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A Blades Down CIC & Gloves Not Gangs Partnership



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A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

When I started Blades Down, it came from a place of lived experience, deep pain, and a strong belief that we can change the path for young people. I witnessed first-hand the devastating impact that knife crime can have, not just on victims, but on families, communities, and futures. I knew I couldn't stay silent, I had to do something.

Over the past year, Blades Down has grown from a vision into a movement. From assemblies in primary schools to late-night youth sessions, from the placement of life-saving bleed control kits to honest, difficult conversations in classrooms and community centres, every step we've taken has been fuelled by a desire to educate, empower, and protect.

It hasn't been easy. But it has been worth it. Hearing from a young person that they now feel safer, that they understand the risks, that they feel seen and supported, that's why we do this.

This year, I've had the privilege of working alongside incredible partners, schools, and youth organisations. I've watched young people grow in confidence, open up, and take brave steps towards brighter futures. I'm beyond proud of the work we've done through projects like KnockOut Violence, Fearless Futures, and our partnership with With Gloves Not Gangs.

To everyone who has backed us, believed in us, or simply shared our message, thank you. Your support truly does save lives.

This is just the beginning. We'll continue to show up, speak out, and stand for change.

With gratitude and determination,

DANNI ADAMS

FOUNDER OF BLADES DOWN



A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER

Gloves Not Gangs – Building Futures Since 2009

Gloves Not Gangs was founded back in 2009 with a clear mission: to steer young people away from the streets and into a space where they can learn discipline, respect, and resilience. Over the years, we've played a massive role in our community—supporting, mentoring, and empowering countless individuals who have walked through our doors.

This past year, our partnership with Blades Down has taken Gloves Not Gangs to the next level. Together, we've deepened our impact and expanded the support we offer, becoming a stronger force for positive change in the lives of those who need it most, I am proud to be part of this amazing team.

As we look ahead, there's so much more to come. We're excited for the future and remain committed to the growth and development of our community. Seeing the transformation in our members has been nothing short of incredible. From hesitant beginnings to confidently stepping into mainstream boxing classes, their journey reminds us all what's possible with the right support and determination. The confidence, the camaraderie, the sense of purpose that's grown within our team—it's proof that we're building something far more powerful: belief, unity, and strength.

Thank you for standing with us. With your continued support and involvement, we can keep building something truly powerful—together.

LEE HOLMES

FOUNDER OF GLOVES NOT GANGS





AN INTRODUCTION

Blades Down CIC was founded with a powerful mission: to tackle the devastating impact of knife crime and youth violence in our communities. Rooted in lived experience, our work is driven by compassion, prevention, and empowerment. From assemblies in primary schools to projects that support teenagers and their families, we are committed to creating safer futures for young people.

Over the past year, our impact has grown significantly. One of the highlights has been our collaboration with Gloves Not Gangs, an initiative that shares our passion for using sport, mentorship, and real-life stories to help young people make better choices.

Together, we have created programmes that combine boxing training with education around the causes and consequences of knife crime and anti-social behaviour.

Our partnership has allowed us to reach more young people than ever before, providing them with positive outlets, trusted adults, and the knowledge they need to protect themselves and others. Through this work, we've witnessed transformations—young people becoming role models for their peers, building confidence, and making active decisions to stay away from violence.

This past year has proven that by working together, we can offer more than awareness—we can offer hope, skills, and real change.

BLEED KITS

Blades Down CIC and Gloves Not Gangs has made it a priority to ensure our community is prepared in the event of a violent incident. Our campaign to install bleed control kits across Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas has resulted in over 30 kits being placed in key locations. These life-saving kits are designed to control bleeding in the event of a traumatic injury and can be used by any member of the public before emergency services arrive.

We are proud to have supplied bleed kits to schools, youth centres, community spaces, and local businesses. Our aim is to increase accessibility to emergency first aid and ensure our community is empowered to act quickly in critical situations.

Each kit includes essential items such as trauma dressings, gauze, gloves, scissors, and a tourniquet. In addition, we have run awareness sessions and shared training materials to build confidence in how to use the kits.

This initiative was made possible thanks to generous donations and community fundraising efforts. We are grateful to everyone who has supported this life-saving campaign and remain committed to expanding coverage in high-risk areas.

If you would like to sponsor a kit or host one at your premises, please get in touch with us via our website or social media channels.





