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This newsletter is produced to help keep Prescot Residents up to date with the activities of the council, and local events of public interest. If you represent a local community organisation, or philanthropic group, and you would like to be featured in our next edition please send us your communication and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please be advised, inclusion will be on a first come first served basis.

## Local group takes second prize in national competition

Prescot Older Peoples Club were thrilled to have taken second place in Stoves national Community Kitchen Competition. The Club beat off competition from ten other organisations around the country to receive £3,000 worth of kitchen equipment. The club who operate from Prescot Town Hall will use the equipment to improve the existing kitchen facilities at the Town Hall and hopefully increase the groups capacity to engage with even more residents.



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## Have your say on the future of Greenspace in Knowsley

As residents may be aware Prescot Town Council are responsible for the maintenance of two of the Towns three public open spaces being Eaton Street Park and Browns Field. These sites were originally leased from Knowsley Council in 1991 for a period of 99 years.

Public Sector Funding Cuts are forcing local authorities across the country to rethink the way in which it delivers services and the provision of Parks and Public Open Space is no exception. Knowsley Council are currently carrying out consultation into the findings of an independent review board which has been convened to look into various delivery methods for the future of Knowsley Green Spaces. The board have returned two options one of which would see the creation of a Trust and the transfer of all responsibilities for Greenspace to that trust. The Trust would require the creation of an endowment fund from which an income would be derived that pay the ongoing running costs for the trusts activities. In order to create the endowment the Council would need to sell off a proportion of its existing land estimated at around 10% of its total portfolio.

As with any consultation the more feedback received the better, therefore the Town Council would urge residents to access the Knowsley Parks and Greenspaces Review Board website at <http://knowsleyparksboard.co.uk> and complete the online questionnaire.

### **What will this mean for Prescot's Parks**

The provision of public open space is important to Prescot Town Council with around 17% of the total budget spent in that area. At present the idea of a trust is still a concept and is only at consultation stage. Should the concept of the trust be realised, it would seem the Town Council have a number of options including the continuation of the existing lease agreement, the surrender of the leases to the trust or potentially something in-between where the financial burden on the Town Council is reduced but it retains a say in the future of Prescot's Public Open Space. At present all of these ideas are hypothetical, we will endeavour to keep our residents informed as the process continues.

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## New Defibrillator for Eaton Street Park and Prescot Cables FC

The provision of portable defibrillators in public spaces has soared in recent years. Prescot Town Centre is well covered with defibrillators located at Prescot Town Hall, Prescot Shopping Centre and outside Weatherspoon's. The lifesaving potential of these devices is well documented with organisations such as the Oliver King Foundation (<http://theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk/>) actively promoting their installation.

Prescot Town Council have recently purchased another defibrillator to be used at Eaton Street Park and Prescot Cables FC. Funding for the new defibrillator was provided by Joanne Burke who personally raised the £1,000 required to purchase the defibrillator and associated training.



The training package was delivered through Primary First Training (located on Eaton Street) on behalf of the Oliver King Foundation and saw a total of 20 individuals from Friends of Eaton Street and Prescot Cables FC trained in the use of the defibrillator.

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## Prescot Town Council Community Fund

Each year Prescot Town Council allocate a sum of money to support local community organisations, which enables it to provide Small Grant Funding of up to £500 for local community projects. In order to apply for funding organisations must be:

- Located in Prescot or predominantly serving the people of Prescot
- Properly Constituted
- Have a bank account with at least two signatories (unrelated individuals)
- And provide a clear benefit to the residents of Prescot

Recent successful applications have been made by:



### **Prescot & Odyssey Cricket Club (Left)**

Contribution to the cost of ground improvements. These improvements will support the sustainability of the ground as the club progress through the divisions.



### **Friends of Eaton Street Park (right)**

contribution to the cost of the Party in the Park event. This large local event is held to raise awareness of the park and raise money for Park infrastructure improvements.



### **The Whitechapel Centre**

Contribution to the cost of sports equipment to enable diversionary activities for children at Yates Court.

For further details on how to apply please visit our website at [www.prescottowncouncil.com](http://www.prescottowncouncil.com) call us on 0151 426 3933 or email us at [enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk)