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Editor's Comment

THE ongoing work of Warrington's litter networks is going from success to success with the latest findings from Keep Britain Tidy revealing Warrington is leading the way in eliminating

Data recorded through Keep Britain Tidy's "collect and count" scheme shows that nationally, more than 42,000 bags of waste were collected by litter pickers in 2022, with an average of 2,600 volunteers taking part.
The 8,000 bags of litter recorded through the "collect and count"

initiative in Warrington, accounted for an astonishing 20% of all bags collected through the scheme nationally!

Having been involved in some litter picks in the past, I know all too well how hard this work can be and I applaud the work of these volunteers in our community.

While it is fantastic to see their hard work being recognised, it is sad that so many people still carelessly toss litter at the roadside, on footpaths and in local woodlands.

More needs to be done to punish bugs as education alone doesn't appear to be working. Stiff fines and community service doing litter pick-ups under the guidance of our wonderful volunteers would be

a step in the right direction.
Warrington's Litter Networks
was the first group to receive a
Warrington Worldwide Legacy project grant in recognition of their hard work in the community and we are delighted to see the money

being put to good use.
The latest litter network be launched is in Latchford by volunteers from the Guru Nanak Gurdwara Sikh Temple (pictured)



which you can read more about on

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You can find out more about Warrington's litter networks by visiting litternetworks.org/area/

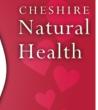


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Retired firefighter launches pop-up zero waste repair shop at Warrington Market

RETIRED firefighter Eddie Evans has launched a zero waste popup repair shop at Warrington Market, which will be available at the main entrance every other Friday starting from February 3.

The Zero Waste Repair Station aims to reduce waste and also raise money for two charities, The Christie and St Rocco's Hospice.

Eddie will repair small electrical items for free or, if he doesn't have the parts required from strippeddown items that have been donated to him, he will just charge cost price for new parts.

He has an electrical testing kit to check if the items are repairable and if so, he will take them home for repair and text the customer when the items are fixed.

In return, he asks for a donation to two charities if people can afford to give:

to give:
The Christie Charity which helps
to provide support to help cancer
patients' lives.

St Rocco's Hospice which provides care to local residents with life-limiting illnesses.

The popup repair shop also aims to help with the cost of living crisis too, as repairing items can often work out more cost-effective than throwing away and replacing with brand new items.

throwing uwa, _ brand new items. Eddie said: "I'm delighted to be joining Warrington Market every other Friday to help combat the throwaway society that has developed in recent years. As money is getting tighter, this pop up shop will help residents to look at repair rather than disposal as longterm solutions."

Cllr Janet Henshaw, cabinet member for sustainability and climate change, who is Eddie's Ward Cllr. and joined him at the launch said: "I'm delighted The Zero Waste Repair Station is joining the fantastic team at Warrington Market. It will now be

even easier and cheaper than ever for residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle items they might otherwise throw away.

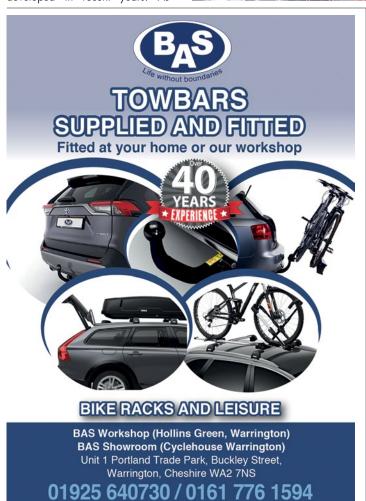
"This will also complement the market's existing goals to encourage residents to shop local and support independent businesses, which also has the added benefit of reducing your carbon footprint as well as supporting local traders at the same time.

"Making small, environmentallyfriendly changes like recycling items and shopping local are exactly the kind of changes that take little effort and often help to save some money, all while also helping to reduce our collective carbon footprints in Warrington."

Eddie, Cllr Henshaw contacted market manager Andy Ward to help provide a location for the pop-up facility which has become the latest attraction at the town's award-winning market.

For more information, visit warrington.gov.uk/repair-station-market or warrington.gov.uk/





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- Advertiser's announcement -

New year, new you, new BID

THERE is no better time than new year for the BID to highlight some of the fabulous hairdressers in Warrington town centre.

Fancy a trip to Jakata? Not the one in Indonesia, the one on Rylands Street as our article looks at foils and follicles and highlights and hairdressers. So, whilst the weather may be cold, why not treat yourself to a January bargain and

yourselt to a January bargain and get your locks in tip top shape.
Jakata has been trading since 2003 and has 7 skilled stylists and colourists; offering cuts and colours including highlights and lowlights, colour removed and men's styling to name but a few, and they often

have offers for new customers.

Warrington Market is home to
Mullally's Barbers – offering men's
trims or there is Nas Barber Shop
on Bridge Street for fresh fades.

If you're looking after the pennies (and who isn't right now?), Peter Walsh Hairdressing salon on Horsemarket Street offers 25% off highlights on Tuesdays. You can nightights on luesdays. You can contact them to book on 01925 411411. Ashleigh Hair & Beauty is in the Courtyard on Horsemarket Street, a sleek salon offering beautiful balayage and expert extensions, you can find more details on their website - www. ashleighhair.co.uk

If you've lived in Warrington

for any length of time, you'll no doubt have heard of Michele & Co who have been based out of their Bold Street shop for over 30 years - colourist Joanne has recently become a Wella Master Colour Expert, what she doesn't know about colour isn't worth knowing!

