantastic things in their respective industries."

No Brainer was founded by Gary Jenkins and Lee Cullen in 2015 and works across a range of consumer and professional service sectors with national clients including HomeServe, Appreciate Group, Eureka Science + Discovery, Cash Converters and MBNA.



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Theme of threes - including dead bodies!

by John Laverick - Warrington & Co

I have a bit of a theme of threes in these articles. It has been cranes and calamities, buses of the apocalypse (see March). This month its dead bodies.

What!!! I hear you say, dead bodies where, who, when? No need to worry - they were remains of dead bodies found at the start of construction on the Youth Zone. As is normal for a construction site in a Town such as Warrington that has a long and eventful history, well battles to be precise, any excavation is accompanied by a watching brief from an archaeologist. Anything

unusual is flagged up (literally) and the archaeologist given time and space to examine the remains, remove as they see fit and then give an update on what and who. In this case it seems that two of them could have been from the time of the English Civil War and could have been killed fleeing the 1648 Battle of Winwick. Or not. The third individual was buried almost 200 years earlier,



but buried at the same spot which may have been a coincidence or there was a reason why people were buried there. Maybe it was the site of a pub or an early take away. If you have walked past the site recently you will see the great progress that the Onside team and the Contractors are making and we look forward to the opening and more importantly the operation of this important new facility for young people in Warrington early next year.

Just jumping across Winwick Road to the John Street development, work has recommenced in anger with the developer using in-house staff and expertise to complete the works. This is welcome news as the redevelopment of the Town Centre was always meant to promote Town Centre living and make it more viable. When this is combined with the development on Academy Street, it means that next year we should have approximately 500 new housing units being brought to market in the Town Centre.

And so to tortoises. As I am sure you will be aware there is an ongoing programme of events around the Welcome Back (to the High Street) Festival, aimed at getting

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people back out into the Town. The programme started with a visit by a 'giantanimatronicpuppettortoise'. Obviously.

The tortoise was huge and moved about Time Square and as you might expect very popular with children young and old. The tortoise had a name but do you know what it was? Answers on a self-addressed postcard and I will reveal the answer next month. And if you thought the tortoise was good, just wait until you see the bees next month.

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MP urges residents to have a say on future of Fiddler's Ferry site

WARRINGTON South MP Andy Carter is urging residents to have a say on the future of Fiddler's Ferry, the former coal-fired power station which will now be included in the Council's Draft Local Plan.

The MP recently visited the site to see for himself the areas that will be included in the plan, meeting with the owners of the site, SSE, who are responsible for the demolition of the turbine hall and cooling towers.

The site's inclusion in the Council's Draft Local Plan comes after years of campaigning from Mr Carter, who wants to see Brownfield sites such as Fiddler's Ferry be prioritised over building on the green belt.

Mr Carter said: "Fiddler's Ferry is a vast area, and travelling across the site there's already a huge amount of demolition and remediation work taking place and work has already begun to clear the ash piles where homes and businesses can be built.

"One of the benefits to using this site over others is that Fiddler's Ferry access to railway connections with a line which is currently used only for freight. Linking homes with good public transport infrastructure is really important. Any plans need to ensure that there is the necessary infrastructure for schools, GPs

and community centres. I'm very pleased to see that these outline proposals would protect the lagoons as part of a nature park as well as allowing them to be used for activities such as sailing.

"Warrington Borough Council will launch a 6-week consultation in early October into the draft local plan and I would encourage residents to look carefully at what's being proposed by the council as these plans are going to impact on all our lives."

The site will undergo major remediation works which will see the demolition and removal of the power station and its eight cooling towers that has dominated the local skyline for generations. In its place will arise a new employment hub and two new urban villages set within an extensive parkland landscape, that will engage sensitively with the Mersey riverside and link with the Widnes Waterfront area.

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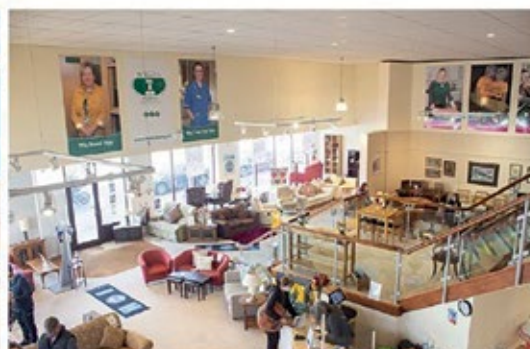
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Carers recognised for going above and beyond during COVID-19 pandemic

AFTER an exceptional 18 months, particularly for those working in social care, local carers at Belong Warrington, have had their hard work recognised at the Great North West Care Awards, taking home the regional Social Care Hero Team Award.

