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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 Community Recognition Awards

Prescot has a rich tradition as a Town with a strong community, sometimes the efforts of particular individuals and groups stand out as being above and beyond that of a usual citizen. These groups and individuals are not always aware of the positive impact they can have, on both individuals and the wider community, and can go largely unsung for their actions.

In order to recognise these individuals and the positive contribution they make to the lives of others, the Town Council would like to introduce the Prescot Community Recognition Awards.

If there is somebody that you know, whom you believe has made a valuable difference, to you or the wider community in your area, please complete a nomination form and return it to the Town Council by the 30th April 2021 as a Microsoft Word document, or call in at the Town Hall to pick one up. Nomination forms are available to download through the Town Council's website <http://www.prescot-tc.gov.uk/grants-awards/>



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Precept FREEZE for 2021-2022

Prescot Town Council have unanimously voted to freeze this years precept. The continuing uncertainty regarding COVID – 19 and its effects have had a considerable influence on the decision making process. Social distancing restrictions have prevented the Town Councils normally considerable events programme from taking place which has resulted in an under spend in 2020-2021, which will now be used to support the precept Freeze in 2021-2022. The Town Council are also very pleased to have been able to increase the budgets for community provision, events and public open space. As such a band A property will continue to pay £59.11 per year.



Fingers Crossed for yet another Green Flag

Prescot Town Council is rightly proud of its Green Spaces and holds maintenance responsibility at both Eaton Street Recreation Ground and Brown's Field aka King George V Memorial Playing Fields Prescot. The Town Council have recently been working with Knowsley Council and The Friends of KGV Brown's Field and Carr Lane Woods to submit a Green Flag Award application for Brown's Field aka King George V Memorial Playing Fields Prescot. Like a phoenix from the ashes Brown's Field has come from a point where it was threatened with sale for housing development to a point where it could well be counted amongst the best parks in the country just like Eaton Street Recreation Ground and Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery. The application was made on the 28th February and we would expect to see the judges on site some time in May. If Brown's Field can achieve this award it would mean that almost all of the Town's greenspaces are at the highest standard with Carr Lane Woods waiting in the wings.



Keeping Busy During Lockdown

Prescot Food Bank

Prescot Town Council are proud to have been at the forefront of providing support to its residents throughout the course of the pandemic. One of the ways in which we have achieved this is through partnering up with The Big Help (the food bank operator in Knowsley). As a result of social distancing requirements the Town Hall is closed for normal activities, but this problem had been turned into a positive as it has enabled us to repurpose the building to provide a much needed food hub within the Town.



Town Council staff now receive notifications from The Big Help on Monday Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for residents within the Prescot Town boundary. In the initial lockdown Town Councillors volunteered to make deliveries for every food parcel which amounted to a considerable 110 parcels supporting 318 residents. However as more people have returned to work we now ask that food parcels are collected directly from the Town Hall, however in extreme cases such as those self isolating Town Councillors will do their best to be on hand to lend additional support. To date we have been able to help close to 500 Prescotians.

We've got you covered

New this year but very much in same vein as Uniform Recycling was the Winter Coat Recycling Project. Once again this project was aimed at reducing needless landfill with unwanted but perfectly good winter coats. The quarantine system was back in place to receive donations but a number of ways to get the coats out the door were developed. Initially pop up shops were put in place at Prescot Town Hall where social distancing could be effectively managed for those that either fancied a different look or needed a bit of extra padding in the cold weather. However as lockdown restrictions continued to increase we took the initiative and developed a web based system that enabled users to browse online and contact us to reserve the coat of their choice through the Town Council's Facebook page. As restrictions eased Cllrs Cook and Burke took to the streets to offer a pop up Shop outside St Pauls Church on Molyneux Drive, these sessions were also carried out in accordance with social distancing guidance. The project managed to see 583 winter coats saved from landfill.



Second year of Uniform Recycling




In May 2019 Prescot Town Council launched its first School Uniform Recycling Project. This project saw a staggering 1,640 high quality garments saved from landfill and reused by 200 families. The runaway success of this project has formed the basis of a number of similar projects which we have continued to provide even through lockdown.

The advent of COVID-19 has obviously made receiving donations much more difficult, but we developed a way to safely quarantine all donations which enabled us to keep on supporting residents in an unprecedented time of need.

Our second year of uniform recycling was even more successful with 2,705 garments saved from landfill and the project accessed by 351 families. This time the Town Council teamed up with the Friends of Eaton Street Park's who supported with distribution during their SNAP (Sports, Nutrition, Active Play) sessions delivered from Prescot Town Hall during the school summer holidays.

Don't let your old laptop go to waste



LAPTOP RECYCLING PROJECT

Do you have an old laptop still in good working condition?

Prescot Town Council want to help support local children who do not have access to a laptop at home to enable home learning during the pandemic and beyond.

We want your laptop donations which must be in good working order and have the charging cable included.

Working alongside a local IT provider we will ensure that any data held on the laptops will be wiped clean before being distributed equally to local Primary and High Schools in Prescot.


Prescot Town Council will be working alongside the local schools in Prescot, if you are in need of a laptop for your child please contact your school directly.

Donations of laptops can be dropped off at

Prescot Town Hall, 1 Warrington Road, Prescot, L34 5QX

Monday to Friday between 9.30am - 4.00pm.

Please ensure that any data held on your laptop which you want to keep is removed from the laptop before donating as all data will be wiped permanently from devices and cannot be retrieved.



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Our latest project seeks to address the inequalities faced by some of our school children whilst schooling from home, although we hope the impacts will be more sustained. If you have an old laptop that is still working with its charger we would love to hear from you. We will have all your personal data professionally removed and then provide your laptop to a schoolchild in Prescot to help them learn at home during lockdown and then use to help with homework.

Coming Soon—Wellington Boot Recycling

Have you got an old pair of wellies that still keep the water out but are headed for the bin? Perhaps you have outgrown them or fancy a different colour. If so please hang on to them we'll be asking for donations soon once we through lockdown.

