



# Prescot Town Council Annual Report 2019





## **The Mayor and Mayoress of Prescot**

**Cllr. David Rigby  
and his wife Jackie**

It has been an immense honour to serve you the community and the Town Council as Mayor for 2018-2019 ably assisted by my wife Jackie who was my Mayoress. The year has been full of highlights from attending the 70th Birthday Celebrations at Whiston Hospital and visiting the wards seeing the fantastic work they do, to visiting the Children's wards at Christmas time delivering selection boxes donated by the Town Council and seeing the joy on their faces, also attending community group events of which there were many, to presenting the Willowbrook Volunteer Awards and the Prescot Festival, were we attended the majority of the events and Prescot Carnival both of which were successful events once again.

A big thank you goes to the Reverend Cannon John Taylor who has been the Mayor's Chaplain for our term in office and his colleagues for arranging the Civic Service. Thanks must also go to the Town Clerk and his staff and fellow Councillors for all the support they have given throughout the year. It has been an immense pleasure and privilege for us both to represent Prescot as your Mayor and Mayoress.

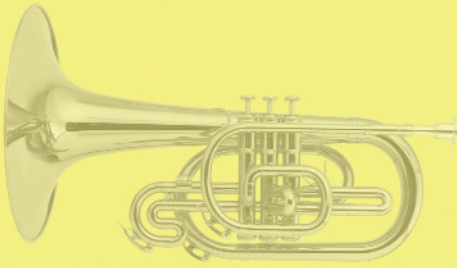




I was very proud to have raised just over £2,915 which was split between the following local organisations:

Ward 2A Whiston Hospital	£ 1000.00
Intensive Care Unit Whiston Hospital	£ 1000.00
Prescot Festival	£ 360.00
Friends of Browns Field	£ 280.00
Prescot Historic Society	£ 275.00



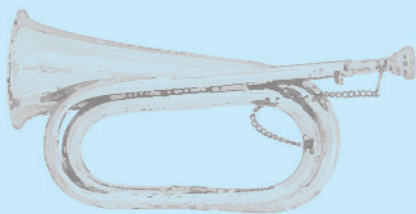


# Prescot Town Council Events Program

Over the last three 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
<b>Community Recognition Awards and Mayor Making</b>	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
<b>Prescot Carnival</b> 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, soft play Variety performances, and traders stalls.	June
<b>Armistice Day Service</b>	BICC Memorial Prescot Cemetery, Manchester Road.	Memorial Service for local residents, supported by St Mary's Church, Our Lady Immaculate Church, and The Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard and local schools.	November
<b>Prescot Christmas Lights Switch On</b> 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](mailto:enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk)



## Town Clerk's Report

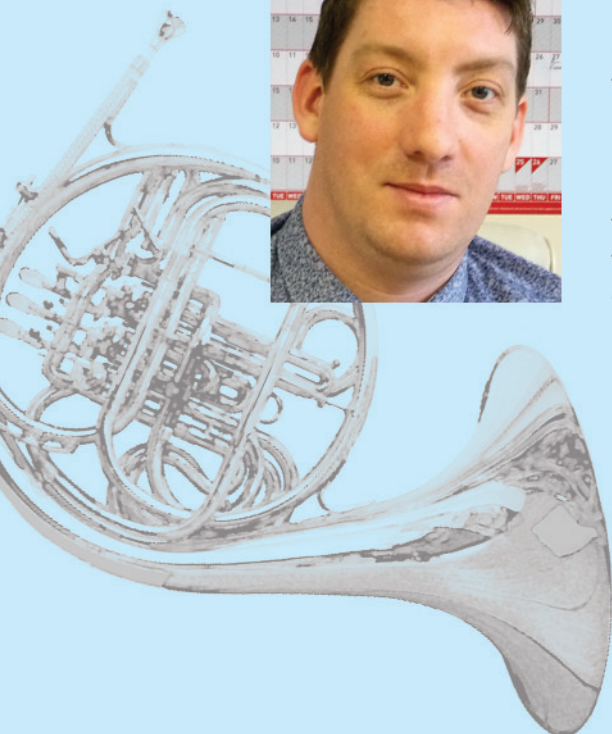


It never surprises me how much can change in a year. This time last year we were faced with the loss of the Town's largest public open space King George V Memorial Playing Fields (known locally as Brown's Field), fortunately this is no longer the case.

