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# Editor's Comment



**READING, writing and watching the news can be pretty depressing most days, particularly in the midst of a pandemic, which is still very much here.**

From the horrific murder of MP Sir David Amess, knifed to death in a church, to the daily death toll of COVID-19, with all the conflicting opinions on just about everything and anything, it can almost feel like Armageddon is looming, especially when you add in the global warming and freak weather conditions going on around the world.

The "noise" on social media can be almost unbearable as almost everyone wants to express a public opinion on everything going on in the world.

It is certainly a lot noisier than when I first embarked on a career in journalism in 1979 – when the loudest noise in the office was the sound of typewriters or phones ringing.

While the mute button remains almost constantly on, on my mobile phone, it doesn't shut out the noise from social media.

So it makes a refreshing change to get out in the community and see the great work going on.

Having already seen the great work of the Warrington Litter Networks and the Roy Humphreys Neighbourhood Project at Longford, it was a humbling experience to visit the Warrington Foodbank, our third Warrington Legacy Project, to see the fantastic work going on in our community.

It was a bitter-sweet experience, as in our modern world it saddens me that as a society we have starving families who rely on foodbanks.

But these are nothing new, having existed in the UK for at least twenty years.

I am assured our £500 donation will help out a lot by buying essential supplies to help those most in need.

At the start of the pandemic and the first lockdown, I feared for the very future of our family business. But thankfully we managed to ride the storm and turn the corner, enabling

us to invest back in the community which has supported us over the years.

We have committed to a minimum of 10 Legacy Projects – but our hope is that they will be ongoing into the future, to help those making a positive difference in our community.

It certainly helps focusing on the positives instead of the negatives – Armageddon or not!

If you have a community initiative and would like to be considered for a Legacy Project grant email me at [garys@warrington-worldwide.co.uk](mailto:garys@warrington-worldwide.co.uk) titling your email Legacy Project.



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# Wire Works exhibition gets off to great start

**Warrington's fantastic Wire Works exhibition has got off to a great start – and there's still time for you to pay a visit and discover more about Warrington's proud wire heritage.**

The free exhibition – which has been made possible by National Lottery Heritage Funding – is telling Warrington's fascinating wire stories, through an interactive blend of heritage and art, including sculpture, film, dance, poetry and real-life accounts of what it was like to work in a wire factory in Warrington.

The exhibition - at the old Co-Op Bank, near Vintage Viola, in Golden Square - opened its doors on Saturday 16 October – and received over 250 visitors in the first weekend, many of whom had stories to share about their time working in the wire industry.

Highlights so far include Beatrice Fleming, Frances Sudlow and Edith Hurtsfield being on hand to tell people about their experiences working in the factories during the Industrial Revolution. Local actors from Ludovico Foundation re-created these characters.

The first week also saw A-Level

Architect students from Priestley College visiting the exhibition to see the beautiful sculptures they have created, working alongside artist Christine Wilcox-Baker. Their stunning creations reflect their research into Warrington's wire industry.

There's plenty more to enjoy in the coming weeks – so keep a look out for future events at the pop-up exhibition before it closes, including a visit from some special guests!

The exhibition – which also includes the opportunity to take a selfie wearing a digitally re-created version of the one of Lady Gaga's spectacular dresses, made using Warrington wire – runs until Saturday 20 November.

Pop in and see us between 10am and 5pm from Wednesday to Saturday, or 11am-4pm on Sundays.

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## Get help early

If you are 65 or over, or in another at-risk group, it's important to get medical help as soon as you feel

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If you are unsure what to do contact 111.nhs.uk online first, or call free from a landline or mobile. They're open 24/7, 365 days a year.

## Get to know your local pharmacist

Pharmacists can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines to treat a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains to help you recover at home.

## Get vaccinated

Dangerous viruses, including COVID-19 and flu, spread quickly when we're all crowded together inside and it's easy for us to pass on these viruses without knowing.

Flu can make some people seriously ill, so it's important to get the flu vaccine if you're advised to. The best time to have the flu vaccine is in the autumn before flu starts spreading.

Some people may be eligible for both the flu and the COVID-19 booster vaccines. If you are offered both vaccines, it's safe to have

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## Know the symptoms of COVID-19

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**Swimming Pool** that will offer a range of activities including swimming lessons and public swim as well as hydrotherapy and rehabilitation sessions.

