



# PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

## Annual Report 2014



**Prescot Town Mayor Councillor Dave Rigby**

It was an honour to be selected to represent Prescot as its Town Mayor and for Jackie my Wife to accept the role as my Mayoress for the year

During the year we have attended 37 Mayoral engagements both locally and as far afield as Liverpool and Blackburn, which have enlightened and confirmed the wonderful community groups and individuals we have in the town and beyond

Events we have attended throughout the year include the Prescot Arts Festival and many local Charity events where we have been warmly received we have also attended the Mayor of Knowsley M B C Civic Service held at St Gabriel’s Huyton and our own Civic Service at St Marys Church (many thanks to the Reverend Cannon John Taylor) Remembrance Service at Prescot Parish Church, the first Armistice Day Service held at the B I C C Memorial in the Cemetery of Prescot Parish Church We have also visited Willowbrook Hospice where we learnt about its work from their Chief Executive Neil Wright

I would like to thank my Wife, Jackie for her continued support throughout this year

Finally and by no means least a big thank you to the Reverend Cannon John Taylor for being the Mayors Chaplin and all the residents of Prescot and fellow Councillors for your support throughout this Mayoral Year



**DAVE RIGBY TOWN MAYOR**



**Recipients of Donations from the Mayors Charity 2013/20214**

Willowbrook Hospice	£ 1,000
Prescot Church Junior Choir	£ 400
Prescot Historic Society	£ 400
B E G	£ 250
Play World	£ 250
Lickers Lane Pensioners	£ 130





## Prescot Town Council Events



This year the Town Council has organised a variety of events for the benefit of the residents.

The events calendar began with the Prescot Carnival on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Attractions included a large fun fair, a wider range of stalls, for community groups, traders and service providers. Along with Free activities such as dog micro chipping, live performances from local artists, 5 different types of inflatables, reptile workshop birds of prey display and cage football. Around 2000 residents enjoyed the attractions and helped to make the event a success.

This year also saw the return of the Mayor's Parade, with around 100 people participating and we hope to build on this in future years.

The events calendar ended with the Christmas Light Switch on which was joint funded by Prescot Town Team and supported by KMBC. Farther Christmas was extremely busy with requests from around 120 local children who all received a free selection pack and photo. Other attractions included 'Little Donkey' Rides, fairground rides a willow weaving workshop, and a refreshments tent staffed by Elected members and volunteers.

For further information on the events programme please contact the Town Council on 0151 426 3933 or email [enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk)

## Town Clerks Report



I am very pleased to report that the Town Council has made considerable progress against achieving the goals we set for last year.

As many residents will no doubt be aware the Town Council has now taken up residence in the New Town Hall. This is the first time the Town Council has operated from a building that they own outright, which represents a significant milestone in the Town Councils history. Works to replace the old toddler playground at Eaton Street Park were completed at the end of June and doubtless contributed to the park achieving Green Flag status in August (the first time a park in Prescott has received this accolade).

A master plan for future development works to improve the quality and increase the visitor offer at Brown's Field (KGV Prescott) was also completed.

The Town Councils events programme continues to grow with the edition last year of an Armistice Day Service and the revival of the Mayor's Parade while continuing to provide the Prescott Carnival and Christmas Light Switch On.

*Daniel Wilson – Town Clerk – Prescott Town Council*

## Leaders Report



Since 2012 I have had the honour to serve as the Leader of Prescott Town Council. I am really proud to be part of a fantastic team of Councillors who give their time freely to do their very best for the residents of Prescott. Through their commitment and dedication we have achieved a great deal this year including the opening of our purpose built Town Hall, continuing improvements at Eaton Street and our expanding events programme, the largest of any local council in the area. Despite the massive funding cuts we are undergoing we continue to work in partnership with the Local Authority, other partners and the voluntary sector to make Prescott a better place. We recognise how difficult life has become for sections of our community and try to make a difference through our Community Fund, and the free activities we provide at the Carnival and Christmas Light Switch On.

On behalf of The Town Council I would like say a massive "Thank You" to the vibrant community sector we have in Prescott which includes groups, clubs, societies and associations, who work tirelessly for the benefit of people in Prescott. You are the backbone of Society and without you there would be a lot less support in our area. Prescott Town Council is the grass roots of the community and strives to always offer residents the very best, why? Because we truly believe you deserve it.