BLEED KIT LOCATIONS

- The Straw Hat, Great Sutton
- The White Swan
- The Wirral CP Boxing Club
- Alfies Bistro & Wine Bar
- The Horse & Jockey
- The Gunners Arms
- The Cat
- Madisons Bar
- Rocs Deserts
- Meanays Cafe
- The Royal British Legion
- St Paul's Church
- The Woodlands Pub
- The Olde Red Lion
- The Grace Arms
- The William Jessop
- The Travellers Rest
- The Tap - Eastham Ferry
- Wolverham Community Centre
- Old Wirral Hundred
- The Wheatsheaf
- St Saviours Primary School
- Meadow Primary School
- Brookside Primary School
- Christchurch Primary School
- Whitby Heath Primary School
- Woodlands Primary School
- Little Sutton Bowling Green
- Ellesmere Port Labour Club
- Thelwall Road Community Centre



THE KNOCKOUT VIOLENCE PROJECT

Launched: March 2025

Total Young People Engaged: 40

Blades Down CIC and Gloves Not Gangs proudly launched the KnockOut Violence Project in March 2025. The project is designed to empower young people through honest discussions, lived experience, and practical strategies to reduce risk and prevent involvement in violence.

This programme delivers early intervention and preventative education in a safe, supportive environment. The sessions are built to challenge harmful narratives, encourage positive decision-making, and build confidence in handling difficult real-life scenarios.

Topics Covered:

- Knife Crime: Facts, risks, and consequences
- Lived Experience: Real stories from survivors and reformed offenders
- Solving Conflict: Strategies for de-escalation and peaceful resolution
- Making Safer Choices: Learning to assess risk and choose safety
- Youth Violence: Understanding the causes, impacts, and ways to break the cycle
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): Exploring the risks and long-term outcomes
- Social Media Risks: How online behaviour influences offline actions
- Fight or Flight: Understanding our response to danger and stress

This project has shown great success in engaging young people, with powerful feedback highlighting increased awareness, empathy, and a commitment to making safer choices in their everyday lives.





FEARLESS FUTURES PROJECT

Launched: April 2025

Total Young People Engaged: 12

The Fearless Futures Project was created to provide a safe, empowering space for young girls to explore the challenges they face growing up in today's society. This tailored programme supports emotional resilience, confidence, and a stronger understanding of personal safety and self-worth.

Each session is interactive, supportive, and led with empathy and honesty. The goal is to equip participants with the tools they need to navigate difficult situations, build self-esteem, and foster positive peer relationships.

Topics Covered:

- Solving Conflict: Practical methods to resolve disputes peacefully
- Understanding and Handling Negative Attention from Boys: Exploring boundaries, self-respect, and peer pressure
- Building Confidence: Activities designed to increase self-belief and inner strength
- Positive Body Image: Encouraging a healthy relationship with one's body and rejecting unrealistic standards
- Understanding Consent: Teaching respect, autonomy, and the importance of clear boundaries

Though a smaller group, the impact has been significant. Participants reported feeling more confident in setting boundaries, handling peer pressure, and expressing themselves assertively.



THE LINK ELLESMERE PORT

Launched: April 2025

Total Young People Reached: 65

The Link has become a vital safe space for young people in Ellesmere Port—a place where they can feel seen, heard, supported, and included. Developed in response to concerns about youth safety and social isolation, this initiative provides much-needed support and belonging outside of school hours.

What We Provide:

- A Safe, Supervised Environment
- Free Hot Meals for all attendees
- A Low-Cost Tuck Shop – the proceeds of which directly support the hot meals provided
- Supportive Adults always on site to talk to
- Access to Information and Signposting for those in need

The Link offers more than just food and shelter—it's a place of consistency and care in a world where many young people feel disconnected. The positive relationships formed here and the sense of community built are key to reducing vulnerability and early intervention.

Participants often describe it as “a second home,” and it continues to grow in popularity and impact week by week.

PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

Young People Reached (May 2024 – May 2025): 510

Between May 2024 and May 2025, Blades Down CIC has delivered a series of powerful and age-appropriate assemblies across primary schools in Ellesmere Port. These sessions are carefully tailored to introduce key messages around knife crime and community safety in a way that is sensitive, engaging, and accessible for younger pupils.