**Library facilities** including self-service book borrowing and free public computers.

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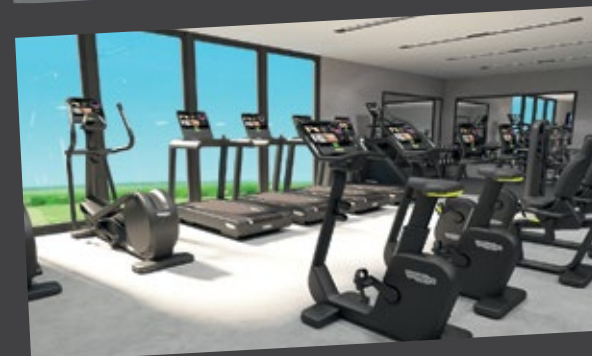
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# Double success for digital agency No Brainer at CIPR PRide Awards

**WARRINGTON-based digital public relations, SEO and content agency No Brainer won two accolades at the regional Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) PRide Awards.**

Outstanding public relations in the North West of England was recognised with No Brainer taking two of the most coveted prizes, winning the gold award for PR Consultancy of the Year while Will Catterall was named Outstanding Young Communicator.

Judges praised the agency for their strategic thinking and impressive annual fee income, and described their approach to equality, diversity and inclusion, which makes a contribution to the wider PR industry, as impressive.

The contribution public relations made to communities and businesses through the pandemic was clear in several categories – seven gold awards went to organisations at the frontline of the COVID response, with Cumbria County Council scooping in-house PR team.

Anthony Bullick, Chair of CIPR North West and Managing Director at Outwrite PR, said: "A huge congratulations to all our North West PRide winners. The North West is renowned for excellence in public relations – meaning our awards are hard-won

and represent outstanding work.

"The value public relations adds to businesses and public services has never been more evident than in the last 18 months. So, it's particularly satisfying to see around a third of this year's gold awards go to teams and practitioners whose work directly supports delivery of vital frontline services.

"Last night recognised campaigns that delivered tangible outcomes for organisations right across the region and all those who were shortlisted and won have lots to be proud of."

Lee Cullen, Director and co-founder of No Brainer, said: "These are huge awards for us to win and I couldn't be more proud of our team. The CIPR awards are held in such high esteem in our sector but also much more widely, so it's a real badge of honour to get this kind of recognition.

"Over the last six and a half years we've worked tirelessly to create an agency where great people want to work and one that amazing clients want to work with. We've stuck to those principles from day one and we owe a huge thanks to our

team, which is full of amazing and exceptionally talented people, and all of our clients for putting their faith in us.

"I'm also really proud of Will for winning his award, capping off a brilliant year for him in terms of everything he's achieved already. Working with young people and helping them to progress professionally and personally is something we put a lot of emphasis on, so it's brilliant to see Will get

the credit he deserves."

The CIPR North West PRide Awards recognise excellence in public relations and communications and winners are announced each autumn following a rigorous judging process involving a panel of industry experts.

The ceremony took place online, Tuesday 5 October, and broadcaster Jason Mohammad compered the celebrations.



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# Challenges and opportunities for a Net Zero Warrington

by John Laverick - Warrington & Co

**Net Zero seems to be on everybody's lips at the moment. We have COP 26 coming up (Conference of Parties if you were wondering) with much talking to be done and hopefully, six years on from the 2015 Paris Agreement, an increase in the commitment "to reducing carbon emissions but also a ramp up of commitments alongside a clear plan of action for how climate action targets will be met in the short, medium, and long terms". Let's see.**

Now I know that this is possibly an incendiary statement but it appears that we are only emitting as much CO2 as we were in the 1860's. Odd thing to say, but true as long as you are talking about emissions per capita. Unfortunately large reductions in all the UK's CO2 sources are still required to meet its 2050 target of an 80% reduction from 1970 levels.

But as always I wonder about the potential challenge and opportunity for Warrington. We are currently actively engaged in the Green Homes Grant project, where the worst energy performing homes are eligible for the free installation of solar panels and insulating works and we are also just about to start work on the new Bus Depot which will allow Warrington Own Buses to electrify the bus fleet if we are successful with our bid. The Council

has also invested heavily in solar farms to provide truly green energy to Warrington, but I think the challenge goes much deeper than this. The major sources of emissions are heating & transport and agriculture. Agriculture is not one we can address directly, but if we are to make the proper transition to a low carbon or zero carbon Town, we will have to address transport and heating (mainly for homes) on a Borough wide basis. This will be a significant challenge and require significant investment.