## Prescot Museum

The Museum presents a range of permanent and temporary displays and exhibitions, celebrating the history of Prescot, including the town's watchmaking past, former industries, local people and businesses and much more. Prescot Museum offers a wide range of services and always strives to increase access to the collection via the following:

- Free information sheets on Prescot's history
- Free Local History Enquiry service
- Prints of museum owned photographs for sale
- Access to a wide range of Local Research Folders (via appointment)
- Free family-friendly activity sheets
- Access to objects in the collection store (via appointment)
- Family-friendly art workshops
- Museum films for sale

The museum also offers a number of exciting resources:

The Living History sessions are historical interactive workshops, for Foundation stage through to Key Stage 2 classes. We can offer exciting sessions in the following areas: Victorian Home Life, Victorian School Room, Victorian Toys, Evacuee, Vikings, Roman Britain and The Tudors. NEW school workshop available to book for 2014: 'World War One', as part of the commemorative activities.

The Mini Museum project is at the heart of Prescot Museum's aim to make the Museum's collection of objects and photographs more accessible to the public. They will be providing exciting displays in community spaces, encouraging interest in the social history of Knowsley. Knowsley Park Centre for Learning is the first venue to host a Mini Museum from February 2014. We have three Mini Museums available to loan to schools, community venues and groups - get in touch to find out more.

Family First Saturdays take place every first Saturday of the month (excluding January) and are free, fun drop-in art workshops in Prescot Centre Activity Room, as led by Prescot

**For more information, go to: [www.prescotmuseum.org.uk](http://www.prescotmuseum.org.uk) or contact the team via: [mail@prescotmuseum.org.uk](mailto:mail@prescotmuseum.org.uk) / 0151 443 5617**



Knowsley Council is delighted to present

# Prescot Museum

Prescot Museum exists to inform and inspire by preserving, promoting and providing access to the cultural heritage of Knowsley through our local history collection, museum displays and educational and outreach programme. We provide a window on the world through our exhibitions and openly encourage visitor interaction in all that we do.

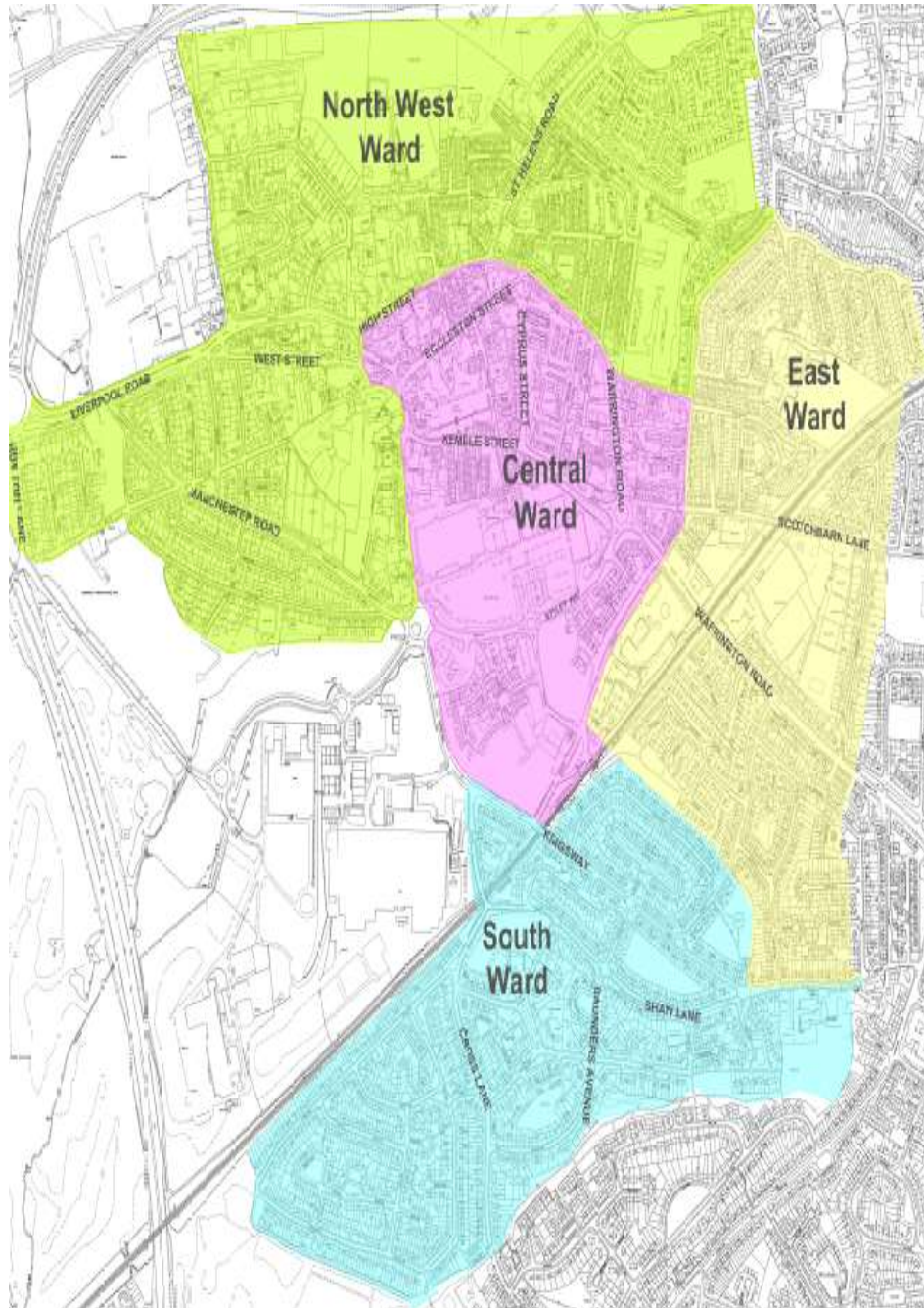
Wherever you see the Cog Family characters in and around the Museum, there will be family-friendly activities to do!

