

# Sefton Community News

28/06/2018

## WELCOME!

Here at Sefton Community News you can find out about what's going on in your area. Anything from clubs, activities, and where to go.

## COMMUNITY PAYBACK

Following meetings between Officers from Sefton Council and Purple Futures Probation Service a new partnership arrangement was established in late 2017. It was agreed between that Sefton Council could begin offering tasks that offenders could undertake across Sefton on a three-week cycle to cover the Borough on a North, Middle and South basis as detailed below. These tasks would be those that would not ordinarily be undertaken by Sefton Council staff.

A team of eight offenders who are supervised by Purple Futures/Interserve CRC which carry out work on the Council's behalf such as working in parks, removing fly-tipping, litter picking and laying down stencils and dog fouling stickers. It is requests from Councillors, Parishes, Community Groups & partners organisations which are coordinated on a weekly basis across the borough on a North, Central & South basis.

Work continues to take place on a weekly basis; Community Payback service users have been supervised to deliver tasks of a weekend at South Park in Bootle thanks to help from the Park Volunteers attending to open up and over-see the activity carried out.



This arrangement has so far delivered around **6,000 hours** of unpaid work in Sefton.



Family and individual support for Gender Diverse children and teenagers  
Mermaids are a UK based charity supporting gender variant children, teenagers, their families and their professional network, including:

A website full of information and resources [www.mermaidsuk.org.uk](http://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk)

An email address [info@mermaidsuk.org.uk](mailto:info@mermaidsuk.org.uk)

A Helpline - 0344 334 0550 (Mon-Fri 9am-9pm)

Private parents online forum

Moderated teens online forum

Family Support Groups

Residential Weekends for families

Day events for families

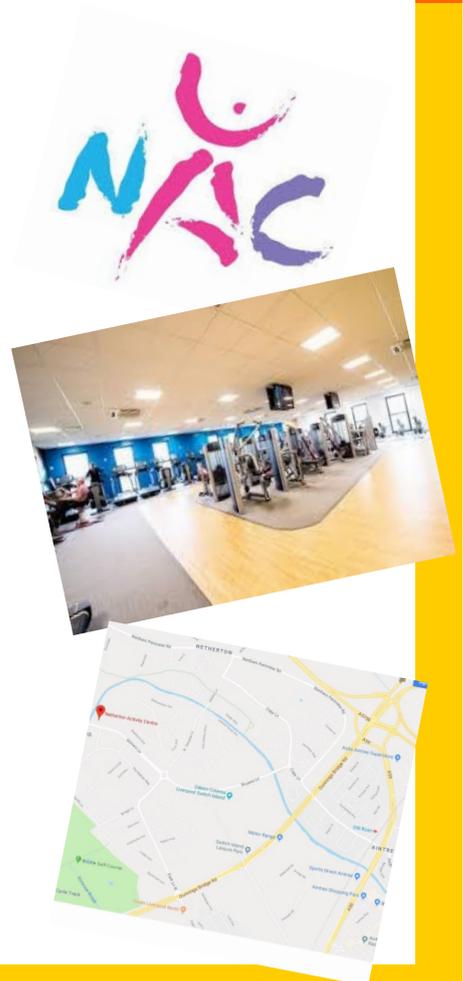
Comprehensive training packages for professionals including schools and NHS

Signposting to medical and legal agencies

## *Netherton Activity Centre*

Netherton Activity centre is a leisure centre/community centre/library and Sensory World all under one roof. Some of the activities on offer include:

- Hosted a firework display free of charge for all the local community to enjoy.
- Be active program – throughout the school holiday
- Jakes sensory room and garden.
- Stay and play sessions for under 5years (Jakes sensory world).
- Host weekly activities working with Aiming High (children with disabilities).
- The Library and IT suite is available to all Free of charge.
- Home ground to Bootle, Litherland and Netherton junior football league. Who play on a Sunday morning.
- Run a free Crèche to enable mums or dads to get fit.
- Host Relax and revive scheme which is a free activity open to all.
- Host to a new dance school (Escape) 3+ years.
- Provide facilities for a Walking Football group.
- Provide work experience – working with Sefton .
- Host 2 gymnastic, Karate and Taekon classes
- Host the Women's town guild group.
- Our fantastic gym facilities are open to all ages.





