



Prescot Town Council Annual Report 2018





Prescot Town Mayor Cllr Jennifer Chadwick

It has been an honour to serve as the 2017-2018 Mayor of Prescot alongside my husband Howard who was my Consort and support throughout my term.

I set myself three targets for the year: to represent the People of Prescot, to Chair Council meetings fairly and efficiently and to continue the tradition of raising funds for the Mayoral charities. I trust that I have made some progress in meeting these goals. Before reviewing my Mayoral term, I would like to thank the staff from the town council along with the town councillors for their continued support throughout the year.

I have been amazed by the sheer number of voluntary organisations working in our community. I have met hundreds of people working selflessly in and for Prescot providing a whole range of services.

One of my first and memorable duties was presenting the Prescot Community Recognition awards. These were awarded to Rob and Laura Howard on behalf of the Prescot Festival of Music and Arts group and Betty Brown for her tireless work recording the history of St Mary's Church, Prescot. These were the first Citizenship awards which were initiated by Prescot Town Council which will now continue to be an annual event.

Over the year I have represented Prescot Town Council in many ways, attending memorial services both local and further afield, opening new venues, attending award ceremonies, many of which being at Whiston Hospital, visiting schools and our local hospice



Willowbrook. We attended every event at the Festival of Music and Arts which gave us such pleasure, and the Prescott Carnival was once again a huge success enhanced by the glorious weather on the day. However, one of our most enjoyable duties was attending the many Christmas carol concerts organised by local schools.

A big thank you goes to the Rev. John Taylor from St Mary's Church Prescott for his and his colleagues help in arranging the Civic service, also holding the service on Armistice day and the service for the FOPCC Christmas tree dedication ceremony.

It has been a huge pleasure and a privilege to represent Prescott as your Mayor.

*Recipients of Donations from
the Mayors Charity 2017/2018*



I was very proud to have raised just over £3,850 which was split between the following local organisations:

Willowbrook Hospice	£1,000
Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation	£1,000
Owen McVeigh Foundation	£1,000
1st Prescott Scout Group	£250
Friends of Prescott Churchyard and Cemetery	£200
Prescot Historic Society	£200





Prescot Town Council Events Program

Over the last five years the Town Council has steadily built up a diverse events programme. All of our events are organised paid for, delivered and staffed by the Town Council.

EVENT	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES	MONTH
Community Recognition Awards and Mayor Making	Town Hall	The community recognition awards were introduced to celebrate the contributions and achievements of community groups and individuals to the town. This event is run in conjunction with the Annual Mayor Making Event, where the outgoing Mayor makes donations to various local organisations.	May/June
The Mayors Parade The only event of its kind in Knowsley	Eccleston Street to Wood Lane.	Parade led by Prescot Army Cadets and the Mayor supported by local community groups of all ages.	June
Prescot Carnival The only event of its kind in Knowsley	Brown's Field, Wood Lane.	Large Fun Fair, a wide array of free activities such as bouncy castles, reptile workshops, cage football, Variety performances, and traders stalls.	June
Armistice Day Service	BICC Memorial Prescot Cemetery, Manchester Road.	Memorial Service for local residents, supported by St Mary's church and Our Lady Immaculate Church, and The Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard and local schools.	November
Prescot Christmas Lights Switch On The only event of its kind in Knowsley	Eccleston Street / Prescot Shopping Centre.	This event includes Father Christmas's Grotto, DJ Roadshow, Children's Fair Ground rides, donkey rides, willow weaving workshop, community stalls, catering tent, and of course the big switch on.	Last weekend in November or first in December

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

Town Clerk's Report



It's been another eventful year in Prescott, the Town has seen a great deal of activity with arrival of the new Fire and Police Station, works have begun on the new Shakespeare North Theater, the former BICC Site is in the process of being developed, the first stage of which has seen a brand new Home Bargains store created, whilst works have also begun on the Prescott Park estate which will see the creation of around 750 new homes on the former industrial site. Development of this nature is a real positive for the Town, the transformation from disused industrial land to housing can only help to add to our burgeoning community and bring further prosperity to the Town. However, both I and members of the Town Council were very sad to hear of Knowsley Council's announcement that it plans to sell off King George V Memorial Playing Fields (known locally as Brown's Field) for further housing development. Since the time of the announcement the Town Council have worked extremely hard with local residents to seek an alternative to the loss of such an important site within Town. The loss of this site will substantially reduce access to greenspace in Prescott and will all but eradicate free access to an area where team sports can be played such as football, rugby, cricket etc within the Town, the loss of this park would also see an end to the Prescott Carnival, the last true community event of its type in the local area.