**Museum opening times: Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 3.30pm**  
**Contact details: T: 0151 443 5617 E: [ina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:ina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk) [www.prescotmuseum.org.uk](http://www.prescotmuseum.org.uk)**  
Prescot Museum, The Prescot Centre, Prescot Shopping Centre, Aspinall Street, Prescot, Knowsley, L34 5GA

Knowsley Council  
Knowsley Museum  
Prescot Museum is an Accredited Museum



## Prescot Town Council Ward Map



## Elected Members

### North West Ward – Electorate -3093

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### Central Ward – Electorate -1094

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# Prescot Town Council

## Prescot Town Council Annual Financial Report

Each year the Town Council's accounts are prepared by the Town Clerk and scrutinised by both an Internal and External audit, to ensure they comply with current legislation. Copies of the Accounts are available by request (chargeable) or free from the Council's website [www.prescot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.prescot-tc.gov.uk).

The budget for 2014/15 was agreed at the January meeting of the Council. In spite of public sector funding cuts we are pleased to report that for the 4th year running the Precept levied on residents has remained **frozen** which means the precept has not risen since April 2011.

The 2014 /15 budget allows Prescot Town Council to

- Operate and staff the new Town Hall
- Operate the largest Local Council Community Fund in the Knowsley area, providing funding for local community organisations
- Continue to develop Prescot's green spaces.
- Provide the largest Local Council events programme in the Knowsley area.

## Income and Expenditure Account 2013/14

2012/13	Income	2013/14
£		£
247,334	Precept	184,694
-	Grants/ Rate Refund	67,919
-	Loan Term Loan	499,825
242	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	718
3,028	Administration	5,754
-	Interest	313
<b>250,604</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>759,222</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
34,401	Administration	38,102
12,405	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	28,812
29,094	Town Hall	20,182
1,533	Grants to Outside Bodies	5,934
149,220	Capital Payments	340,709
52,280	Salaries and Wages	67,318
<b>278,933</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>501,057</b>
	<b>Cumulative Fund Balance</b>	
102,993	Balance b/f at 01/04/13	74,664
250,604	Plus Total Income	759,222
278,933	Less Total Expenditure	501,057
<b>74,664</b>	<b>Balance as at 31/03/2014</b>	<b>332,829</b>

## Community News

### Community and Third Sector Groups in Prescott

Prescot has a wide range of active community organisations carrying out different activities, all over the area. For information on what is going on, where and when please contact the Prescot Area Team on 443 5208

### Prescot Town Council Community Fund

The Community Fund is administered under the Council's legal powers and invites applications from all active community organisations operating in the Township of Prescot for the benefit of residents. Applicants can request up to £500 in support of their organisations project or activities provided they can demonstrate they are

- Not for profit and meet the grant criteria
- The organisations project or activities are of clear benefit to the residents of Prescot

Last year, the Town Council simplified its Community Fund Application Form, and made it available on line. Members of the Council have been really pleased to see a substantial increase in applications this year and hope this trend continues.