Right round the corner is Sankey Street, a popular location for hairdressers and you'll find the sister salon of Jakata in the form of Paul Kemp Hairdressing, also located in the heart of the town centre. Their talented team specialises in styling hair, from cutting and colouring, to straightening and hair extensions and they offer you a free consultation to talk about your ideal

style. You'll find firm Johnsons, this name will be familiar to many Warringtonian's, having been in business since 1946! Their focus is on delivering excellent service and top-quality hairdressing to their Clients, and they have 25% off colour services on various dates, see their website for details - www. johnsonshairdressing.co.uk they also offer £15 off your first 'Luxury visit, details can also be found on the website. Callaghan's

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Langtree to study Local Plan comments and rationale before deciding on future of Six56 logistics development

FOLLOWING on from the Government inspectors instructing Warrington Borough Council to remove the proposed Six56 logistics development site from the Local Plan, developers Langtree are now considering their next steps.

Commenting on the initial feedback from the Planning Inspectorate as to the appropriateness of bringing forward its proposed Six56 development in Warrington, John Downes, group chief executive of Langtree, said: "We have noted the Inspector's comments and rationale and will be studying them both carefully before deciding on a way forward."

The inspectors have told Warrington Borough Council its proposed Local Plan is not sound

proposed Local Plan is not sound and will require some significant modifications, including reducing the impact on Green Belt.

Inspectors, Andrea Mageean and Kevin Ward's findings in relation to the employment land requirement, in particular the The South East Warrington Employment Area (Policy MDO) (SEWEA), will have significant implications for the proposed Six56 development on Green Belt land.

They said the council's employment land requirement of 316.26ha was not justified.

They added that the proposed South East Warrington Employment Area (SEWEA) would involve the removal of some 137ha of land from the Green Belt and its allocation for employment development (B8 and B2 and related ancillary uses) and that all other reasonable options for meeting the identified need for development should be examined, before concluding that exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries.

"A key element of the Council's

changes to Green Belt boundaries. "A key element of the Council's case is that there is an employment land requirement of 316.26ha and that this can't be met without altering the Green Belt and allocating land for development. However, we have concluded that the requirement of 316.26ha is not justified and it should be reduced to 168ha. We have also concluded that the supply of employment land

provided by existing commitments and the proposed Fiddlers Ferry Main Development Area would be sufficient to meet this reduced requirement.

"In terms of the range and type of employment land that would be available, there is no strategic need for the SEWEA therefore."
"Exceptional circumstances to

alter the Green Belt in this case do not exist. In order for the Local Plan to be justified and consistent with national policy the proposed SEWEA and Policy MD6 should be deleted therefore.

The dates for an eight-day public inquiry into the planning aplication have been scheduled for May 9-12 and May 23-26.







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Warrington Business

Bids, delivering change into Warrington

by John Laverick - Warrington & Co

Bids. The concept of bidding for things is as old as, well, as things I suppose. The idea that one person gets a thing that two people want, based on achieving its value, real or otherwise in a market place is an abstract but highly attractive one. For one side anyway. Not everything has a value and for those things that do, its value may not be known, but can be found out by asking for bids for things.

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Businesses know the preparation, marketing, research, investment and the nerve wracking process of meeting deadlines for submission followed by the jubilation at winning or the ability to pick yourself up off the floor after not winning, finding out where you went wrong and doing better next time are all part of the process. The private sector are geared up for the concept and execution of the bidding process, it is hardwired in. The public sector probably not so much.

Whilst the rightness or the wrongness of bidding for government support for projects that many view as essential funding rather than discretional will be debated far and wide, the frustration that is felt when failing to succeed in bids such as

the Levelling Up Fund is real and palpable. Warrington has been unsuccessful with its Levelling Up bid and the sense of frustration at both the process and the outcome is heartfelt. But the need to understand that this is the currently favoured process is needed and to take note of the private sector approach that this needs to be understood, dealt with, learnt from and then applied to the next one.

BIDs on the other hand are completely different. The Warrington BID or the Business Improvement District is aimed at promoting Warrington and particularly the town centre. A variety of activities have been delivered by the BID, from creating and developing a dedicated destination brand, "We

Are Warrington BID", a strong social following of over 14,000 across social media delivering reach across social media delivering reach to 1 million consumers and supporting and delivering town centre events including 'Warrington's Weekend Wonderland' which saw over 60,000 visitors to the town centre. The BID have also helped to

introduce crime prevention and security initiatives and identification of opportunities for environmental

of opportunities for environmental and aesthetic enhancements across the town centre on behalf of the businesses in the Town Centre.

Why do I mention this? Well there is a ballot, which will be a 28 day postal ballot from 2nd March until 30th March conducted by UK Engage on behalf of Warrington Borough Council to decide it this should continue and I would encourage businesses to get involved.

businesses to get involved.

The Warrington Skills Commission has held its inaugural meeting, commencing a new public facing partnership debate on skills needs and opportunities required for Warrington's current and futurel workforce and economy. Made up of representatives from a broad range of sectors, including the council, local Warrington

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business, education and skills, public and the voluntary and community sector, the commission will be informed by local, national and international evidence and research.

The commission aims to ensure local people have the skills employers want and need, with its research including a focus on particular skills required to fuel existing and future business needs, such as science, technology, engineering, distribution, logistics and business services.

So looking at the two ways of delivering change into Warrington I shall leave you to consider which delivers better

First deal announced at rejuvenated office scheme in Birchwood

BRIDGE Properties has signed up Soletanché Freyssinet IT UK Ltd at Element, a 40,000 sq ft office building in Birchwood, Warrington.

The international soil, structural and nuclear engineering company, has taken a 3,362 sq ft on a 5-year lease in what is the first letting for Element. Redesigned by Incognito, the building, formerly known as Dominion House has received a high 'A' EPC rating and the newly installed heating and ventilation system has received the accolade of 'Best Commercial Installation of the Year' at the National Energy Sovings Awards.

National Energy Savings Awards.

Speaking about the letting, Paul McCann, director at Bridge Properties, commented: "With our 20 years' experience in office development, first class contractors and innovative design team we have created what we believe is the most exciting office scheme outside Manchester providing exactly what occupiers expect from a workplace."