The special award, presented for going above and beyond during the Covid-19 crisis, assessed by an independent panel of adjudicators, applauded Belong's handling of

the pandemic across its seven villages and home care services in the North West and Midlands, with judges praising a team with "a culture of transparency" and

innovating to promote the wellbeing of residents and colleagues during very challenging times.

Belong's win is based on prioritising the safety of customers and colleagues, whilst always working toward a Covid-free organisation, despite financial challenges that have impacted the sector. Notably, strong management, the early procurement of PPE and innovation in using technology are all key factors, as is the dementia care specialist's commitment to creative activities to keep customers' spirits up and provide a vibrant community atmosphere for everyone.

Belong's win will go forward to the Great British Care Awards national finals in September.

Claire Bibby, general manager at Belong Warrington said: "We're delighted to win such a prestigious award which recognises the efforts across the organisation to support colleagues and customers. It really is a testament to everyone's hard work and dedication through what has been an incredibly challenging period – well done to everyone!"

In related news, since the coronavirus outbreak started, the not-for-profit operator has been re-accredited as a Gold Investors in People, with assessors praising Belong's empowering leadership style, high-quality communication and the positive impact of its culture on resident outcomes achieved during Covid-19.



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During this time, our doors have remained closed, our stages have been empty, and the world has been a quieter, less colourful place than before. As the lights stayed down low, our team has been working hard behind the scenes to keep you entertained at home. But locked down in our homes, meeting only via Zoom, we have sorely missed the buzz of our living, breathing venues. As time went on, we kept our sights on the horizon, always looking for a brighter future in an increasingly uncertain world. But finally, we saw light at the end of the tunnel.

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Never again will we take for granted the sound of laughter in our venues, or the feeling of dancing with our friends to live music pumping through the air, or spending the day with our families learning and exploring.

Yes, Covid has changed everything but now we're back, we have a sneaking suspicion that we might just be better than ever before.



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Updated Local Plan approved for consultation after “open and honest” discussion says leader

WARRINGTON'S updated Local Plan has been approved for consultation following “open and honest discussion with local people” says council leader Cllr. Russ Bowden.

The revised plan was approved for consultation at a meeting of the full council and got the backing of the Lib Dem group, who were applauded by Labour councillors, while opposition Tories opposed it, saying it had been produced with too much haste.

The updated plan to deliver the homes, jobs, transport infrastructure and community facilities Warrington needs has now been approved for consultation.

Warrington's updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan was given the go-ahead paving the way to a six-week period of public consultation, which will begin on Monday, October 4.

The consultation period will give everyone in Warrington the opportunity to have their say on the updated plan, by completing an online response form, or by attending the public consultation events – details of which will be released in the near future.

Warrington Borough Council Leader, Cllr Russ Bowden, said: “The development of our Local Plan has always been based upon open and honest discussion with local people. We have committed from the start to taking on board people's views and, where necessary, refining the plan in partnership with our communities. We have listened to, and acted upon, many of the key issues raised.

“This, along with the significant changes we have seen since our Proposed Version Submission Local Plan was published in 2019 – not least the Covid pandemic and new Government housing methodology – mean it has been right to pause, take stock, re-evaluate and revise our plan to make sure it is the best fit for Warrington now.

“Our updated Local Plan – in a changing world – continues to be fully focused on driving forward Warrington's ambition and need for development, while protecting the Green Belt wherever possible.

“It's vital that the plan continues to be shaped by the people of our borough. Now Full Council has given the go-ahead to consult, we will once again be talking and listening to local people, and we will be holding a number of consultation events from October to give everyone the chance to share their views on the updated plans.”

The council received more than 3,000 responses to its initial, 20-year Proposed Submission Version Local Plan in 2019, and has taken on board many of the views of local people, many of which focused on how brownfield sites should continue to be prioritised ahead of Green Belt.