Daniel Wilson

Town Clerk - Prescott Town Council



Town Council Leader's Report

Firstly, can I thank fellow Town Councillors for their support over the last year. Who as always give their time freely for the good of the Town. It has not been an easy year with further cuts to our budget, a Community Governance Review aimed at reducing the size of your Council, and also a Review of Green Spaces which if it goes ahead will see open spaces sold off. The latter two proposals are with the support of the whole Council being resisted, and with the help of you the community we hopefully can defeat these.

The Town Council despite the cuts still continues to provide Events for you the valued members of our community, Carnival, Christmas Lights and Citizen of the Year and many more supported Events.

I hope and feel as all Councillors do that we are coming together as one huge community for the benefit of Prescott.

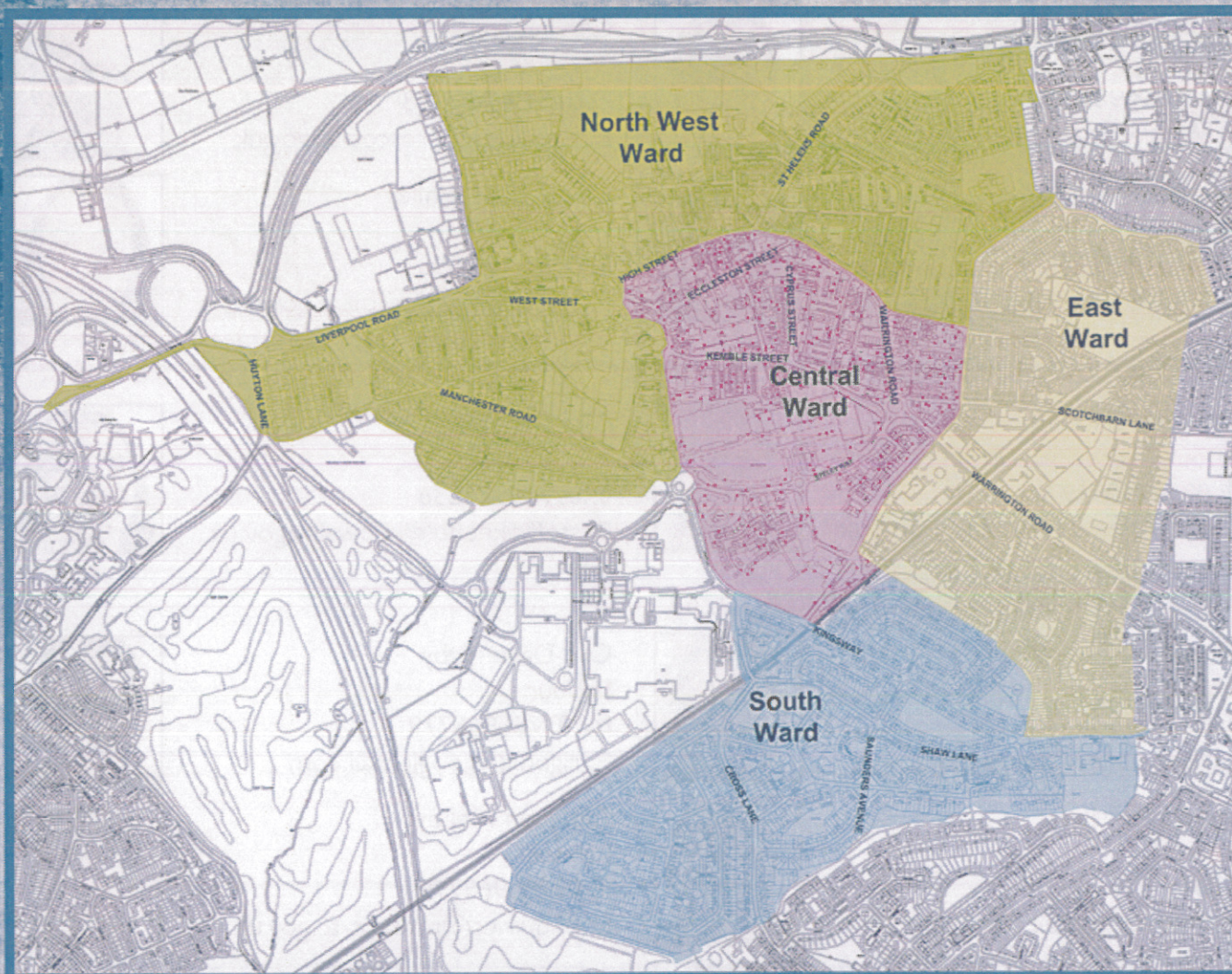
Finally, it has been a pleasure to serve as Leader of Prescott Town Council. A big thank you to you the Community the Councillors and Staff.

