

# GREEN VIEW #5

BROMBOROUGH, PORT SUNLIGHT & NEW FERRY



Ruth Molyneux



Cllr Jo Bird

## MAKE OUR CIVIC CENTRE A WARM HUB THIS WINTER

Community call to keep centre and library open during cost of living crisis



Ruth and Jo join residents protesting against the closure of Bromborough Library and Civic Centre.

The cost of living is soaring. Energy bills are set to rise again in October and January. More and more people will struggle to stay warm this winter.

This is not acceptable. Ruth Molyneux and Cllr Jo Bird are calling on Wirral Council to do much more to protect the most vulnerable in our community. We want our much-loved library and civic centre to stay open. Not just for the services it provides to the local community but also now as a "Warm Hub". Greens are calling for public buildings across Wirral to stay open for longer so that everyone has a place to keep warm this winter.

Ruth says, "It's now more important than ever that we retain our civic centre and reverse the closure supported by Labour and the Conservatives in the recent council budget."

## FURY OVER FELLED TREES

Many people who live in or visit Port Sunlight contacted Ruth and Jo in distress about the brutal felling of over 40 mature poplar trees on Church Drive. While no tree lives forever, we share their disappointment that healthy mature trees were not managed more sensitively, such as pruning or used for sculptures. In a climate emergency we need more trees not fewer - to store carbon, reduce pollution, support wildlife and bring people together.

Port Sunlight Village Trust says it will plant a variety of trees on this site. Of course these will take many years to fully replace the trees that have been removed.

In better news, **Green councillors have been pressing hard for more tree planting.** The council has responded really well. It has ambitious plans to double Wirral's tree canopy. In the past two years over 45,000 trees have been planted and £600,000 has been secured to help meet the goal of planting at least 21,000 trees each year.

You can help. Visit [tinyurl.com/5er5u5mw](https://tinyurl.com/5er5u5mw) for advice on tree planting or how to adopt a tree. You can also suggest a site that would be suitable for future tree planting.



Ruth, Jo and many local residents are upset that so many trees on Church Drive have been removed.

## JO ACTS ON ASB IN NEW FERRY

Sadly there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in New Ferry recently. Cllr Jo Bird has been talking with local people, bus drivers, BBC radio, Police, Regenda Housing and Council officers. Jo says, *"It's not OK to throw bricks at buses, start fires, smash windows, and cause harm and distress to the public. The vast majority of people of all ages are considerate of other people and our environment. It is very disappointing that a small number of people let our community down."*

The police and council have responded by implementing dispersal orders in certain areas and contacting specific individuals. There will be public events in September and October about anti-social behaviour and rebuilding New Ferry.

However, Jo says *"We need long term solutions to anti-social behaviour. This means investing more in our community. This includes free youth facilities for young people, more frequent buses and trains, investment in education and our local environment. We can do this by addressing the scandal of low pay and taxing giant oil corporations who are making huge profits from the cost of living crisis."*



Ruth and Jo in New Ferry Park. Listen to Jo's interview on Radio Merseyside about ASB at: [tinyurl.com/2ds5u3rf](https://tinyurl.com/2ds5u3rf)

## GREEN ACTION STREET BY STREET

Here are just some of the issues tackled by Ruth and Jo recently. Please get in touch if there is an issue where you live.

- Road resurfacing on **Croft Avenue, Easton Road, Mainwaring Road and New Ferry Road**
- Overgrowth cleared on **New Chester Road** (near **VW garage, Mill Road and Spital Road**) and from signs on **Spital Road**
- Rusty street light column replaced on **The Oaks**
- Dog fouling cleared on **Thorburn Road subway**
- Drug dealing complaints followed up around **New Chester Road** and in **New Ferry**
- Meeting held with council officers and people who live on **Henthorne Road and Seafield Road** about persistent fly-tipping
- Empty property action taken on **Ludlow Grove**
- Refugees from **Ukraine** welcomed in **New Ferry**
- Flytipping removed from **Allport Road garage, Beverley Road and Bromborough Village car park**

Sadly the council is not currently willing to maintain the subway lights from **Beaconsfield** to **Mayfields** due to persistent vandalism.



Ruth and Jo inspect the newly repainted road markings outside **Woodslee Primary School**.

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