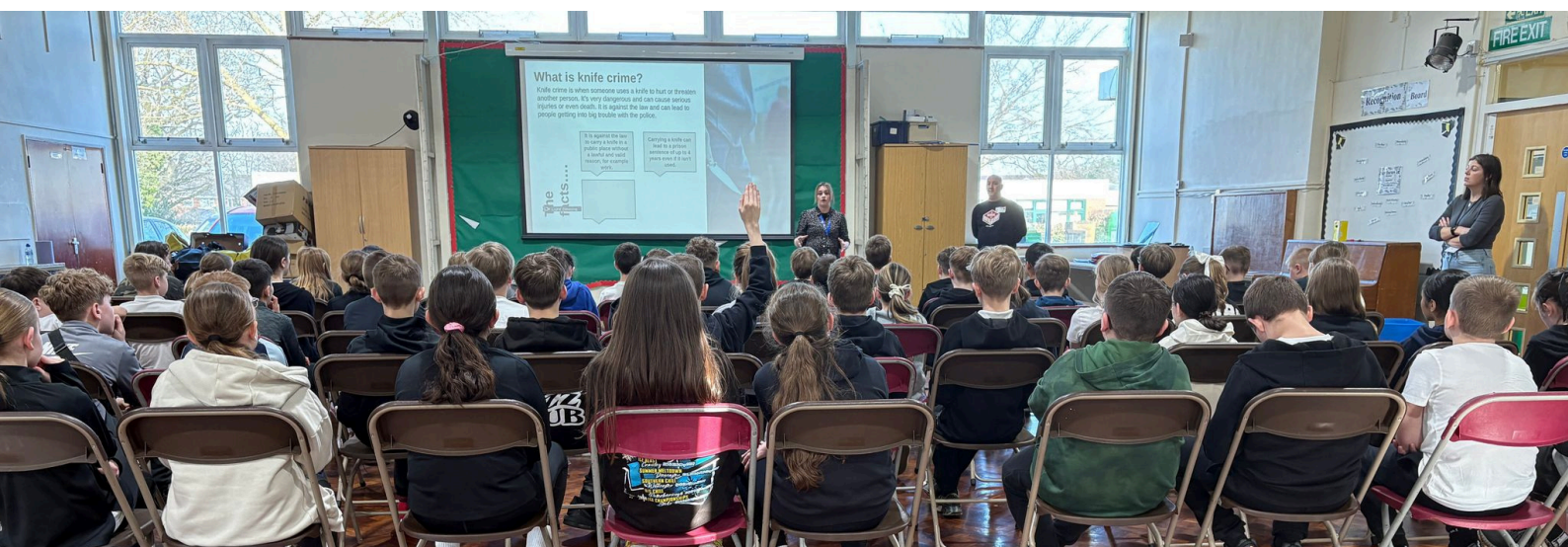
Schools Visited:

- The Oaks Community Primary School
- Meadow Primary School
- Woodlands Primary School
- St Bernard's RC Primary School
- Whitby Heath Primary School
- St Saviour's Catholic Primary School

Each session focuses on encouraging empathy, self-awareness, and safer decision-making while giving children the confidence to talk about concerns and seek support if needed.

Ongoing Commitment

We are continuing to work with schools to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn how to stay safe, be heard, and feel empowered from a young age.



PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS: FEEDBACK

Meadow Primary School

Mrs Sarah Curtis, Headteacher:

"We had considered offering education around knife crime for some time, but had not found anything that we felt was age appropriate for primary aged children until we came across Blades Down.

Danni presented difficult information in a sensitive and engaging manner. The children were attentive and responded positively. The sessions provided an opportunity for children to ask questions and explore strategies to support them when dealing with potential conflict in the community.

The children felt that the sessions were informative and helpful, and the majority of children said that they felt better prepared and less anxious."

St Saviours Primary School

I Hodgson, Year 5 teacher.

"The Blades Down assembly was really informative and interesting. It helped that the lady leading the assembly is a teacher, so she was effective at behaviour control and answering an appropriate number of questions to make sure children felt heard, but the topic was kept to!

The subject matter was dealt with with care, and without additional details that made it appropriate for both Year 5 and 6.

The pledge resource for us to do in school with the classes that attended was a helpful link to remind children of the assembly the next day, and to prompt any further discussions that needed to occur as a result of the assembly."



Woodlands Primary School**L. Tyrer, Upper Key Stage 2 Lead - English Lead :**

“We were fortunate to welcome Blades Down to our school to deliver a series of workshops for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, focusing on the crucial topics of knife crime, anti-social behaviour, county lines, and gang culture. Each of these challenging issues was addressed in a way that was entirely age-appropriate, ensuring that all pupils were able to engage meaningfully and thoughtfully.