Cllr D Rigby

Leader Prescott Town Council



Prescot Town Council Ward Map



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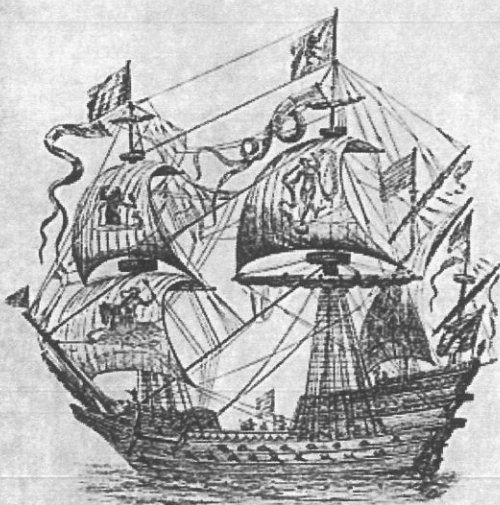


Prescot Town Council Annual Financial Report

After five years of successive cuts the Town Council have now suffered the complete withdrawal the Council Tax Support Scheme, meaning that our funding has been cut by around £67,000, in addition to this within the same period the Town Council have had to take on other financial responsibilities such as the grounds maintenance of the parks and provision of Christmas lights, meaning the cumulative financial pressures have added up to circa £96,000 or around 35% of our current budget.

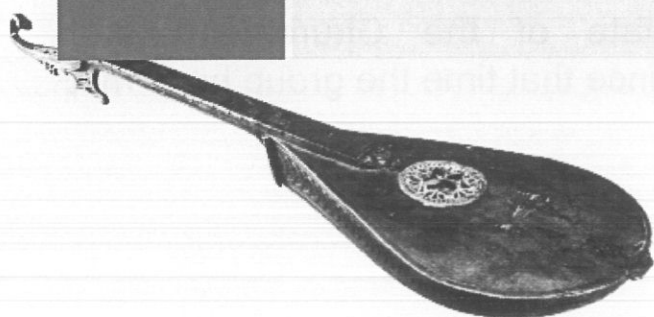
The Town Council is now completely funded through precept and its operating income from the Town Hall. The Town Council agreed its annual budget in February and chose to keep its precept frozen at £79.55 per band d property. In order to achieve this, it has meant reducing expenditure in some areas including parks development and events, but this does not mean that activities in these areas will stop they have simply been reducing in line with the budget requirements for this year. The new development at Prescot Park will provide sustainable additional income to the Town Council in future years that can then be used to invest in the Town's infrastructure and public events, thereby increasing the offer to residents of Prescot.

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



PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL **Income & Expenditure Account 2017/18**

2016/17 £	<u>Income</u>	2017/18 £
203,653	Precept	230,303
45,433	Grants/Rate Refund	22,109
3,562	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	3,571
9,009	Administration	3,224
32,620	Town Hall Income	39,007
105	Interest	83
294,382	Total Income	298,297
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
36,647	Administration	24,519
53,329	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	43,526
66,351	Town Hall	65,403
4,663	Grants to Outside Bodies	7,981
-	Capital Payments	-
110,833	Salaries and Wages	122,002
271,823	Total Expenditure	263,430
	<u>Cummulative Fund Balance</u>	
92,263	Balance b/f at 01/04/15	114,822
294,382	Plus Total Income	298,297
271,823	Less Total Expenditure	263,431
114,822	Balance as at 31/03/2017	149,688