For more information on how to apply visit the Town Council website [www.prescot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.prescot-tc.gov.uk)

The Town Council are proud that they have been able to support applications from:-

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Awarded £
Westgarth Utd Junior Football Club	Training Equipment, to set up new under? team	500
St Mary's Church	Contribution towards maintenance of the Church Clock	500
Friends of Eaton Street Park	Purchase of outdoor furniture to support ongoing park events	250
St Pauls Social	Purchase of new catering equipment to enable weekly social inclusion activities	466
Facing Life and Pain	Contribution towards the cost of specialist equipment	500
Knowsley Disability Concern	Direct Payments advice and guidance drop in sessions	500
Prescot Cables - Young tigers	Support towards costs of funday	100
Prescot Hockey Club	Equipment to enable a veterans participation scheme	350
Prescot Army Cadets	Contribution towards the costs of new equipment	500
Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts	Contribution towards running costs of the festival	500
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,166</b>
In addition to the Community Fund the Town Council have also sponsored a <b>free</b> shuttle bus from Prescot to the Knowsley Flower Show. This will enable Prescot Residents to attend the event. Bus timetable available on the website.		<b>300</b>



## Prescot Townscape Heritage Initiative

The Prescot Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) started in March 2013 following a grant for £1.848 million awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to Knowsley Council. Its aim is to help regenerate the town's historic centre by repairing, restoring and re-using historic buildings, and improving public spaces. The five year project will invest £3.2 million in Prescot, with the HLF, Knowsley Council and Knowsley Housing Trust the main funders.

The THI will target the buildings in the town centre that will have the biggest impact on improving the character and appearance of the conservation area. These buildings are around Eccleston Street and Market Place.

So far, grants of over £550,000 have been allocated for seven buildings. These grants will:

- Repair these buildings using traditional materials, techniques and details
- Restore the historic style windows, doors, chimneys and details to these properties
- Create 10 new flats in the town centre
- Create two new commercial units within the ground floor
- Bring a total of 13 empty storeys back into full use
- Restore a total of seven shop fronts to traditional styles
- Create opportunities for apprentices, on-the-job training, work experience or training
- Enable local people to interact with the town's heritage

- Generate at least £200,000 of private investment in the buildings
- Help to revitalise Eccleston Street, Market Place, Atherton Street and High Street.

This is only the start - more buildings will be improved as part of the project. Negotiations are continuing with a number of building owners and their architects. Over £1.8 million of grants will be used to improve and restore historic buildings in the town centre.

The THI has been working closely with partners including Prescot Town Council, Prescot Town Team, Prescot Heritage Hub and Knowsley Council. It provides an opportunity to engage with a wide range of people on Prescot's rich and diverse heritage.

The THI is represented at local events, including the Elizabethan Fayre, Prescot Carnival and The Tour of Britain. It will provide a regular programme of events and ways for people to be involved, helping to understand the town's heritage and shaping its future.

For further information and how you can get involved, visit [www.prescotthi.org.uk](http://www.prescotthi.org.uk)



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts

Arts in Prescot is a voluntary community organisation promoting and organising arts, culture and entertainment events in Prescot. The highlight of Arts in Prescot is the 10 day Prescot Festival. The first Prescot Festival was a two day festival, held in June 2005. The current ten day format was premiered in 2007 and has been the format ever since. Previous Prescot Festivals have included special guest stars such as actress Honor Blackman, actor Peter Sallis and a screening of Willy Russell's "Our Day Out" by permission of the author himself. In 2010, Arts in Prescot also hosted the Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

This year's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Prescot Festival was a special celebration running from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and showcased the best of local, regional and nationwide talent. It featured a concert of highlights from 100 years of Classic Light Music, a choral spectacular including the Prescot Festival Chorus performing Handel's *Messiah* and several local community choirs, as well as an organ recital by Festival Patron Prof. Dr. Ian Tracey, Organist to the City of Liverpool and Organist Titulaire at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.

There was also the annual Schools' Verse Speaking Festival, a poetry evening, Young Instrumentalist of Prescot competition, and an evening involving a three-course dinner and entertainment from Dr Jazz and the Cheshire Cats. The second Festival weekend began with songs from the shows from the multi-award winning Centenary Theatre Company and continued with our 10<sup>th</sup> Festival Gala Concert featuring Foden's Brass Band. The Festival was brought to a climax with choral evensong in Prescot Parish Church and a Last Night of the Proms style concert with Maghull Wind Orchestra.

