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Wallasey unites after Christmas Eve tragedy

The appalling tragedy outside the Lighthouse pub on Christmas Eve left many people shocked and worried.

Our community is not used to this kind of atrocity. Few places are.

The reaction from people across Wallasey and beyond is a sign that we will not sit back and leave it to others to deal with it. Outrage must lead to action.

Serena Kennedy, Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, said: "These people are cowards, who think the only way to

resolve an argument is through violence, they don't have the strength or resolve to work things out and stop things from reaching such an ugly and devastating conclusion.

"Anyone involved in arranging this shooting, pulling the trigger and supplying the gun deserves to see every Christmas from behind bars."

While the police work to bring those involved to justice, we also understand how frightening incidents such as this can

be to people living in our local community.

That's why we have arranged confidential, face-to-face support via the NHS at venue(s) here in Wallasey.

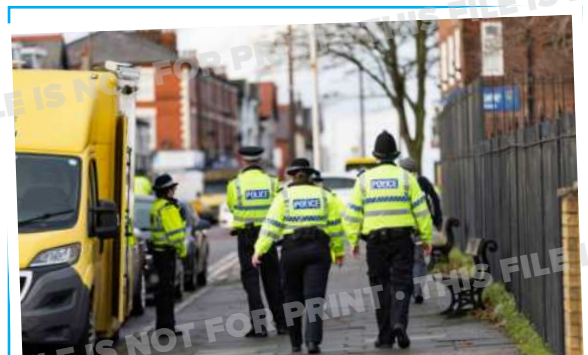
We'll share dates on our Facebook page (News for Wallasey Ward) or contact us:

- Ian Lewis: 07886 133571
- Lesley Rennie: 07795 450497
- Paul Hayes: 07837 205171

Or, if you prefer, call 0151 649 1859 for help now or visit www.insightiapt.org



Merseyside Police received more than 150 pieces of intelligence in the first 10 days after the shooting but are appealing for more.



Merseyside Police have committed to maintain a high visibility police presence in Wirral as part of their ongoing work to target and disrupt criminals involved in serious and organised crime, and reassuring our local communities. This includes regular patrols and door-to-door visits.

Tackling Wirral's organised criminal gangs

Operation Presley targets serious and organised criminals in Wirral and was launched 12 months ago.

Since then, there have been 136 stop and searches, 64 arrests, £11,000 seized and two gang injunctions secured.

In December, 11 people were sentenced to a total of 38 years in prison for their part in an organised crime group linked to large-scale drug supply in Wirral.



The Mayor of Wirral visited and laid flowers, on behalf of everyone in the Borough

Anyone with information is urged to act now

Merseyside Police continue to urge people with information, including video footage, to report it.

This could include Christmas Eve footage from phones, dashcams or CCTV from home or work.

Anyone who has information about drug dealing, where weapons are being stored or who is using them, please contact Merseyside Police on 101 or anonymously via **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111**

Petition for Wallasey Village Station access

Thank you to everyone who has, so far, signed our petition to back the long-awaited bid for lift access at Wallasey Village station.

After six years of lobbying and requests, Merseytravel has included the station in its latest bid for cash from the Department for Transport.

Ian, Lesley and Paul are now asking residents to 'back the bid' so that we can demonstrate

the level of support for it to the Department.

Go to our website (see photo caption) and sign up or return the petition slip if you have one.

The latest figures from the Office of Road and Rail showed that in the last year there were 356,000 passenger journeys at Wallasey Village station.

How many more would use it, if they could reach the platforms?



Lesley, Paul and Ian are asking residents to back the bid: go to www.wallaseyconservatives.com/station

Wallasey cycle lane to cost 'at least' £12m

At a recent council meeting it was revealed that the plan for a cycle lane from Seacombe and along Seaview Road, Hose Side Road, Grove Road and Warren Drive will cost the

taxpayer 'at least' £12 million.

At a time when there is so much pressure on public finances, we do not believe this project can be justified.

We voted against the plan, but were outvoted by Labour and Green councillors.

This means it will now move to the next stage - public consultation, starting with the Seacombe to Liscard part of the route.

Ian, Lesley and Paul will write to those living along the route when we have details of this.



Seaview Road - one of the roads where Labour wants to install a 'segregated' cycle lane

TOWN HALL NEWS IN BRIEF...

Library latest

This month, we'll find out if the bid to reopen Wallasey Village Library has been successful.

A group comprising St George's Primary School, Wallasey Village Library Friends and residents was pulled together by Cllr. Ian Lewis, to reopen the library for our community.



Parks maintenance

One of the items in the budget 'proposals' from the Town Hall is to cease ALL maintenance of local parks and bowling greens.

Ian, Lesley and Paul do not support this and will be working to have it dropped.



our plan

Local action on local issues in Wallasey

- 1 Protecting our green spaces.** More green spaces are listed for extra protection in Wallasey, than anywhere else in Wirral, after action by Ian, Lesley and Paul. We want development on brownfield sites instead.
- 2 Improving road safety.** Greenleas Primary School was the first in Wirral to be in new 'school street' scheme. A school crossing patrol has been reintroduced at St George's upper site.
- 3 Saving our Library.** Working with St George's Primary and the Wallasey Village Library Friends, we find out this month if our bid to reopen the library has been successful.
- 4 Your Council Tax.** Ian, Lesley and Paul will continue to call out waste in the Town Hall - such as the use of expensive private consultants, fraud or Labour's loans to other councils.
- 5 Tackling the cost of living.** In December, we wrote to 3,500 residents to let them know about the latest help available. We will continue to help the most vulnerable as we tackle the global rise in inflation.
- 6 Improving public transport.** So far, we have secured the reintroduction of a bus service in the Mount Road area. Bus fares have also been capped at £2. We are working to have lifts installed at Wallasey Village station