

Prescot Town Council



Floreat Prescotia



Annual Report 2021





**Prescot Town Mayor and Mayoress
Councillor Mark Burke & Julie Burke**



We live in strange times! As a lifelong Prescotian I was delighted to accept the post of Mayor of Prescot, with my wife Julie alongside me as Mayoress, and it has been a unique year for many reasons. Sadly, unlike every previous Mayor of Prescot, I have had no hands to shake, no babies to kiss and very few official engagements in which to represent the people of Prescot. Therefore, I decided to focus on the Mayor of Prescot's Charity as a way to contribute back to our community.

Social distancing firmly put paid to the Prescot Carnival and the Prescot Festival which are traditionally the largest contributors to the charity, often providing half of the total raised. This left me with a gaping hole to fill before I'd even started and so it was time to think outside the box. I launched the ShakespeareS Mile Family Challenge which was incredibly successful and was inclusive for everyone. I also completed several sponsored walks including a Santa Dash, a St. Valentine's Day 5k and finally a 10 Mile Challenge from Prescot to Liverpool.

I sponsored 2 new Halloween and Christmas Card competitions for our local children whilst donating my Mayors allowance to many other worthy causes. The remainder of my allowance has been donated straight back into the Mayors Charity fund.

My favourite memory of the year has to be the distribution of Christmas Selection boxes along with Santa (Dan) to the children in each of our Primary Schools. Wow! It was at times both a happy and sad experience and utterly unforgettable. Certainly, memories I'll always treasure.

My friends, family and the residents of Prescot have been extremely generous and have enabled me to raise what I have been told is a record-breaking total of £6,600 for the Mayors Charity. This enables me to continue the Mayors legacy to donate to local Charities and organisations.





It has also enabled me to create several new opportunities for our young and older residents via free MMA and Yoga sessions. However, the crowning achievement must be the creation of a new 'Back to School Help Fund', where residents can simply ask for help and Schools can provide gift cards donated by the Mayors Charity for 100 pairs of brand new shoes for the children. This will run alongside Prescott Town Councils highly successful School Uniform recycling scheme.

I couldn't have done any of it without your help and that of my fellow Town Councillors. You have all shown what a special community we have in Prescott! I would like to single out for special praise Julie the Mayoress, Betty 'the Mother of the Mayor', my sisters Joanne, Marianne & Libby and finally the staff at Prescott Town Hall for their extra support. Unfortunately lockdown has meant that some fund-raising events had to be cancelled, but I am delighted to have managed to raise £6,600 which will now be split between the following local organisations:

Mayor of Prescott's Back to School Help Fund – split between

Evelyn Community Primary School

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

St Mary & St Paul's C of E Primary School

St Luke's Primary School

Prescot Primary School	£2000
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Willowbrook Hospice	£500
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Starting Over to Flourish and Succeed	£250
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Friends of Eaton Street Park	£250
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Friends of KGV Browns Field & Carr Lane Woods	£250
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Friends of Prescott Cemetery & Churchyard	£250
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Dogs Trust Merseyside	£250
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1st Whiston and Prescott Scouts	£250
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1st Prescott Brownies	£250
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Prescot Army Cadets	£250
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Imaginarium Youth Theatre	£250
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Prescot Cables Junior Football Team	£250
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Whiston Junior Football Team	£250
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Berkley Junior Football Team	£250
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Knowsley South Junior Football Team	£250
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Yogaloft OAP Free Taster Sessions	£250
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Greenfingers Community Allotment Fund	£250
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Urban Kingz MMA Free Self defence / confidence building sessions	£250
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Prescot Mission Christmas Dinner	£100
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Town Clerk's Report



Who could have expected 2020 and indeed the start of 2021 could have been so unusual and for some so catastrophic. I'd like to begin by offering my condolences to all those in the Town who have suffered loss as a result of the pandemic. Usually, our annual report provides an update on the Town Council's activities and achievements through the year on what is a fairly recognisable