### *The Venus Centre*

The Venus Centre, 215 Linacre Ln, Bootle L20 6AD

Venus is an organisation for women, families, children and young people, homeless people with multiple and complex needs, looked after children and care leavers.

We offer support, advice, information and activities. We provide services such as,

- emotional support
- befriending
- advice
- outreach home visiting
- volunteering opportunities
- training
- education
- emotional and physical health and well being support,
- drop-in sessions
- counselling, therapeutic groups and sessions
- supported accommodation,
- debt advice
- benefit advice
- housing advice.

We have a minibus which can be loaned out to local organisations. We are a partner in the SEAs (Sefton Emotional Achievement) consortium, the Sefton Adult Mental Health And Well-being Consortium (SAMHAWC) and Sefton Supported Housing Group (SSHG).

As well as services in Sefton, we also offer volunteering opportunities and support for families in Halton.

We maintain a range of policies and practices that help us deliver our services safely and in line with our aims and objectives. Our policies and practices include (but are not limited to),

- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- Lone working
- Code of Conduct and prevention of abuse
- Financial controls
- Environmental and sustainability

To contact Venus, you can call 0151 474 4744 or email [jo.kenyon@venuscharity.org](mailto:jo.kenyon@venuscharity.org) . Alternatively, you can contact us via our website [www.venuscharity.org](http://www.venuscharity.org)





*Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust provides help and support to the residents of Sefton who have a drug and/or alcohol problem. Ambition Sefton offers a wide range of recovery focused treatment pathways.*

*Ambition Sefton work closely with partners to provide the best service to local residents. A recent example of this with where PCSO Josh Evans provided on going support and encouragement to a young homeless woman in Southport. Thanks to PCSO Evans's help, this woman now has the confidence to access Ambition Sefton's services where she will receive further help.*

*Ambition Sefton services in Sefton can be found/contacted at:*

*8 Church Street  
Southport  
Merseyside  
PR9 0QT*

*Sefton House  
Bridgewater Complex  
Canal Street  
Bootle, L20 8AH*

## **Sefton Crime News**

### ***HMRC Scam***

A Sefton resident received a call purportedly from HMRC warning her that she was due to appear in court. She was told to ring a given number and the caller insisted she must comply as she was under surveillance. Luckily she was aware of the scam and didn't respond.

### ***Bogus Trader***

There has been a rise in reports of Bogus Callers in the Sefton area. In one incident a lady handed over £120 in cash to the suspect for cleaning the gutters of her property. The man made the excuse he would come back after he had been for his lunch. The work on the gutters was not started and he did not return. The suspect claimed to be working on a property being renovated next door, this was not true.

### ***News from your Community Policing Team***

“ Following a theft of pedal cycle on Marlborough Road Police have arrested 2 males residing in Southport. Maciej Ostrowski age 35 has been charged with theft and Mariusz Juriewicz age 48 has been charged with theft and possession of cannabis and amphetamine.

Tadiwa Ian Chihota, aged 20, of Clovelly Road, Liverpool has been charged with robbery, possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, dangerous driving, handling stolen goods and possession of cannabis. The charges are in relation to an incident at Flannels store, Tulketh Street, Southport on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

He has been remanded into custody to appear at Liverpool Magistrates Court.”

If you would like to receive emails regarding crime in your area, please email

[Margaret.Jepson@merseyside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Margaret.Jepson@merseyside.pnn.police.uk)

Please include

Your full Name

Your Full Address including Post Code

Contact Telephone Number

And for data protection compliance please can you specifically ask:

**“PLEASE PUT MY DETAILS ON THE SEFTON CRIME ALERT  
SO I CAN RECEIVE THE MESSAGES”**



## Queens Policing Medal

Many of us in Sefton will know and have had the privilege of working with Detective Constable Gerrie McConaghy in Merseyside Police. Gerrie has been the Hate Crime Co-ordinator in Sefton for many years, and has built up a personal connection with many of the people, groups and organisations throughout the borough.

