

# NEW FERRY RAG

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NEW FERRY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION IN COLLABORATION WITH NEW  
FERRY NEW BEGINNINGS CIC AND NEW FERRY TOWN TEAM  
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# NEW FERRY FREE FESTIVAL



IN NEW FERRY PARK AND PRECINCT

INCLUDING THE BEST  
OF WIRRAL

Fun for all family, including;

FUNFAIR (CHARGES APPLY)

STALLS SELLING A WIDE VARIETY OF FOOD,  
GIFTS & CRAFTS

'MILITARY' INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE  
PONY RIDES

SMALL ANIMAL PETTING ZOO

PARADE OF HARLEY DAVIDSONS

REPLICA WARTIME V1 FLYING BOMB (SATURDAY ONLY)

CLASSIC CARS AND VINTAGE BUSES  
ENTERTAINMENT FROM JUMPING JACKS  
PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE!



Live music from;

Ragamuffin, Sons of Mowgli, Madmen, Souljacker, Jonathan  
Campbell, Connie Kingston, Legion Green, Ryan Warburton,  
Tom Pitts, Smokestack, Sam Locke.

10am to 4.30pm

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd September 2018

With everything that has been happening in New Ferry in recent months, we thought we should explain to everyone what is being done to rebuild and improve our community.

The explosion, which happened on 25th March 2017 resulted in 39 casualties on the night. The trauma of the event led to 23 people seeking counselling support set up by the NHS - support which is still on offer for those who need it. Some 32 residential or commercial properties suffered severe structural damage, with 10 of those buildings having to be subsequently demolished. 6 businesses ceased trading immediately, resulting in the loss of 20 jobs. 68 people had to be evacuated from their homes and put into temporary accommodation. 17 homes at Underley Terrace, Boundary Road and Bebington Road are still being repaired at this current time, with those residents still waiting to return home some 18 months later.



### HOMES PLAN TO KICKSTART NEW FERRY REGENERATION PROPOSALS

New Ferry recently received a funding boost that could kickstart a new residential-led development, as part of the wider regeneration plan put together after last year's explosion, after it was announced that Homes England would be investing £100,000 to take forward part of the regeneration proposals – providing new homes, car parking and environmental improvements in the Woodhead Street area of the town.

Consultants BDP have now been commissioned by Homes England to undertake this important piece of work, to turn the proposal into a viable, deliverable scheme, capable of securing planning approval and attracting investment from a development partner. This will involve the preparation of the following:

- a residential masterplan and recommended scheme;
- collation of technical information to support a future planning application;
- planning & development brief;
- an acquisitions strategy.

A New Ferry Residential Project Board consisting of representatives from Wirral Council, Homes England and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) will oversee the progress of the work, with the commission due for completion in early January 2019. As details of the recommended scheme emerge, the proposals will be shared with local residents and the business community to comment on.

### ADDITIONAL BID FOR £500,000 FUNDING TO BE SUBMITTED

As well as the Homes England money, the Council has now endorsed a bid for half a million pounds of funding from the Metro Mayor's Town Centre fund to be made to start the regeneration project. More details of what this money will be spent on (if we get it) will be announced in the coming months.

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN

The 'Local Plan' is the policy which guides how an area can be developed; it determines what can be built where and what land should be protected from development. The identification of available land is required to meet the borough's housing need for the next 15 years.

As there are a number of potential sites identified within New Ferry and the immediate area, residents are advised to view the plan and make comments on it.

From early September, a formal, statutory consultation will take place. From that date, the Council will make available a whole host of detailed information related to each site which is affected by these proposals along with details on how you can have your say.

For now, the Council is looking for general views from people about the housing needs of Wirral. You can tell them what you think online or you can call into any Council library or One Stop Shop to pick up a paper copy.

A series of consultation events have been scheduled including one at Hulme Hall on Monday 10th September 2018 with sessions at 10am, 4.30pm, and 7pm.

Further information regarding the Local Plan, the consultation process and how you can book onto these workshops can be found via the link below:

<https://wirralview.com/news/local-plan-consultation-wirral-residents-must-have-their-say-says-deputy-council-leader>



## NEW FERRY TOWN TEAM - WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

The Town Team was established in 2016 with the mission to be a collective group for all community organisations, businesses and residents **to represent the views of New Ferry**, and work together to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of all inhabitants of New Ferry.

Following the explosion in March 2017, funds raised for the relief of both residents and businesses have been distributed through the New Ferry Town Team. Over £10,000 has gone **to New Beginnings New Ferry** to support their work with local residents; over £1,500 has gone to support local businesses, including the printing of the **New Ferry Business Directory**. A second print run will also be funded through the Town Team and copies distributed at the **New Ferry Festival** on 1st and 2nd September.

We supported the successful **Great Get Together** street party on 23rd June both financially and with practical help on the day.

**Environmental improvements** have included two litter picks in the Shorefields area, in March 2017 and 2018; and also a clean-up of New Ferry Park.

The Town Team have been consulted over the plans for regeneration and is doing its best to represent the collective views of residents and businesses which have been voiced at all the community meetings since the explosion.