The primary aim of the sessions was to educate our pupils about the dangers, risks, and long-term consequences associated with these issues. Importantly, the sessions also created space for open discussion, allowing children to share their thoughts, ask questions, and develop a deeper understanding of how to make safe and positive choices in their lives. We are pleased to say that these aims were fully achieved.

The children were particularly captivated by Danni, who led the sessions and shared her powerful personal story. A local high school teacher, Danni has a close connection to our community and to a tragic knife crime incident that took place just streets away from our school. Her authenticity and passion made a lasting impression on our pupils. She spoke with honesty and sensitivity, answering the children’s questions in a way that was always respectful of their age and emotional development. The pupils felt safe, respected, and truly listened to throughout the experience.

The impact of the workshops was clear to see. Pupils left with a stronger sense of awareness and responsibility, and many continued to reflect on what they had learned in the days and weeks that followed. Our Year 5 children were so inspired that they chose to include their learning from the Blades Down sessions in their class assembly for parents. They also wrote thoughtful and moving poems, demonstrating both their understanding and emotional response to the subject matter.

We are incredibly grateful to Blades Down and to Danni for delivering such meaningful, relevant, and impactful sessions. The workshops have had a lasting positive impact on our pupils and have helped equip them with knowledge and tools to make safer, wiser choices in the future.”



The Oaks Community Primary School

Mr David Wearing, Headteacher:

"We were delighted to welcome Danni from Blades Down CIC to deliver an assembly to our Year 6 pupils on the dangers of knife crime. Her presentation was powerful, engaging, and age-appropriate—striking exactly the right balance between honesty and sensitivity. Danni's ability to connect with the children was clear from the outset. She spoke with authenticity and compassion, helping our pupils understand the very real consequences of knife crime while also empowering them to make safe, positive choices.

The session sparked meaningful conversations both in school and at home, which is exactly what we hoped for.

As a headteacher, I'm incredibly grateful for organisations like Blades Down CIC who are making such an important difference in young lives. I would wholeheartedly recommend their work to other schools."

Whitby Heath Primary School

Elyse Harland, Year 5 Teacher:

"We thoroughly enjoyed having Danni join us for a Blades down assembly with Y5 and 6 pupils. She made it incredibly informative yet engaging for the children who had lots of questions and suggestions. She was able to pitch the information correctly so that children did not feel scared but were able to think about their own actions in the future. Children have since been enthusiastic about wanting to join the boxing clubs Danni mentioned, downloading apps to help and have shared information about the bleed kits with their family's."



KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

Young People Reached: 2,000+
Engagement Channels: Social Media, School Assemblies, Questionnaires, Community Outreach

Knife Crime Awareness Week (May 2025) was one of Blades Down CIC's most impactful campaigns to date, bringing together schools, families, and the wider Ellesmere Port community to talk openly and honestly about the realities of knife crime.

Our goal was simple: to spark conversations, empower young people with knowledge, and highlight the importance of making safe choices.

Activities Delivered:

4 Assemblies at Whitby High School – Each assembly was adapted to suit different year groups and included lived experience, the consequences of carrying weapons, and how to access help.

Social Media Campaign – Engaging reels, polls, facts, and youth-led content across our channels to reach young people online.

Community Engagement – Face-to-face conversations in public spaces, leaflet drops, and collaborations with local youth services.

Knife Crime Questionnaire – Over 260 young people took part, sharing their views and concerns (see next page for full results).

The week was a powerful reminder that prevention begins with education. By combining in-person education with online engagement, we were able to reach over 2,000 young people with meaningful, potentially life-saving information.



KNIFE CRIME SURVEY

Total Young People
Participated: 262

Blades Down CIC conducted a detailed survey to understand young people's views, knowledge, and experiences related to knife crime in Ellesmere Port. The findings have shaped our ongoing work and support services.



THE RESULTS

WHAT AGE GROUP ARE YOU?

58% aged 10-13

38% aged 13-18

4% Year 5, Age 9

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

46% male

50% female

2% prefer not to say

1% from mixed gender classrooms

DO YOU FEEL YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT KNIFE CRIME IS?

95% said yes

5% said no

HAVE YOU LEARNT ABOUT KNIFE CRIME IN SCHOOL?

67% said yes

33% said no

DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO STAY SAFE FROM KNIFE CRIME?