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Mark Canning, director at Canning O'Neill, continued: "Birchwood is a competitive market, but Bridge has taken the blueprint forged at Eden Point in Cheadle and taken it up several notches. The large café lounge and terrace, stunning gym, feature mezzanine space and roof terrace at the top of the building are all exceptional and have helped to position Element as a premier business address for global companies such as Soletanché Freyssinet IT UK."

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St Rocco's Hospice Christmas tree collection raises £44,000

THIS year's Christmas tree collection for St Rocco's Hospice has raised a staggering £44,000 for the charity.

On Saturday January 14, 100 volunteers joined forces to carry out the annual Christmas tree collection, collecting over 2600 trees in Warrington.

Residents could easily recycle their unwanted Christmas tree by making a donation to the Hospice. The trees were then disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

Charlotte Howard, Senior Events Fundraiser for St Rocco's Hospice

said: "As a charity that relies on the local community for 80% of its funding, I would like to thank every Warrington resident that has used the service and generously donated this year to help raise an amazing £44,000. This will make a huge difference to the patients and families that we care for. Further thanks go to our volunteers that gave up their time to help and our partners, listed below who

we could not run this collection without."

St Rocco's would like to thank the following organisations for their involvement this year:

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- Tending the Hospice garden
- Sorting donated goods
- Photographing products for our eBay store
- Helping at a St. Rocco's event

Don't miss these adult courses starting this February Be ALL that

If the last two years have taught us anything, it's that there is no time like the present. If you've been thinking about retraining, upskilling or simply taking up a new hobby - why wait any longer?

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By Anna Kiriakoulakis



I started Tai Chi twelve years ago as a total beginner. I was not in the best mental disposition then and my body was getting seriously affected by arthritis after years of desk work and then prolonged standing during teaching.

Tai Chi seems odd at first with its slow and fluid moves and totally at the antipodes of my fast daily routine. It was an invitation to stop time and look after myself.

With regular classes and practice it didn't take long for my mental perspective to improve.

To my delight, my arthritis was gone and alongside my body became more flexible, my balance and core stronger and my mind felt a lot sharper and more focused overall.

It felt like being reborn and becoming a better version of myself, and I was... My husband noticed the changes too and we rejoiced at the fact that arguments became less and less. Besides a fitter, healthier body and sharper mind regular Tai Chi practice has also empowered me with a new inner calm.

As a qualified teacher, with a love of teaching, I am now using these skills alongside my Tai Chi knowledge to support others with their health and wellbeing. I specialised in Tai Chi for Health, which has helped me and my class members to recover from a string of health conditions. During Covid I was entrusted by the NHS to help stressed out health workers recover mentally and physically. Likewise, the Qigong and Tai Chi classes I delivered online during that difficult period helped my classes members staying fit and sound at mind; research has shown that Tai Chi can boost the immune system and resistance to infections.

Along the journey I started feeling more of the hidden energy of Tai Chi and exploring more and more the deeper martial art and self-defence aspect of it. Tai Chi can be taught both as a health discipline and as a martial art. I am currently teaching Yang 24 across Warrington. Yang 24 is the world's most practised Tai Chi form. It is gentle enough to be learned at all levels and can be practised right

from beginner to advanced level.

Yang 24 moves have an origin
in self-defence. Depending on the
readiness, aptitudes and curiosity,
the martial art perspective can be explored in the classes. This brings on the philosophy and principles of Tai Chi: practising it can become a way of life by encompassing its deepest values of respect, compassion, and empathy at the centre of the learning.

My classes are generally mixed with ages ranging from early thirties to eighties, and many of the members really enjoy looking at the wholesome aspect of Tai Chi.

Tai Chi is not a quick fix and requires a little patience, alongside some regular practice and an open mind. Is it not a price worth paying to be able to reach and maintain good and greater state of health, mentally and physically and maybe, to become a happier you?

To try a class with Anna, please contact 07904 186541 or email annataichi@yahoo.com





Plans submitted for Cockhedge Master Plan as 16 retail units set to make way for 900 apartments

PLANS have been submitted to downsize Warrington's Cockhedge Shopping Centre, demolishing 16 retail units and replacing them with 900 new apartments.

Urban regeneration developer, Altered Space, has submitted a planning application to Warrington Borough Council to redevelop Borough C Cockhedge Cockhedge shopping centre, Warrington, in line with the Greater Cockhedge Master plan.

project will downsize the shopping centre to create an improved and rationalised commercial asset. The development proposes the demolition of 16 retail units plus the removal of the pedestrian bridge, which extends over Scotland Road.

The application includes plans for the creation of new and improved external entrances to each end of the mall plus four new external facing units aimed at creating more vibrant spaces, with the potential to drive an evening economy. The introduction of a quality public realm on each side of the mall is core to the application with both soft and hard landscaping, making it visually attractive to visitors.

This is the initial detailed planning application for the wider Cockhedge estate, forming part of a larger two-phase regeneration scheme by Altered Space. Planners have already indicated approval outline consent.

Michael Brown, director at Altered Space, said: "Following

the approval we received for the Cockhedge Masterplan in August 2022, this detailed application seeks to deliver a downsized, yet enhanced commercial offering breathing new life into an already popular retail destination. unlock the Residential Development footprint fronting Scotland Road, capable of delivering 900 new homes for Warrington Town Centre."

Elsewhere in the North West, Altered Space is also leading in the successful urban regeneration Stanley Square, multiphase^{*} redevelopment seen numerous key retailers and businesses move to Stanley Square over the past 2 years.

The creation of a lively and accessible shopping centre provides the promise that this development by Altered Space will have a positive impact on the town in terms of employment and the local economy.

Altered Space is working with planning consultant Lichfields, as well as Like Architects on this project.