Gerries' hard work and community focus has been recognised this year, as she has been named as a recipient of the Queens Policing Medal for Distinguished Service.

Gerrie thanked the community, saying “I couldn't have done it without help from all the people I've had the pleasure of working with and been in contact with. Their support, assistance and encouragement have been phenomenal over the years.”

We all look forward to working with Gerrie for many years to come. Congratulations Gerrie!



# Alchemy Southport



*A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WITH CENTRAL HEATING, WIFI, SMART TV AND COMFY COUCHES - ONLY £1 PER SESSION*

- INFORMAL EDUCATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS
- ADVICE AND INFORMATION
- PERSONAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT
- RAISED COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
- NEW OPPORTUNITIES
- BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME SUPPORT (14+)
- ADVENTURE SERVICE CHALLENGE AWARD SCHEME (11+)
- OUTSIDE GROUNDS FOR SPORTS, LEISURE AND RECREATION
- PLUS WEDNESDAY "TYRED RIDES" COMMUNITY BIKE PROJECT  
LEARN HOW TO REPAIR & MAINTAIN BIKES (YOURS OR OURS)

**FREE WIFI AND FREE TEA & TOAST**

Parents / Guardians welcome anytime during sessions to see the club and meet Fully-Qualified Youth Workers Sue O'Connor & Mel James-Henry

ALCHEMY YOUTH CLUB (PARENTING 2000) IS GRANT FUNDED BY SEFTON COUNCIL



For more information please contact Sue O'Connor  
T: 01704 380047 (Option 6) E: sue.o'connor@parenting2000.org.uk

www.Parenting2000.org.uk AlchemyYouth

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**SOUTHPORT ALCHEMY YOUTH CLUB (PARENTING 2000) Mornington Road, PR9 OTS 01704-380047**

**Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 5:30-8:30, FOR 11-17 year olds.**

**RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS NOW! YOUNG PEOPLE CAN CALL IN TO STAY FOR A FREE FIRST SESSION (£1 PER SESSION, FOLLOWING REGISTRATION.)**

The club offers a safe and inclusive social environment with central heating, smart TV, free WIFI and large, comfy couches.

- Informal Education on a wide range of topics;
- Personal Support and Development;
- New opportunities;
- Bronze DOE Award Scheme support;
- Outside grounds for sports, leisure and recreation;
- Free tea and toast.

**EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS, THE YOUTH CLUB WILL OFFER:-  
FREE ENTRY  
FREE PACKED LUNCHES (from Sefton's Feed the Kids Project)  
FREE GUITAR TUITION FOR BEGINNERS – bring your own guitar  
ALSO ART AND DRAMA**

## *Hugh Baird College Freshers' Fayre*

Hugh Baird College hosts their annual Fresher's Fayre on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, from 10.00 to 12.00 in the L20 Building. We invite our local agencies to support this event by setting up a stand. Please direct all enquiries or expressions of interest to

Janine Hopewell  
Pastoral Team Lead, - Retention & Progression Co-ordinator for Health & Well-being  
Hugh Baird College, Balliol Road, Bootle, LIVERPOOL, L20 7EW  
[\(0151\) 353 4462](tel:01513534462)  
[janine.hopewell@hughbaird.ac.uk](mailto:janine.hopewell@hughbaird.ac.uk)



### **HOMEWATCH**

*Home watch* is all about neighbours watching out for each other, keeping each other's properties safe, noticing anything unusual. Perhaps you do that anyway.

Being in a scheme helps to share that, getting everyone in the scheme working together - and this deters potential burglars. It also links you to advice to keep yourself safe from crime.

Each scheme has a Leader, someone you can contact if you find anything suspicious, and who will pass concerns onto the police for you if you do not feel confident to do so yourself. There is also a *Home watch* email address and phone line.



