

GREEN VIEW #3

BROMBOROUGH, PORT SUNLIGHT & NEW FERRY



Ruth Molyneux



Cllr Jo Bird

ALARM BILLS RING FOR LIBRARY

Ruth Molyneux has been campaigning alongside community groups to save Bromborough library from closure. 3,619 signatures were collected on a petition that Ruth started in January. Unfortunately, Labour and Conservative councillors voted to close the library from 30th October this year.

Ruth says, *"This is very disappointing news for Bromborough. I am dismayed that we were unable to stop the library from closing in October. I know that residents view it, along with the Civic Centre, to be the heart of our village community. However, I am hopeful that a successful community asset transfer bid will see the civic centre remain a focal point of community life. I will be working with community groups and concerned residents over the coming months to try and secure its future."*



Over 3,600 people signed Ruth's petition to save our library.

JO ACTS ON REAL LIVING WAGE

Ruth and Jo believe the Real Living Wage of £9.90 an hour should be paid to all workers delivering council services. Sadly, this is not the case. At a recent council meeting, Cllr Jo Bird asked that a report be presented to councillors on how Wirral Council can ensure fair pay for everyone. Labour and Conservative councillors voted down Jo's proposal and even criticised her for daring to raise the issue. Jo says, *"Nobody should have to work for poverty pay. I'm shocked that Labour and Tory councillors are unwilling to even debate low pay."*

SAFETY CONCERNS IN NEW FERRY PRECINCT

Cllr Jo Bird shares the safety concerns of Vicky Matthews and many other local parents about dangerous driving. Some drivers are using New Ferry precinct as a short cut to the cross roads at New Chester Road/New Ferry Road. Jo continues to report the problem to the Council and the Police.

In the medium term, new road and pavement designs will come with the regeneration of New Ferry district centre. Jo is calling for public consultation on these plans to happen this year and to include a permanent solution to the concerns raised by residents.



Jo with Vicky Matthews, one of many residents to raise safety concerns in New Ferry precinct.

FUTURE SECURED FOR NEW FERRY POST OFFICE

Local campaigner Ruth Molyneux has welcomed the news that a new site for the Post Office in New Ferry has been found. The new outlet is in improved premises on **New Chester Road**, right next door to its previous location. Meanwhile, Becky's Unique Sewing Boutique has moved into the former Shillings building on the corner of Bebington and New Chester Road.

Ruth Molyneux says, *"This is really positive news for New Ferry. My congratulations to the **New Ferry Community Land Trust** for helping to bring the Shillings building back into use."*



Jo and Ruth at the new Post Office branch in New Ferry with Postmaster Vishal Jain.
Photo c/o Shannon McCready, Greedy McCready's Café.

MERSEY VIEW LEASEHOLDERS WIN REFUND FROM PERSIMMON



Jo Bird celebrates the good news with anti-leasehold campaigner and Mersey View resident Vicky Harris

Jo Bird has welcomed the news that house builder Persimmon has refunded former leaseholders and made hugely improved offers to residents who bought their newly built houses in Bromborough Pool under leasehold. This follows a lengthy campaign resulting from Persimmon's sale of many properties at **Mersey View** on a freehold basis even though the first half of the development was sold under leasehold.

Jo says, *"Congratulations to Mersey View residents like Vicky Harris and her fellow campaigners. They worked together for many years to successfully overturn corporate injustice."*

CONTACT RUTH & JO

Are you passionate about a fairer, kinder, greener Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry? Please contact Ruth or Jo if you would like to raise an issue of concern, help deliver our newsletter or are interested in representing your community.

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