

GREEN VIEW #6

BROMBOROUGH, PORT SUNLIGHT & NEW FERRY



Ruth Molyneux



Cllr Jo Bird



Ruth and Jo with Phab supporters Frances Denson and John Buckley. Phab is just one of many community groups helping people with the cost of living crisis

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Call for action on Cost of Living crisis

The cost of living is on everyone's mind. Prices are soaring. Wages, pensions and benefits are not keeping up. More and more people are struggling.

If you need support there is a range of help available. These are Ruth and Jo's top tips to find what you need.

1. www.wirralinfobank.co.uk (0151 666 5050) is a complete guide to all of the services available locally to help with the cost of living, mental and physical health, access to jobs, education and training and help for young people.

2. If you are struggling with **gas/electricity bills or debt** and use a prepayment meter you can request a fuel voucher from Wirral Council: www.wirral.gov.uk/welfaresupport (0151 666 5050). If you pay by direct debit you can ask for help from Citizens Advice Wirral to reduce energy or water-related debt: www.citizensadvicewirral.org.uk (08082 78 78 48).

3. **Energy Projects Plus** (www.epplus.org.uk, 0800 043 0151) offers free advice on reducing your energy bills including available grants. Free home energy visits are available for those on income-related benefits or a household income below £31k. The same households can receive free A-rated white goods (washing machines, fridges, freezers and electric cookers) where an old, inefficient appliance needs to be replaced.

LET DOWN BY MERSEYRAIL

Furious reaction to no-warning cut in rail service from Bromborough Rake

People who use Bromborough Rake train station are furious that Merseyrail has slashed the timetable in half. No consultation on this draconian measure took place. Ruth, Jo and many local residents delivered a petition signed by over 500 people in person to Merseyrail. Its response is that train times will be restored when the much delayed new trains come into service. That could take 15 months or even longer.

Ruth says, "This is completely unacceptable. Our community needs more train services not fewer. We are pressing Merseyrail to restore a full service immediately."



Ruth, Jo and local residents en route to Merseyrail to protest at outrageous cuts to train services

ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO REBUILDING NEW FERRY

Regenda Homes will soon submit a planning application in New Ferry for up to 74 new affordable houses available to rent. The properties will be a mix of one- and two-bedroom apartments and two, three- and four-bedroom houses. The plans also propose health and safety improvements to the pedestrian precinct, public spaces and the local environment.

Cllr Jo Bird says, "Our community has waited over five years for these detailed plans. We hope to see spades in the ground next year. We can see step-by-step improvements as the explosion sites have been demolished and landscaped. I continue to urge council officers to move to the next stage of compulsory purchase orders, to take ownership of all of the required plots including derelict shops on New Chester Road."



Jo attended the recent drop-in consultation events at the Windsor Close Community Centre and discussed the plans with local residents and council officers.



Cllr Jo Bird reported North West Construction's industrial waste dump in **Riverwood Road** to the Environment Agency and Wirral Council. New site owners are now processing this disgusting waste.

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.

- Uneven pavements fixed on **Hulme Close** and **Graylands Road**
- Potholes filled on **Ecclestone Avenue/Palatine Road**, **Circular Drive**, and **Spital Dam/Bromborough Road** roundabout
- Lamppost fixed on **Oakworth Drive**
- Drains unblocked on **New Ferry Road** and **New Chester Road/Sunlight Way**
- Branches cut back from street light on **Fairway South** and **Corona Road**
- Meeting held with council officers and people who live on **Palatine Road** about road safety
- Meetings with **Port Sunlight Village Residents Association**
- Secondary glazing assessments and repairs offered to tenants by **Port Sunlight Village Trust**
- Action taken on antisocial behaviour in **Port Sunlight** and **New Ferry**
- Entry cleared of rubbish and weeds between **Elmbank Road** and **Willowbank Road**.

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