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patients in hospital to ask 'When am I going home?' This approach designed to empower encourage patients and their families and carers to feel confident

in asking questions about their care una recovery beyond the hospital setting. Research shows that once patients have had the care they need in hospital, they will recover more quickly at home. At the end of the day nothing is better than your own bed. and recovery beyond the hospital

We recognise it can sometimes be hard for patients to ask questions about where their care is up to, especially if they're unsure about their illness or they can see staff are busy; but asking questions can help patients feel more in control of their recovery.

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Remember we won't send patients home before they are medically well enough or plan anything without involving patients, or their family or carers.

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Warrington children have some of the best access to outstanding primary schools

CHILDREN in Warrington have some of the best access to outstanding primary schools in the country for the coming academic year.

This is according to new research from education software specialist, The Access Group.

The "school squeeze" campaign reveals which areas in the UK have the highest and lowest volume of pupils entering primary school year per school in the area – and where parents have the best access to outstanding schools.

The figure was calculated by taking the number of children set to attend primary school in the 2023/24 academic year, and comparing it to the number of outstanding primary schools per

local authority.
Warrington, with 23 outstanding primary schools, offers the third best access to outstanding primary school places with 2,163 children set to start primary school in 2023-24, which equates to 94 per outstanding school slightly ahead of nearby Trafford which has a figure of 94.4.

Rutland provided the best access in England (61.8), with Essex

(67.9) and Herefordshire (79.9) completing the top three.

Torbay is the most squeezed location with only one outstanding primary school 1,211 children set to move up to primary education.

Jane Gibson, product manager (education) at The Access Group, explained what this means for parents: "Admissions is a stressful time for parents as your child's school can have a big impact on their future. Even on a smaller scale, if you fail to get into your first-choice school, there's a risk of being separated from friends, or you might add on extra travel time to get your child to the school gates every morning.

"Schools also often 'hold their breath' at this time of year too. Pupil numbers can affect their funding, which in turn can lead to difficult decisions regarding staffing levels, budget allocation and more but with specialist education technology such as school finance software and school payments software, it's easier to cope with fluctuating numbers and ensure there are adequate resources to provide a great education."

Applications for primary school admission for 2023/24 entry close

on Sunday, January 15.

For the full list of where schools in the UK are the most squeezed, including Ofsted-rated Outstanding schools, visit: https://www. theaccessgroup.com/en-gb/ education/resources/where-hasthe-most-competition-for-primaryschool-admissions/

New litter network launched by volunteers from Sikh Temple

A new litter network has been launched in Latchford by volunteers from the Guru Nanak Gurdwara Sikh Temple.

Based at the Gurdwara, the plan is that the team will regularly tidy the local neighbourhood along Thelwall Lane and other local hotspots as needed.

Tony Dixon from the Warrington Litter Networks said: "This is good news for the whole community and will be a vital piece in the jigsaw of a tidier Latchford, and ultimately a tidier Warrington."

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A team kit of pickers, hoops, gloves and hi-vis vests has now been presented to the new team. The cost of the kit has been funded by the Warrington Borough Council CIF programme, via Warrington Tuesday Team, and more will follow as needed.

The event was hosted by Mr Kuldeep Dhillon and the Sikh Community. Local Councillors Hans and Karen Mundry and Hospital Board Chairman Mr Steve McGuirk, a regular litter-picking volunteer, attended along with members of the Tuesday Litter Team Keep Britain

attended, along with members of the Tuesday Litter Team, Keep Britain Tidy and Warrington Litternetworks.

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Women's Health Roadshow

Healthwatch Warrington are touring Warrington for an opportunity to speak to residents about Women's health priorities.

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National Gov.UK Women's Health Strategy for England (updated 30th Of August 2022) Department of Health and Social Care. 51% of the population (Women) faces obstacles when it comes to getting the care they need. Although women in the UK on average live longer than men, women spend a

significantly greater proportion of their lives in ill health and disability meir lives in ill health and disability when compared with men. Not enough focus is placed on womenspecific issues like miscarriage or menopause, and women are under-represented when it comes to important clinical trials. This has meant that not enough is known about conditions that only affect about conditions that only affect women or how conditions that affect both men and women impact them differently.

be will International Women's well as the results of our Women's Health survey on 7th 2023 at our Women's 2023 at our Women's Health Event at Winmarleigh House, 15 Winmarleigh Street WA1 1NB 10.30 am-12.30 pm with Guest speakers and lunch provided. Register your attendance to our event www.healthwatchwarrington.

co.uk or on the information below.

Contact Healthwatch Warrington to talk about this project or to feedback on any health and social care services in Warrington: 01925 246 893, Contact@

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HYROX dynamic fitness lands at LiveWire

WARRINGTON based LiveWire has announced a new addition to its popular group fitness offer, as they become an official gym partner for HYROX – the global functional fitness event series!

This means that members can now partake in HYROX-themed group fitness sessions at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub and Sankey Neighbourhood Great

This unique new fitness concept combines functional exercise and endurance training that is challenging, yet achievable for

everyone. Each workout is carefully designed to complement the disciplines incorporated within the HYROX events.

Whether you're looking to compete, or whether you simply want to boost your fitness, this dynamic, varied class will provide a welcome addition to your routine. Not just for the elite but for

everybody!
HYROX is just one of the group exercise classes available at LiveWire alongside the recently launched FITBOX concept, as well as more established favourites such as Les Mills Body Pump and Body Combat. There is something for everyone, whatever your stage of fitness. Group Exercise is a great way to stay motivated and reach way to stay motivated and reach your goals, as it offers a workout with the added enjoyment of being part of a group. Kev Forester,

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Director, LiveWire said: "HYROX Director, LiveWire said: "HYROX is a great way to inspire people who are looking for something completely new and a fresh challenge for their workout. Whether or not you're keen to join in the main HYROX event series, we can support your goals and help you to prepare for the main event or simply to just take part in this trending fitness programme. Get involved and get inspired."