72% said yes

28% said no

DO YOU KNOW THE LAW ON KNIFE CRIME?

60% said yes

40% said no

DO YOU FEEL SAFE TO WALK THE STREETS OF ELLESMERE PORT?

31% said yes

17% said no

51% said maybe

DO YOU FEEL THAT KNIFE CRIME IS AN ISSUE IN ELLESMERE PORT?

72% said yes

28% said no

THE RESULTS

DOES KNIFE CRIME MAKE YOU FEEL ANXIOUS?

69% said yes

31% said no

HAVE YOU EVER FELT PRESSURED TO CARRY A KNIFE?

2% said yes

90% said no

8% said sometimes

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU WOULD REPORT KNIFE CRIME TO?

84% said yes

16% said no

WOULD YOU REPORT A FRIEND WHO CARRIED A KNIFE?

77% said yes

23% said no

HAVE YOU EVER WITNESSED KNIFE CRIME?

10% said yes

90% said no

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUNG PEOPLE CARRY A KNIFE OR SHARP OBJECT FOR?

40% said protection

36% said status

24% said fear

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES OR HAS CARRIED A KNIFE?

18% said yes

82% said no

DO YOU KNOW THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF CARRYING A KNIFE?

88% said yes

12% said no

DO YOU THINK A KNIFE WOULD PROTECT YOU?

13% said yes

49% said no

38% said maybe

THE RESULTS

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE IMPACTS OF KNIFE CRIME?

90% said yes

10% said no

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ENOUGH SAFE SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HANG OUT IN ELLESMERE PORT?

39% said yes

61% said no

WOULD YOU BENEFIT FROM TALKING TO KNIFE CRIME VICTIMS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPACTS?

38% said yes

18% said no

44% said maybe

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND ON SOCIAL MEDIA PER DAY (INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, SNAPCHAT, X)?

11% said 1 hour or less

33% said 1-3 hours

43% said 3 hours or more

13% said they don't have social media

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BENEFIT FROM FIRST AID TRAINING?

57% said yes

11% said no

32% said maybe

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE ENOUGH STREETLIGHTS IN PARKS?

18% said yes

82% said no

DO YOU THINK A KNIFE AMNESTY BOX WOULD WORK IN ELLESMERE PORT?

36% said yes

18% said no

46% said maybe

DO YOU THINK SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCES YOU?

40% said yes

48% said no

12% said they don't have social media

THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- Suggestions made by the young people of Ellesmere Port

- Do more talks in high schools
- More Youth Groups
- We could have police come into school to tell us about why we shouldn't carry a weapon
- More cameras in parks because i feel unsafe at parks. show in schools what knife crime is
- Think, stop, drop the knife
- By giving people who are carrying knives the chance to own up more often
- Allow people who have committed or have been affected by knife to hold Q&A sessions with members of the public
- Go into school and do a good long talk about the impacts and effects
- Stop, Think And Drop The Knife
- Just stay safe around here and make sure you listen to your parents
- School assembly
- Put up signs saying no knife crime and confiscate knives
- Make posters
- Assembly in school
- Stop, Think and be aware of consequences
- I would report anybody even my friends and people I know and others..
- Maybe have more security cameras at public places
- Teach it more around the UK
- Let the police come and do a slide all about it and we can ask and answer questions
- I would say that we should start putting cameras around areas near houses or on houses so we can catch who did it and so we can catch them
- Understand the consequences. Tell them of the dangers. Tell them about your experience.
- Street lights in Luton park need to be installed
- Get more police officers on the streets and put more street lights in park for night time
- We could have more cameras around on houses and on street lamps so we can see what's happen and then the person has proof on what's happened if knife crime did happen and report it to the police.
- If you are afraid of a fight so afraid that you have to carry a knife, don't do it because you can harm others and its stupid and dumb
- More lights in the parks were kids play/more cameras
- More police cams
- Make knives less sharp so they wont hurt you but make them like be able to cook with.
- More street light for the park and nicer parks with age-ratings
- Make permits for buying knives
- Talk about victims of knife crime and how it is dangerous
- I think there should be more safe spaces for children or adults to go. There should also be an assembly every month in schools, work because a lot of the time is when they have not been told the consequence's so then people take knives and then suffer severe consequences so you should here about other crimes, so you know how to avoid it.
- Bring a prisoner who has used a knife the show us what they caused and how much they regret it

THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- Suggestions made by the young people of Ellesmere Port