Works have begun on the new Shakespeare North Theater, the positive feeling generated by this development is evident across the town and particularly in the Town Centre where a number of new businesses have sprung up to compliment the existing visitor offer.

Many of the Town's businesses have recently come together to form Prescott Business Club, with aims of promoting the Town even more to further showcase what a great place it is to eat, drink, shop, party, live and work. The Town Council have been able to support this through its LOVE Prescott activities and social media, the future certainly looks bright for the Town.

Daniel Wilson  
*Town Clerk*  
*Prescot Town Council*



Firstly, I would like to thank all of the past Councillors who contributed their time and effort to Prescot Town Council. My experience of working with them over the past 2 years has convinced me of the need to return to the core values of local councils and take party politics out of the equation. In order to achieve this the Twelve Councillors elected in May 2019 have all agreed to put the needs of our town and community above their respective party politics, something that has hindered the Town Council in the past and has prevented us from developing the most effective partnerships. I envisage that as a direct result of this there will be a lot more time to work together on proactive initiatives, supporting our valued community groups and the renaissance of our town whilst continuing to act as guardians, entrusted to protect and preserve our green spaces. The entire Council is now made up of people who live in Prescot and to this end will have the very best interests of the town at heart. We will continue to provide the established Event Calendar of the Carnival, Armistice Day Service, Christmas Light Switch On and Community Awards Evening.

This year we will be introducing a yearly 'Meet your Town Councillors' Event as well as hoping to add further to this schedule throughout our four-year term.

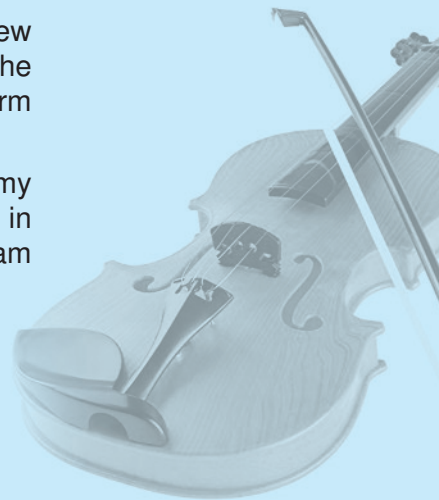
I am delighted to share with you the first new exciting initiative I am introducing this year with the support of all of the Councillors, School Uniform Recycling.

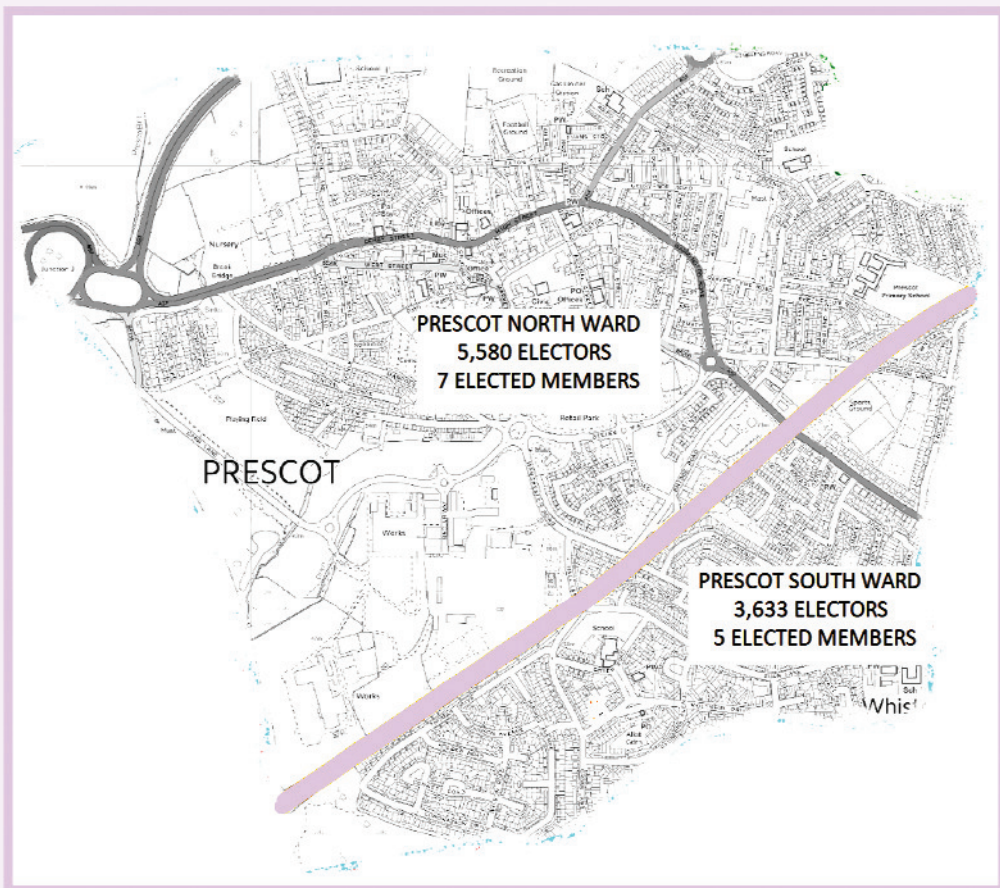
Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for the confidence they have placed in me, voting me as the Leader. As a Prescotian I am honored, proud and excited in equal measure.