programme. But the last 12 months have obviously been a bit different. Instead of seeking ways to bring our community together through events and activities we have been faced with the challenge of supporting the community while maintaining an appropriate 'Social Distance' a phrase I'm sure we will all be glad to see the back of as time wears on. I'm very pleased the Town Council was at the forefront of a community response and have maintained that position ever since, delivering a Food Bank service from the Town Hall through its links with the Big Help. The closure of public buildings has revealed that there are still a number of residents who do not have access to the internet and who do not know who to call in times of crisis, I am proud of the fact that the Town Hall remained partially open to provide a level of support to those residents who would otherwise have been left helpless. Our elected members have also been proactive with developing ways to support the community and have introduced new initiatives such as Winter Coat Recycling to complement the existing School Uniform project, both of which were adapted to comply with Social Distancing requirements. Lately the Town Council have also developed a laptop recycling project, an idea put forward by my deputy Louise who also managed to get the Project included on BBC Radio Merseyside's Breakfast Show. During the year we submitted a Green Flag Award application for Brown's Field. If we are successful, it will mean that both the sites the Town Council manage will hold the prestigious parks award, Prescott will be the first Town Council in Knowsley to have achieved this. A particular highlight of the year for me came when the Town Council agreed to honour retiring Vicar John Taylor with the Freeman of the Town Award. I'm sure anyone who knew John would agree he was well worthy of such an accolade. The business of the Town Council continues regardless of COVID -19 so it has been necessary to hold our meetings online for the last 12 months, but a return to our usual operations should be imminent now that the vaccine programme is underway. I'd like to close with a big thanks to all those who have joined the front line during the pandemic to offer support to those who needed it. It seems quite poignant this year to leave you with the Town's motto Floreat Prescotia – May Prescott Flourish.

Daniel Wilson

Town Clerk – Prescott Town Council





I am very proud to have served as the Leader of Prescot Town Council for the second year. Firstly, I offer my sincere condolences to every person who has lost a family member or friend through this wicked virus, and I am truly saddened that our community has lost so many good people. I would like to personally thank everyone including our councillors who have worked as volunteers for the greater



Report from the Leader of the Town Council

good of meeting the need of those requiring support. Whilst we quickly set up a food bank at the Town Hall and councillors and members of the public volunteered to deliver food parcels, communities rallied to provide support within their own roads. From making an extra dinner for an elderly, isolated or shielding neighbour to putting on regular shows via face book to entertain, Prescotian Community Spirit Shone and continues to shine brightly throughout our town. Prescot Town Councillors commitment and effort along with the continued support of our dedicated, hardworking team of staff have enabled us to negotiate Covid guidelines in order to still deliver as much support as possible to our community. We supported families who were struggling financially by providing the venue for 'Prescot Mission Christmas Dinner Group' to assemble their 'Christmas Dinner in a Bag' for one hundred and seventy local families. We delivered another super successful School Uniform Recycling Scheme, collecting, washing, ironing, sewing on missing buttons and making good items of school uniform and then organised safe collection. We followed this with a very successful Winter Coat Recycling Scheme introduced by Cllr Pat Cook. Our Self-Isolation Support Scheme providing and delivering basic boxes of food and provisions to support our community in financial hardship as a consequence of Covid has continued for over fourteen months in response to need.

Unable to offer physical surgeries, Green Party and Liberal Democrat Councillors have made themselves available via zoom, the telephone or email to continue the business of case work. We continue to support Friends of Eaton Street Park's Free Lunch and Activity School Holiday Sessions when covid restrictions meant the Pavilion was less safe for them, stepping in to offer the Town Hall Venue. We have recently committed the Pavilion at Eaton Street Park to the new 'Community Food Club' two days a week to support our communities identified needs.

Lastly, I would like to note the effort made by this year's Mayor Cllr Mark Burke, Covid prevented him attending more than a handful of events which made it difficult to generate funds for his charities. He has gone above and beyond to find ways to raise money for these important local charities knowing how vital funding can be to them and I am beyond proud of his efforts.

Covid has brought terrible despair, loss and sadness but for all it has taken away, in response our community stood together, the sense of being part of a community and caring about our neighbours has never been stronger. We will continue to work together with and for our community.

Cllr Joanne Burke *Leader Prescot Town Council*





Prescot Town Council Events Program

At the time of writing we are unsure when we will be able to resume our 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
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, soft play 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, Our Lady Immaculate Church, and The Friends of Prescot Cemetery and Churchyard and local schools.	November
Prescot Christmas Cracker Replaces the Christmas Light Switch On	Church Street / Eccleston Street	This new event replaces the Christmas Light Switch On that was taken by Knowsley Council. The event is completely free and includes DJ Roadshow, Children's Fair Ground rides, community stalls, catering tent and of course a good bit of snow.	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



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Prescot Town Council Annual Financial Report