- More lights in the areas, more police on the street, more CCTV, amnesty boxes,
- More police and public first aid packs
- More protection strategies
- Have police officers and the Blades down group go into schools for lessons on the impact of knife crime
- Learn about it more in school: talking about the dangers, consequences, etc, have first aid training and be aware on what to do if u were in a situation involving a knife
- Posters (primary school competitions maybe?), having victims giving talks
- I believe you could create knife amnesty boxes around Ellesmere port for people who need to stop carrying one but don't want to turn it in publicly
- More posters, more support, more assemblies
- Victims of knife crimes talk to people in schools. Personally, I don't think knife crime has ever been spoke about in my school and I think it would have a positive benefit on young people if they were to have had a talk about knife crime
- Send victims into Schools
- flyers and advertise it on social media
- Be more aware of it e.g. amnesty box and propaganda
- Teach more about knife crime in schools
- Make more youth clubs
- Put signs up go round schools and tell children it is bad
- I think the angel made out of knives should come back because children and adults were intrigued and wanted to learn more about why it's important in the community.
- Make it a school topic
- A knife crime awareness day where you learn all about it for the whole day in school
- We need to spread the message. We need to stop knife crime
- Lessons in school like PSHE
- Amnesty boxes are a good idea
- Amnesty Box, regular talks in school from victims, witnesses and reformed criminals.
- Posters, meeting, police interviews or with victims.
- Do a lesson about it and a what to do if your witness it happens
- Do more assemblies in school with people coming in talking about their experiences.
- Putting posters up and raising the age to buy a knife to 25.
- Have cameras in the streets to see what people would do and if they was carrying knives on them around the streets of Ellesmere port
- Get cameras and see who carries knives around and see what people have been doing at night when no one is around and there is 1 person by themselves
- Like an interactive talk with loads of activities
- Talks in school, Wolverham primary
- By knives being blunt on the end and sharp on the sides so that it's harder to stab someone
- Get people that have been previously arrested to talk to us about why not to carry knives.
- Make every school have assemblies about
- I think the JJ Effect assembly really made an impact and helped spread awareness

THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- Suggestions made by the young people of Ellesmere Port

- More event to help people who have any experience with knife crime
- Make blunt tips
- In school we had a talk from Byron Highton (whose brother was a victim of knife crime) which I felt was very effective, so I believe more schools should let him come in to speak. The presentation is called the JJ effect.
- Get help shelters and safe shelters.
- Post pictures/Make assemblies etc
- Have school assembly's
- If people say that it's ok to carry knives if it's for protection. I know that there are better ways to protect yourself so maybe you could teach some kind of self defence
- drop in club on knife crime
- More streetlights around parks.
- Send police into schools to talk to the students about knife crime.
- first aid training in case you see a victim of knife crimes bleeding out so you know what to do
- Spread awareness on consequences
- More amnesty boxes and lights on parks
- Make us learn about it more during assembly or during pshe
- More talk about it in school and the consequences of carrying a knife
- More talk about knife crimes
- Have clubs that teach you about knife crime and it's impacts
- Maybe you could arrange like one day a month or something where a knife crime victim says what they went through and the consequences of carrying a knife or maybe more lamps around parks and more place for people to hang out at.
- Put posters up
- Come to high schools and primary schools and tell people over the age of year 4
- Definitely learning how to deal with someone who carries a knife to stay safe and stop people from carrying them by learning about the harm they do
- First aid training more knife crime assemblies
- More assemblies would help inform young people
- make more people aware of the consequences
- Make more people come in to talk about it and make it illegal to carry knives
- Addressing root causes for example poverty or lack of opportunity
- Make it more known and real for the students, assembly's seem too fake and irrelevant in our lives, perhaps videos in forms or pshe
- By talking about it and raising awareness
- Bring someone our age who has experienced it and can actually help relate to us and help us understand the consequences for people our age from someone our age
- Bring the police in to do structured talks about knife crime to influence people not to carry a knife and tell them about the consequences.
- More streetlights and more cameras