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RAF corporal inspires the next generation



A FORMER Warrington student who is now a corporal in the RAF returned to his old college to inspire the next generation.

Corporal Callum Farnan was back at Priestley College to talk with this year's Protective Services cohort and also put them through their paces

also put them through their paces with some fitness drills.
"I wouldn't be where I am today without the tutors at Priestley so it is great to be back at my old college to share my experiences with the students," said the 26-year-old.
"My tutors always liked the fact I was respectful and had a good attitude and that's been my main message today. You might not think those things make a difference, but they always get you off on the right foot."

After college Callum worked in retail and travelled Australia, but never lost sight of his ambition to join the Royal Air Force.

He was one of 5,000 people who apply to become a physical training instructor every year with the RAF and one of only 12 to be awarded a place.

Not only did he pass with flying colours, he was also named "best

overall recruit" during the first phase of training.
The former St Gregory's Catholic

High pupil had to demonstrate his determination as he twice failed to

pass the vetting procedure to become an RAF physical training instructor. "The third time I thought if I put in the short-term sacrifice it would lead

not a long-term career for me so I left nothing to chance," he said. "I replicated all the physical tests in the gym back home and aimed to exceed everything that was asked of

exceed everything mar was asked on me."

Callum is now based at RAF Cosford as a physical training instructor. After his inspiring talk at Priestley College more students might well be following in his bootsteps.

Protective Services tutor Colin Whittaker, who taught Callum at Priestley eight years ago, said: "I've had students stop me to say how

had students stop me to say how inspiring it was to hear from someone who studied at Priestley and went on to secure their ambitions in the RAF.





Cult burger takeaway 'Burgerism' secures unit at The Hive WA1

THE development of one of Warrington's iconic buildings continues to attract quality operators; Burgerism, the most ordered burger in Manchester on Deliveroo, is coming to The

Its TikTok famous smashed burgers have built a cult following since its launch in 2018, serving up in excess of 1,000 burgers a day. More excess of 1,000 burgers a day. More recently Burgerism won Food Trader of the Year 2022 at the Manchester Food and Drink Awards and was ranked Top 6 Burger in the UK & Ireland on Deliveroo's Restaurant Awards. Their tasty smashed burgers even won the praise of the Michelin-starred Head Chef of 'Mana' Simon Martin, who proclaimed that they were "Manchester's Best Burger".

This announcement also coincides with the launch of Honeycombe, a new delivery-only kitchen at The Hive to the rear of the premises on Egypt Street. Honeycombe will offer tood concepts delivery kitchen space, britains a wilder written of coincests. bringing a wide variety of cuisines to the locale.

Burgerism originally started from a delivery kitchen in Salford, before adding a central Manchester delivery kitchen, and a walk-up location at Manchester's 'Escape to Freight Island'. Burgerism is now on the expansion trail and has secured a unit at the Egypt Street side of the new Hive development, which follows its recent expansion in Leeds, Stockport and soon Liverpool (launching late Jan '23).

Burgerism co-founder, Mark Murphy, commented 'From our Manchester stores, we've built a loyal following of fans in Warrington – who regularly make the Burgerism pilgrimage. We loved their passion for what we do – and felt it right to bring Burgerism a little closer to home. We're really excited about the level of ambition at the Hive development; the location and unit felt a perfect fit for us. As is the Burgerism way, we'll continue to focus on delivery, and will also offer a collection and takeout option for fans. Our intention is to launch in spring 2023. See you

soon Warrington!"
'The Hive WA1' is the former TJ
Hughes department store, a three storey corner property covering a massive 85,000 sq ft. Work is underway to convert the building to a one stop destination for a number of facets and be a busy hive of activity for both work and play. The ground floor space is nearing the completion of its transformation into a Boutique

of its transformation into a Boutique Shopping Mall to open Spring 2023.
Part of the buildings development is the construction of a bespoke delivery or dark kitchen at the rear of the premises called 'Honeycombe' It will house 12 individual kitchen units which can be hired on short term lets and use the access at the large goods yard onto Egypt Street for delivery only. Providing unit spaces of 15m2 20m2, with extraction and services for a set fee and hopes to attract leading brands that are focused on developing their delivery presence in the town centre and surrounding

Ben Rafferty, a specialist retail hospitality consultant working with the landlord, revealed; 'The Hive is a continuous development and we are really excited about the future. Warrington has a population of over 200,000 people but didn't have

a specific Delivery focused kitchen concept. I am delighted to bring Manchester's #1 burger concept to help launch this for us

The Hive is in legals with several other operators to take space within the premises.

There are plans to convert the second floor and above into a hotel with conference and banqueting space for 200 people. This floor is home to the original Members Hall from 1910 where a plaque celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Warrington Co-Operative Society (then known as Warrington Equitable Industrial Co-Operative Society). The Memorial Hall would have been used by the members for events and a plaque in situ was kept up to date with details of presidents until the outbreak of World War II.

Part of the hotel plans is to house a panoramic Sky Garden on the roof that offers incredible views to the West. Plans show an island bar, kitchens and seating for +150 people. A new lift is being installed from the ground floor mall direct to

the roof.

The Hive is still seeking operators to occupy the first phase of the shopping mall for a number of different types of businesses including boutique gym, artisan bakery, beauty clinic, travel agency, jewellers, mens grooming, ladies and men's fashion store, music shop, tattooist, florists and wine merchants. If you have a viable business plan and can demonstrate strong commercial acumen or are already established, then get in touch, rents start from as little as £200 per week. We are planning to

launch this by March 2023'
The building as a whole was designed by architect John Douglas around 1864, but was substantially rebuilt around 1908.

The Ground floor at the turn of the last century would have originally been the Co-Operative Society's been the Co-Operative Society's main department store - featuring grocers, draper, provision dealers, baker and cobblers. It was more recently trading as TJ Hughes. All in all it is sure to become a

mecca for hospitality, shopping and office space all under the same roof.



