



The Wavertree Society

Caring for Wavertree - Past, Present and Future

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Join film historian and tour guide **Gary Lunt**, as heard on BBC Radio Merseyside, to give us his talk...

Liverpool on the Silver Screen



Reel Tours is a cinematic adventure through the streets of Liverpool. Join us as we explore the city's relationship with the silver screen, which dates from the final years of the 19th Century, right up to some of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters of recent years.

The meeting will be on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at the Olive Mount Community Centre, Edgewell Drive, L15 8GG from 7:30pm. All welcome.

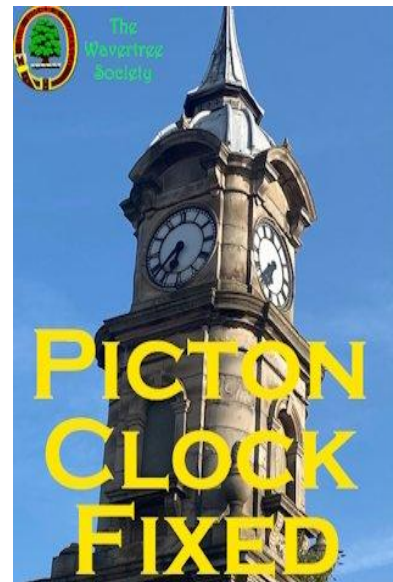
Entrance free. Donations appreciated.

TIME'S UP - PICTON CLOCK FIXED!

On the 9th July, The Wavertree Society finally met with Liverpool Council to formally ask for the Picton Clock to be repaired. The Society had first become aware the clock had stopped in December 2024. What followed next was nearly two years of letter writing, emails and decreasing hope.

Thankfully, after a constructive meeting with Alan Smith (Head of Heritage Preservation and Development) we are pleased to see the clock working again! Our discussions with Alan also spoke about a larger piece of work to fix many of the damaged, failing and broken parts of the clock and give it a comprehensive restoration.

We look forward to working closely with Alan and securing a better future for our beloved clock.



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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.

VEOLIA RECYCLING CENTRE: VISIT REPORT

Eleven members of the Wavertree Society attended a talk and tour of the Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre last month. Opened in 2011, Veolia has a 20 year contract to process the recyclables collected by five local councils from either blue, grey or brown bins. Although much of the sorting is automated, staff manually remove unsuitable items, particularly soft plastics such as carrier bags and food wrapping. Once an inflatable paddling pool shut down the plant after becoming trapped in the machinery. From the aerial viewing walkway we saw a lorry tipping waste that included a television and plant pots. Non-recyclable waste is sent by train to the Wilton Waste to Energy facility in Teesside.

99% of the recyclable materials are sent to specialist facilities across the UK. In St Helens glass mineral wool is made from our bottles and jars; cardboard, paper, steel tins and aluminium cans are recycled into new products. Plastic bottles are reprocessed into pellets at Veolia's Dagenham facility and cartons such as Tetra Paks are made into cardboard cores.



The plant operates two shifts, from 8am to 5pm and 5pm to 1am. Fires are a regular occurrence, often caused by lithium-ion batteries placed in bins. Heat sensors throughout the building enable staff to respond quickly.

The Q&A session highlighted that paper should exceed 40mm x 40mm, small pieces of foil should be crunched into a ball about the size of a fist and plastic bottles should not be flattened as this can prevent the material separators from sorting them. Medicine blister packs are not accepted, although some pharmacies, including Boots and Superdrug, offer collection schemes.

Further information is available from the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority (www.merseysidewda.gov.uk), which is consulting residents until 22 September 2026 on proposed changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres, including Merseyside resident-only access, visit limits, a booking system and requirements to separate waste before arrival.

Community groups may benefit from Veolia's Good Box scheme, which redistributes donated items for reuse: <https://www.merseyside-and-halton.veolia.co.uk/GoodBox>.

In 2024/25, Liverpool recorded the second-lowest recycling rate in England at 17.9%, according to Defra statistics.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026: WE WILL BE OPENING THE LOCK-UP ON SEPT 20th Midday-4pm.