

Celebrities Open New MacMillan Extension at Wythenshawe Hospital

The brother of the late Manchester comedy actress Caroline Aherne joined TV presenter Jenny Powell and a band of Irish pipers to officially open the £320,000 new extension of the Macmillan Information and Support Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital. (Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust)

The ceremony was held to coincide with the centre's Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

More than £4,500 was raised by staff, patients and families who attended the event or held smaller bake sales on the wards.

Macmillan Information and Support Centre Manager Debbie Smith said: "We were bowled over by the support from everyone involved. It was great to have our VIP visitors Jenny Powell (pictured right) and Patrick Aherne and the rousing sounds of the Wythenshawe Fianna Phadraig Irish pipe band.

"It was a fantastic day and an inspiring team effort. A huge thankyou goes out to all our Macmillan team, our fabulous volunteers, our supporters and all of the Wythenshawe staff, patients, family and friends who supported the event."

Patrick Aherne said: "Caroline was supported by staff at this centre and by Wythenshawe Hospital's Macmillan nurses. I know she'd be delighted about the new extension because it means even more people can be helped by the amazing staff here."



Welcome Reduction in Halloween Complaints Reported in Wythenshawe

Halloween is often the time of year when most reports of antisocial behaviour are reported.

This year however has been a different story with less complaints made over the spooky spell than in previous years.

A police initiative to provide posters for residents and business owners making it clear whether or not trick or treaters are welcome as well as warnings well in advance of the period on social media is thought to have contributed to the drop in complaints.

Mercedes Abandoned After Crash

A driver and passenger fled the scene when their Mercedes ploughed into a parked car in Wythenshawe.

Police were called to reports of a crash at Orton Road in Northern Moor.

Two men were seen running away from one of the cars at the scene after the collision.

There were no reports of injuries.

An investigation has been launched. Orton Road was shut at the junction with Wythenshawe Road as officers combed for evidence.

Wythenshawe MP Officially Opens New School Building



Wythenshawe MP Mike Kane helped pupils and staff of Ringway Primary School celebrate the opening of their brand new building.

The MP toured the school with year 5 and 6 school councillors and form captains.

The school takes an active role in Parliament Week and Parliament Day and invited Mr Kane along for the official opening ceremony and to cut the tape to declare it open.

He also talked to the children about education and how he has become an MP, his work in parliament and also asked what the children would like changing in Wythenshawe.

The school has a five star rating by the Good Schools Guide for attainment and progress.



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