The transition however, can be seen in one of two ways, either something that we cannot afford to do or something that we cannot afford not to do. We are on the cusp of delivering significant regeneration and development in Warrington and have the opportunity to deliver a place that

is both low carbon and attractive to people and businesses who value a low carbon environment. Our challenge is to adapt and provide a place where the opportunities are grasped – quickly. There is an upcoming business conference in Time Square on 12th November and I expect this to be a topic for discussion.

It seems that the 3 people whose bodies were found on the Youth Zone site this has provoked some interest and I wonder what would have made of all this. Probably not a lot as they would have had a few other things on their minds. The archaeologist has confirmed that they were killed during the English Civil War period, perhaps fleeing from the 1648 Battle of Winwick, notable as it was the last and decisive battle of the Second English Civil War. The archaeologist further reports that it was recorded that "all the highways, corn fields, meadows, woods and ditches were strewn with the dead all the way from Wigan to Warrington". Apparently the cut marks on the skull of one of the individuals are some of the best



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preserved instances, that they have come across and can tell us much about the manner of death, which we would not normally be able to understand. Consequently, I'm told that Warrington Museum is keen to take the three skeletons into their collection. So no concerns about the site. The remains of all three will be in the museum.

And I know some of you will have been waiting with baited breath for the name of the Tortoise; Zelva. And I know some of you will be wondering what I am talking about; you may have to join a long queue.

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# St Rocco's manager wins 'community hero' award

**AN entrepreneur from Warrington has been crowned winner of the coveted Community Hero Award at this year's eBay for Business Awards.**

Alongside the overall Grand Prize award, Daniel Taylor, e-commerce manager at St Rocco's Hospice, received a £5,000 cash prize and support to help grow St Rocco's business.

Mr Taylor was one of 10 eBay sellers to be recognised for their entrepreneurial success in the nationwide awards, which saw a record number of entries this year.

St Rocco's Hospice offers palliative care to all who need it in Warrington and is largely funded by its retail stores and online offering. Back in 2019, the charity spotted the opportunity of online shopping for the charity shop sector and employed an e-commerce manager – Mr Taylor – who set about maximising St Rocco's Hospice fundraising through e-commerce platforms like eBay.

During the pandemic, with stores closed up and down the country, this sales avenue became even more important for the charity, with St Rocco's Hospice relying solely on selling donations online to fund care.

The charity aims to build on its online success by recruiting more trainees and moving to a bigger warehouse soon.

Mr Taylor said: "We're thrilled to have won the Community Hero and Grand Prize awards. The pandemic has been an incredibly tough time for everyone, but especially for charities who have been hit hard by store closures, so to be recognised

for our achievements this year is brilliant. eBay has played a huge role in helping to fund the vital work that St Rocco's does, over lockdown and in the months since. Now, we're focused on growing our eBay offering so we can support St Rocco's and the Warrington community for years to come."

eBay received over 2,000 entries for this year's awards across all categories, ranging from kitchen table start-ups and university 'side hustles', to established family businesses and those complementing offline stores with online avenues.

There were hundreds of applicants

from businesses that had started up during the COVID-19 pandemic, when eBay saw a 237 per cent boom in the number of small shops setting up on the marketplace –

the equivalent to a new business registering online every two minutes.

Visit St Rocco's Hospice on eBay: [www.ebay.co.uk/str/stroccoshospice](http://www.ebay.co.uk/str/stroccoshospice)



## MP's marathon effort for Wolves' Foundation

WARRINGTON North MP Charlotte Nichols completed the London Marathon in six hours and eight minutes "of hell," so far raising nearly £3,000 for the Warrington Wolves Foundation.

Charlotte, who had been hoping to complete the challenge last year, until it was put back by the pandemic, said she was "proud of myself for reaching the start line, given everything else going on at the moment."

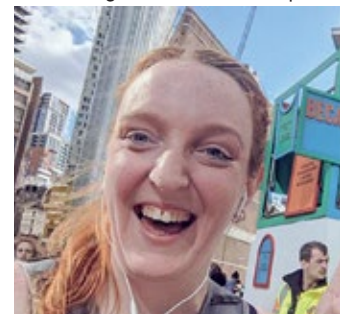
Commenting on her chosen charity she added: "The Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation do so much valuable work in our

community in Warrington North, whether it's promoting sport that is accessible for everyone, tackling holiday hunger, supporting arts and heritage, fostering good mental health- and much more!