This, along with the profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and changing Government housing methodology, has meant that, in preparing the updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan, the council is proposing some big

changes. These include:

- A reduction in new housing from 945 a year over 20 years, to 816 a year over a reduced plan period of 18 years (2021-2038 inclusive).
- Under the updated plan, the amount of land proposed to be removed from the Green Belt is 580 hectares, equating to 5% of the total amount of Green Belt land in the borough. This is significantly lower than the 1,210 hectares proposed in the previous Proposed Submission Version Local Plan which equated to 11% of the total amount of Green Belt.
- The removal of the South West Urban Extension from the Plan (1,600 homes), the housing allocation for Phipps Lane in Burtonwood Village (160 homes), and the Massey Brook Lane site in Lymm (66 homes).
- Moving away from the Garden Suburb concept in South Warrington (4,200 new homes), and instead including new proposals for a South East Warrington Urban Extension, with a reduced allocation of 2,400 new homes during the plan period.
- The removal of Port Warrington (75ha employment land) and the Business Hub (25ha employment land) from the plan.
- In addition, recent changes have enabled the council to include proposals which further maximise the opportunity to repurpose land, through the inclusion of the Fiddlers Ferry site for development. The closure of the power station in March 2020 has given the council the opportunity to bring the site into the allocation this time. This site was the subject of a high number of responses to the previous consultation.

Speaking after the meeting, Liberal Democrat Planning Spokesperson, Cllr Ryan Bate (below) said, “Warrington must have a sustainable Local Plan and not one that is damaging to the Borough. Delaying it makes no sense at all. Two years ago, thanks to significant efforts by councillors,



campaigners and the South Warrington Parishes' Group, many changes were made as a result of the consultation process. We are confident that changes for the better can be made again. People have a democratic right to have their say and we will be working hard to help them. The Labour Administration must listen to their views.

“If the Plan is delayed for too long, there is a risk that the Government will take control away from the Council and developers would have a free for all. This would be a disaster. However, I want to make it absolutely clear that if acceptable changes are not made to the Plan, we will vote against it when it comes back to Council for approval.”

Group Leader, Cllr Bob Barr, said “Delivering the right Plan can be summarised as having the right homes in the right places with the right jobs and the right infrastructure. We need sustainable development where most residents can walk or cycle to shop, be schooled, receive care, take exercise and socialise in twenty minutes or less. The beauty of Warrington's best green spaces must be respected, biodiversity enhanced and buildings designed to minimise energy use. What is unacceptable is large car-dependent housing estates that serve only as dormitories but are quick and profitable for developers to deliver.

“We acknowledge many of the changes, but we need a greater emphasis on regenerating the town centre, more genuinely affordable housing, the maximum use of brownfield sites and the timely

delivery of physical and social infrastructure.

The South East Extension makes no sense socially, economically or environmentally. The proposed road-based logistics facility in the south east is not sustainable. We need high quality jobs that promote Warrington as an area of scientific expertise.”

After the meeting he added: “The Liberal Democrat Group voted for the new draft of the Local Plan to be put out for public consultation. It did NOT vote for the plan as the Conservatives are alleging.

“Currently Warrington does not have a 5 year supply of housing land so is forced, by Conservative Government regulations to approve planning applications which would otherwise be refused if the decision was local.

“Delaying the Local Plan extends that process giving developers, many of whom make substantial contributions to the Conservative Party, a free ride.

The Conservative opposition opposed the revised Local Plan saying it had been done with too much haste.

Cllr Kath Buckley, leader of the Tory group, said: “Warrington really needs a new, agreed, Local Plan as soon as possible. It's been two years since the most recent proposed submission so I do understand the temptation to push this through council as fast as possible.

“But we believe a real opportunity has been missed to protect the important green spaces of Warrington.”

Cllr Buckley said while the Conservatives welcomed reduction in the amount of Green Belt land required, they were unable to support the plan because of continued unnecessary inclusion of Green Belt land in the proposals.

“This Labour administration has not listened to its residents, especially south of the Ship Canal.”

She said councillors had been given just 10 days to review the new proposed Local Plan for 2021 – 2038. Time was needed to study the plan or the lack of scrutiny would lead to problems for the future.

“Therefore Conservative councillors believed that to vote in favour of this was unsafe and it was not in the best interests of Warrington residents to have this pushed forward in such haste.”





