

# Sefton Central Conservatives

Winter/Spring 2024

Serving the wards of Ainsdale, Harington, Ravenmeols, Manor, Blundellsands, Park, Sudell and Molyneux

## MERSEYSIDE POLICE TO RECEIVE £452M TO TACKLE CRIME

Merseyside Police will have a budget of £452.2m starting in April 2024, an increase of £27.6m on last year, as police numbers in the Force passed 4000.

### Good news for local residents

- Estimated 14,208 people across Sefton get a pay rise with increase to National Living Wage
- £450 a year cut to national insurance for
- 60,000 Sefton pensioners get £600 winter fuel payment
- Backing our High Streets by extending
- business relief rates to 2025
- Record 10.1% increase in the state pension in 2023 and a further 8.1% increase from April 2024

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### 5 POINT PLAN OF ACTION

- 1 Education and Children's Services
- 2 The Environment - greenbelt, heritage, parks & coastline
- 3 Financial Management - value for money & transparency
- 4 Health and Social Care - the ageing population & well-being
- 5 Town Centres

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## Sefton churches benefit from conservation fund

17 local churches, across the borough of Sefton, are among nearly 5,000 religious buildings to have received a share of £42 million in public funding before this year's Christmas celebrations, as the Government continues its support for the conservation of listed places of worship across the country.

Beneficiaries of the scheme in the Bootle, Sefton Central and Southport constituencies have received nearly £100,000 this year:

St. James, Bootle | St. Philips, Litherland | Christchurch, Waterloo | The Parish Church of Crosby St Faith, Crosby | St. Luke's, Crosby | St. Nicholas, Blundellsands | St. Joseph's,

Blundellsands | St. Helen's (Sefton Parish Church), Sefton Village | St. Andrew's, Maghull | St. Benet's, Netherton Green | St. Peter's, Formby | Holy Family, Ince Blundell | St. James, Birkdale | St. John's, Birkdale | St Marie on the Sands, Southport | Holy Trinity Church, Southport | St. Cuthbert's, Churchtown

More details about the eligibility of the scheme, and details of how to apply, can be found at [www.listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk](http://www.listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk)



### WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

Take the local residents survey by scanning the QR code below.



Caring and Campaigning for our Community

Find out more at [seftoncentralconservatives.org.uk](http://seftoncentralconservatives.org.uk)

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## National Government clout delivering local benefits

### BIG EXPANSION IN CHILDCARE ABOUT TO START

Working parents in Sefton are being urged to register for 15 hours free childcare per week from April 2024.

It was announced that applications for the first wave of the rollout of the largest ever expansion of free childcare for working parents will open on 2 January 2024.

From January, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to register to access 15 hours free childcare per week from April 2024.

Councillor Mike Prendergast, Leader of Sefton Conservatives, commented, "There will be many families across



Sefton who could benefit from this new offer. Having access to local, good quality childcare is a priority and is a vital part of making sure parents can return to work."

### EXTRA 1,150 PRIMARY CARE STAFF ACROSS MERSEYSIDE, WIRRAL & CHESHIRE SINCE 2019

Across Merseyside, Wirral and Cheshire, there are now 1,150 more staff working in primary care than there were in 2019, helping to provide 20% more appointments than before the COVID-19 pandemic - including the same or greater numbers of face-to-face appointments.

The NHS is raising public awareness of the expanding range of support available to patients through their local GP practice health teams - including pharmacists, mental health practitioners, paramedics, physios, and social prescribers.



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**SEFTON LABOUR, LOOKING AFTER NUMBER ONE! INCREASING YOUR TAXES TO PAY THEMSELVES MORE**

**SEFTON LABOUR CLLRS VOTE FOR A 6% INCREASE IN THEIR SALARIES**

**Conservatives vote against over 6% rise in Councillor's allowances**

At the meeting on Thursday 16th November 2023 of Sefton Council at Southport Town Hall, one of the items on the agenda was the proposed increase in Councillor's allowances.

The proposed increase was over 6% and Sefton's Conservative Councillors all voted against the increase. Labour councillors all voted for the increase and Liberal Democrat councillors abstained.

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### STANDING UP FOR RURAL SEFTON

- ✓ Protect greenbelt
- ✓ Conserve our agricultural land
- ✓ Stop Labour's destruction of our local environment

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