



## NEWS RELEASE

### MWO SHOWS “SUPERB QUALITY” – MP

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Maghull Wind Orchestra has been hailed for the high quality of both its music and its organisation by the band’s MP, Bill Esterson.

Mr Esterson, MP for Sefton Central, visited the band at their regular Tuesday rehearsal this week (July 31<sup>st</sup>) to meet the musicians and hear how work is progressing on MWO’s new setlist for their autumn concerts.

He said: “MWO is putting Maghull on the map. It’s brilliant to see such a good quality voluntary organisation working here. It is really important that music and the arts, and sport and other voluntary organisations, are successful and have as much support as possible. Giving people the chance to do something like this for the love of music is incredibly important”.

Mr Esterson was in the audience when Maghull Wind Orchestra played a special 40th anniversary concert at Liverpool’s Philharmonic Hall in June. “The quality at the concert was superb, as was the organisation,” he said. “It looked really professional. The orchestra is clearly very well run. I was very impressed.”

The MP declined an offer from MWO’s musical director Phil Shotton to take the baton and try his hand at conducting, but he did congratulate all members on their achievements.

“Having met Phil Shotton, I can see a big reason why the band is so successful. Having someone who leads from the front in the way that he does makes an enormous difference.”

Kate Warriner, chair of MWO, said: “It was lovely to see Mr Esterson and brilliant that he took the time to drop in and see us. It’s also great that he rates us so highly!”

MWO’s next concert will be at Edge Hill University on Saturday September 22.

- ❖ Maghull Wind Orchestra is a community-based symphonic wind orchestra with over 100 members, drawn from the surrounding area from a broad range of backgrounds. Anyone with a passion for music can join – there are no auditions and no membership fees, making MWO a truly inclusive organisation. The aim of MWO is to provide a high-quality musical experience for all woodwind, brass and percussion musicians, regardless of age or ability, with professional-level directorship headed by the Musical Director Phil Shotton. More information at [www.maghullwindorchestra.co.uk](http://www.maghullwindorchestra.co.uk)