

# Newsline Issue 10

Summer 2025 Moreton and Saughall Massie

From Conservative Councillors Colin Baldwin, Gary Bennett and Vida Wilson

INSIDE News around our area



## 63% of people want it removed

Councillors Colin Baldwin, Vida Wilson and Gary Bennett have condemned the Town Hall for 'ignoring reality' at Fender Lane.

## Fury as Labour Councillors vote to keep Fender cycle lanes

**63% of the 1,049 people who took part in the Town Hall's consultation wanted the road back to how it was before. Instead, another £210,000 is to be spent.**

On 9 July, the long-delayed results of the 'review' into the Fender Cycle Lanes were reported to a Council meeting. At the meeting, Councillor Vida Wilson also made a statement, explaining why the scheme was failing and is a waste of taxpayers' money. The Town Hall asked the company which designed the scheme, Mott Macdonald, to also carry out the 'review' into it. Initially, the Council even refused to tell us

how much the review was costing. We eventually discovered it cost £72,000, on top of the £204,500 to install it and £8,000 to 'maintain' it since. The review claimed that 150 cyclists a day use the lanes, which will come as news to most people, especially as some of the electronic counters were faulty and lost data. When it came to the vote, Labour Councillors, backed by the Greens, voted

to keep the lanes. Among those who voted to keep the scheme was the new Leader of the Council, Cllr. Paula Basnett (Labour, Rock Ferry). The committee also voted to spend another £210,000 on the scheme, after recommendations from the Council's 'Active Travel Team' and Mott Macdonald. Only Conservative Councillors voted against keeping the cycle lanes but they were outvoted by the other parties.

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Councillors Gary Bennett and Colin Baldwin recently met with library managers to see the new Youth Space for themselves.

## Moreton Library: expansion delays challenged

**The new 'Youth Space' has been created at Moreton Library, following a campaign by councillors and residents.**

However, there is no sign yet of the promised expansion of the library.

The work was being partly paid for using a contribution from Lidl, as they build their new store nearby.

Almost £1 million was handed over to the council.

Councillor Gary Bennett said: "The promise of a better, bigger library, including an improved children's

library, was one reason why many people backed the wider plans for the site."

"We are pushing for the cash to be used, as promised and for a timetable of works to be published."

"In the meantime, we can assure people that Moreton Library is NOT on the proposed list of closures."

The latest figures from the Library Service show 525 people signed up as new borrowers last year.

## Post Offices: new threat of closures

Still reeling from the 'Horizon Scandal', the Post Office is now facing a new challenge as the Government consults on the future of the service.

Here in Moreton, a two year campaign saw us persuade the Post Office to re-open Saughall Bridge.

Elsewhere, Post Offices in Upton and Wallasey Village were closed.

While the Royal Mail was privatised in 2013, the Post Office remains

'government owned'

Councillor Vida Wilson said: "At the last election, Labour said they would 'strengthen' the Post Office network.

"We must hold them to that and reject any further closures."

To sign our petition against more Post Office closures and take part in the Government consultation, go to [www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com)



Last August, we welcomed Siva to Saughall Bridge Post Office - reopened after a long campaign.

## EV charging at Tarran Way

**With the growth in electric vehicles there is increased pressure to deliver EV charging points.**

Councillor Colin Baldwin recently visited Green Energy Charging Station at Tarran Way South.

The company offers advanced charging bays - at 55p per Kilowatt-Hour while taxi members benefit from an exclusive 38p.

Visit [www.gecs.uk](http://www.gecs.uk) or call 0151 678 3066 for more details.

Colin's interview with GECS Founder, Shaun Marnell can be found on our website [www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com)



Councillor Colin Baldwin interviews GECS Founder, Shaun Marnell, at his modern charging station on Tarran Way. Visit [www.gecs.uk](http://www.gecs.uk) or call 0151 678 3066



### School playing field protections removed...

Protection given to current and former school playing fields is being axed by the Government to enable councils to sell off land. Sport England will also no longer be able to object to plans to build on sports fields.



### 65 crimes reported locally in May

The latest update from the Police reveals 65 crimes were reported in Moreton West and Saughall Massie in May. Colin, Gary and Vida meet with police regularly to raise issues. Visit [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) to see your road.