Cllr Joanne Burke  
*Leader Prescot Town Council*



## **Town Council Leader's Report**





## Community Governance Review

A community governance review carried out by Knowsley Council during 2018 recommended a number of changes to Prescot Town Council. These changes related to the number of wards and elected members that comprise the Town Council. As a result of the review the number of wards has fallen to two Prescot North and Prescot South in line with KMBC ward names and the number of councillors has been reduced from 17 to 12, given that Town Councillors are completely unpaid the Town Council could see no logic to this recommendation.

Following the four yearly 'all out' elections held in May 2019 you have chosen the following councillors to represent you on the Town Council.

## ELECTED MEMBERS

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## Meet your new Town Councillors for 2019-2023



Every four years the Town Council hold an 'all out' election under which the whole council is elected. The new councillors for 2019-2023 have provided a brief introduction below.

**Joanne Burke** – a born and bred Prescotian and proactive member of the community, contributes directly to the Town through her involvement in a number of community groups and local initiatives.

**Kai Taylor** - has lived the majority of his life in Prescot, as well as the Town Council Kai is also on Knowsley Council as member for Prescot South ward. An active green campaigner Kai also enjoys representing and supporting local residents.

**Pat Cook** - I have lived in Prescot for over 40 years with my husband Phil raising our three sons here, I am involved with several community groups. I have recently been elected Mayor of Prescot which is a great honour and I look forward to the year ahead.

**Graham Wickens** - has lived in the area for more than 10 years is a keen advocate for animal rights and a Member of the Friends of Eaton Street Park having taken part in a number of events over the last few years. Is looking forward to providing a bridge between residents and the town council and helping to make our local community a better place to live.

**Tracey Murray** a born and bred Prescotian, Tracey enjoys volunteering with a number of local initiatives including Prescot's Got Talent, her desire to support and help the community was the motivation to become a councillor.

**Tom Large** - has lived in Prescot for over 20 years. He is an avid supporter of the regeneration of Prescot and what it means to local people and businesses. He is heavily involved in a number of community groups and organisations and can regularly be seen treading the boards with Imaginarium Theatre UK.



**Tom Smith** - is originally from Glasgow. He met and married a Prescotian and has lived in Prescot for over 20 years. Thomas is politically active, and has demonstrated to Stop Fracking, to Save Our NHS and more locally to Save Browns Field Park. He is also an active member of the community and is often seen helping out at Eaton Street Park where he volunteers.

**Ian Smith** - First elect to Prescot Town Council in May 1983. Mayor of Prescot in 1985/6. Leader of the Council 2000-11. A member of Prescot Historic Society.

**Chris Krelle** - a born and bred Prescotian, looking to help improve Mental Health and Awareness throughout the town and also looking to try and get lower rents in Prescot Shopping Centre to help get business going again.

**Mark Burke** – Proud Prescotian, for over 50 years. Mark was born, bred and schooled here. This local businessman has been actively involved with our Save the Greenbelt and Save our Parks campaigns. Member and former Chairman of Friends of Eaton St Park and current Chairman of Whiston Juniors FC.

**Frances Wynn** - I have lived in Prescot for 44 years having raised my daughter in the Town. I was first involved in local politics in 1999 when I became a Town Councillor. I have always had an interest in helping others and look forward to being able to continue that in the future.

**Les Rigby** - has lived in Prescot for 20 years and served as a Prescot Town Councillor between 2003 and 2011. He was re-elected in 2018 unopposed. Les loves directing plays and welcomes the new Shakespeare Theatre to Prescot.