Survivor recalls events of notorious school bombing 80 years ago

WARRINGTON author Eric Brady recalled the events of the notorious recalled the events of the notorious Sandhurst Road School bombing during the Second World War, in London 80 years ago, which claimed the lives of 38 children, including his sister, Kitty.

While Eric, who turns 90 later this year, was badly injured, his sister lay by his side, probably saving his life by shielding the full force of the blast, which also claimed the lives of six staff.

During lockdown Eric turned

During lockdown Eric turned his memoir of the bombing and its aftermath into a podcast consisting of 33 episodes of around 6 to 8 minutes. The podcast also covers

his earlier evacuation with his sister to Folkestone then Tredegar.
In episode 17, Eric explains what happened on 20 January 1943 as he sat down to lunch. A distant air raid warning sounded and his sister ran into the dining hall moments before the bomb hit. Listen at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSFuOmA4B7k

Eric's 2012 memoir: "Adolf Hitler, his bombers – and me" is also available on Amazon and

Eric said: "Recalling these events rom 80 years ago is an emotional experience, particularly the memories of my sister, Kitty, and the tough decisions my parents faced in evacuating us from London earlier in the war. We were refugees really, sent away as young children resented us, at first, because of the way the London Government had broken the miners' strikes in Wales, but we were well looked after by our adopted families."

Eric and Kitty returned to London September 1942, three years after leaving home. Just four months later, Sandhurst Road School was bombed at lunchtime by the leader of a two-squadron Ground-attack force. Eric was eating his sandwiches in the dining hall when a distant air raid warning sounded. The head teacher sent his sister, Kitty, to the hall to order the children to the shelters, but there was no time.

In the emotional episode recalling the events (no. 17), Eric explains: "My position was fairly near the entrance. I saw her come in, just as the teacher shouted to us to get under the tables. And the bomb hit. And I'd been excited up to that moment, until I saw the school falling down on us. Kitty came running towards me. And all the rubble hit.

Eric was pulled from the rubble seven hours later, seriously injured, including a head injury that doctors warned could have caused brain damage. Kitty was one of the 38 children killed.

Eric's mother told his brother, Eddie, that she had been found lying on his right side, shielding it from injury and saving his life.

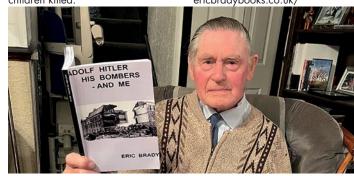
Eric married Irene, had three children and worked as a probation officer. Throughout that time, he has published articles and written many books, from children's adventure's to science fiction, to adult thrillers, including a trilogy that dramatizes his war experiences and imagines a future for the fictionalised family where the daughter survives the

Eric said, "When I hear current news of refugees and bombings, it always makes me think of the people behind the headlines and what they are going through. Events like these have a lifelong

'All episodes of the podcast can be accessed via:

https://ericbrady.blogspot.

Eric's full library of books available via: ericbradybooks.co.uk/



Joanne celebrates becoming a 'Wella Master Color Expert'

LOCAL hairdresser Joanne Wharton, who works at Michele & Co in Warrington town centre, is celebrating after qualifying as Wella Master Color Expert.

She has been studying for the award for a year and is now celebrating her success with salon owner Michele Butterworth, where she has been working for nearly 30

With Michele cutting hair in the town for half a century they have 80

years of experience between them.

Warrington Worldwide visited to mark the occasion and bumped into loyal customer Dave Warwick, a familiar face in the town, as a former manager of various music artists and TV celebrities including Rick Astley.

Dave, who has been visiting the

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salon for many years for a regular hair cut joked he would now be considering a "blue rinse."

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New Cut Trail team celebrate a successful year

MEMBERS of the New Cut Trail team reflected on a successful year at their AGM at Alford Sports Club.

During the AGM Kevin Price, Chairman of the New Cut Ecology and History group, gave a very upbeat presentation about the achievements of the group and its volunteers during 2022.

Regular work parties and litter picks have been held during the

Regular work parties and litter picks have been held during the year with the aim of creating pristine clean open spaces for people to enjoy and nature to thrive.

Possibly the main feature of the year was the work carried out on the new wildflower meadow on Paddington Meadows, which was beginning to produce results and regular surveys of moths and butterflies have shown nature is returning to the meadow. Volunteer teams also paid particular attention to improving access points and pathways.

Woolston Church of England (Aided) Primary School invited the New Cut group to give a talk on the history of Woolston in July to Year 1 children and asked the group for help with the children in September planting daffodil and narcissus blubs at the front of the school, with every child in the school planting a bulb.

On the weekend of 9th and 10th July the team spent a total of 23 days counting and identifying different species of moths, butterflies and bird life present on the meadows. The team were rewarded with some 30 types of moth specifically identified and others awaiting expert identification; 10 butterfly species and 35 species of birds. Elephant Hawk, Lunar Thorn and Drinker moths were especially noted whilst the stars of the show were the colourful butterflies that arrived including Holly Blues, Small Tortoiseshell, Ringlet and the ever popular Red Admiral.

Local History Show

Promoting the industrial history of the meadows and the canal to the local community was also a keen aspiration of the group and in October in Alford Sports Clubs main function room they relaunched the Warrington Local History show which was postponed by Covid lockdown. There were stands from 10 local history groups were present including Warrington History Society, Daresbury History Society, Friends of the Warrington Transporter Bridge and well in excess of 300 people came through to the doors. Most popular were the photographs of old Warrington in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries

Tree Planting to honour the late Queen Elizabeth

At the request of the Woolston and District Women's Institute (WI) a rowan tree, donated by one of their members, was planted adjacent to Woolston Lock in

November. The New Cut group prepared and cleared the site into pristine condition for the planting ceremony and a plaque provided by the WI to honour the late queen was fixed in position.