Membership of a Scheme can give you access to **services** that may benefit you directly. For instance,

- *Home watch* can provide **personal alarms** at modest prices
- *Home watch* members can purchase **Smartwater** to protect their property at greatly discounted prices
- Sign up to **Sefton Crime Alert**, which advises *Home watch* members by email about current crime risks
- insurers often ask about *Home watch* membership, and this can affect house contents **insurance** premiums

### **HOW DO I JOIN?**

It costs you nothing (unless you decide to chip in to buy a street sign together).

If there is a scheme where you live, just tell the Leader you wish to be included. The Coordinator can put you in touch.

If there is not, could you take the lead? The **Home watch Association** will be happy to help. Contact its Coordinator, Roger Sloman, on 0151 777 4144 ( messages can be recorded) or by email on [roger.sloman@merseyside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:roger.sloman@merseyside.pnn.police.uk) .

## about



**Sefton advocacy**  
"Standing by you, for you"

Sefton Advocacy is a thriving local independent Charity providing an advocacy service based in the heart of the community. We provide help in a range of areas - from generic advocacy to specialist services to support people with a variety of needs.

Sefton Advocacy is a free service to residents from Sefton MBC enabling them to get their voice heard. The service provides a 1:1 bespoke advocate to assist the most vulnerable residents to overcome difficult issues which are affecting their lives.



The service specialises in supporting disabled and vulnerable clients with low level or severe and enduring mental distress, learning disabilities and difficulties, physical disabilities and impairments, long term conditions, or clients who are vulnerable through circumstance, social or economic disadvantage.

Our casework aims to address difficult issues which are impacting upon clients lives and affecting their health and wellbeing. This support

Sefton Advocacy was set up in 1996 and has recently merged with Sefton Pensioners Advocacy Centre which means we are now the only generic advocacy provider for adults in Sefton and Merseyside. The service is volunteer led and has a large team of advocates to support a diverse range of vulnerable clients. Our advocates act in partnership with a vulnerable person in a way that builds confidence and empowers people to achieve self-advocacy where possible. Our service offers outreach and many meetings take place at our clients' home. We will provide support at any setting either in the community, hospital or in care homes. We are a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee with a volunteer board of eleven trustees who govern the organisation.

If you require any further information about our service or about how to become a volunteer advocate please contact: [alison.ayres@seftonadvocacy.org](mailto:alison.ayres@seftonadvocacy.org), or telephone 01704-500500.

Sefton Advocacy, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Shakespeare Centre, 43-51 Shakespeare Street, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 5AB. 27-37 South Road, Waterloo, L22 5PE.



Sefton Advocacy, Unit 15-16, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, The Shakespeare Centre, 43-51 Shakespeare St, Southport PR8 5AB

Tel: 01704 500 500 – email: [Justine.shenton@seftonadvocacy.org](mailto:Justine.shenton@seftonadvocacy.org) ; Charity Number – 1094825

Ainsdale Methodist Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale PR8 3NQ

## AINSDALE OLDER PERSONS' FORUM MEETINGS

Every first Tuesday from 10.30 -12PM



April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, no meeting in July, August 7<sup>th</sup>,  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>

A speaker and discussion at each meeting. New members are welcome.

## *Ability Plus Forum*

Ability Plus, a brand new scheme open to and representing people of all disabilities across the borough, is a joint initiative by members of the previous Sefton Access Forum and Ability Network groups.

The forum will allow anyone wanting to consult or engage with Sefton's disabled community to get a better understanding of the needs of disabled people and the experiences they have of various services.

Councillor Trish Hardy, Sefton's Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing, welcomed the creation of Ability Plus, saying: "Our aim for Ability Plus is to make Sefton accessible, safe and welcoming to any disabled people living, working or visiting the borough.

"Members of Ability Plus are all experts by experience, and will act as a critical friends to services across the borough giving feedback on their services and the experiences disabled people have."

The next meeting of the Ability Plus forum takes place at Southport Town Hall on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June at 1.30pm. Future meetings will also be at Bootle Town Hall.

For more information or to register your interest in attending, call 0151 934 3202 or email [Paul.McCann@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.McCann@sefton.gov.uk).