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Local girl receives promotion on UK's newest and largest Aircraft Carrier

A local girl has received her first promotion on board HMS Prince of Wales, having set sail on the Royal Navy's newest and largest aircraft carrier at the start of September.

The 23-year-old Weapons Engineering Officer Midshipman Beth Catchpole, sailed from Portsmouth on the 65,000 tonne leviathan to fulfil the next stage in her training, having commissioned as a Naval Officer from Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth.

Becoming eligible for promotion whilst on board, she was recently presented with her new rank slide by the Commanding Officer, Captain Stephen Higham OBE, and has now assumed the rank of Sub Lieutenant.

The Portsmouth-based Queen Elizabeth class carrier is currently preparing for operations in the North Sea having recently qualified the F35 Lightning II Jets of 207 Squadron RAF for carrier operations.

The majority of Beth's training is at HMS Collingwood in Fareham, but with time allocated to experience life on ship and how each department operates, she is now embarked on the Navy's biggest warship.

The former Lymm High School girl said: "I am currently in phase two training to become a Weapons Engineering Officer in the Royal Navy. Having passed out of BRNC in April, I studied radar, sonar, communications, and weapons systems in detail, before joining HMS Prince of Wales in September. Now, I am spending time getting used to life at sea and learning about the different departments on board."

When asked why she wanted to join the Royal Navy, Beth said: "I

wanted to apply my Engineering degree to solving real life problems, whilst being able to embark on adventures and hopefully make a difference in the world."

Known as Common Fleet Time, Beth's time on board is a prerequisite for progressing on to the next stage of her training. As such, Beth has been getting stuck in to all aspects of life at sea. She said: "This deployment is an essential step forward in my training as a Young Officer. Being exposed to Carrier Sea Training is an experience that

I am lucky to be a part of. Seeing the ship under strains and stresses, allowing me to fully appreciate the importance of everything we do, has been invaluable."

When asked what her best moments have been so far Beth said: "The ship went to Thursday War as a final training serial which enabled me to see all the key departments in their action posts. I was able to link together how all the information is fed to Command. It showed me what a vital role I could have on a ship for real, in the not too distant future."



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Days of the New Town exhibition opens at Padgate Library

A fascinating insight into the area's 1970's heritage is being offered at a new photographic exhibition "Days of the New Town" which has opened at Padgate Library.

The new photography exhibition tells the story of Warrington's New Town expansion in the Padgate area in the 1970s.

The exhibition uses photographs from the Warrington New Town Development Corporation archive and residents' own photos.

The photographs recall the years Padgate and surroundings changed forever as they became New Town expansion areas in the early to mid-1970s.

These show how the architects and planners imagined Padgate's expansion, and how residents from both 'old' and 'new' Padgate experienced this significant and lasting change to the area.

The photos are accompanied by an exhibition guide that features a foreword and specially commissioned poem from acclaimed poet Ian McMillan, whose first poet-in residence gig was at Padgate Library when it first opened in 1982.

It is the first time the public has seen images from the Warrington New Town Development Corporation archive and builds on material from the Days of the New Town: Birchwood at 50 exhibition of 2018/19 hosted by Warrington Museum and Art Gallery.

The exhibition is curated by university lecturer Su Fitzpatrick,

who grew up in Birchwood, one of Warrington's New Town Development areas. Su became interested in telling Warrington's New Town story after designing a module for her students looking at the New Town building programme in the UK.

Su explained: "When I realised how few references existed to Warrington's New Town story, I began looking at ways to bring about a more public acknowledgement of this key stage in the town's history. Working with Howard Cockcroft from the group Friends of Padgate Library and LiveWire, I hope the Padgate exhibition will allow people to explore the period when Warrington expanded into a New Town."

Su is currently looking to secure research funding to develop educational resources which will help Year 9 students around the country find out more about the later New Towns that were built in the UK, and the material shown in this exhibition will form an important part of those resources.

Days of the New Town is delivered by Friends of Padgate Library with funding from Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council and York St John's University, and in partnership with LiveWire, which

manages Padgate Library on behalf of Warrington Borough Council.

Emma Hutchinson, Managing Director of LiveWire, said: "I know how much hard work has gone into the staging of this exhibition by Su, the Friends of Padgate Library and LiveWire library staff. I very much hope the local community takes the opportunity to come along and learn more about a unique period in the area's history."