"After last year's London Marathon was postponed due to Coronavirus, I ran the 2021 event as the pandemic has made the projects supported by the Foundation more vital than ever. I've set an initial target of £2500 but hopefully we can smash this!"

She has smashed it with nearly £3,000 raised and funds still coming in.

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# Green light for new "cutting-edge" bus depot



**PLANS for a new "cutting-edge" bus depot capable of supporting an all-electric fleet are a step closer to reality after cabinet approval at Warrington Borough Council.**

The existing depot, on Wilderspool Causeway - home to Warrington's Own Buses - is a key Warrington Deal project and is set to be relocated to a new site off Dallam Lane.

The relocation of the bus depot will be an important step in unlocking key development opportunities in the Southern Gateway Regeneration Area and importantly, the proposed new bus depot would also have the capability of accommodating an all-electric bus fleet - functionality the existing bus depot does not have.

Once Warrington's Own Buses have relocated to the new depot, which is being delivered by Warrington&Co, the existing depot will be demolished to pave the way for new development.

Warrington's Town Deal - the £22m programme of seven pioneering projects - has a clear focus on improving public transport, through both the new depot and the complementary sustainable travel package of works. Approval to move the existing bus depot to a new, purpose-built and cutting-edge facility, is a huge step forward for Warrington's ambitious Town Deal plans.

Cabinet member for transportation, highways and public realm, Cllr Hans Mundry, said: "Approval for relocating the bus depot and construction of the new depot are important steps in realising our Town

Deal ambitions.

"It will be one of the first projects as part of our Town Deal programme to be rolled out, and it's exciting that the new facility will have the potential to accommodate an all-electric bus fleet - which is another key ambition for us on our transformational transport journey.

"By enabling the potential electrification of our buses, this project supports the key priorities of our Local Transport Plan (LTP4), and our climate emergency declaration, which aim to promote cleaner, greener and more sustainable travel in and around Warrington."

Managing Director of Warrington's Own Buses, Ben Wakerley, said: "We have acknowledged for some time that the current depot is not in an ideal location for our buses to access.

"I'm therefore very pleased to see that not only will our new depot be in a much better location, but it will also be able to support an all-electric bus fleet. I am pleased to see continued investment in the town's bus service, which will play an increasingly important role in supporting our shared mission to improve air quality and sustainable transport in the borough."

For more information about the seven Warrington Town Deal projects, visit [warrington.gov.uk/my-town](http://warrington.gov.uk/my-town)

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Managing Director Ben Wakerley.



How the new depot will look from Bewsey Road.



# £4.3m Bewsey and Dallam hub set to open

**THE new £4.3 million Bewsey and Dallam Community Hub is set to open in November – bringing vital leisure, library and community facilities to the area.**

It will be operated by LiveWire, in line with the existing management agreement for the delivery of leisure, library and lifestyle services in Warrington. LiveWire will be working in partnership with Warrington Borough Council's Neighbourhoods team who will be managing the community rooms.

The Longshaw Street facility will provide residents with a range of community and wellbeing services, including community spaces, a state-of-the-art gym, multi-use studio, swimming pool and library provision.

Warrington Borough Council and other partners including Torus have provided the necessary capital investment along with a grant awarded by Sport England.

It will be open from 9am to 8pm Monday – Friday, and 9am to 4pm on weekends.

Key features of Bewsey and Dallam Community Hub include:

A state-of-the-art 30 station gym, including Technogym kit, functional fitness space and free weights area.

A multi-use studio space for

group exercise classes, library events and community activities.

More than 30 live and virtual group exercise classes a week including Les Mills Body Pump, Body Combat, Body Balance and Grit as well as Zumba, Yoga, Pilates and Boxercise.

A 10m x 7m pool that will offer a range of activities including swimming lessons and public swim as well as hydrotherapy and rehabilitation sessions.

Library facilities including self-service book borrowing and free public computers.

Community rooms for hire. Free Wi-Fi throughout.

Accessible and group wet and dry changing facilities.

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A reception / social area providing an informal, relaxing space for community hub users with seating.

Lifestyle Services including weight loss programmes, smoking cessation, getting back into exercise, healthy walks and cancer rehabilitation.



Accessible WC facilities and lift. Shared office space for partner organisations.

Free on-site parking for customers and visitors

Residents of Bewsey and Whitecross can claim a special offer to receive their first month membership for just £5. Leisure facilities can also be accessed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Emma Hutchinson, managing director of LiveWire, said: "We are delighted that Bewsey and Dallam Community Hub will soon be opening its doors, providing much-needed health and wellbeing services to local residents. This brand new, state-of-the-art facility is testament to our commitment to improving the mental and physical health of the people of Warrington.

