

FAREWELL TO TEACHER OF GENERATIONS AT PRIMARY

Stalwart to go
after 38 years



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PAIR'S DREAM
OF RESTAURANT
COMING TRUE



Emergency crews attend death on railway lines

A person has died on train tracks between Swindon and Didcot Parkway. Great Western Railway cancelled all services between the two stations and blocked railway lines while the emergency services attended the scene.

The incident happened at around 8.30am yesterday near Farinford Road outside Wantage on the railway bridge.

The death is not believed to be suspicious, according to the Transport Police.

A spokesman said: "A person was called to the line near Farinford Road at 8.30am (September 19) and was pronounced dead at the scene."

'Sudden' death of woman in her 20s



Police cordon off a pathway near White Edge Moor in Uden. THE body of a woman in her 20s has been found.

Person hit by train on tracks by the A420 died at scene

A person who was hit by a train in Swindon has been confirmed dead by police.

Before 6pm on Thursday evening, Great Western Railway cancelled all services between Swindon and Didcot Parkway after a person was struck by a train.

Emergency services were scrambled to an area on the railway line near South Marston.

Initially the condition of the person was not known but now a British Transport Police spokesperson has confirmed they were killed during the incident.

They said: "Officers were called to the line near Swindon railway station at 5.40pm yesterday (19 September) to reports of a casualty on the tracks.

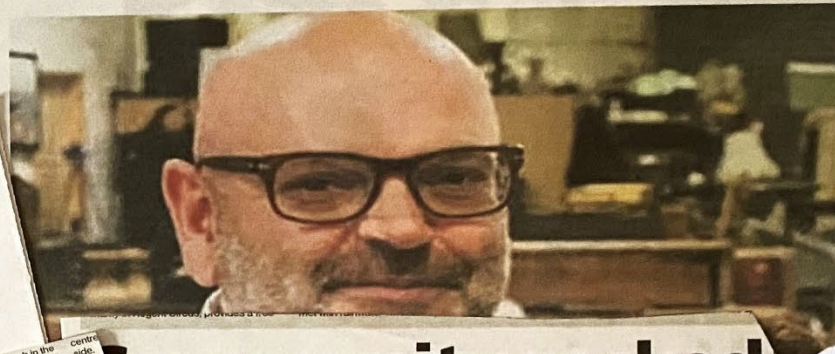
As it Happened: Emergency services rush to A420 after person is hit by train

BODY FOUND IN WOOL

Discovery as
police search
for Robert, 52



Man died after 'stepping in front' of A419 coach



Monday, January 20, 2025

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Natalie Brown died in the emotional aftermath of her father's murder.

Young woman took her own life after father's murder

Disruption as death on railway line is confirmed

A PERSON has been pronounced dead on the railway line after a morning of disruption in Swindon.

Emergency services attended to opening a new branch in the morning of disruption in Swindon.

Greenridge Retail Park in east Swindon.

Sports Direct, which announced it would

Man in 30s found dead in property

SWINDON: Officers were called to the line in Reading at around 9.25am on October 7 following reports of a casualty on the tracks," said a spokesman for BTP.

"Paramedics also attended, however sadly a person was pronounced dead at the scene.

"The incident is not being treated as suspicious and a file will be prepared for the coroner.

Although the railway line as now been reopened, trains running between Reading and London Paddington, including those departing and arriving at Swindon.

Community rocked by train tragedies



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A spokesman for BTP said: "Officers were called to the line near Swindon railway station at 5.40pm yesterday (September 19) to reports of a casualty on the tracks.

"Paramedics also attended

Body found in woodland in search for missing man, 28

SWINDON: A person was hit at around 5.50pm near the Wiltshire border with paramedics

British Transport Police (BTP) then released a statement on Friday morning confirming the fatality was not

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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The Kelly Foundation

- ▶ A community mental health charity based in North Swindon
- ▶ We offer a unique holistic service
- ▶ We operate a mental health support café Kells Kitchen
- ▶ We receive no statutory funding
- ▶ Income derives from donors and fund raising events
- ▶ We invest more than £100,000 of New money annually

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Who Are We?

- ▶ A successful mental health charity supporting 70+ individuals
- ▶ An outreach café, a work project supporting clients and young people with learning difficulties
- ▶ We work with GPs, AWP Statutory Services, SBC, CGL
- ▶ **BUT ...**
- ▶ Our work now is scratching the surface
- ▶ Here in our community, we want to do much more
- ▶ With your HELP, we can do much more!
- ▶ Following .. is a serious situation you may not be aware of

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The Scale of the Swindon Problem

- ▶ In the last six months, nine people a week attend GWH having attempted suicide
- ▶ In the last six months 1187 have attended A&E with a mental health condition
- ▶ The police report that between 2023 and 2024, 71 people in Swindon ended their lives
- ▶ This is approximately one local person, every 10 days
- ▶ Men are three times more likely than women to end their lives

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The Real Options for Those in Need in Swindon