Howard Cockcroft from the Friends said: "The Friends of Padgate Library, who are all volunteers, give their time to constantly promote the library to the local community and attract people to the building. We are especially grateful to Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council, and York St. John's University, without whose financial support this exhibition would not have been possible."

Warrington Borough Council's Cabinet Member for leisure and

community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "The Days of the New Town exhibition will provide a fascinating insight into Padgate's past, giving a people a rare opportunity to see photos from Warrington New Town Development Corporation archive. It's a great example of the work we are doing to make our libraries rich, vibrant community resources which offer history, heritage, culture and much more."

Council Chief Executive, Prof Steven Broomhead MBE added: "This is a fantastic exhibition, which I'm sure will be of great interest to local people. It's the result of some really positive work between a range of partners – not least the Friends of Padgate Library, who are working really hard to develop the library's cultural offer and attract new audiences."

Days of the New Town is now open and will run until November.



Diamond couple celebrate with four generations on family holiday to ancestral home

WARRINGTON couple David and Patricia Skentelbery celebrated their diamond wedding as four generations enjoyed a family holiday to Looe in Cornwall - the ancestral home of the family name.

They were joined by son Gary, and his wife Janet, granddaughters Amy and Hannah and their partners Ryan and Conor and great-granddaughter Olivia and spent a week on the seafront, reliving many memories from 60 years of marriage.

Having met at a party on a blind date, a whirlwind engagement and marriage took place as they settled in their first home together in Penketh, where son Gary was born following the tough winter of 1963.

They moved to Croft before eventually settling in Lymm, which has been home for the past four decades.

After working as a journalist

on various newspapers, David launched his own freelance business, before helping launch Warrington-Worldwide and Lymm Life and associated magazines with son Gary in 1999.

Previously he had worked above the Art Centre on Horsemarket Street, where Patricia ran a successful art and gifts shop, before joining the family business in the accounts department where they still work alongside Gary and his wife Janet and granddaughter Hannah.

During their trip down memory lane they visited the former family B&B where they spent their honeymoon in 1962, Seator, which was owned by David's late auntie as well as a visit to Looe tennis club where they played a few games of tennis while on honeymoon, although this time they settled for a cream tea!



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Warrington also faced Leeds in the curtain raiser, with the Rhinos claiming their sixth victory on the bounce.

PDRL returned in April 2021 following an enforced 18-months absence due to the pandemic. Six teams have taken part in the 2021 competition, which saw a new format introduced to ensure as much Covid-secure activity as possible.

It was Wakefield's second

Grand Final in three years, while Warrington became the first PDRL Grand Final winners back in 2019.

In 2018, Warrington were crowned the first club world champions after defeating South Sydney Rabbitohs 34-12 at the ANZ Stadium in Sydney. The club also featured in the UK's first physical disability rugby league match at Victoria Park back in February 2018.

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You may be affected by a proposed change in the way that your tax liability is calculated



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If you are self-employed, either as a sole trader or in a partnership, and your accounts are not prepared to a date between 31st March and 5th April each year, then the following will apply to you. It does not apply to people who are employed or who operate through a limited company.

Income Tax is charged in respect of each tax year, or **fiscal year**, which is the year to 5th April in each calendar year. In each fiscal period, tax is calculated on all income received during a **basis period**. For most sources of income, the basis period is the same as the fiscal year, namely the year ending on 5th April in each calendar year (for this purpose, 31st March is considered to be the same as 5th April). The one exception is profits from self-employment.

The **basis period** for self-employment income has varied over the years, the last change being with the introduction of self-assessment in 1996. Since then, the basis period has been the **accounting period** ending in each fiscal period, with special rules applying at the start and end of the business and if the accounting period is not 12 months in length.

Therefore, if someone prepares their accounts to 31st December in each year then their tax on this income for the tax year ending 5th April 2021 will be based on their profits to 31st December 2020. This tax will be calculated by adding this income from self-employment to 31st December 2020 to any other income from other sources, such as rental income, dividends, interest, etc received during the tax year to 31st March 2021 and applying the appropriate tax rate to the total income.

PHEW!! Complicated? Well, the government thinks so, and they are proposing to change it.

As part of the **Making Tax Digital** initiative the government is proposing to change the basis period for all taxpayers, including the self-employed, to coincide with the tax year. Once enacted, this means that tax will be calculated on the profits earned in each year to 5th April, or 31st March. Whilst this may seem fairly straightforward in the future, the complications arise in the year that the change takes place.