## **Prescot Town Council Annual Financial Report**



After suffering five years of successive funding cuts and rising costs the Town Council have reached a point where it could no longer meet its obligations without increasing the annual precept (the levy charged against each property in the Town). The Precept is usually expressed as the Band D Equivalent and currently stands at £84.53 per household however some will pay more and others less dependent on their property band the majority of housing stock in Prescot is within bands C,B and A therefore most will pay a lower rate.

The precept can also be expressed as 55p per week per elector or roughly 28p per resident. The actual increase this year is 6.3% or £4.98 per year on a band D property. This is only the second time in nine years that the Town Council have chosen to increase the precept having exhausted all avenues for savings while maintaining its service provision over that time.

The annual budget continues to make provision for a range of services the Town Council deliver, including the maintenance and development of the Town's two largest public open spaces at Eaton Street Park and Browns Field, provision of the Town Hall as a community hub serving the needs of residents across the Town, the largest events programme of all Town Councils in the borough, including the Prescot Carnival and Christmas Light Switch On and the provision of financial support to local community organisations.

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)

**PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Income & Expenditure Account 2018/19**



2017/18 £	<u>Income</u>	2018/19 £
230,303	Precept	235,230
22,109	Grants/Rate Refund	-
3,571	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	19,115
3,224	Administration	2,115
39,007	Town Hall Income	43,716
83	Interest	170
<b>298,297</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>300,345</b>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
24,517	Administration	21,881
43,526	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	70,317
65,403	Town Hall	65,212
7,981	Grants to Outside Bodies	8,544
-	Capital Payments	-
122,002	Salaries and Wages	135,758
<b>263,430</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>301,712</b>
	<u>Cummulative Fund Balance</u>	
114,822	Balance b/f at 01/04/18	149,688
298,297	Plus Total Income	300,345
263,431	Less Total Expenditure	301,712
<b>149,688</b>	<b>Balance as at 31/03/2019</b>	<b>148,321</b>

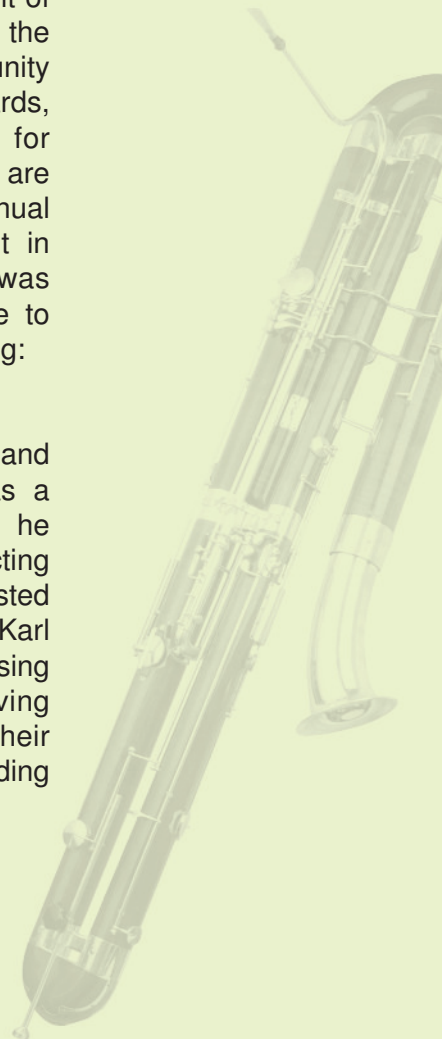
## Community News



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:

### **Karl and Clare Duvall - Citizens of the Year**

Founders of the Red Box Appeal in Prescot and then Knowsley. It was through Karl's role as a school governor at the Prescot School that he became aware of a startling problem affecting students. Although the problem must have existed for some time it had never been addressed. Karl learnt that a number of female students were losing valuable schooling as a result of not having appropriate sanitary products to address their menstrual cycle, which led to them not attending school during this time.



Appalled by this knowledge Karl and Clare decided to take action by developing the Red Box project. Initially for The Prescot School, the Red Box Project is a simple concept whereby a Red Box is provided to a prominent building enabling people to donate sanitary products, the contents of the box are then collected and distributed to those who need them.

The project was such a success Karl and Clare soon moved beyond the town boundary and have pushed the project out to almost every school in Knowsley. We live in a Town and wider area where there exists high levels of deprivation, that deprivation is not solely experienced by students at our local schools but also their parents and it has also been the case that some male students have accessed the Red Box to provide its contents to their families at home.