"We are so excited for the public to see inside the Hub and try out the services on offer. I'd like to thank all LiveWire staff involved for their vision, hard work and

commitment on the project, as well as Warrington Borough Council and all our other partners."

Cllr Tony Higgins, the borough council's cabinet member for Leisure and Community, said: "The Bewsey and Dallam Community Hub will bring a huge boost to the community, providing a range of vital services which will make a real difference to local people's lives.

"This is a much-needed community facility which will support the wider regeneration of Bewsey and Dallam. At the same time, it supports our community's vision – through our Central 6 Regeneration Masterplan – to collectively improve health, wellbeing, leisure and learning opportunities for people throughout central Warrington."

For more information visit [livewirewarrington.co.uk/BewseyDallamHub](http://livewirewarrington.co.uk/BewseyDallamHub)

## Green Belt school to be extended to cope with expected increase in pupils

PLANS to double the size of a Warrington primary school to cater for an expected increase in the number of school-aged children in the area have been given the go-ahead.

Members of Warrington Borough Council's development management committee have approved extensions at Grappenhall Heys Primary School, together with an increase in car parking facilities to provide room for an additional 21 cars.

The scheme would normally have been considered inappropriate in the Green Belt, but there are "very special circumstances" to allow it to go ahead, the committee decided.

At present, the school has about 210 pupils, excluding nursery. But the extension will increase capacity by a further 210 giving a total of 420 pupils and about 26 nursery places.

The number of classrooms would increase from nine to 16.

There were no objections from nearby residents.

Some 1050 new homes are due to be built in South Warrington by 2023, including 400 in the Grappenhall area. This would result in about 231 additional school-age children.

"There is a clear and convincing justification for the expansion of the school," a report to the committee states.

"The very small amount of encroachment into the Green Belt is considered to be outweighed by the overall benefits of the scheme.

Sport England has been consulted and has indicated that the proposed building affects only land that could not form part of a playing pitch nor reduce the existing playing pitch.

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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 from 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.

Our doors re-opened at the start of September and, wow, it has been truly fantastic to see our venues come back to life with the buzz of an audience enjoying live entertainment once again - thank you for letting us do what we do best!

From ***The Script*** to ***Scouting for Girls*** and ***Comedy Store*** to ***Circus of Horrors***, the events have been flying by thick and fast but we're still only halfway through our busiest ever season with so much more to look forward to including ***Katherine Ryan***, ***Kate Rusby***, ***The ELO Show*** and so much more!



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# 25th Anniversary of the North West Casual Classics Car Club



at RAF Burtonwood Heritage Centre



By Heritage Centre manager John Cotterill

**Sunday 26th September saw us welcome the North West Casual Classic's Car Club to the Heritage Centre. This event, sadly cancelled last year due to Covid 19, was to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the formation of their club.**

With over 260 vehicles on display, 220 of which were cars, together with buses, motorcycles, Emergency vehicles and some Military vehicles, all of an extremely high standard, the day went seamlessly, with even the weather working with us, holding off on rain until the following morning.

It was wonderful to see old and new friends alike; those who have attended previous shows and those who we look forward to hopefully seeing again at future events. This year's inaugural event was so well received, by all of those in

attendance, that we intend to make it an annual event, opening it up more officially to the general public and hopefully welcoming even more vehicles.

A special thanks must go to Kenny Jackson from the North West Casual Classic's Car Club for his organisational skills in helping to deliver the Anniversary event.

As a result, the RAF Burtonwood Heritage Centre, welcomed some 800 visitors over the weekend, in addition to the 14000 visitors we have seen over the summer period. Some share their own stories, some seek information about their history and all of whom leave knowing a little bit more about where they are, what was here before and what life was like in a very different time. We look forward to hearing many more stories and welcoming many more visitors in the weeks and months to come. All of which helping us to "Keep the Memory Alive".





# Market Manager wins top national award

**WARRINGTON Market manager Andy Ward has scooped a prestigious national award – the latest in a growing list of awards for the new-look market based in Times Square.**

Andy, who helped lead the market into its new home, has been named Market Manager of the Year by the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA).

The 'Market Heroes' awards ceremony, which took place as part of the NABMA annual conference's gala dinner, saw him take the top prize for the independently-judged 'Market Manager of the Year for a large market'.

