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## Gardens are still GO!

Despite misleading rumours about just what is happening to the former International Garden Festival Site that have been circulating lately, probably connected to the Euro Elections held recently, the plans for the site are proceeding.

The Chairwoman and Hon Sec have been keeping in touch with Langtree, the developers of the Garden Festival Site, since the Secretary of State gave the go ahead for the scheme.

Sadly the whole thing has been affected by the International Recession. MacLeans the builders have gone into liquidation, and Langtree's have been looking for other ways to proceed with the creation, or restoration of the park.

Delicate negotiations are under way and it is hoped that an announcement that progress will be made by Langtree shortly.

In the meantime Langtree have issued the following statement:

***"The International Garden Festival site is a key part of our development portfolio and we remain committed to realising a development that will breathe new life into the site. Our aim of returning a significant proportion of the site to its former splendour as a new green public open space for the city is moving forward.***

***It is a condition of our planning consent that the public space is delivered prior to any other element of the scheme. We are working hard behind the scenes on this and will let people know as soon as we reach any key milestones."***

As soon as we can give further details we will let you know. *Reg Cox Hon Sec.*

### Police and Security Matters

Merseyside Police have been conducting a campaign against "Anti Social Behaviour", with some effect. There has been a big down turn in the number of arrests and reported incidents over the last year.

A new service called CAP (Community Advice Page) is about to be launched, with news and useful advice. Go to [www.thecapsystem.com/](http://www.thecapsystem.com/) for more information.

One thing that is in CAP is a link to "Immobilise Property Crime" a UK national property register, which looks useful. There are many other useful tips in CAP.

You can click on the live systems and then select a Homewatch covering your area ( only 5 at present) and enter the system - you can send feedback via the reporting button, on each page " submit a report" on what you think.

#### Phone scam.

If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person, saying that he or she is a company engineer, or telling you that they're checking your mobile line, and you have to press #90 or #09 or any other number, end this call immediately without pressing any numbers.

There is a fraud company using a device that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your 'SIM' card and make calls at your expense.

Forward this message to as many colleagues, relatives and friends as you can, to stop it.

#### Crime Fighters

Hon Sec Reg Cox and his wife Ina attended a conference on Crime Fighting and received briefings on various methods of defending yourselves and your property against crime and criminals. Basically, it is common sense and awareness that are the main defence. Don't leave windows open, when you go out, your insurance may be invalidated if you make it easy for a burglar. Don't leave house or car keys on the "hall table". or anywhere that they may be stolen. Be aware of "Hook and Cane" robberies, this is where a cane with a hook on the end is inserted through your

letter plate and your keys hooked and removed. If you are going away on holiday, let your trusted neighbours know, and leave them your house keys, or the phone number of a friend or relative who has your keys.

The second one day training event for volunteer Crime Fighters will be held in Liverpool on Tuesday 17th November 2009.

If you would like to benefit from the training and become a Community Crime Fighter you can book your place by calling the Community Crime Fighters registration desk on 0800 197 2965 or by booking online at [www.community-crimefighters.org.uk](http://www.community-crimefighters.org.uk) quoting booking reference CCF02.

It would be good to have someone from the Promeade Gardens side of our area to attend.

The **Police** contacts for St Michaels Ward are:

Inspector; Stuart Quirk

Sergeant; Carl Lunt

Constable; Paul Rylands

Police Community Support & Traffic Officers; Bob Moreton, Julie Worthington & Gaenor Kennedy.

Phone 0151 709 6010.

email <Ward.F.StMichaels@merseyside.police.uk>

Address: Admiral Street Police Station, Admiral Street, Liverpool L8 8JN.

Visit: <[www.merseyside.police.uk](http://www.merseyside.police.uk)> to find out about your neighbourhood.

If you see any suspicious activity inform the Police. Better safe than sorry! In **EMERGENCY** use the **999** service. For lesser matters call 0151 709 6010. If you have information about a crime, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 anonymously.

**Have your say.** You can raise issues by attending a Police Surgery, phoning 0151 709 6010, emailing: [WardF.StMichaels@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:WardF.StMichaels@merseyside.police.uk) or visiting the St Michaels neighbourhood page on: [www.merseyside.police.uk](http://www.merseyside.police.uk)

## Recommended / Reliable

*The tradespeople listed below have been recommended by RRA members who have had work done for them by these tradespeople. RRA supports the exchange of information between members but does not in any way endorse or recommend the business or individuals included in this article. Members who take up these services do so at their own risk. RRA accepts no liability and merely acts as a facilitator for information between the members.*

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**Gardening Services:** Tulsi Gardening. James Conlan. tel: 07944417092, email: enquiries@tulsi-gardens.co.uk website: www.tulsi-gardens.co.uk/ Excellent work.

**Carpet Cleaning:** C.U.C.S. 0151 722 1991, Quick, efficient and good price.

**Window cleaning:** (External & Internal windows). Michael Ness. Pure Rinse Systems, tel:07528 555426. web: www.purerinsestystems.co.uk

**Plumber:** Laverty Plumbing & Heating Engineers. tel: 0151 486 4414 mobile: 07774 484 788.

**Joinery:** Jeff Williams. 07927 181 958, or after 7pm 0151 427 3552. Highly recommended.

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## Travel News

Public transport users, cyclists, pedestrians and even motorists can find some useful information at: [www.letstravelwise.org/](http://www.letstravelwise.org/) the website of Travelwise Merseyside.