Originally due to take place on April 2022, this change in the basis period was originally

delayed until April 2023. Due to the uncertainties created by Brexit and Covid it has now been further delayed until at least April 2024. Assuming that it occurs without further delay at that date then, with the example previously given, taxation will be based as follows:

- 2023/24: Profits for the year to 31st December 2023
- 2024/25: Profits for the year to 31st December 2024 **plus** Profits for the period to 5th April 2025 **less overlap relief**
- 2025/26: Profits for the year to 5th April 2026

The amount of **overlap relief** available varies from taxpayer to taxpayer, and depends on the taxable profits in 1996 or, if later, in the first years of the business. However, the effect in the period of transition can be dramatic. If, for instance, the business is currently very profitable but was less so in the early years, which is not uncommon, then this could create a 40% tax liability in that year.

It is important that if you are affected by the above you consider this transition now. For instance, Covid had reduced

the taxable profits of many taxpayers in recent years. In fact, some clients may even have suffered losses. This may create a window during which you can transition to the new system by changing your year-end under more favourable circumstances.

It is not possible to generalise as the circumstances of all taxpayers are different. However, if you feel that you may be affected then you should consider this now. To summarise, you **may** be affected if:

1. You **carry on a trade** either as a sole trader or in partnership; and
2. Your accounting period is not 5th April, or 31st March, in **which case**
3. You should review your profit profile to see whether any adverse effect of this change can be reduced.
4. **If you do not trade then this will not apply to you.** So, you will not be affected if you are in employment, and/or receive a pension, and/or receive rental income, interest, dividends or any other form of investment income

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Tennis club's memorial tournament raises £1,170 for St Rocco's



Alison Lewis, Nicola Henshaw, Rose Clark and Jane Argent.

A TOURNAMENT held by Stockton Heath Tennis Club as a tribute to member Jon Clark, who died earlier this year, raised an amazing £1,170 for Warrington's St Rocco's Hospice.

Jon's wife, Rose and children Will and Anna, who are also club members, attended the event along with many other members and guests.

They enjoyed an afternoon of tennis followed by a buffet made and donated by club members.

Jon and his family have been members of the club for several years and Rose wanted to donate a trophy in his memory to be played for every summer to remember him and other members the club has lost.

The standard of tennis was high and the overall winner was Alison Lewis – just beating Jon's son Will by one point!

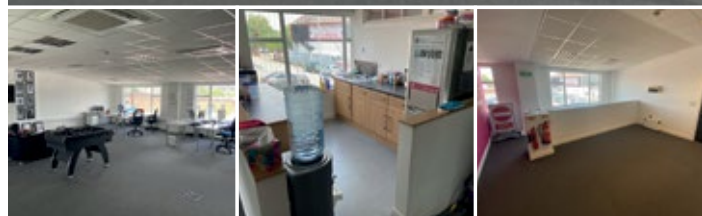
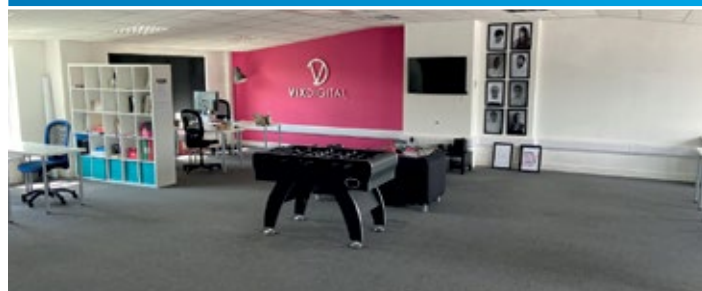
Stockton Heath is a welcoming, family-orientated club and members were as usual extremely generous by donating raffle prizes and the total raised from entry fees and raffle was £1,170.

Nicola Henshaw, senior relationships fundraiser at St. Rocco's attended the event to collect the cheque and meet Rose, Alison and other club members.

She said: "I was very humbled and grateful to visit Stockton Heath Lawn Tennis Club to receive the cheque for the funds raised from the Jon Clark Trophy tournament. It means so much to all patients, their families and staff to help us to continue to provide patient care to Warrington people. Thank you so much to all involved"

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