



Shrine of Ss Peter, Paul & Philomena/ICKSP  
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New Brighton  
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Wirral  
CH45 9LT

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Sponsorship needed urgently to 'Illuminate the Dome of Home,' New Brighton**

As part of Wirral's preparation for the Open Golf Championship in June 2014, Ss Peter, Paul & Philomena's Church has successfully passed the first stage of a 'Love Wirral Grant Application' to flood-light The Dome of Home, enhancing Wirral's night sky-line to echo the well-photographed waterfront on the opposite bank of the Mersey. This church is an iconic landmark, fondly nicknamed by mariners returning to Liverpool in World War II and such a project will make it a beacon by night, improving the identity and appearance of the local area. With very little notable architecture to look at from Liverpool, floodlighting the Dome will create interest in this side of the water and remind people of the wonderful building waiting to be explored. Illuminating the Dome will be a real investment for growing Wirral businesses, to draw even more visitors and trade to a regenerated, New Brighton, in search of heritage, view and a peaceful retreat.

The estimated cost to do this is £10,000, much more than £500 available from Wirral Borough Council for the 'Love Wirral Grant'. We need to secure the promise of funding from local businesses showing the four Wirral constituencies that we have enough funding to complete this project. Please help us by passing this letter to anyone you know in local business who may be interested in helping and benefit from the promotion for this high-profile project.

The second phase of the application process involves much publicity to encourage Wirral constituents to vote either online or paper voting for this project. Voting opens 13<sup>th</sup> January until 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014, please see [www.wirral.gov.uk/lovewirral](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/lovewirral) for the link to the voting site. You can help by encouraging your friends to vote for the project.

The church has recently been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for Places of Worship to begin its restoration to repair the roof and rainwater goods. As part of this HLF project, the church has developed a Heritage Tour and nearly 1000 people have been guided round the church by volunteers since August 2013. The Guided Heritage Tour runs every week and the church is open for everyone, daily, 8am until 8pm.

I enclose our fundraising brochure which gives further information about the Dome of Home. If there is anything further you need, please let us know. We do hope that you will be able to support us.

Yours sincerely

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