The project that Karl and Clare have conceived, developed and delivered has addressed a serious issue affecting education and wider issues within our Town and indeed the borough. It is literally impossible to estimate the number of lives they have had a positive impact on and the number of school hours that would had been lost had they not developed the Red Box project, it is people like this that change perceptions, reveal problems and do something about them, we should be honored to call them Prescotians.



## **The Friends of Eaton Street Park – Community Group of the Year.**

The group was initially formed in 2010 after local residents got together to support the Revitalisation of the Park. Initially comprising of just eight members, the group has grown and expanded both in number and achievement over the years having developed it's own events programme and increasing memberships.



One of the group's first achievements was the installation of new gates to the park and the restoration of the rose garden, which had sadly fallen into decline. Working alongside officers from both Knowsley and Prescot Town Councils the group managed to draw in £10,000 of external funding and developed links with Evelyn Primary School whose pupils helped to design the new gates. The existence of the group themselves and their role in delivering the park improvements were a key component that allowed an application for a Green Flag Award to be submitted. The park did indeed gain Green Flag status in 2012 and has maintained the award ever since.

A constant barrier to the groups progression was the lack of a suitable building from which it could provide onsite activities. Once again, the group's activities in gathering evidence to support another funding application were invaluable and this led to removal of the dilapidated former scout hut and its replacement with a modern fit for purpose pavilion building at a cost of £80,000.

The friends were then able to use the pavilion as a base to provide a weekly coffee afternoon on the park for the last four years, come rain or shine. Not satisfied with a weekly event the Friends have now developed an annual program of events held on the park, some free to the public whilst others generate an income that is then reinvested into the parks infrastructure or future free events. The last example of this was the replacement of the old wooden benches around the bowling green with solid granite blocks, a replacement of this type means new seating will literally last forever, a project which cost £2,100.

Most recently the group have been involved with a project to provide activities on the park during the school holidays with over 200 residents in attendance.





Everyone  
in Prescot



talking to  
each other

**Prescot Loves To Talk** is a concept created by

Evelyn  
C.P  
School

who then  
chatted to

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communication  
charity

who then  
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Knowsley  
Council

We want to encourage chat and communication at every opportunity in Prescot.  
We want to make Prescot the place where talk is everywhere, where everyone chats.

## What we want to achieve

- Prescott to be 'the best it can be' when it comes to talking to each other
- Encourage everyone from 0-100 to benefit from or contribute to talking
- To realise the potential for talk in all places, within our organisations and homes

## Why do we need to talk?

- English is a beautiful language with lots of linguistic possibilities. It has been shaped by Shakespeare and many other wonderful writers and speakers.
- To help us argue our case, discuss, explain, inform, instruct, express ourselves and talk about what has happened. To do this we need to adapt our speech according to the audience, purpose and context
- To understand ourselves, our lives and make our way successfully in the world.
- Talking is important for everyone

## Children

### Did you know?

- Children with poor early language at age five are four times more likely to struggle with reading at age 11 and succeeding at GCSE
- Children with poor vocabulary skills are twice as likely to be unemployed when they reach adulthood.

## Adults

- Speech allows you to connect with others
- A wide vocabulary can help you get a good job, by widening your options
- If you can articulate your ideas, it helps reduce frustration, eg. trying to persuade or explain something to others

## Families

- Talking and listening makes for healthy family relationships
- Talking and listening to your child improves your bond with them
- Talking forms relationships and builds self esteem
- Talking about your emotions makes you feel better and you can find out how others feel
- You can respond to someone in a sensitive way to good news, as well as sadness or fear
- If you talk to your child when they are young, it will be easier to talk to them as a teenager

You can have brilliant ideas, but if you can't get them across, your ideas won't get you anywhere

To get involved just chat

Share your views using  
**#PrescotLovesToTalk**  
**#KnowsleyCouncil**  
**#ICAN**  
**#Evelyn**

To read more visit  
**[www.LovePrescot.co.uk](http://www.LovePrescot.co.uk)**

For further information call  
**Evelyn C.P School 0151 477 8570**





## **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 Prescot 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

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 all the applications that have been made this year, listed over leaf, in addition to this support we have also been able to retain our annual support to the maintenance of the Town Clock on St Mary's Church, the Prescot Festival and sponsorship of the shuttle bus to the Knowsley Flower Show allowing residents to visit the show free of charge.



