

# Press Release

## Salisbury CND

### 27.9.21

## Final episode of BBC Drama “Vigil” coincides with UN’s International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

Salisbury CND joined with Oxford and Southampton CND and members of other peace groups to draw attention to the extraordinary contrast between the government’s profligate spending on nuclear weapons and their unwillingness to adequately fund the NHS, the nurses pay award, social care and the increasingly pressing measures to counter the climate emergency.

The day was marked by actions at two major nuclear facilities in our area, Aldermaston AWE and Burghfield AWE. These establishments are key to the production and maintenance of our nuclear missiles used within the continuous at sea nuclear submarines, featured in “Vigil”. It is important to note in the context of these contrasting spending priorities, the recent announcement that our stockpile of nuclear warheads is being **increased by 40%**.

A spokesperson for Salisbury CND said “We very much hope that the public will take note of how their tax money is being allocated and come together to say firmly that these are not the correct priorities for our society.”



*Protest at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment*



*Protest at Burghfield Atomic Weapons Establishment*

**More pictures are available via this link**

[https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news\\_items/1850-international-day-for-the-total-elimination-of-nuclear-weapons-26th-september-2021-aldermaston-and-burghfield-awe](https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/news_items/1850-international-day-for-the-total-elimination-of-nuclear-weapons-26th-september-2021-aldermaston-and-burghfield-awe)

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