Mr Price was keen to thank the local officials from the Carbon Landscapes organisation and both Warrington Borough Council and the parish councils for their advice, support and financial assistance with materials and wet weather clothing.

Anne Price Press Officer New Cut group said: "The New Cut towpath has developed into an important safe integral part of the Warrington footpath network which showcases our waterway history brilliantly whilst Paddington Meadow being so close to the urban areas is an improving clean open space for all to enjoy and nature to thrive."

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Chance to have your say on shaping town's cultural scene

A new survey has been launched to give everyone the chance to share their views on shaping the future of culture, arts and heritage in Warrington.

The survey – designed by Warrington Borough Council in collaboration with local cultural partners – aims to find out people's views on current arts and heritage provision in Warrington.

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It asks people which recent cultural activities they have enjoyed the most and what they would like more of. It also asks about what could be done to support people to engage more in cultural and creative activities in the future.

The council and its partners want to continue building the town's offer following an exciting

The council and its partners want to continue building the town's offer, following an exciting 2022 for culture, arts and heritage in Warrington, with highlights including:

including:
Luke Jerram's 'Gaia' at Parr Hall,
a stunning replica of our planet,
created using 120dpi detailed
NASA imagery of the Earth's
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As part of the council's RLWC cultural programme, Autin Dance Theatre brought us EKO, a 13-foot Sea Giant Puppet to perform 'Out of the Deep Blue', a theatrical dance piece inspired by the themes of climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis.

The 12th Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival returned with a programme packed with a range of exhibitions, performances, aias and workshops.

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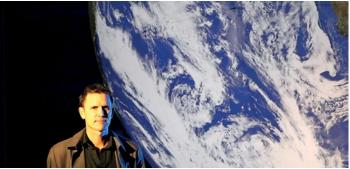
The results of the survey will help the council and partners identify future opportunities to strengthen Warrington's offer, as well as providing aspirational recommendations to further the ambitions to make the town a place where culture can thrive.

Warrington Borough Council's Cabinet Member responsible for culture, Cllr Maureen McLaughlin, said: "In spite of the challenges of the Covid pandemic, Warrington's cultural scene has continued to develop and grow since our last

survey in 2018. As we look to the future, it's so important that the people of Warrington have the opportunity to have their say on our cultural offer, which we know is crucial in bringing people together, contributing to people's wellbeing and supporting the town's economy.

"Please take part in our survey and let us know what arts and culture opportunities you would like to see. We'll take all views on board, as part of our work to build a great cultural future for everyone who lives, works and visits here."

To take part in Warrington's Arts and Heritage Survey 2023, please visit the dedicated online page www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/wbcartsheritage2023/. The survey runs until Friday 24 February 2023.



Luke Jerram's 'Gaia' at Parr Hall



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Praise for Warrington's litter network heroes



WARRINGTON Borough council has praised its hard-working and selfless communities and litter networks in response to findings from Keep Britain Tidy which shows Warrington is leading the way in eliminating litter.

Data recorded through the independent charity that works to eliminate litter and waste, Keep Britain Tidy's "collect and count" scheme showed that nationally, more than 42,000 bags of waste were collected by litter pickers in 2022, with an average of 2,600 volunteers taking part.

In Warrington alone, more than 8,000 bags of litter were recorded through the "collect and count" initiative, accounting for approximately 20% of all bags of collected litter recorded through the scheme

cabinet member for leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "Again and again the community spirit in Warrington shines through, and I'm incredibly thankful and proud of our many litter pickers who selflessly work to make our neighbourhoods cleaner and greener.

"Litter picking networks and

"Litter picking networks and organisations are a fantastic partner to the council in helping to reduce waste locally. Their devotion to 'doing their bit' for the environment by going out in all weathers to help tidy up Warrington deserves a great deal of recognition and praise. "We know that in an ideal world,

"We know that in an ideal world, litter picking networks shouldn't have to exist and people should dispose of their litter properly. Unfortunately littering is a universal problem, which makes me all the more grateful that locally we have so many volunteers willing to make a difference."

Warrington Borough Council's Chief Executive, Professor Steven Broomhead MBE, said: "Some in Warrington may see the findings of the collect and count initiative as bittersweet, given the volume of recorded bags of litter collected."

"What cannot be disputed, however, is the huge positive impact our litter networks and volunteers are making locally. The council stands with and supports our litter networks in reducing waste and it is only right that we celebrate their work

waste and it is only right mai we celebrate their work.
"Our local litter networks are growing, too, and on top of the many litter picking networks and community litter picking organisations, we are looking forward to Warrington's first Sikh litter picking network launching shortly too."

You can find out more about Warrington's litter networks by visiting litternetworks.org/area/warrington

Warrington's Litter networks were the first group to receive a Warrington Worldwide Legacy project grant in recognition of their hard work in the community.



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Kids Planet Warrington rated outstanding again by Ofsted

KIDS Planet Warrington has been awarded Outstanding again in all areas in their recent Ofsted Inspection – for the third time in a row!

The report reveals that the children demonstrate extremely high levels of motivation when they arrive at the safe, nurturing, and extremely well-resourced environment.

An extract from the comments in the report reads: "Children have secure bonds with all staff, and close friendships with one another. Staff ensure routines are consistently implemented, as a result, children's behaviour in excellent." behaviour is excellent.

Katie Lee, Nursery Manager at Kids Planet Warrington, said: "We

are delighted to have once again been rated Outstanding in all areas and we received some wonderful comments.

"The inspector was extremely impressed with our culture of self-reflection and how staff constantly reflection and now start constantly strive to provide children with the best possible experience. They also praised the children's extremely positive attitudes to learning, and how they are considerate and patient due to feeling valued and

"I am very proud of the team, or their constant commitment and dedication towards making Warrington a truly wonderful nursery for all. We would also like to thank all our amazing families for

heir continued support."

