



The Wavertree Society

Caring for Wavertree - Past, Present and Future

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Summer Visit: Veolia Gilmooss Recycling Discovery Centre

Free Talk and Tour: Tuesday 18 August, 1pm to 2.30pm

Have you ever wondered what happens to the contents of your blue wheelie bin? For the answer join us on this tour of the Veolia recycling centre (Bridgehouse Lane, Fazakerley, L10 5HA)



Numbers are limited so places must be booked by 16th August. Either phone 722 6265 or email wavsoc2023@gmail.com, indicating if you can offer – or if you need – a lift from Wavertree. Further details on accessing the Centre can be found at <https://www.merseyside-and-halton.veolia.co.uk/accessibility>

SUCCESS FOR THE WAVERTREE GARDEN SUBURB MEMORABILIA DAY!

On the last Sunday of May, we were delighted to host a memorabilia day at the Wavertree Garden Suburb Institute. Around 80 guests came to share their memories, stories and to browse some of the historic items and memorabilia that the Society has collected. We also had a selection of books, post-cards, notelets and tea-towels for sale. Special thanks go to committee member Liz Pemberton who provided delicious cake which went down a treat!



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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.

METEORITE OR METEOWRONG?

Humans are curious creatures, always attracted to anything unusual or out of place. When long ago we came across rocks in the landscape that didn't seem to match those nearby - a different colour, texture or shape, strangely scratched or smoothed, oddly positioned- we were interested. We explained their presence by myth making, investing them with religious significance, magical properties or unearthly origins.

In 1908 the City Engineer placed a large grey boulder in front of Wavertree library in Picton Rd. You can still see it there today just inside the gate. It was unusual because it didn't match the local Woolton rocks where it was found in Gipsy Lane.

We now know that it's an erratic, an andesite boulder carried down by moving ice around 100 miles from volcanic Borrowdale in the Lake District and dumped when the glacier retreated sometime in the past 500,000 years. Although this explanation is fantastic enough people naturally looked for others.

The idea that this was the Wavertree meteorite with origins in outer space became popular and was even taught in local schools. George Harrison who lived across the road in Arnold Grove mentioned it in his memoir. Scientists have suggested that the genuine meteorite which fell in Appley Bridge near Wigan in 1914 may have led to our Wavertree boulder and others across NW England being misidentified.

They have become known as pseudometeorites or 'meteorwrongs'.

HAUNTED BOOK CLUB

Local author John Reppion and professional storyteller Gav Cross entertained 15 horror lovers in the Lock-up that had been suitably decorated for the occasion.



Gav Cross read *The Tower* by Marghanita Laski, a psychological horror story about a newlywed woman exploring an abandoned tower in a desolate Italian village. Followed by a lively discussion on the story and afterwards we all retired to The Coffee House to enjoy some spirits of a different kind!

The recording of the session is free, online at:

<https://gavcross.substack.com/p/the-haunted-book-club-at-the-wavertree>

Do you want to JOIN the Society?

Our annual subscription is £5 per household or £10 per company or organisation. Payment options are:

Online (Paypal): www.thewavertreesociety.uk

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

Bank transfer: Name of Account - **The Wavertree Society**
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WAVERTREE GARDEN SUBURB IN BLOOM NEWS

Garden Open Day and Plant Sale

Saturday 25th July from 11am – 3pm at the Thingwall Community Centre (WGS Institute)

Refreshments will be available.



There is good news that eight trees will be planted this year – three directly funded by the Council, four by Julie Fadden our Neighbourhood Councillor from her Neighbourhood Fund and one by our member Pat Moffatt. In consultation with residents, four of them will be in Nook Rise and four in Thingwall Road.

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