- ▶ MIND have a 7 / 12 month waiting list (loosing Funding)
- ▶ Statutory 'Talking Therapies' have a 7 month waiting list
- ▶ IPSUM have a 3 month wait before you can be assessed
- ▶ PCLS have a backlog and do not routinely see people who attempt suicide
- ▶ GP Surgeries will see people within a few days, but mostly provide SSRIs
- ▶ GWH discharge mental health patients into the community with no support plan
- ▶ The Police are told not to attend routine mental health episodes
- ▶ The advice is to call 999 but with ambulances under pressure, they are often not available
- ▶ Samaritans are brilliant, but are a talking service only

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A Case Study

Emma will describe a very recent case

We will call her Susan

That is not her real name

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The Financial Cost to our Local Hospital

- ▶ Arrival at A&E (under own resource) £137
- ▶ Ambulance summoned (arrives) £279
- ▶ Ambulance transfer to GWH £417
- ▶ Ambulance transfer and processed £554
- ▶ Testing and treatment £699
- ▶ Overnight stay or longer (add £400 per night estimate)

Additionally it means probably other patients will wait much longer and may get less attentive support

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The Real Cost to Society

- ▶ On average, every suicide has a mushroom effect on 135 other citizens
- ▶ These will be children, parents close family friends work colleagues
- ▶ Traumatic effect on first responders/transport staff
- ▶ Legal/statutory processes are expensive

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Our Plan ...“Your Life Matters”

- ▶ We will establish a dedicated mental health support line
- ▶ The line will be manned from 9 am until 12.00 midnight, 7 days each week
- ▶ Individuals will be seen face-to-face, the next day, without fail
- ▶ A detailed support plan will be agreed with the client
- ▶ Out of hours, a clear and comprehensive message will be played

“Nobody will be left without hope”

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The Message ... “Your Life Matters”

- ▶ Apologise
- ▶ Refer to the Samaritans
- ▶ Promise to meet immediately on return
- ▶ Reassure thoroughly and authentically
- ▶ Request simple contact details
- ▶ Ensure a warm, sincere and supportive sign off

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How will it be done?... “Your Life Matters”

- ▶ We will recruit 3 dedicated full-time mental health support workers on 3 year contracts
- ▶ All will be suicide prevention trained
- ▶ We have in-house suicide prevention trainers
- ▶ They will agree a support plan with the client
- ▶ The plan will be entirely free
- ▶ The plan specifically will not be time limited

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The Plan ... “your life matters”

A tailored plan may include:

- ▶ Regular support counselling
- ▶ Hypnotherapy
- ▶ CBT
- ▶ Walk and talk sessions
- ▶ Volunteering in the café or other projects
- ▶ Assistance with advocacy, depending on circumstances

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The Approach ... “Your Life Matters”

- ▶ We are proposing a 3 YEAR collaborative approach
- ▶ This approach maximises the projects appeal to funders
- ▶ The National Lottery
- ▶ Sovereign Housing Association
- ▶ Swindon Council (or equivalent funders)
- ▶ Highworth Town Council
- ▶ Central Swindon North Parish Council
- ▶ Stratton Parish Council
- ▶ Blunsdon Parish Council
- ▶ St Andrews Parish Council
- ▶ Haydon Wick Parish Council

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The Funding Plan ... “your life matters”

	POPN	%	CONTRIBUTION
The National Lottery	N/A	N/A	£135K
Sovereign Housing Association	N/A	N/A	£20K
SBC (or alternative funder)	N/A	N/A	£20K
Highworth Town Council	7K	9%	£5K
Central Swindon North PC	25K	32%	£11K
Stratton Parish Council	16K	20%	£9K
Blunsdon Parish Council	3K	4%	£3K
St Andrews Parish Council	15K	19%	£8K
Haydon Wick Parish Council	17K	22%	£9K
			£216K

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Communication and Media Plan ...

”Your Life Matters”

- ▶ All Council channels, including Counsellors own pages
- ▶ Kelly Foundation, all channels
- ▶ GP surgeries and social prescribers, AWP Statutory Services
- ▶ Facebook (funded and free pages)
- ▶ News BBC ITV Adver inc Parish magazines, noticeboards
- ▶ Outreach talks to groups
- ▶ SBC Well-being
- ▶ Voluntary Action Swindon
- ▶ Swindon Poster campaign, gyms, pubs, toilet doors, et cetera
- ▶ Meet and greet, fetes, etc
- ▶ Arkells beer mats

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**“THE BRAVEST THING I DID, WAS TO
CARRY ON WHEN I WANTED TO DIE”**

CALL THE KELLY FOUNDATION NOW ON

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**“IT’S NOT WEAKNESS TO ASK
FOR HELP...”**

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“YOUR LIFE REALLY DOES MATTER”

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**“ASKING FOR HELP IS A SIGN
OF STRENGTH”**

CALL THE KELLY FOUNDATION NOW ON

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The Next Steps ... "Your Life Matters"

- ▶ Tonight (or as soon as the proper authority can review) AN 'IN PRINCIPLE' YES OR NO
- ▶ We will follow up with a written brief as soon as the other bodies have all been contacted
- ▶ A financial provision (or a decision on reserves) so parties can participate quickly at a future point
- ▶ There is no timescale, but the National Lottery process is expected to take 6 months minimum

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Your Questions ... "Your Life Matters"

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

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Your Questions ... "Your Life Matters"

- ▶ What if a Parish does not want to participate?
- ▶ What if the National Lottery says No?
- ▶ Your questions?

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THANKYOU

