



# The Wavertree Society

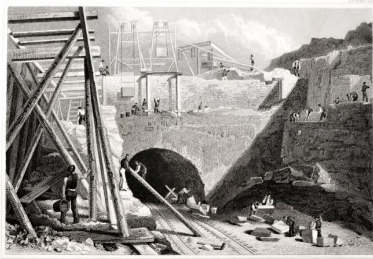
Caring for Wavertree - Past, Present and Future

## NEWSLETTER 256

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Our next event. Eric Shenton from The Liverpool and Manchester Railway Trust will present



Eric Shenton, trustee of the Edge Hill Railway Trust (1970-1982) and the Liverpool & Manchester Railway Trust (founded 2015) presents an illustrated talk about the

### Lost Railway Heritage of Liverpool.

Eric describes how the World's first inter-city and freight railway came about. The sites at Liverpool- The Wapping Tunnel. The Edge Hill Engine Station, Crown Street passenger Station and the present Edge Hill and Lime Street stations ( 1836) are discussed. together with the LMRT suggestions of how the derelict cutting at Edge Hill could be developed as a future attraction. Reference is also made to the Olive Mount Cutting ( 1830-2018)

*The meeting will be on Wednesday 24th September 2025 at the  
Olive Mount Community Centre, Edgewell Drive, L15 8GG. From 7:30-9:00pm.  
All welcome. Entrance free. Donations appreciated.*

#### HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2025

**Sunday 21st September Noon-4pm**

For the 27th consecutive year we are opening our famous Wavertree Lock Up.



*Come along and view for free inside the Lock Up which was built in 1796 and still going strong!*

*We will also be selling a selection of items, cards and calendars for the benefit of the society.*

*Please drop in and show your support.*

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If you are interested in a committee position please contact us.

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#### JOIN THE TALK VIA ZOOM!

Please see our website where the zoom link will be shared!

[www.thewavertreesociety.uk](http://www.thewavertreesociety.uk)

#### THE LOCK UP TREES—GOOD NEWS!

Since 2009 The Society has had concerns about the proximity of 5 Norwegian Maple trees to the Grade II Listed Lock-Up.

Due to Council lack of funding the committee decided that the Society should seek to pay for the removal ourselves. We applied to having 5 trees removed and paying for this (around £3000) out of our own funds.

This work has become pressing as last year we were made aware that high-winds and large tree branches had damaged the weather-vane on the building.

We are pleased to say that we were granted permission from LCC to remove the trees and that LCC Parks & Greenspaces will be planting 5 replacement trees in Botanic Park to mitigate the loss.

We will keep members and the local press updated as to when the works are due to happen.

#### THE WAVERTREE SOCIETY

Aims to **IMPROVE** local amenities and to **PROTECT** the local environment and architectural heritage, especially within the Wavertree Village and Wavertree Garden Suburb Conservation Areas.



### PICTON CLOCK, LATEST UPDATE

We have now been informed, indirectly, that the internal wooden staircase has an ingress of water and is now unsafe to use, so the company aiming to fix the workings cannot gain access! .

*"A more thorough inspection to identify the defect and ascertain an appropriate repair is necessary and currently being arranged through the Property Team"*  
These are the words from the council.

Although we are pleased that now something is being done to fix the clock to

the correct timings and the finial being replaced, pertinent questions remain. We shall ask the our council the following.

*After many months of emails why have we not received one single reply to our concerns about the clock?*

*For how long has the access been unsafe?*

*If the work had been carried out immediately when we reported the clock had stopped working, would the access have been in a condition for the work to be carried out?*

*How long will it now take for the staircase to be repaired?*

### MONKSWELL CLEAN UP

We were made aware that our society member, Laurence Sidorczuk along with a number of local residents who helped, spent a few hours cleaning the Monkswell. They removed the overgrown planting and left some new more appropriate planting in its place.

Thanks to community interventions like this we can keep Wavertree looking good.

Thanks for Laurence and the local residents.

We also repainted the doors on the lock-up on the 6th September in preparation for the Heritage Open days.



### DR LUCY EASTHOPE—DISASTER RECOVERY EXPERT

On a recent broadcast of Desert Island Discs, the world renowned 'Disaster Recovery' expert Professor Lucy Easthope was the castaway. Lucy disclosed she came from Wavertree. We have been in touch and Lucy expressed interest in connecting with us to tell us about her early upbringing in Wavertree. Check out Lucy's wonderful autobiography '[When The Dust Settles.](#)'

### DIARY DATE: The Wavertree Society AGM

Sunday 26th October 2025. 2-4pm

OIMCC, Edgewell Drive, L15 8GG

### PLANNING MATTERS

**Removal of mature chestnut tree on Sandown Lane**—The Society has been made aware that the owner of number 12 Sandown Lane has applied to have the large chestnut tree at the corner of their front garden removed.

The reasons provided are that the roots of the tree are having a harmful effect on the historic wall of the property and may constitute a danger.

Whilst the society is sympathetic to this harm we consider that this tree is of immense amenity value to the character and appearance of the conservation area and that all efforts other than removal of the tree should be explored.

As such we will be registering a formal objection to the removal on behalf of the Society to the local planning authority. If you would like to make your own comment the application reference number is: 25TC/2125.

### WAVERTREE GARDEN SUBURB NEWS

Wavertree Garden Suburb is a unique and cherished part of our community and your Society continues to work closely with the Institute to preserve its character and heritage.

### EXCITING NEWS— CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW

As part of the Councils production of their *Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document* a high-level review of the Liverpool's conservation areas is underway. The pilot will focus on three areas, including Wavertree Garden Suburb.

Your Society is pleased to support this initiative by contributing historical materials from our archive. This pilot is the first step in a broader plan to review all the 36 conservation areas in the city.

In future, the Council aims to create a digital map for each conservation area, offering public access to detailed information about buildings and other key features. This will be a valuable resource for residents, researchers and anyone interested in our cities rich heritage.

### Do you want to JOIN the Society?

Our annual subscription is £5 per household or £10 per company or organisation. You can pay:

Online (PayPal): [www.thewavertreesociety.uk](http://www.thewavertreesociety.uk)

Cash/Cheque: Made payable to The Wavertree Society to The Membership Secretary 338 Wavertree Nook Road, Liverpool , L15 7LJ

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St Mary's Church **Warm Space.** South Drive, L158JJ. All welcome on Mondays 10-30 until 12-30 (except Bank Holidays). Come along and enjoy a cuppa, biscuits and a chat.

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