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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.

## Community Fund Recipients



Although only half way into the year applications to the Town Council's community fund have been coming in thick and fast with the Town Council already having given out financial support to 12 local organisations who either provide a service within our Town or for the residents of our Town. The fund is limited at £500 per application so that it can support as many groups as possible.

Most recently the Town Council were able to support Berkley Juniors with funding towards a new mower after the appalling theft of their equipment at Brown's Field. Ian Leadbetter, Club Welfare Officer and Coach commented

'The club have received a lot of support from the Town Council helping us to make Brown's Field our home ground, the further support we received through community fund is the icing on the cake.'



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• **SCHOOL  
UNIFORM  
RECYCLING  
SUCCESS**

### School Uniform Recycling Project Sees a whopping 437kg saved from landfill

Amazingly, it is estimated that £140 million worth of clothing is sent to landfill each year in the United Kingdom. Many of these garments are in excellent condition with no real need to dispose of them other than changes in fashion or preference of the owner. On the basis that some of these clothes are likely to be school uniforms, Cllr Joanne Burke tabled a motion to council in May seek-



• **NEW LOCAL  
DEMOCRACY  
PROJECT  
PROVES  
POPULAR**

ing support for a School Uniform Recycling Project. The Project had two main aims, firstly to reduce the amount of clothing being sent to landfill. Secondly, to provide support to families suffering the cost of continually buying new uniforms for their children. This is particularly frustrating if the old uniforms are in good condition and the children have simply out grown them, so it seemed ridiculous to throw away perfectly good uniforms when others could use them and save a little money in the process. In order to get the project going the Town Council contacted local schools to ask them to help spread the word about the project. The support of the schools was fantastic as donations soon began to arrive at the Town Hall. The generosity of the people of the Town was truly overwhelming as donations began to pour in. Once the donations where received a group of volunteers mostly made up of councillors and one particular family member began to wash, iron and label all donations received. Personal appointments were then taken for those wishing to access the project, along with a number of open days where families could just show up.

The project managed to save 626 pairs of trousers and shorts, 386 dresses and skirts, 466 shirts and blouses, 81 Blazers and jumpers and various other garments with a grand total of 1,640.

Look out for next years project which will begin in June 2020.



# Local Democracy Project

One of the Town Council's main aims is to promote democracy at a local level, encouraging people to get involved and understand the business of the local council, how it serves them and the wider democratic process. To achieve this aim Prescott Town Council has recently piloted a Local Democracy Project to a handful of young residents. These youngsters have helped design the programme which the Town Council will now look to offer to all the local schools within the Town. The programme is split into a number of sessions and provides an insight into the history of the Town, the fact that it has had it's own seat of governance since 1445 and the role of various key officials and officers. The final session provides the children with the opportunity to hold their own council meeting where they can put forward their ideas of what the priorities for the Town Council should be. The children also completed a dossier of their experience of the project before being presented with a certificate of achievement for completing the project at the Town Council Meeting in September. Designated spokesman Reece Young also addressed the Council with a list of improvements the children had agreed at their meeting.

