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Monthly Newsletter Wirral Older People's Parliament

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Find out how to join us and add your voice to the many older people who live in Wirral who want to make sure that decision makers know what they want! julie@wirralopp.co.uk
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NATIONAL ISSUES

Here at OPP we are very lucky to have our very own political guru Bernd Heerwagen. Bernd works tirelessly researching and writing letters to MP's and ministers on behalf of older people living in Wirral on a variety of subjects. The current ones are below to give you an idea of some of the things that are concerning us at the moment. Bernd's letters challenge the government to consider carefully any decisions they make on subjects that affect the lives of older people, whilst also reminding them that we are keeping an eye on what they do!

- health inequalities among older people
- state pension changes
- self funding care home residents
- ending the triple lock guarantee
- cash systems not being used due to infection concerns



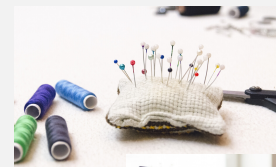
keeping our eye on government...

JULY NEWS

by Julie Kay
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Another busy month at Sewing HQ. Thanks to the wonders of digital technology I have been able to attend several big Liverpool City Region meetings this month. First one up was Voluntary Sector response and recovery to covid-19. An excellent speaker and smaller groups discussed the issues that have arisen for older people due to corona in the region and the importance of older people's voices.

Secondly I attended the Merseyside Community Police meeting to discuss how the police have been managing the region and what more could they do to support groups across the region. In addition we continue with our weekly coffee mornings on zoom, and our monthly meetings have resumed online, with phone and email feedback also available. Please get in touch with your ideas and feedback.



Lockdown Tales of the Wirral



Bernard's story

Well believe or not we have been making videos and enacting the singer and performers and posting them on our face-book pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/Wirral-Older-Peoples-Parliament-616347571779134>

They appear to be a great success and we have amassed a great following world-wide and we are receiving requests from near and far. I have also been writing short stories to raise more funds for the Chernobyl children's visit to the UK. <https://www.ccil.org.uk/> To be published after the lockdown. I have also written short stories about my time as a Black Pearl Pirate and my communications with the children that visited the Black Pearl before she became wrecked.

