



Left to right: PSS Director of Business Development, Paul Clitheroe, Cosmopolitan Group Chief Executive, Geoff Redhead, service user Pat Hepworth, and Deputy Mayor of Wirral Gerry Ellis with his wife Margaret Ellis, officially relaunch The Fusion Centre.

## Celebrations as Wirral day centre is revamped and renamed

Staff, residents and members of the local community came together last week (21/07) to celebrate the relaunch of a well-established day centre at Cardigan Avenue in Birkenhead.

The newly refurbished Fusion Centre was officially re-opened by Deputy Lord Mayor Gerry Ellis who attended the event with his wife, Margaret Ellis.

Formerly known as the Vincent Harkins Day Centre, the facility has been providing day care for older people since it opened 24 years ago in 1987.

Improvements were carried out to the whole building and the centre was given a new name to give it a modern feel in a bid to encourage more local people and community groups to use the resource.

Local housing provider, Cosmopolitan Housing Association, funded the refurbishment at the centre, which is managed by PSS (Liverpool Personal Service Society). Work was carried out by people participating in the Community Payback Scheme.

On the day, guests enjoyed a demonstration put on by residents from adjacent sheltered housing scheme, Rose Court, who are involved in the Wii Bowling League which is currently running across three of Cosmopolitan's

Wirral housing schemes. Entertainment from magician John Harding and a buffet were also provided.

Geoff Redhead, Cosmopolitan Group Chief Executive, said at the event: “We’re thrilled to be involved with improving the facilities at this centre and working closely with PSS, we hope to continually improve the services available at this valuable asset to the local community.”

Paul Clitheroe, PSS Director of Development, offered “thanks to Cosmopolitan and Wirral Borough Council for enabling PSS to make the exciting changes happen” and said that the “Centre staff made the modernisation possible through their creative approach, energy and commitment to the local community”