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## Bluelights Horse of the Year Show

I would be grateful if you could assist with communicating our forthcoming Bluelights Horse of the Year Show to friends and colleagues within your community networks.

The event is taking place at Aintree Equestrian Centre (the Home of the Grand National) on 6,7 and 8 August. Full details are available from the web site [www.bluelightshorseoftheyearshow.co.uk](http://www.bluelightshorseoftheyearshow.co.uk) and tickets are available from Liverpool Philharmonic Box Office 0151 709 3789. Additional details are available on the attached flyers.

I invite you to attend as I can assure you of an enjoyable full afternoons entertainment regardless of which day you choose to attend. All at a very reasonable cost. There is ample parking and excellent public transport via Merseyrail station at Aintree ( a two minute walk from the venue).

A contribution from ticket sales will be made to the nominated charity Riding for the Disabled.

If you require any additional information please let me know.

Best wishes  
Sean

Inspector Sean Bell, Citizen Focus Team.  
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## United Utilities in Priory Wood

Collapsed sewer repairs to be completed

A collapsed sewer on Riverside Drive, Liverpool will soon be fully repaired by United Utilities.

Following the collapse in November last year a temporary repair has been in place, but now the water company is pleased to be in the position to make a full repair. Engineers will begin work on Monday, June 8 and the repairs are expected to take up to three months to complete. United Utilities' Project Co-ordinator Ken Gee said: "We will start by using the existing site to set up a works compound along with a temporary road surface to allow us access to Priory Wood from Riverside Drive.

"As this is a conservation area we have worked with local council's Tree Officer and Greenspace Manager to prepare the site for our main construction work.

"We will also be carrying out a replanting scheme in the area once the work is completed."

The collapsed sewer has caused localised disruption and temporary repairs were made to minimise impact to residents.

When company experts investigated the whole length of the remaining sewer they found that a large section was in need of repair.

The main construction work will see engineers installing a new 60m section of replacement sewer using traditional trenching techniques as well as lining 350m of the existing brick sewer in order to preserve and maintain its usage. Several new manholes will also be constructed from Riverside Drive into Southwood Road.

Ken said: "The need to construct new manholes is essential as following the sewer's subsequent collapse in January this year, St Michael's railway station has been flooded."

This project has been particularly difficult and challenging to engineer, as the sewer is a staggering nine metres below ground.

The route of the work will go past the local cricket ground, past the railway station and out onto Southwood Road.

Local residents may experience some short-term disturbance due to construction-related traffic.

It is also expected that there will be some traffic diversions around the railway station.

On-road parking on Southwood Road will be temporarily removed and a minor road closure will be put in place.

Ken added: "We will do everything possible to keep disruption to a minimum.

"We will be working on-site Mondays to Fridays from 8am-6pm in order to minimise any noise disturbance as much as possible.

"I would however like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this work may cause and I thank local residents for their patience.

"This is an essential piece of work to repair an old sewer in need of repair.

"We are committed to delivering these improvements as quickly and efficiently as we can."

Local residents have had letters sent informing them of the scheme.

As stated in the letter, to explain the project in more detail we will have representatives on board our Mobile Visitors Centre which will be located at Aigburth Cricket Club, Southwood Road on Wednesday 15 July 8am – 8pm. They will be able to show visitors plans of the work and answer any question they may have.

# Riverside Residents Association (RRA)

RRA is run by volunteers, people just like yourself, who wish to improve the community in which we live. We aim to have a "representative" in each road who will attend the Representatives Meetings, which are held about four times a year and pass on information to their neighbours. There is also an Annual Open Meeting, when all members, and sometimes others, are welcome. This newsletter is published three times a year and there is an associated website at [www.riversidedrive.org.uk](http://www.riversidedrive.org.uk) The annual subscription is £3.00.

If you have any information concerning the area, which stretches from Jericho Lane to the Jaguar Showroom on the river side of the MerseyRail line, please contact your nearest rep. Or one of the elected officers.

## **Chairwoman:-**

**Andrea Spyropoulos,**  
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## **Deputy Chairman:-**

**Peter Gerhard,** 14 Floral Wood,

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## **Hon. Treasurer**

**Kevin Crone,** 60 Promenade Gardens. L17 7EU.

***RRA is governed by a committee of the above officers and approximately twenty Representatives, who live throughout the area. To locate your nearest Representative, please contact the Hon Sec, Reg Cox.***

The contact details of your Political Representatives are as follows:

**M.P. Louise Ellman,** Labour Party (Riverside),  
Freepost , WW2909A, Liverpool L3 4ZZ. Telephone:  
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Louise Ellman MP, House of Commons, LONDON  
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## **Councillors: St Michaels Ward.**

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**Liverpool City Council website:**

[liverpool.gov.uk](http://liverpool.gov.uk)

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Designer Boutique for the discerning ladies of Merseyside and beyond.

Our Mission Statement - Provide fashion with innovation and style, to create an individual look that appeals to all at affordable prices.

Elle17 opened its doors in the leafy suburbs of Aigburth in June 2008. With a unique collection of clothes, from casual separates through to party wear, and an attentive and knowledgeable staff, it is fast becoming the first port of call for the seriously fashion conscious women of Liverpool and beyond

"They have created a beautiful boutique where customer service is paramount and the emphasis is most definitely on enjoying a unique, personal shopping experience. If you need inspiration, then the girls will invite you to relax and browse the latest fashion glossies, whilst they put together your perfect outfit for that special occasion".

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