PORT AID

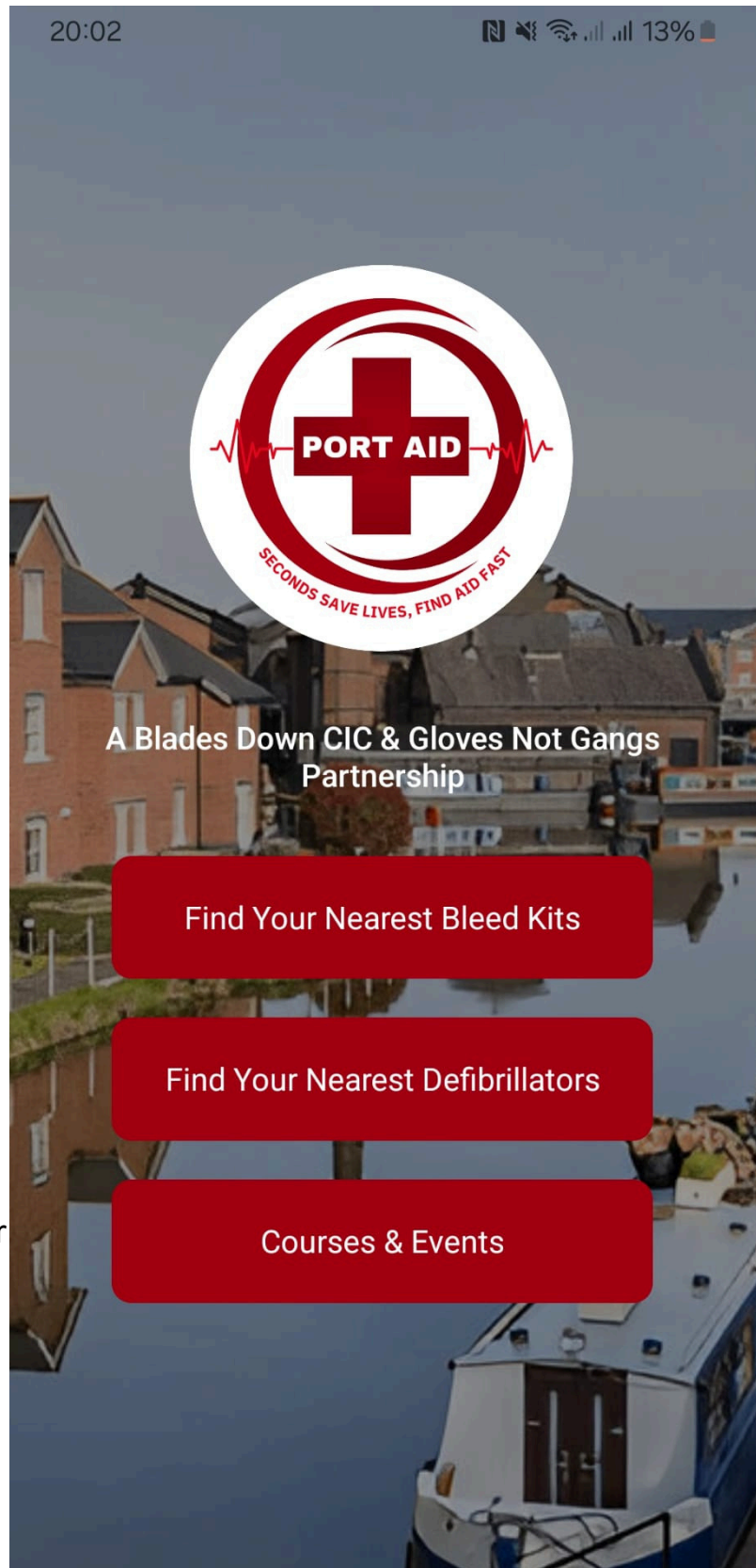
Over the past 12 months, we've been working tirelessly behind the scenes to develop **PORTAID**, our brand-new support app designed to strengthen emergency response, increase access to life-saving equipment, and empower communities through training and connection.

PORTAID has been built with one mission in mind: to save lives. Whether it's locating the nearest Bleed Control Kit, accessing first aid guidance, or signing up for essential training, **PORTAID** is set to become an everyday tool for individuals, organisations, and community groups alike.

Throughout the year, we have:

- Mapped and registered bleed control kits across the town, ensuring they are publicly accessible when seconds count.
- Delivered training to community members, young people, and professionals in emergency first response, equipping hundreds with skills that could save a life.
- Worked in partnership with local organisations to build a network of support that will be accessible through the app.
- Consulted with communities to ensure the app meets real needs and promotes inclusive safety for everyone.