As you will be aware social distancing restrictions prevented any of the Town Council's events from being held in 2020. Obviously, this was a great disappointment, but every cloud does indeed have a silver lining. The money that was saved on the 2020 events programme will now be used to support a precept freeze for the 2021-22 financial year. The continuing uncertainty around the effects of the pandemic meant the Town Council could not impose a Precept increase without being sure that it could deliver it's full range of services and it simply could not be sure that this could be achieved. Provision has been made to run the full events programme, but this will be funded from last year's underspend. Therefore, the precept on a band A property will remain at £59.10 a year or £1.14 per week. In addition to the events programme the Town Council have continued its commitment to our local community groups with the Community Provision and Events budget seeing an increase on 19% on last year whilst the Public Open Space budget has been increased by 11%, the increase will enable the Town Council to contribute 50% to the capital maintenance requirements on site with KMBC as landowners contributing the other 50%. You may be wondering how could we freeze the precept but increase the overall spend? This was done by utilising the underspend on last year's events budget, making a saving on the staff budget through reduced pension costs and as a result of the increase in the tax base (number of houses in the town). It is only this year that the tax base has returned to the level it was at 2012-13 before the Council Tax Support Scheme was scrapped. The scrapping of the scheme means that the Town Council are now unable to collect a precept from roughly 1,054 band A equivalent properties in the Town. 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 2020/21

2019/20 £	<u>Income</u>	2020/21 £
264,239	Precept	293,254
-	Grants/Rate Refund	16,293
2,160	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	-
2,501	Administration	3,118
36,585	Town Hall Income	6,705
254	Interest	2,257
300,345	Total Income	321,627
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
26,971	Administration	20,347
45,901	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	38,271
65,722	Town Hall	58,501
11,610	Grants to Outside Bodies	4,424
-	Capital Payments	-
144,504	Salaries and Wages	145,060
294,709	Total Expenditure	266,603
	<u>Cummulative Fund Balance</u>	
148,321	Balance b/f at 01/04/20	159,352
305,739	Plus Total Income	321,627
294,709	Less Total Expenditure	266,603
159,352	Balance as at 31/03/2021	214,377



Activities in 2020

The pandemic may have ruined our events programme as it did with many other things, but like many others we found a way to continue by adapting what we did to meet the challenges put before us.

Here is some information on what we did and how we did it, ***'where there is a will there is a way'...***

School Uniform Recycling





This project was such a success in 2019 that we simply had to run it again and goodness we're glad we did. In order to run the project safely we had to develop an effective quarantine system, so that we could continue to receive donations. We did this with the

help of a new wheelie bin whereby donations could be made Monday to Thursday and be isolated over the weekend. As with last year donations piled in although this time prewashed and ironed. Once again, the uniforms were sorted onto racks by volunteers (many of whom were elected members). The Town Council were able to team up with the Friends of Eaton Street Park to provide uniforms through their summer Sports Nutrition and Play Activity sessions delivered from Prescott Town Hall. We are now proud to say that this year has been even better check out the figures below.

CATEGORY	2019	2020
Number of Families supported	200	351
Number of garments reused	1,640	2,705
Tonnes of cloths saved from landfill	437kg	721kg

We have recently submitted a funding application to help us to continue to grow the project.

Wellington Boot Recycling

We want your Wellies!

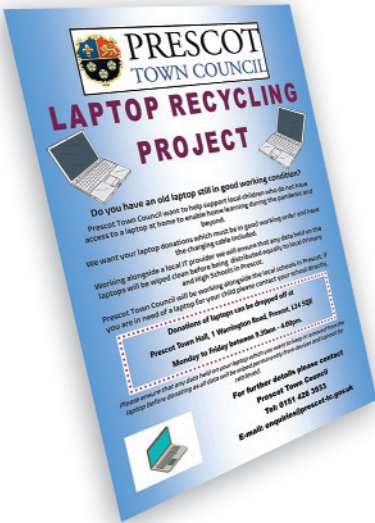
Did you know that most wellies are now made out of PVC, whilst this material offers a great range of colours, unlike rubber it is not recyclable so will likely end up in landfill. Given that you are more likely to outgrow your wellies before they spring a leak why not let someone else create a puddle jumping memory and donate them to us at Prescott Town Hall.

Question:

- How many happy memories have been created by jumping into a puddle with your wellies on?

Answer:
NOT
ENOUGH!





Laptop Recycling

To date the Town Council have been able to re home 26 laptops, none of this would have been possible without the kind donations we have received and a little support from The Lappy Shop on High Street, who replace the hard drives keeping all personal data safe.