Kids Planet Warrington is based in a converted 19th-century chapel only two minutes' walk from Warrington town centre. The nursery caters for babies through to preschool and benefits from frequent trips into the town, library, museum

or to the park. Kids Planet is a family-owned, award-winning group of over 140 nurseries across the UK and over 3300 members of staff. The company was set up in 2008 by hard working mum Clare Roberts when she struggling to find childcare in her local area that had flexible hours. Recently, Kids Planet was ranked the number 1 Childcare Provider in the UK for Quality (2021, Nursery World), and won Group of the Year at the 2021 NMT Nursery Awards.







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By David Watkinson

Don't fall for Tax Repayment Claim scams

There has been considerable publicity recently concerning people signing over tax repayments to third parties, and then non receiving the benefit of a large part or all of those repayments. At risk of being greeted by cries of "You would say that, wouldn't you?", our advice would always be to seek tax advice from a reputable firm of a accountants. They will also provide an initial meeting at no cost, and agree a fee in advance, with any increase due to additional work similarly

One of the more popular targets for these companies is the Claim to Transfer The Marriage Allowance. This lets one spouse or civil partner transfer 10% of their personal allowance to the other spouse or partner, provided only that:

- The lower earning spouse or civil partner has total income below the personal allowance; and
- The higher earning spouse or civil partner has total income in excess of the personal allowance but less than the level at which higher rate tax is payable,

ie they are basic rate taxpayers.

Currently, the amount of allowance that can be transferred is £1,260 and this can save tax of £252. If you have not claimed before íhen you can backdate your claim by up to 6 years, which means that, until 5th April 2023, you can currently claim for any tax year from 2018 onwards.

There are many cases of people losing as much as half of their savings to agents acting on their behalf, If fact, this has become so prevalent that the tax office is proposing to amend the rules relating to the payment of tax rebates to agents, including:

- Making assignments of income tax repayments void, although nominations of repayments to third parties will continue,
- Requiring repayment agents to register as agents with HMRC, and
- Consider ways of strengthening evidence that a claim has been properly made with a taxpayer's

If you wish to make a claim

yourself without involving an agent then details on how to do so, with a link to the relevant online application form, can be found at:

www.gov.uk/marriageallowance/how-to-apply

If you follow that link then you will see that there is no cost to making the application, and that the claim should be made by the lower-earning partner, ie the partner who wishes to transfer a part of their allowance to the other partner. If you already have a Government Gateway User ID and Password then the only additional information neéded to make a claim is your own and your partners National Insurance Number. If you have not used the Government Gateway before then you will need to register. To do so you will need your National Insurance Number and 2 forms of ID such as a passport , valid UK photocard driving licence, a current payslip or P60, details held on your credit record, or details from a submitted tax return or tax credit claim.

We have concentrated here



Margaret Black and David Watkinson

allowance, but the points apply generally to any return or claim made. In general, please be very aware that the official web page of any government department will start with www.gov.uk/.....

If you google a query such as claiming a tax refund, paying your tax, or any other query then the first half dozen results will be advertisements for commercial firms. These may be genuine firms of accountants or solicitors, but by clicking on one of those you may well be taking the first step to being overcharged.

It is a mistake that is easily made. The writer admits to inadvertently following one of those links when looking for information from Companies House, and it was only when he was nearly charged £50 for information that he knew was available free of charge that he realised his mistake.

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New season set to kick-off with Ben Currie testimonia



WARRINGTON Wolves are gearing up for the Ben Currie testimonial match, which takes place on Saturday, February 4.

The Wolves have been to Portugal for a pre-season warm weather training camp as they build up to the Super League season opener against Leeds on February 16.

Their opening pre-season game will be Currie's testimonial game will be Currie's testimonial against the newly re-branded Leigh Leopards (5.30pm kick-off), before a further game against North Wales Crusaders on February 10. Currie, 28, made his Wolves debut at the age of 17 against Widnes in 2012 earning him the heritage number 1101

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He has gone on to make 229 appearances for the club, scoring 88 tries, as well as making three appearances for Swinton on loan

earlier in his career.
A mainstay in the Wolves starting line-up, Currie has also won seven England caps and played for Ireland at the 2013 World Cup. He told Wire TV on the

announcement of his testimonial: "It's a proud moment. I've been waiting many years for this now. I'm going in to my 12th season now, Stef Ratchford made me wait a season longer because he's

"I'm very happy to be playing

Leigh, it's a local team to me growing up, I played at the old Leigh stadium and the new stadium many times growing up as well. I've

always kept a close eye on them.
"It's the first chance for Warrington fans to look at us as a squad and how we gel together through pre-season. New signings and new players that people get to see for the first time.

Currie's testimonial shirt was launched recently, featuring odd socks with fans encouraged to wear odd socks for the game in a show of support for the Down's

Syndrome Association.

They are one of four charity partners for Currie's testimonial, alongside the Alzheimer's Society,

alongside the Alzheimer's Society, Cancer Research UK and Alder Hey Children's Charity.

Tickets are now available for the game. Prices start at £15 for adults and £5 for juniors with family tickets also available from £30. Furthermore, Under 7s can are rewith a paying adult. To go free with a paying adult. To redeem this offer online, as well as family tickets, you will need to add it to your basket which will then be automatically be discounted at the

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Sat Apr 1 – Hull (H) Sat Apr 8 - Catalans (A) Fri Apr 14 – Wigan (H) Thu Apr 20 – St Helens (A)

Fri May 5 – Wakefield (H) Fri May 12 – Hull KR (H) Fri May 26 - Leigh (A)

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Fri Jul 7 – St Helens (H) Fri Jul 14 – Wigan (A) Sun Jul 30 – Wakefield (A)

Fri Aug 4 – Catalans (H) Sun Aug 20 – Leeds (A) Sat Aug 26 – Hull FC (A)

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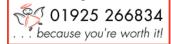
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