PORTAID will soon be available for public download, bringing together technology and community spirit in a way that's never been done before in our area. It's more than just an app—it's a movement for safer streets, stronger communities, and faster responses when emergencies strike. We'd like to thank every supporter, donor, and partner who has helped bring **PORTAID** to life. Your belief in our vision has helped us create something that will have a lasting impact. **PORTAID** is coming soon. **Be ready. Be informed. Be the difference.**



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PARENTAL FEEDBACK

I think this is amazing project for the children learning them things and giving them confidence and learning new skills scarlett has only been to one session but is looking forward to coming again her words was she loves it. - **Melissa**

Mia absolutely loves coming every week even tho the first week she was scared thinking people would all fight with her. She now bounces home from school on a Thursday to get to boxing. She loves trying different things out and it's helping her adhd brain settle more at night. The staff are all welcoming and very friendly but continue to push the children. - **Angela**

From a parent point of view I found the whole process of signing my daughter up really quick and simple. The form was easy to complete and I was contacted the very next day with a date and time to bring her. Beforehand I was worried that I wouldn't feel good leaving her as shes only 10 but the moment we walked in we were looked after and made to feel welcome. I had no worries at all leaving her and when I collected her I was informed how she had done and she absolutely loved it and can't wait to come back! - **Jemma**

Jaydon really enjoys his sessions with blades down all the staff and children are very good and are encouraging his progress and learning i would like to thank all the team on doing an amazing job and care about guiding the children to enjoy a better future .- **Sharon**

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

I signed my daughter up to the fearless females and knockout violence project after having a few troubles in school and I wanted her to build up her self confidence.

She has been doing the classes for 5 weeks now and always comes out happy and chatting away about the subjects they covered in the fearless females group and all the activities they have done in the knockout violence project. She also has said how comfortable she feels at the groups and that she knows that she can talk to any of the adults there if/when she wants to. I can already see positive changes in her so can't wait to see the things to come for her with the rest of her time in the groups! - **Sophie**

Corey he really enjoys it for fitness, for knowledge and for socialising with friends and I agree with Corey could not fault a thing what you's are doing is amazing! - **Chloe**

Isla really enjoys the sessions. It's building her confidence and learning how to sensibly navigate difficult situation. - **Steve**

I chose for my son to attend the Blades Down programme as he was becoming unruly and getting into endless trouble in and out of school. Since joining my son has become a different child, he is more pleasant, understand boundaries and shows more respect in and out of the house. He lacks confidence in himself but the past few months he has made more friends and is attending more social events. There is still a long way to go with him but finally I think I have found somewhere that he enjoys going to and looks forward to each thursday session so he can let off some steam. - **Emma**

YOUNG PEOPLE FEEDBACK

Blades down has truly changed my life. It's helped me both physically and mentally. I have met so many new friends and many people I can trust. Blades down encouraged me to join boxing which is now my favourite sport and I don't know what I would be doing without it. I have learned to manage my anger in healthy ways, how to protect myself against knife crime, and most importantly I have learned the impact of knife crime and what it can do to others along with lots of other stuff. It has truly been an amazing experience. - **Lacey**

Blades down has really got me enjoying boxing and has become a charity close to my heart and I would encourage anyone and everyone to join in because it really does change your life drastically - **Ben**

I was hanging around with older boys, and my behaviour was getting out of hand. Since the "Fighting For Change" project with the Youth Service and now being apart of The KnockOut Violence Project, my life has completely changed and shown me that there are better choices out there. I've really enjoyed learning new skills, meeting new people, and I love the boxing and exercise that comes with it. I hope that being an ambassador will help others see that change is possible and how great boxing is. - **Riley**

We think this project will really help young people in this area, and we want to be part of the good things that will come from this community project. - **Paul & Tom**



THANK YOU

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the organisations who have supported our work throughout the year. Their contributions have been invaluable in helping us make a positive impact in the community.

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For being our first official Sponsor and donating £1000 to our cause.

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Supporting us with resources and community outreach.

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Partnering to provide safe, positive activities for young people.

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Helping to raise awareness of our projects and events.

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Providing professional design and digital support to enhance our communications.

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Supporting us with resources and community outreach.

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Providing the time for Danni to attend local primary schools to help teach young people the dangers and risk associated with knife crime.

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Providing the KnockOut Violence Project with a free Banner

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Supporting us with free first aid training and trauma training for adults and young people.

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Providing free self defence sessions for young people.

Ellesmere Port Round Table

Being the first to donate towards our bleed kit campaign

There are many more to thank, too many to name but thank you all for believing in our mission and standing with us to create safer futures.