### Babylicious opens on Hoylake Road

If you, or someone you know is having a baby, Babylicious is now open on Hoylake Road to help with some of the decisions about what is needed. Colin, Gary and Vida attended their opening by the Mayor in June.

## Pasture Marsh: we think it's worth saving.

So far, more than 5,100 people have signed the petition to save the 'wildlife haven' at the top of Pasture Road. This follows news that the owners, Vyner Estates and Wirral Council, had joined forces to sell it.

Part of the site, near Ditton Lane, is owned by the Council; the rest of the area is owned by Vyner Estates.

Wirral's own Flood Risk Assessment advises that 'this site should not be developed for residential use.'

At a council meeting in July, Vida challenged the Council Leader to reverse the decision to sell the land. We await her response.

The petition can be found at [Change.org](http://Change.org) or the 'Friends of Pasture Marsh' on Facebook



Gary, Vida and Colin are backing the campaign to save the wildlife haven at Pasture Marsh. Go to 'Friends of Pasture Marsh' on Facebook to support the campaign.

## Town Meadow Station 'left behind' as Woodchurch gets go ahead

Like many residents, we were disappointed to see that the long-awaited Town Meadow Station was not included in the 'City Region' plans for new stations.

A station between Moreton and Meols was first suggested when much of the Millhouse Lane area was still under construction.

Before the 'City Region Combined Authority' and Metro Mayor took over, Merseytravel bought land near the Arrowe Brook for the station.

The last time any serious attempt was made, it was knocked back by Wirral Council who refused to build a footbridge over the Arrowe Brook to Tern Way.

Now, following the news that Woodchurch is getting a station, Colin, Gary and Vida are asking the City Region to put the Town Meadow Station into its plans. We'll report back in the next issue.



What do you think? Go to our Moreton and Saughall Massie page and tell us your views at [www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com)

## Could you help us deliver this newsletter?

Throughout the year, Colin, Gary and Vida work to keep residents up to date with local issues in Moreton and Saughall Massie.

We know from our conversations on the doorstep, that many people appreciate our newsletters.

Every few months, we let 11,000 people in our community know what is happening.

Our newsletters are paid for using donations, at no expense to the taxpayer.

If you like what we do and could lend a hand, delivering to 100 or so homes, or please call Colin, Gary or Vida or email [office@wallaseyconservatives.com](mailto:office@wallaseyconservatives.com)

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Council Leader brings in MORE consultants...

In one of her first moves as Council Leader, Councillor Paula Basnett has appointed consultants to 'review' the Birkenhead regeneration schemes.

The £95,000 cost of the consultants will be met by the taxpayer.

The move bypassed the Council's Regeneration Committee and was authorised by the Acting Chief Executive.

Their report is expected to be published at the end of the year. We'll report back when we've seen it.



### Blakeley Way

The first residents are moving in to the development built on the former site of the Foxfield School on Douglas Drive.

The new road will be named 'Blakeley Way' after our much missed colleague, Councillor Chris Blakeley.



### Grass verges

Many of the 'abandoned' grass verges, such as this one at Rake Hey, have become a 'dog's toilet'.

While 13 sites elsewhere in the Borough are having £300,000 spent on turning them into 'wildflower meadows', we are asking for action to bring the rest back up to standard.

## our plan

## to keep in touch all year round and not just at election time..

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### Regular newsletters

Reporting back on local issues, our newsletters are delivered by volunteers to 11,000 residents and businesses. Paid for using donations and at no expense to the taxpayer.

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### Email updates

So far, 852 residents have registered to receive our monthly email updates on local issues, news alerts and ways to have your say.

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### Door-to-door surveys

We have a plan to visit residents throughout the year, weather permitting. Colin, Gary and Vida are out every week, meeting as many of the 11,000 local residents as they can.

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### Social media and online

Love it or hate it, social media such as Facebook is an important way of letting people know what is happening. 4,200 people follow our local Facebook page

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### Postal surveys

Our postal surveys are delivered by volunteers and help us to identify local issues that need action. We started last month in the Millhouse Lane, Bermuda Road area.

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### Responding to residents

Since they were elected in May 2023, your three Councillors have raised 513 issues for action with the Town Hall. Most people contact Colin, Gary and Vida by email or phone.