Learning and working from home has been a challenge for many of us but imagine trying to do that when you need to share a laptop or even do it on a phone. This project was born out of a discussion to see what we could do following the Winter Coat project and was suggested by our Deputy Town Clerk, Louise. Little did we know that the BBC were also running a laptop recycling scheme, so it was great news when we were invited to go on the BBC Radio Merseyside breakfast show to talk about our project. Councillor Kai Taylor and the Town Clerk had to get up extra early to take part in the Lisa Marrey Breakfast Show. But it was even better news when the BBC contacted us again to ask if we could get one of our recipient schools to appear on North West Tonight. Pupils of Our Lady's Catholic Primary are pictured above on screen.



Prescot Town Council make its first Freeman of the Town.

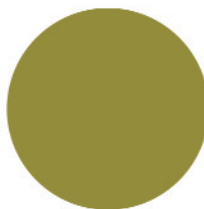


Sadly, Vicar John Taylor of Prescot Parish Church retired in February this year having served the Town for the last 17 years. Much loved and well-respected, John was a significant figure in the Town. In addition to his ministerial duties John was the Chair of Governors at St Mary and St Pauls Primary School and closely supported Evelyn Community Primary School. John was a great friend to many including the Town Council for whom he presided over the Town Council's Armistice Day Remembrance Service, one of the nicest comments the Town Council heard about John was the fact he was always giving of his time to others and given that time is one finite thing we all have, is a fitting tribute to the first Freeman of Prescot.

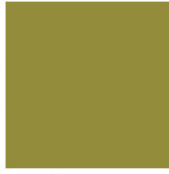




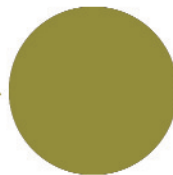
What do you do when you've finished Recycling Uniforms? Move on to Winter Coats of course!



The brainchild of Cllr Pat Cook, Winter Coats was a new initiative for 2020. Once again, the quarantine system was employed to receive donations of high-quality winter coats that were simply too good to go in the bin. Coats for all ages and sizes were donated in their hundreds, but unfortunately, within days of the project starting we were plunged back into lockdown. This meant that we had to think quickly to be able to continue to deliver the project in a safe way. Our solution to this problem was twofold, firstly we used social media by photographing each coat and giving it a number. These images were then loaded onto the Town Council's Facebook page which allowed people to browse through them as they would do with any other online shop. Anyone who was interested could then contact the Town Council to reserve the coat of their choice and attend the Town Hall to pick them up. Our second method was to hold pop up shops, staffed by Cllr Cook (left) and Cllr J Burke (right) located at St Pauls Church car park (pictured above).



This method was also very effective albeit with social distancing restrictions in place, as it provided an opportunity to engage with those who had not seen the online publicity. At the end of the project a total of 583 coats had been saved from landfill. We couldn't weigh them all but if every coat weighed around 2kg then this is over a tonne. As with all our recycling projects they simply would not be the huge successes they are without the support of our residents who provide all the donations.





Community Clean Up



Lockdown One saw the closure of waste recycling centres across the country. This was very unfortunate as at the same time many people used the extra time off work to do a bit of Spring Cleaning around the house. Understandably this obviously resulted in a deluge of items such as home furniture, garden furniture, wardrobes and other such like items that would usually be disposed of at a recycling centre lying in front and back gardens. Cllr Kai Taylor (top left) identified the problem and brought the idea of a Community Skip event to the Town Councils meeting in July. Recognising that this would be a good opportunity to use up some of the hitherto unused events budget the motion was passed. It was also realised that it would be too much for some people particularly those needing extra support such as the elderly and infirm

(Cllr Murray, Cllr Taylor, Town Clerk, Cllr J Burke and Cllr T Smith)





to get large items to the skips the Town Council also hired a van which was used to collect bulky items from individual properties. The event was a smash hit, with residents filling six eight tonne skips in just over an hour, elected members and staff were on hand to ensure that items were placed into the right skip for each type of material so they could be recycled. We realised very early on that we would need more capacity and fortunately we were able to act quickly and order an additional three skips that were then used to take the items that had been collected from the van.

The volunteers on the van had been kept busy all day visiting 14 different properties and completely filling the three additional skips. Such was the success of the event the Town Council have made a budget allocation to provide the event again this year.



Shakespeare' Smile

Unfortunately for Cllr Mark Burke 2020 was one of the worst years in history to be elected as Mayor. Ordinarily Cllr Burke would have attended somewhere between forty to fifty events including opening the Prescot Carnival, the Prescot Community Recognition Awards, the Mayor of Prescot's Charity Christmas Concert along with many others. However, our enterprising Mayor was able to make the most of a bad situation when he came up with the Shakespeare' Smile idea. This Social Distancing friendly activity provided plenty of Smiles as willing participants were able to complete a single mile for charity and link in with the new Prescot Playhouse Development. The sale of Smile packs raised a total of £1,015 for the Mayors Charity with 237 people taking part, even Prescot's answer to the Village People got on Board.