GROUP/ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Family Voices = Family Choices	Minirig portable music system	£100
Prescot Hockey Club	Contribution towards a full kit	£500
Prescot Historic Society	Contribution towards the speakers 2018 - 2019	£300
Facing Life and Pain (FLAP)	New Information Leaflets, Curling Game, Lightweight Exercise Bike and Lightweight dumbbells	£470
Innovate Volunteering	Contribution towards Microwave and grill, Utensils and Bubble Machine	£150
Berkley JFC	Contribution towards New Line Marker for pitch and paint for pitch	£500
KMBC	Sponsorship of the Prescot Bus to the Knowsley Flower Show	£250
Friends of Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard	Contribution towards a Programme, Advertising, Band, Flags and Poppies & Poppy crosses for displays	£410
Friends of Eaton Street Park	Contribution towards Studio time and finish mosaic, transfer to mesh, adhesive, installation and finishing, Materials	£500
Friends of Eaton Street Park	In kind contributions to support the group's activities	£1,000
St Marys Bowling Club	Contribution towards Paint, Topsoil, Seed and Machine Servicing	£500
Prescot Older Peoples Club	In kind contributions to support the group's activities	£1,805
Prescot's Got Talent	Contribution towards the cost of a stage	£500

## **Prescot Festival Celebrates Record Turnout**

A Merseyside arts festival saw the biggest turnout in its 14-year history last month.

Over 1,700 people attended concerts and cultural events during the 15th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts, with a final-night audience of 325, an increase of 100 on last year.

The finale saw festival favourites Maghull Wind Orchestra return to Prescot with a guest star in tow — Danielle Louise Thomas, the soprano known affectionately as the ‘Voice of Liverpool.’ Danielle, who first shot to fame as a teenager on BBC1’s Songs of Praise, was invited after audiences requested a singer to round off the 2019 celebrations.

‘We had queues round the block for a spectacular evening,’ said artistic director Dr Robert Howard, ‘and as always, the crowds were jubilant and enthusiastic, singing along and waving their flags to a medley of rousing patriotic songs, in the traditional “Proms” style.’

The stirring occasion concluded a 10-day programme that featured something for everyone, including an opening night with the Band & Drums of the Cheshire Constabulary, a first-time festival appearance from the world-renowned Liverpool Cathedral Choir and a return visit from big band Dr Jazz & the Cheshire Cats.



A celebration of community music-making, the week also included the first ever Primary Schools' Choir Festival and the already-established Young Instrumentalists of Prescot, a showcase for musical talent held in memory of the late local priest and businessman the Reverend David Rose.

Robert continued: 'Every year it's quite a challenge to top the formidable quality of the previous year, but thanks to our excellent performers, generous sponsors, hard-working volunteers and appreciative audiences, the festival has gone on from strength to strength.'

The 16th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts is already penned in for Friday 19 to Sunday 28 June 2020. Keep up-to-date with it and other, year-round concerts and events at [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk).



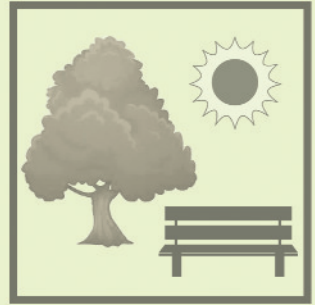
*Photos:*

*James Luxton conducts Prescot Festival Chorus  
(credit: Alan Humphreys),*

*Band & Drums of the Cheshire Constabulary (credit:  
Alan Humphreys),*

*Dr Jazz & the Cheshire Cats (credit: Stephen Birch)*

## Greenspace



The Town Council currently hold 99-year leases on Brown's Field and Eaton Street Park dating back to 1991. These leases make the Town Council responsible for the day to day maintenance of the sites but crucially include a break clause that enables Knowsley Council to end the leases by providing 3 months' notice.

Since the announcement to scrap the plans for the unpopular Green Space Trust proposal (that would have seen Browns Field sold off for housing development) the Town Council has worked hard to develop a new way of working in partnership with KMBC to deliver a parks service within the Town that will safeguard our public open space in the long term by providing new leases that replaces the existing break clause with one that can only be agreed with mutual consent. Knowsley Council Leader Graham Morgan attended the Town Council's November meeting and was very supportive of the Town Councils proactive work to develop a collaborative approach between the Town and Borough Councils, negotiations with regard to the working of the agreement are ongoing.

