

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



## FOSTER CARE IN LIVERPOOL

**Liverpool has over 1200 Looked After Children**

**COULD YOU FOSTER ONE? FIND OUT MORE  
Come to our next meeting and listen to Phil  
Watson's rich experience as a foster parent**

Phil Watson and his family have been fostering for Liverpool City Council since 2010.

Phil says "It can be challenging, exhausting, hilarious, but above all rewarding. I can see the difference we are making to the children we have looked after.

We chose to foster for the Council, because they don't make a profit. This is very different from the Independent Fostering Agencies that operate in the city. We have fostered seven children since we started. We had one little lad for four hours, and one for over five years! We can't solve all their problems, but we know when those children are with us, they are safe."

Foster carers need to be over 21, have a clean criminal record, be healthy, and have a spare room. You can be of any class, culture, heritage or sexual orientation. You can be single, in a relationship, own your home or rent. You don't need to give up work to foster, as long as your work is flexible enough to cope with the demands of looking after a child.

As well as being paid, foster carers are exempt from Council Tax and get free Lifestyles Gym Membership. Full training and support is given. Liverpool City Council are actively looking to find new carers.

If you are interested in finding out more about fostering for Liverpool, contact Phil Watson at [Phil.Watson@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:Phil.Watson@liverpool.gov.uk) or visit [www.fostering.liverpool.gov.uk](http://www.fostering.liverpool.gov.uk).

Liverpool is trying hard to recruit more families able to foster. Without enough foster carers on their books the City has to resort to private agencies which cost more money, as, unlike the Council, private fostering agencies are run on a business model and need to make a profit for their shareholders.



Next TANN Meeting and  
AGM

Monday November 19

7:30pm

At the Unitarian Church

(Entrance on York Avenue)

Friends of  
**SEFTON PARK**  
**LITTER PICK**



All welcome  
 Pickers, hoops, gloves & bags provided!

Every Sunday in  
 October, November & December  
 11am - 12.30pm  
 The last one on December 16th

Meet at Gino's cafe for all sessions (central cafe)  
 Thanks to Gino from the park's cafe's for the support!

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 www.seftonparkvolunteergroup.co.uk



More walks with Ritchie the Ranger  
[richietheranger@gmail.com](mailto:richietheranger@gmail.com) 07850239411

Thursday 15th November 1:00pm  
**Beginners' Guide to Birds**

A delightful guided walk to discover the world of our winter birds, with tips on how to identify them, their habits and their habitats. Meet at Lake Car Park, Sefton Park.

Thursday 22nd November 1:00pm

**Woolton Village, History and Features**

A fascinating walk that unfurls the history, buildings and characters of Olde Woolton Village.

Meet at the Village Cross, Corner of Woolton Street High Street

Saturday 24th November 1:00pm

**The Story Behind the Streets**

A fascinating walk that takes a journey of discovery to unfurl the stories behind the **original seven streets** in Liverpool's City Centre. This is a **BOOKING ONLY** walk.

All walks £2 per person

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## TANN AGM: TIME TO VOLUNTEER

At the AGM, we elect the chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, and website editor. We welcome volunteers. In particular we are looking for someone with experience in web design to help us give our website a facelift. Fancy a new community experience? AGM Mon 19 Nov 7:30pm Ullet Road Unitarian Church Library.

## QUAKER BURIAL GROUND AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden has had a great year and has continued to have a steady flow of visitors, especially during the glorious weather in the summer months. The hot weather did bring its problems though, as our water collection system was



severely tested and we had to resort to bringing water in. So, another big thank you to those Avenue residents who posted bottles of water through the gate!

The orchard is beginning to bear fruit and although it's not been a big harvest the trees are beginning to mature and it looks promising for next year.

As winter draws nearer the volunteers have worked hard to clear the garden and leave the garden to rest until spring. We were lucky to have 'Goodgym' come and assist the big leaf clear up! It was amazing how much they managed to do in half an hour, despite it getting dark. The garden will close for December and January but will reopen the first Sunday in February.

Some dates for your 2019 diary. The National Garden Scheme Open Day will be Sunday 9th June. There will be two open days: one in Spring, and one in Autumn. We opted for a Spring opening together with Fatimah's lovely garden in Sydenham Avenue, the Fern Grove Community Garden and the Bloomin' Green Triangle. We will also open for the Jo Cox Get Together which will be on Sunday 23rd June. We do hope you will join us!

## TANN ON-LINE

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 The Avenues Neighbourhood Network @theavenuesL17

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 The QBG Community Garden in L17