Andy's award follows in the footsteps of the new market winning Cheshire's Market of the Year in 2020 and the market team winning Market Team of the Year earlier this year.

Judges praised Andy for his work in leading his team through COVID and the transition from a temporary to a permanent new market. They also highlighted the success and profile the market achieved by remaining open throughout lockdowns, which made it part of the economic centre and focus of Warrington, helping sustain the town centre and leading the high street recovery.

Andy said: "No one could have predicted the challenges that lay ahead of us at the beginning of 2020. It's been a massive effort,

and we've had to be innovative and do things differently at times, but it's really paid off. It's wonderful to see the market going from strength to strength as a popular, vibrant venue, enjoyed by so many people from Warrington and beyond. Receiving this national recognition from my peers is the icing on the cake!

"Of course, none of this success could have been achieved without the dedicated, hardworking and talented Warrington Market team and our traders, so this award is definitely dedicated to all of them too."

This is the 2nd time Andy has won the coveted award – the first time in 2013, when he worked for Sheffield City Council.

Warrington Borough Council's Cabinet Member for economic development and innovation, Cllr Tom Jennings, said: "This national award – the latest success story for Warrington Market – is well-deserved. Andy's dedication, expertise and innovation have been crucial in making the new market a first-class destination which we can all be proud of.

"Andy has worked closely with his team and traders to help the market navigate the challenges of Covid-19, and that work has really paid off. Together, they are delivering a vibrant, welcoming and safe venue which is playing a key part in the recovery of our town centre."

The main market is currently open

9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday whilst the Cookhouse food hall is open 11am to 7pm Monday to Thursday, 11am to 11pm Friday and Saturday and 10am to 7pm on Sundays.

For more information about what's happening at Warrington Market, visit [warrington.gov.uk/market](http://warrington.gov.uk/market), email [markets@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:markets@warrington.gov.uk) or follow on social media @warringtonmkt



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# Celebrating 30 years of Disability Awareness Day

The annual Disability Awareness Day was back for its 30th-anniversary event and crowds flocked to the exhibition held at Walton Hall.

Disability Awareness Day ("DAD") is the world's largest 'not for profit' voluntary-led disability exhibition, held annually in a huge tented village within the grounds of the Hall. Peter Powell, the Lymm town crier, and the Liverpool Scottish pipe band got proceedings underway with a rousing march into the gardens.

This year the event had two primary sponsors, Expanse Learning and United Utilities. Event coordinator David Thompson MBE was on hand to thank all the sponsors, organisers, and supporters who helped make the day possible, working tirelessly to complete all the preparations in a 9 week window.

Since its beginnings three decades ago the DAD movement has grown immensely and is now

taking part simultaneously in 10 countries worldwide the latest country being Cameroon. Over £1 million has been raised by charities attending DAD events which have attracted over 600000 visitors.

This year visitors to the show found over 200 exhibitors, equipment suppliers, transport, holidays, leisure, employment, support groups and services, a Sports Zone including Scuba diving, an Arts Marquee, Centre Arena and family entertainment. Opening at 10am the show ran until 4 pm with free entry and a free programme.

Entertaining the crowds in the Arts Marquee were acts including nationally acclaimed Ella Together and Warrington BSL Signing Choir, Creating Adventures, Dream Team Drama, Warrington West Concert Band, Bridgewater Singers, Wired for Sound and rock band Undead For Hollywood.

After the postponement of last years event due to covid the 29th annual event had to be changed to a virtual experience it was a great relief this year that the green light was given to again host the world's biggest not for profit disability exhibition with the organisers of the event following all local and national COVID-19 guidance.

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# Literary success for the Quaranteens!

**WARRINGTON & Vale Royal College's English department is celebrating the success of three dedicated students who contributed to a national project organised by the English Association reflecting on life for teenagers during the pandemic.**

Headed by Chief Executive Officer Dr. Rebecca Fisher, the project allowed students to express their experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic through the medium of writing. The project offered an opportunity for the students to consider what they value most and think about how they can use their experiences in a positive way going forward.

Warrington & Vale Royal College students Katie Sewell, Charley Macken and Nathan Lane collaborated with students from other Further Education colleges to produce *The Quaranteens*, a collection of poems, stories, diary entries, drawings, and videos which showcase the experiences of young people throughout the pandemic.

The students spent much of their free time attending writing workshops as well as engaging in a number of lively zoom sessions on a national scale, to plan, design and edit the publication.