If you would like to get involved with Arts in Prescot then Robert would love to hear from you! The Friends of the Festival are the grassroots volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the Prescot Festival, and Arts in Prescot's year-round programme of arts, entertainment and culture events, a success. There are usually five meetings each year, at which the Friends are invited to hear what is happening and share their views. We also reward Friends of the Festival with the occasional social event - a way to say thank you for their hard work and commitment. To be a Friend of the Festival, simply come along to a meeting and sign up – the meeting schedule is available at [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk) Planning has already started for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Prescot Festival which runs from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015!

By Dr Robert Howard Festival Director



## Green Space Developments Browns Field Master Plan

Last year the Town Council allocated £5,000 to the development of a Master Plan for Browns Field. Following Consultation with park users the Master Plan was completed in July 2013 and includes:-

- New footpath network
- New ball stop fences
- New modern changing facilities
- Complete pitch drainage schemes for all four pitches
- New toddler play area
- Installation of CCTV
- Park benches
- Parking area
- Additional litter bins

The cost of making the plan a reality will be around £1 million and the Town Council will now begin the process of applying for funding to deliver on these aspirations. The plan is depicted on the opposite page along with some images to give an idea of the finished park.

## Browns Field Master Plan





## Green Space Developments

### Eaton Street Recreation Ground

Last year The Town Council in partnership with KMBC funded the replacement of the old toddler playground at Eaton Street Recreation Ground at a cost of £30,000, and entered the Park for Green Flag Award. We are now very proud to be able to announce that for the first time Prescot now has a park which has achieved a Green Flag Award (the highest recognition for public open space in the UK). The Town Council, KMBC and the Friends of Eaton Street Recreation Ground have worked together to ensure Eaton Street Park has received the recognition it deserves as one of the best green spaces in Knowsley. For more information on the Green Flag Award visit:-

<http://greenflag.keepbritaintidy.org/awards/green-flag-award/>

The next development for Eaton Street Recreation Ground will be the replacement of the old Porta Cabins on site. The Town Council is currently working with KMBC, The Friends of Eaton Street Recreation Ground and the bowling club on a replacement strategy for the facilities. For more information of what is happening in the park visit:-

<http://eatonstreetpark.org.uk/>

Before



After



## **New Town Hall for Prescott**

As reported last year the Town Council began the development of the former Fusilier Public House into a New Town Hall for Prescott.

The Town Council is extremely pleased to say that it has now taken up residence in the New Town Hall. The Building was officially opened on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 by the Mayor of Prescott Cllr David Rigby and Mrs Margaret McEgan wife of Cllr Derek McEgan who sadly passed away in 2013.

The New Town Hall is centrally located within Prescott Town Centre to offer the best available access to residents wishing to utilise the facility. The building accommodates the business needs of the Town Council and provides a range of facilities for community use including:-

- A multipurpose function room for group activities and private functions
- A licensed bar and kitchen facility
- Accessibility for all including enhanced disabled facilities and an accessibility lift.
- A conference room available for public use
- Small meeting room/s available for public use
- A secure car park to serve users of the building
- Long stay parking options

The development of the New Town Hall represents a considerable investment of around £750k and will bring an increased financial pressure to the Town Council. However, reducing costs and increasing income in other areas has meant that the Council have been able to maintain a freeze on the Precept requirement.

The Town Hall is proving to be a popular venue for both private functions and community activities including:

Open Collage of Sign Language

NHS – Community Cooks

Prescot Kumon – After Schools - Math's and English Tutorials

NHS – Fitness Programme

Prescot Over 55's Deaf Club

Aerobics

**For more information on how book the facilities at the Town Hall please call us on 0151 426 3933,**

**Email us at [enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk)**

**Or visit the Town Council website to download the booking form and check the online calendar on our facilities page at <http://www.prescot-tc.gov.uk/>**

External Before



External After





**Internal Ground Floor Before**



**Internal Ground Floor After**









**First Floor Conference Room**



**Council Chamber**





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## Friends of Prescot Cemetery



The Friends of Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard have done amazingly well this year. We have done a tremendous amount of work, especially in the churchyard, and have uncovered graves which haven't seen daylight for many years. In October we held a small, moving service of dedication after we erected a memorial in remembrance of all the babies, stillborn, new-born and older children who are buried in unmarked graves. We have just completed planting of approximately 12,000 bulbs of daffodils and tulips which will line the path of the churchyard. We will have a stall at Prescot lights switch on, and will also have a Christmas tree remembrance service in the cemetery on Sunday 14th Dec at 2 pm, where you can make out cards to remember your loved ones which will be hung on the Christmas tree. You can find us on Facebook and on [www.prescotcemetery.org.uk](http://www.prescotcemetery.org.uk) or we meet on Saturday afternoons 1 - 4 pm.