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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.

Prescot diners spoilt for choice

Prescot is about to play host to a culinary explosion. The positivity generated by the Shakespeare North Project has seen a massive influx of restaurants and eateries in the Town. Most recent additions include Pinion (the first crowd funded restaurant in the area) which will be providing modern European cuisine from 39 Eccleston Street.

The next new arrival is Kingsmen a street food inspired restaurant situated in the former Red Lion Pub. Their menu includes dishes from around the world along with a wider range of tea and coffee, world beers and wines.

Urbano Chiringuito a Balearic bar and charcuterie is set to breathe new life into the old wool shop. Mate Bistro will be opening up following the completion of the public realm works at Market Place.

These new eateries will add an extra dimension to the other recent arrivals Albion Bakehouse, The Bard and Station House Café.



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- **TOWN
COUNCIL
RECOGNISED
WITH LOCAL
COUNCIL
AWARD**

Town Council Recognised with Local Council Award

As part of its continued commitment to providing quality services, Prescot Town Council have adopted the principles and standards set out by the National Association of Local Councils in its Local Council Award Scheme. These standards are put in place to ensure consistency for local councils and provide a model of best practice in their operations. There are three levels of attainment within the awards, foundation, quality and gold each representing a more comprehensive achievement. In achieving the foundation Level of the Local Council



Awards Prescot Town Council has demonstrated that it has the documentation and information in place for operating lawfully and according to standard practice. The Council also has policies for training councillors and

officers and is building a foundation for development and improvement. This is the first time Prescot Town Council has been accredited with a quality assurance award since its creation in 1983 and fully intends to build upon the foundation that this award represents. The Award was presented at the Executive Meeting of the regional body the Lancashire Association of Local Councils held on Saturday 8th September 2018 by its President Rt Hon Sir Robert Atkins and was accepted on behalf of the Town Council by the Mayor and Mayoress of Prescot Cllr Dave Rigby and his wife Jackie, along with the Town Clerk Daniel Wilson.

- **GREEN SPACE
MATTERS
RECOGNISING
OUR PUBLIC
OPEN SPACE
HEROS**

- **PRESCOT SET
FOR CULINARY
EXPLOSION**

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Recognising Our Greenspace Hero's

As we all know Prescot is blessed with a strong and vibrant community. Within this community exists many groups of people who come together to provide their time for the benefit of the Town and those living in it. It is usually very difficult to quantify the actual benefit these groups provide to the Town as they mean different things to different people for instance some groups provide an opportunity for social interaction, some provide an opportunity to engage with like minded people about a particular interest, others have a more tangible benefit and some do all of the above.

In a quirk of fate and somewhat of a silver lining to the cloud that was the recent Greenspace Trust proposal, we are now able to quantify the cash benefit of the tangible contributions made by our parks groups. Detailed cost estimates regarding the capital maintenance (maintenance of items with a useful life of more than one year or things outside of cutting, pruning and litter picking) of the Town's public open space were made available to the Town Council during the consultation process for the Greenspace Trust proposal. This newly provided information has given a greater insight into the full costs of maintaining the Town's Public Open Space and will allow the Town Council to make appropriate plans and budget provision to ensure the long term provision of public open space amenities. Previously this type of maintenance was carried out as needed. The total estimated costs of capital maintenance of all of the Town's designated public open space over the next 25 years accounting for inflation is around £2,1253,82 or £86,502 per annum. The contributions made by our parks community groups can go a long way to reducing this cost by taking direct action and to complete the works themselves and by supporting funding applications to carry out capital maintenance works to improve, replace or repair damaged infrastructure that would otherwise be met through the precept.



An excellent example of this, is the actions of the Friends of KGV Brown's Field and Carr Lane Woods. The newly formed group approached the Town Council in early June with an offer to repaint the trip rail and changing facilities on the park in time for the Prescot Carnival. The Town Council were happy to provide the paint with the friends providing the labour. This one action alone has saved a whopping £13,909. To put this into perspective when this figure is divided by the number of Band D equivalent properties in Prescot it represents a saving of £4.70 per household. What a contribution to the local community.



The support of the Friends of Eaton Street enabled the Town Council to access £50,000 of funding to replace the old bowling pavilion at Eaton Street Recreation Ground. Since that time the group have blossomed and now offer a comprehensive events programme including a Father Christmas Grotto, Easter Egg Hunt and Party in the Park Event from which they raise money to support the capital maintenance of the park with items such as replacement seating. The groups most recent event was a Music in the Park event providing local artists with the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. The Friends also host a weekly tea in the park afternoon on Sundays. The in kind cost of organising and volunteering for these events can be calculated at £31,292 annually.



The Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard have been active over the past six years and in that have been able to make a considerable impact on the look of the public open space. In supporting KMBC with funding applications and carrying out maintenance works to restore the old graves, footpath network and provide additional signage to tell the story of the Cemetery and Churchyard they have played a major part in the site achieving Green Flag status as pictured above. The Friends are also responsible for the outstanding work on the BICC memorial each November to remember our fallen.