They contributed various entries to the publication, with Katie writing a poem, Nathan providing a tips sheet on how to survive during lockdown, and Charley producing an article conveying why technology can never replace great teaching. All three students were delighted to represent the college and to see their work

published.

Elise Thomas, English Lecturer at Warrington & Vale Royal College, said: "We are really proud of our students and so impressed at the fantastic writing they have produced. We look forward to working with the English Association on future projects."

To find out more about the English Association and read *The Quaranteens*, head to [www.englishassociation.co.uk/publications](http://www.englishassociation.co.uk/publications)



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# Appleton Thorn Village Hall strikes Gold with record-breaking double success

**APPLETON Thorn Village Hall has achieved a record-breaking double success after winning CAMRA's Club of the Year and receiving a special Gold Award to mark the 50th anniversary of the real ale campaign group.**

CAMRA (Campaign for real ale) members and locals gathered for the presentation of the two awards by the Mayor of Warrington, Cllr Maureen Creaghan.

The first was the CAMRA North Cheshire branch Club of the Year 2021.

Commenting on the success Andrew Edwards, Chair of CAMRA North Cheshire branch, said: "The Village Hall continues to set the highest standards year on year and deserves this accolade.

With CAMRA celebrating its 50th anniversary, 32 pubs and clubs have received a golden award with Appleton Thorn Village Hall being one of two clubs nationally to win a Gold Award and a Club of the Year award.

CAMRA Regional Director for Merseyside and Cheshire, Nick Bosley, reflected how this was for continual achievement over the last 30 years, including being National Club of the Year for a record-breaking four times and numerous times runner up.

Accepting the awards landlord Kris Massey thanked all the bar

staff, the club committee and volunteers for their teamwork.

"It may look easy but certainly isn't and everyone plays their part to the club's success," he said.

Joining the celebrations was his

father Derek Massey on the eve of his 70th birthday.

It is the only club to have won the National Club of the Year competition, run annually by CAMRA, for a record number of

4 times from the '90s to 2019, being the most recent. As well as the quality of its cask beer, cider and perry the club also received praise from judges for its place in the heart of the Community.



Picture shows (L-R) Kris and Derek Massey, the Mayor, Village Hall Chairman Geoff Plass and Andrew Edwards from CAMRA.



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# Running Festival success as 2,000 take to the streets

**AN estimated 2,000 runners of all abilities took part in the first Warrington Running Festival, starting and finishing at the town's iconic golden gates.**

Runners took part in 5, 10k and a half marathon events, many raising money for local charities and plans are in already in place for the event to return again next year.

Mayor of Warrington Cllr Maureen Creaghan was on hand to wave runners off from the town hall lawn and through the Golden Gates which was also the finishing line for the 10k and half marathon events.

For RunThrough Co-Founder Ben Green, the inaugural Warrington Running Festival was close to home and takes a special place among the hundreds of events he has

organised over the years. Not only is he the event's race director, but the half-marathon route wound its way past the street in Grappenhall that he grew up on.

The event had been scheduled to take place last year but had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

First male across the line in the half marathon was CHRIS HAZLEDENE in a time of 01:15:35.

First female was CHLOE LAM – MOORES in a time of 01:26:18.

First male in the 10K was DANIEL CLIFFE in a time of 31:21.

First female was ELINOR YATES in 39:38.

The 5k was won by SEAN TRUETT in a time of 16:30. First female was LUCIE GODDARD in a time of 18:38.

Warrington Worldwide Editor Gary Skentelbery completed his second ever 10k as part of his ongoing charity challenge to run the equivalent of 30 half marathons raising funds for Warrington Disability Partnership in their 30th anniversary year.

Next year's event has been scheduled for September 25th – to sign up visit [www.warringtonrunningfestival.com](http://www.warringtonrunningfestival.com).

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By David Watkinson

**In advance of the Autumn Budget, what do we already know about what is in store for us next year? You may be surprised at how much has already been announced.**



Margaret Black and David Watkinson

**As I write this we are awaiting the budget and autumn statement so I am unable to comment on any announcements that the Chancellor will be making. However, we do know a lot of the changes that are to be made, the main one being that the rates of Corporation Tax and National Insurance are set to increase, with the majority of bands and thresholds being frozen.**

Currently, Corporation Tax is paid by all companies at a standard rate of 19%. It has already been announced that it will remain at this rate for the year commencing April 2022. However, from 1st April 2023 the rate of Corporation Tax will increase to 25% on profits above £250,000. The rate will remain at 19% for profits up to £50,000. Profits between £50,000 and £250,000 will be taxed at 25%, but will receive marginal relief of 3/200 of the difference between taxable profits and £250,000, resulting in a gradual increase in the overall rate of Corporation Tax.

