

# Angry scenes in fight for a crossing



Police lead away a demonstrator from the Tong Road protest.

# 4 arrested—but demo on death road goes on

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**Demonstrators were staging another protest on a Leeds road today — despite angry scenes and four arrests during a similar demo yesterday.**

The protesters are calling for a crossing on Tong Road, New Wortley, Leeds, where four-year-old David Lee Mills, of Grasmere Place, was killed by a lorry earlier this week.

Yesterday angry residents defied rain and police to repeatedly march across the road.

Police made four arrests — and there was drama as one woman clung to a police car as her husband was driven away.

## PETITION

People living in the area have been campaigning for a crossing for years and they claim David need not have died if one had been provided.

Only a few weeks ago, a 600-signature petition was sent to Leeds City Council asking for action to make the road safer.

"We want a crossing," said Mrs. Diane Butterworth, "It has been on the books since at least 1968. We want a crossing now. This road is a death-trap."

Another woman, who had three children with her, said her son had been knocked down there and was lucky to be alive.

## LIVES

Mrs. Margaret Smith said three people had been killed on the road and seven knocked down in the last few years.

"How many more lives are going to be lost?" she said, "We are going to fight even if we have to go to court"

She said they had been criticised for "going about it the wrong way" but they had been trying the "right way" for years and nothing had been done.

Councillor Brian Sanderson (Lab) said the protest was the result of having no success with the County Council.

"They should make this a priority" he said, "soon there is going to be a new school here with 500 extra children across this road."

The protests were organised after an emergency meeting called by New Wortley Community Association. Mr. Ken Storey said yesterday they were undecided about whether there should be another demo tomorrow.