# BME/Migrant Worker Project

Are you or someone you know suffering with mental health problems?

Are you or someone you know experiencing difficulties in accessing local services?

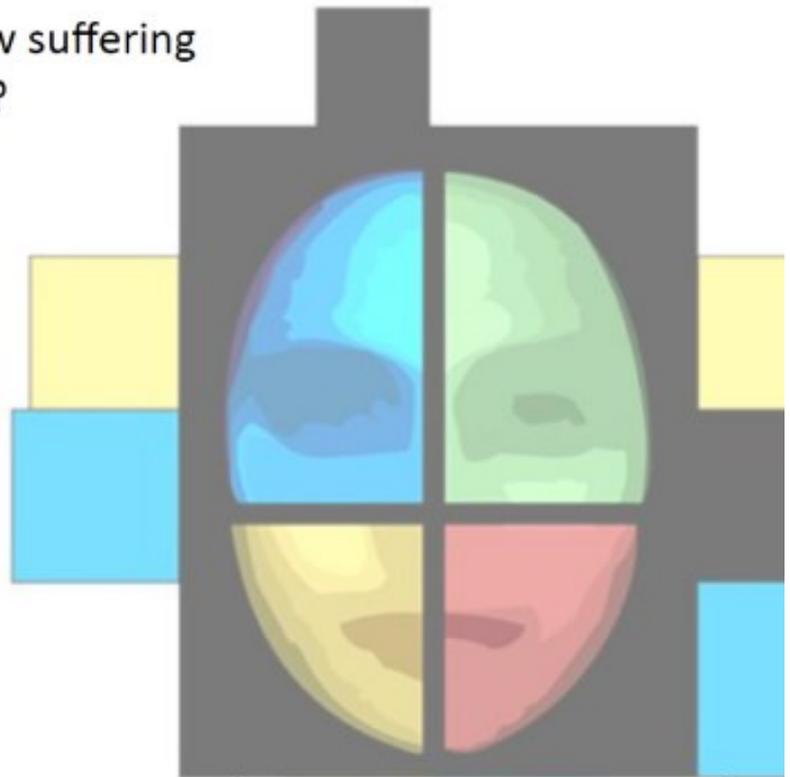
i.e. GPs, Schools, and local authority, NHS, Legal, Immigration or Asylum?

Have you or someone you know been turned down for welfare benefits or are you / they facing a debt crisis?

Have you or someone you know suffered from any form of abuse or harassment?

**If you answered yes to any of the above we might be able to help you or signpost you to services that can!**

**For a free confidential appointment or to find out more information, please call 0151 920 0726 to speak to Robert Brennan or email [equalities@seftoncvcs.org.uk](mailto:equalities@seftoncvcs.org.uk)**



  
**South Sefton**  
Clinical Commissioning Group

  
**Southport and Formby**  
Clinical Commissioning Group



Crimestoppers is always available to take your information anonymously and in confidence. We receive many calls from the Sefton area which help all agencies to work together more effectively. Your information about crime and anti social behaviour can go a long way to making our communities safer. Please don't hesitate to either make that call on 0800 555 111. Or, visit the Crimestoppers website - [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org) - and please make use of the online reporting form.



## *Sefton Council Affordable Warmth Team*

Living in a cold home can have a negative effect on both physical and mental health. The 'Affordable Warmth Team' can assist Sefton residents to keep warm and healthy in their homes. They provide a home visiting service and can provide help with;

- Energy efficiency advice and education, to reduce bills and fuel consumption
- Applying for grants and charitable funding for heating and insulation measures
- Liaising with Fuel Suppliers with regards to;
  - Supplier issues and complaints
  - Priority Service Register
  - Warm Homes Discount
  - Tariffs
  - Collective energy switch
  - Fuel debt
  - Smart meters

We also attend meetings and events to promote the service we offer.

If you would like a home visit, or for us to attend a meeting or event, please contact the Affordable Warmth Team on **0151 934 2222** or email [christina.chislett@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:christina.chislett@sefton.gov.uk)