Community

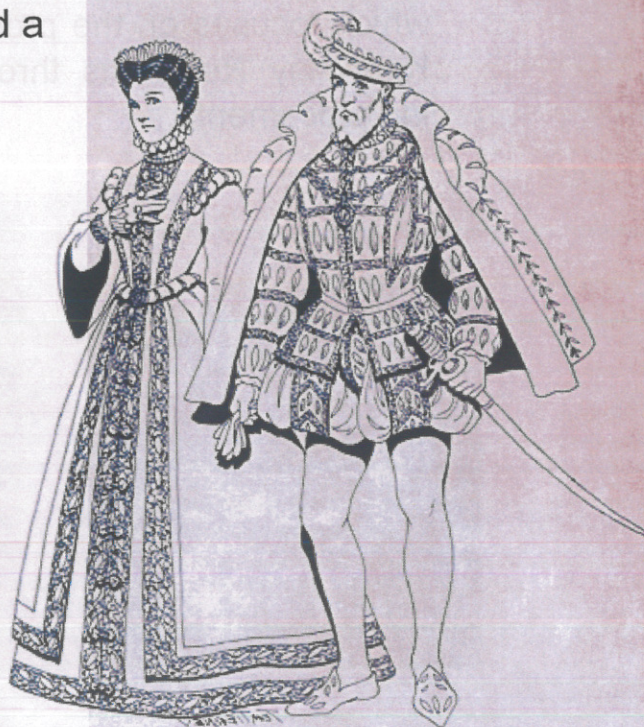


Prescot benefits from a wealth of community and voluntary organisations, that helps to improve both the area and the wellbeing of residents. The Town Council believe strongly that the efforts of our unsung heroes who contribute to the betterment of the Town should be celebrated. To achieve this the Town Council introduced the Prescot Community Recognition Awards in 2017. There are two awards, one for Citizen of the Year and another for Community Group of the year. Both awards are presented by the incoming Mayor at the annual Mayor Making and Community Awards event in May/June. Once again, the competition was extremely tight, the panel were however able to agree the winners of this year's awards as being:

Miss Leah Whitehead - pictured overleaf - to spite having to overcome a massive personal battle with Leukemia, Leah has tirelessly raised over £23,000 for various local charities. Her selfless approach to life is been truly inspiring and more than worthy of any award the Town Council can bestow. We wish Leah all the very best for the future and are proud to be able to recognise her valuable contribution to our Town.

The Friends of Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery - the group was initially formed in 2012 after a call went out to the local community to take action to address the declining state of the Churchyard and Cemetery. Since that time the group have met

on Saturday mornings to carry out litter picks, restore footpaths, restore some of the damaged graves and raise funds to provide infrastructure improvements to the site. The groups ambitions were realised when in 2017 the Churchyard and Cemetery was awarded a Green Flag.





New Lease of Life for Bryer Road Community Centre

Innovate Volunteering who have recently taken over the running of Bryer Road Community Centre are a Knowsley Based Social Enterprise which focuses on the promotion of emotional health and wellbeing of Knowsley Residents through engagement in good quality volunteering placements.



Our teams of volunteers support us to deliver a wide range of community-based projects

- ourHUB - A community hub based on the St Johns Estate consisting of a 'pay what you can afford' Community Shop as well as a safe space where local residents can access the support of a Community Navigator Volunteer whose role is to link local residents up to local groups, activities and services, a listening ear, in addition to, an opportunity to meet up with other local people over a cup of tea. From the hub we also run a music group, a medical advice hour, a dementia tea-time singing group, homework clubs, breakfast clubs and an adult social care drop in.
- RAFT - Relationship Awareness for Teenagers, a Youth Social Action project which engages teenagers in volunteering opportunities
- Knowsley Community Navigators - Commissioned by KMBC, Community Navigators link local residents up to groups and activities within Knowsley to reduce social isolation and help prevent/delay the need for adult social care provision.

We are delighted to have taken over the lease of Bryer Road Community Centre. Our main aim for the centre is to turn it into the thriving centre it once was with a wide range of activities and opportunities to help meet the needs of the local community.