Older readers may remember that we had a similar system of Small Companies Corporation Tax up to 2014. As applied then, the above limits will be divided between all 2 Associated Companies", so if there are four companies under the same control then each company will pay the full rate on profits in excess of £62,500 and the small company rate will only be available on profits up to £12,500.

So what else do we know?

Well, we know that the Chancellor has already announced that all personal allowances and tax bands will be frozen at their current level up to and including 2025/26. This also applies thresholds for Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax and Value Added Tax.

The income tax basic rate income tax will be payable on income between £12,571 and £50,270. Above this level, the higher rate of tax applies. The personal allowance will continue to be withdrawn progressively

once income exceeds £100,000, and all income above £150,000 will be taxed at the "additional rate". Whilst these may be subject to change, the current basic rate is 20%, the higher rate is 40%, and the additional rate is 45%.

National Insurance is set to increase from April 2022. The thresholds will be frozen at their current level. However, the rates at which it will be charged will all increase by 1.25%. Therefore, employees will pay 13.25% on income up to the upper earnings level, and 3.25% on income above this. Employers will see their contribution increase to 15.05%. If you are self-employed then your contribution will be 10.25% up to the upper earnings limit and 3.25% above that.

Capital Gains Tax will continue to be paid on all gains in excess of £12,300 in the year, or £6,150 in the case of most trusts. It is widely thought that the rate of Capital Gains Tax will be a prime target for the Chancellor. However the

current rate of Capital Gains Tax is 10%, increasing if total income and taxable capital gains exceed £50,270 to 20% for the excess. These rates increase to 18% and 28% respectively if the gain is made on residential property, with the exception of your own "principal private residence" which is currently tax-free.

Inheritance Tax nil-rate band and residential nil-rate band remain at £325,000 and £175,000 respectively. And finally, the VAT registration and de-registration thresholds remain at £85,000 and £83,000 respectively.

All of the above is known before the Chancellor leaves No 11 clutching his little red box. We await with bated breath what further joys we have in store, but the general view is that it will not be a "give-away" budget. Perhaps this is to be expected following the trials and tribulations of the past couple of years. We will let you know what those further measures are once they are known.

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# Briers takes new coaching role at Wigan after leaving Wolves

**LEE Briers has been unveiled as part of the new coaching set-up at Wigan Warriors, following his departure from Warrington Wolves.**

Briers, 43, will take up the role of assistant coach to new head coach Matty Peet, working alongside Sean O'Loughlin.

England coach Shaun Wane is also returning to the DW Stadium as Leadership Director.

Wolves legend Briers played 425 games for the club between 1998 and 2013 before moving in to coaching roles at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Following the end of the season, Briers departed the club alongside Andrew Henderson and head coach Steve Price to make way for new coach Daryl Powell.

On his move to Wigan, Briers said: "I'm really excited for the challenge - it's what dreams are made of. Wigan is a massive Rugby League Club in anybody's eyes so to be asked to come and coach here is special.

"I'm really looking forward to working alongside the staff here. We're all focused on one thing and that's making Wigan attractive

winners again. We're on the same wavelength, we're all aligned and we're looking forward to the job."

Meanwhile, Wolves half-back Gareth Widdop missed out on the Super League Man of Steel award on Monday night.

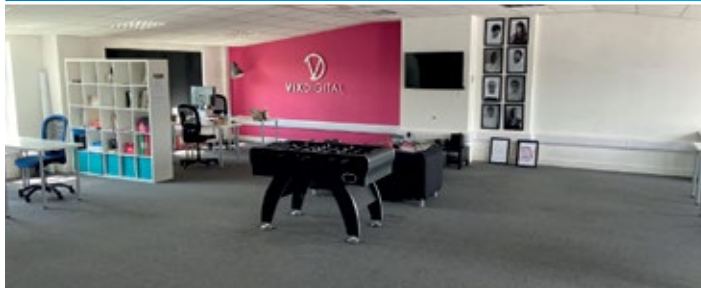
The marquee signing from St George-Ilwarrara Dragons, in his second season at the club, was part of a five man shortlist for the award to crown the competition's best player.

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