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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.



Following a period of redevelopment the LOVE Prescot website has now been relaunched. Administration of the site has been taken over by the Town Council in an effort to ensure appropriate levels of resources can be introduced to keep the site up to date and maximize its potential benefit to the Town. The concept of the site was originally the product of the Prescot Town Team a collaboration of local businesses and other key stakeholders, whose aim it was to encourage greater footfall into the Town through the enhancement of the visitor offer. The LOVE Prescot site was the vehicle to reach a wider audience. The new site continues to showcase all that is great about our town for those visiting and also for those living in Prescot. We would love to hear from you if you have anything that you think can be added to the site, both from a business and a community point of view.

You can contact us on the address above or through the site itself [www.loveprescot.co.uk](http://www.loveprescot.co.uk)



# Community Newsletter Summer 2018 Edition

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## COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- **COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Mayor of Prescot Cllr Dave Rigby had the pleasure of presenting this years Community Achievement Awards to Leah Whitehead (Citizen of the Year) and Friends of Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery (Community Group of the Year). At only 14 years old Leah is the youngest ever winner of this award and has been recognised for her outstanding personal achievement in charitable fundraising. Her achievements have included raising over £25,000 for local charities and launching an appeal that saw 2,500 Easter Eggs collected for her fellow patients at Alder Hey Hospital. Leah's achievements are all the more special as during this time she has been undergoing treatment for Leukemia. Thankfully Leah has now reached the end of her treatment, and we are sure everyone in Prescot wishes this special individual all the very best for the future.



- **PRESCOT A TOWN ON THE UP**

- **MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND RECIPIENTS 2017-18**

- **RELAUNCH OF LOVE PRESCOT WEBSITE**



This years winner of the Community Group of the Year was the Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard, initially formed in 2012 after a call went out to the local community to take action to address the declining state of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard. Since that time the group have

transformed the site into a Green Flag Award winning space. In doing so they have made a considerable contribution to the aesthetic of the town particularly the display they provide at the BICC war memorial for Armistice Day.



## Prescot a Town on the up!

A recent article in the New York Times caused considerable consternation amongst residents when it highlighted Prescot as a prime example of the effects of central government austerity policy. Whilst it is undeniable that the town and residents have suffered as a result of the governments austerity policy, the report was considered by many to be misleading with inaccurate statements about the loss of the library and museum. It also failed to recognise the level of positive feeling in the town regarding the new developments such as Shakespeare North and Market Place developments, the investment in improved connectivity from the Railway station, new hotel and fire and police station to name but a few.



Vision for Market Place

The effects of this development are already being seen and are providing a positive feel around Prescot which is in turn encouraging investment into the Town. In addition to those larger projects mentioned above the Town Centre



has seen a good level of investment through the Heritage Lottery Funded Town Scape Heritage Initiative administered by KMBC. The Town Centre has also benefited from new additions to the leisure economy with the arrival of The Bard Micro

Pub and imminent Pinion—the new crowd funded restaurant. So high was the interest in Pinion that the initial funding target of £50,000 was smashed within one hour with a total of £86,624 pledged by 1,193 people over the course of 24 hours. Surely that is a strong indication of confidence and positivity for both the restaurant and the Town in general.

Ignoring austerity only serves the interests of those who have implemented such policies by hiding its negative effects, it is unfortunate that the NY Times article did not reflect the success of the Town and Knowsley Council in spite of the challenges faced by austerity and chose to focus only the negatives instead. Is the Prescot Renaissance just around the corner? many think so, 1,193 at least or are they just the hungry ones, we think the future is bright.

## Mayor's Charity Fund Recipients 2017-18

Each year the Mayor of Prescot raises money through the Mayor's Charity Fund to donate to local worthy causes. This year's outgoing Mayor Cllr Jennifer Chadwick raised a whopping £3,850 which was split between seven local charities and community groups as pictured below.

Owen McVeigh Foundation £1,000



Willowbrook Hospice £1,000



Friends of Eaton Street Park £200



Prescot Historical Society £200

Friends of Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery £200



Donations were also made to Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation £1,000 and 1<sup>st</sup> Prescot Scout Group £250, unfortunately no representatives from these organisations were available to attend the event.