On 5th September, some of the team will be travelling to the House of Commons to meet with the new Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire, to discuss with him the impact which the explosion has had on our community. We will be taking with us the petition asking for the government to do more to help, and **YOUR impact statements** in which YOU can explain to him how the disaster has affected you and your family. (If you have not had a form through your letterbox, or have lost your's, you can get another copy at Money Matters on the corner of the precinct).

Follow us on Facebook. "New Ferry Town Team".

**FOR OTHER NEWS, VIEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC ABOUT NEW FERRY, FIND "NEW FERRY ONLINE" ALSO ON FACEBOOK.**



**New Beginnings New Ferry have announced they are taking a break until 10th September. When they have recharged their batteries, the team will be back to continue supporting those who need help within our community.**

## PORT SUNLIGHT RIVER PARK

The River Park now attracts 53,000 visitors annually. In May 2018 it won Health Site of the Year Land Trust Award for its weekly health walks, regular learn to ride children's activities and through the use of the site by numerous walking and running groups and individuals.

Later this year work will start on the **Discovering Bromborough 3** Heritage Lottery Funded project which will see the present site office converted into a heritage centre, with coffee shop, the appointment of an education officer and more archaeological digs at the courthouse leading to this site opening to the public and being connected to the River Park by paths to the new bridge which connects Port Sunlight River Park with Bromborough Pool.

## LOCAL GUIDED WALKS IN SEPTEMBER

There are guided walks **for Heritage Open Days of the River Park** on 14th September at 10.30am; and **Bromborough Pool Village**, including, the Courthouse site, on 7th September at 10.30am, meeting in the Garden Centre; and the building in the village will be open for tours on 8th September at 10am, 11am and 12noon.

There will also be the annual guided tour of **New Ferry** taking place on Saturday 15th September. Starts at Bebington Station at 9.30am and takes just over 3 hours to finish at Port Sunlight River Park. No booking necessary; just turn up on the day.

# PORT RIVER SUNLIGHT PARK

## Heritage walks and Open Days at Bromborough Pool

**Bromborough Pool Village guided walk**  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-12.30. Meet at Garden Centre, CH62 4TT

**Bromborough Pool Village open buildings Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Tours at 10am, 11am and 12noon. Meet at Giles Shirley Hall.**

**Refuse to Recreation guided walk of Port Sunlight River Park**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-12noon. Meet in Dock Road North car park.

Contact the ranger on 07587550060 or email [anne.litherland@autismtogether.co.uk](mailto:anne.litherland@autismtogether.co.uk) for more information.



Park managed by





## FRIENDS OF NEW FERRY PARK NEEDS YOU

The Friends Group for New Ferry Park is being reformed. If you live close to or often visit New Ferry Park and want to get involved in fund-raising and working together to improve the park, please ring Shannon Kennedy on 0151 666 3076.

## .....SO DOES SHOREFIELDS NATURE PARK

If you live close to or often visit Shorefields (the field overlooking the river and the woodlands) and are interested in keeping it looking tidier, please ring Mark Anthony Craig on 0774 607 3914.

# PORT RIVER SUNLIGHT PARK

## Bat Walk

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
8:30-10.00 pm

Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 8 and over. £3 per person. Places must be booked in advance. Contact the ranger on 07587550060 or email [anne.litherland@autismtogether.co.uk](mailto:anne.litherland@autismtogether.co.uk) to book and for more information.

More events on Facebook and Twitter.



## USEFUL INFORMATION & NOTICES:

### New Ferry Village Hall & Windsor Close Community Centre

New Ferry Village Hall has a wide variety of sporting activities taking place including table tennis, badminton, majorettes, football, roller derby, karate, walking football, walking netball, indoor bowls and fitness classes for the over 50's.

The Hall is also used for more sedate groups such as a craft group and an AA support group.

Windsor Close is "home" to several bingo groups, Hard of Hearing, Widows, a weekly luncheon club, a fitness class, karate and Rainbows.

There is also a Baby stay and play session once a week.

Both venues are available to hire for one off events such as children's parties.

For more information on any of these activities please contact Margaret on **0151 643 1393**.

### Wirral Farmers' Market Dates

The next markets will be held on:

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Find out more at [www.wirralfarmersmarket.org.uk](http://www.wirralfarmersmarket.org.uk)

### Bebington Youth Club

Bebington Youth Club offers a great opportunity for young people to get together and have fun, in a warm and friendly atmosphere with fully qualified youth workers.

Please come along and see what is on offer and talk to the friendly staff. There are lots of activities such as Pool, Indoor Football, Table Tennis, Film nights, Music Room, Wii & X Box. Suggestions for any other activities are welcome.

Please feel free to visit the club. We are open Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 7-10pm. The age range is for young people who are in Secondary school.

**New Ferry Residents Association consists of local residents and business people. We work together with officers from Wirral Borough Council, local councillors and our Member of Parliament in order to improve New Ferry. We are a non-political organisation.**

If you have any community based problem which you think we can help you with, please contact us by writing to:  
**New Ferry Residents Association, c/o New Ferry Village Hall, Longfellow Drive, New Ferry, Wirral, Merseyside CH62 5JS**  
**Website: [www.newferryonline.org.uk](http://www.newferryonline.org.uk)**