

The Warrington PEACE Quilt

When a Bomb went off in Warrington killing two little boys out shopping for Mother's Day gifts in March 1993. The Disaster sadness + loss for the Families + the town's folk alerted Peace groups in England + Ireland. And a young Mother from Dublin Susan McHugh formed a group + called it Peace 93. I had been in Peace work in N.I. for almost 20 years then and Susan and her group and some of us from Northern Ireland started a Network with Warrington. A gentleman + his wife Chris Whitehead + Tina Whitehead started a The Warrington Community Peace Walks and they had walks all over England + Ireland North + South. And raised money to help Peace + the Victims. It was through the Networking with the Whitehead Family and the walks when we went to Warrington that we got to know Sylvia Burgess, who had organised with other Women the Making of the Warrington Peace Quilt and on one of our visits when we were Peace walking in Hope St. Liverpool towards the Anglican Cathedral this lady Sylvia and her helpers presented us with the Quilt. We all walked together towards the Roman Catholic Cathedral at opposite end of Hope Street carrying the Quilt. It seemed appropriate walking in Hope St. Full of Hope for Peace in N.I., Warrington + all over. This Quilt was a Emblem for Peace and we were proud to take it home after the Services in Both Cathedrals. It was now 1998. Things were changing and Peace was on the Horizon. Sadly Sylvia is no longer with us. She died of Cancer some time later.

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