It is hoped that a new partnership approach will see the creation of an annual development plan for each of Prescott's five public open spaces at Brown's Field (King George V Memorial Playing Fields Prescott), Eaton Street Park, Carr Lane Woods, Prescott Churchyard and Cemetery, Bryer Road Play Ground.





## Brown's Field

As mentioned earlier the Town Council were deeply relieved when Knowsley Council scrapped its plan to sell off Brown's Field for housing development. Having already been recognised as one of the most used parks in Knowsley, usage of the site has continued to increase and the park is now home to vibrant Friends of group (Friends of KGV Browns Field and Carr Lane Woods) who's presence and activities are helping to push the park towards the acclaimed Green Flag status currently held at Eaton Street and Prescott Churchyard and Cemetery.

Such have been the efforts of the friends that within a single year they have repainted the changing facilities and trip rail (saving the Town around £14,000), supported in the delivery of the Carr Lane Tree Replacement Project, carried out countless litter picks across Browns Field and Carr Lane Woods, successfully approached the Environment Agency to have fallen trees removed from Prescott Brook, planted a variety of hedging species on the north east boundary, held a number of successful events and have



recently begun the painting of the boundary fencing around the park, a task which will save the Towns' residents a further £15,000.

The group, who meet every Saturday morning rain or shine, have also been instrumental in communicating the strength of local feeling for the preservation of our parks and open space.

Not only have the Friends demonstrated the need and desire for our public open spaces but local football team Berkely Juniors have also adopted Browns Field as their home ground. With eight teams ranging from under 7s to under 13s Berkley's presence on site helps to ensure King George V Playing Field Prescot (AKA Browns' Field) is amongst the best used sites in Knowsley. The club have also recently launched its Academy on Saturday mornings to engage with local children from an early age, the Club's philosophy of focusing on the enjoyment of playing the game rather than the need to win is truly fundamental to the type of activities we want to see on our parks.

If you are interested in joining a team why not visit their website:

**<https://berkleyjfc.teamapp.com/>**



## Carr Lane Tree Replacement Project

During the year the Town Council have completed a project to replace the 50 Lombardy and Black Poplar trees along Carr Lane.

Unfortunately, these trees had reached the end of their natural life and were at the point of becoming unsafe, indeed just days after they were felled, high winds blew down a healthy tree on the inside of the park which blocked the perimeter footpath.

The tree chosen to replace the poplars is a *Cercis siliquastrum* or Judas Tree,

known for its bright pink spring blossom, attractive summer foliage and enchanting autumn leaves with their sunset-shades of red, again giving a dazzling display set against a September sky.

BEFORE



The project was joint funded, with the Town Council accessing funding from Knowsley Council through the elected members of Prescott North Ward.

A mixture of local residents, members of the Friends of KGV Browns Field and Carr Lane Woods, Friends of Eaton Street Park, Pupils from Evelyn Primary School and local councillors joined the Mayor of Prescott in the planting of 50 *Cercis siliquastrum* along the boundary of Brown's Field and Carr Lane. Those in attendance were provided with some interesting Tree facts from Kevin Bushell and Son's Tree Services, who were on hand to lead

the planting activities. The requirement to remove the trees has allowed the Town Council to develop a project that was able to engage with the community and involve them in the planting of the Town's new green infrastructure. Those involved on Saturday will be able to watch their tree grow over the years knowing that they have personally contributed to the enhancement of one of the main gateways into our Town.





## What's going on at Eaton Street Park

Eaton Street Park is the other one of the Town's parks to be maintained by the Town Council. Located on Eaton Street next to Prescott Cables, Eaton Street Park is one of two public open spaces in the town to hold a prestigious 'Green Flag Award'



with the other being Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard. Eaton Street Park provides an excellent visitor offer with two playgrounds catering for all ages up to 13, a considerable wildflower and natural habitat together with formal crown green bowling area and pavilion building.

The park benefits from the considerable actions of the Friends of Eaton Street Park. This long-established group have supported the Town



Council to attract considerable external funding to the park that has seen the development of Rose Gardens, Entrance gates, Pavilion and most recently seating around the park which was funded by their own activities. The group have also developed its own events program which runs throughout the year. The proceeds of the events are reinvested into the park on items such as the new seating.

The friends identified seating as a priority as the old wooden benches had started to rot. Knowing that the benches had been renewed in the past the friends realised that a more robust and long-term solution was required. One of their members became aware of the availability of some large granite blocks and acted quickly to secure them for the park. A total of 56 blocks have now replaced the dilapidated wooden benches around the bowling green. Keys to the bowling green are available for hire from the Town Hall at £10 per year. There are two resident blowing clubs on the site Prescott Ladies who play on a Tuesday evening and as such have priority at that time.

The Friends of Eaton Street Park are also on site each week providing tea and coffee on a Sunday afternoon 1pm to 3pm in the pavilion.

This year the group have also run holiday activities in conjunction with

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Eaton-Street-Park-Prescot-aka-Precy-Rec-162812667103495/>



## Eaton St Pavilion

Much like the Town Hall, Eaton Street Pavilion is also available to hire and may well be a good place for your children's parties or similar type events.





The pavilion is fully accessible with a kitchenette and single accessible toilet. Contact the Town Council to find out more.





## Whats On At Your Town Hall

Prescot Town Hall continues to fulfil its purpose in meeting the needs of the community. The Town Hall provides a range of facilities for business and community use including: -

- A multi-purpose room for group activities and private functions
- A licensed bar and kitchen facility
- Accessibility for all including enhanced disabled facilities and an accessibility lift
- Conference rooms available for public use
- Small meeting room available for public use
- A secure car park to serve users of the building

For more information on how to 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 [www.prescot-tc.gov.uk](http://www.prescot-tc.gov.uk)

*Please see the most current list of activities that is taking place in the Town Hall.*

Monday	St Helens Law - Free Legal Clinics	10.00am - 12.00pm	St Helens Law 01744 454433 <a href="mailto:info@sthelenslaw.co.uk">info@sthelenslaw.co.uk</a>
Monday	Starlight Morris Dancers	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Julie Hannon <a href="mailto:starlightmorrisdancers@gmail.com">starlightmorrisdancers@gmail.com</a>
Monday	Aerobics Class	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Sharron Swindels <a href="mailto:acerswn@aol.com">acerswn@aol.com</a>
Tuesday	Kumon – Maths & English Classes	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Jenn Appleton <a href="mailto:prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk">prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk</a>

Tuesday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts	Kids 6.30pm to 7.30pm Adults 7.30pm to 8.30pm	Stephen Hale 07511 875969
Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wednesday)	Prescot North Ward Councillor Surgery	10.00am - 11.00am	0151 426 3933
Wednesday (2nd & 4th Wednesday)	Prescot North Ward Councillor Surgery	10.00am - 11.00am	0151 426 3933
Wednesday	St Helens Law – Free Legal Clinics	2.30pm - 4.30pm	01744 454433 info@sthelenslaw.co.uk
Wednesday (Term time only)	Helen O'Grady Drama Academy	Drama - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (Ages 5-11) Musical Theatre 5.30pm - 6.15pm (Ages 5-15) Youth Theatre - 6.15pm - 7.15pm (Ages 12-16)	Tracy Shirley 0151 482 0443 / 07908 811159 liverpool@helenogrady.co.uk
Wednesday	Weight Watchers	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Lauren Draper LDraper@weight-watchers.co.uk
Wednesday	Aerobics Class	7.45pm - 8.45pm	Sharon Swindels acerswn@aol.com
Thursday	Stop Smoking Support - Drop in sessions	3.00pm – 4.30pm	0151 426 7462 or 0800 3247111 www.readytostopsmoking.co.uk
Thursday	Kumon – Maths & English Classes	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Jenn Appleton prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk
Thursday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts	Kids 6.30pm to 7.30pm Adults 7.30pm to 8.30pm	Stephen Hale 07511 875969
Thursday	Grand National Chorus - Male harmony & quartet	7.30pm - 9.30pm	New members welcome 07716 127814 www.liverpoolinharmonyclub.co.uk
Friday	St Helens Law – Free Legal Clinics	10.00am - 12.00pm	01744 454433 info@sthelenslaw.co.uk
Friday Every 2 wks	Deafness Resource Centre - Drop in advice	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Amie Johnson 01744 23887 Amie.johnson @deafnessresourcecentre.org
Friday Every 2 wks	Prescot Over 55's Deaf Club	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Colin Wilkinson colin_wilkinson@sky.com
Saturday	Slimming World	8.00am and 10.00am	Lynn Titherington 07739 167051 slimmingworldlyn@aol.com
Saturday	Multi-Fit Pilates	10.30am - 11.30am	Laura Clark 07841 205479 multi-fitpilates@outlook.com



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