Prescot Rainbow Competition

Support for the NHS and its courageous staff was manifested by the placing of Rainbows in windows across the country. Prescot was no exception and the Mayor of Prescot ran a Rainbow Competition to ensure that our best Rainbows were rewarded.



Winner Willow Lomax age 2, Runners up Darcie Molyneux age 11 and Thomas Harrison age 9 were awarded £50 and £25 respectively.

Pumpkin Competition

The rainbow competition revealed just how talented Prescot's youngsters are, so we thought why not do the same with Pumpkins.

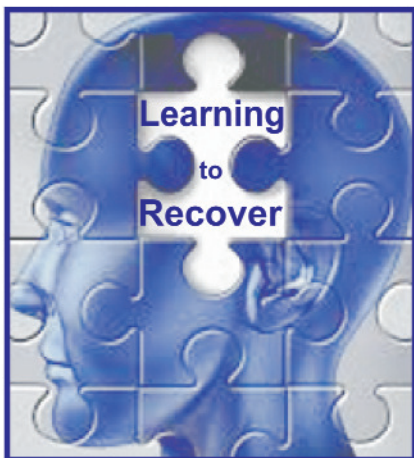


Four winners Bobby Prescot & Lewy Evans, Charlotte Parsons and Lily Formby all received £25 each

FACE Forward

<http://faceforwardpartnership.org.uk>

FACE Forward is part of a National research study measuring the impact of learning on mental well-being. Would you like to take part in a 6 week study programme offering opportunities for progression?



Are you?

- aged 19 or over and experiencing any degree of mild to moderate mental health issue
- interested in learning-based opportunities or activities to help improve your understanding and awareness of mental health issues
- looking for ways to self-manage your journey of recovery and interested in participating in learning based activities co-delivered by those with personal lived experience of mental health challenges and those with experience by profession
- someone who has lived the experience, is still on the road to recovery, and would like to discover if education aids mental health recovery

Engaging in a learning activity can:

- Improve health and well-being
- Reduce anxiety and depression
- Improve confidence, self-esteem and self-worth
- Help individuals to become more independent
- Reduce the use of medical services
- Help individuals return to employment or training
- Support positive re-engagement with family and/or active participation in community life.
- Help individuals achieve a 'Live Life Well' approach

All FACE Forward learning activities are FREE

Courses

Apps and IT for Wellbeing	FACE Forward through Flowers
Sewing / Jewellery / Card Making / Cake Decorating)	Living Life well
Improving Confidence and Communication	Portray a Better You through Photography
Discover Yourself through Family / Local History	Reading Support
English and Maths	Volunteering as an Expert By Experience
Create a Better You through Crafts (Pottery / Art / Sewing / Jewellery / Card Making / Cake Decorating)	

For enquiries or advice about FACE Forward please contact:

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FACE Forward Sessions at Prescott Town Hall

Another of our new additions this year has come from FACE Forward who are able to provide a wide range of engaging learning based activities completely free of charge. The aim of these courses is to promote confidence, mental health and recovery. But doesn't mean that you have to be suffering from a mental health issue, improving your mental health could be as much as simply wanting to meet new people or gain a new skill so the courses are open to everyone.

There is a fantastic range of courses on offer to suit all interests these include flower arranging, mindfulness, local history, card making, cake decorating and many more. You can even do some traditional educational courses such as Maths and English in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Courses are provided based on local demand so if you have some likeminded friends why not see what is on offer.

For further enquiries or advice about FACE Forward please contact: Barbara on 07500 818 103 or Alex on 07717 301 356.

COVID Safe

Prescot Town Council and FACE Forward have introduced a number of measures at the Town Hall to ensure your safety when you visit. Don't feel you have to be stuck at home to be safe come along and try something new.





Lost to COVID but coming back first chance we get

Unfortunately, we were unable to provide our traditional events programme due to COVID but this also impacted some of our newer initiatives which we can't wait to get up and running with again. Unfortunately, restrictions prevented us from holding the Prescott Community Recognition Awards. However, not being able to hold an event didn't stop us from recognising those who have made a considerable contribution to our Town and most importantly the people in it. This year's winners were: -



Citizen of the Year Mr Malcolm Fleet

Mr Fleet has played benefactor to a variety of local community groups within the town, always seeking to do so in a clandestine fashion. This year Mr Fleet was rightly exposed for the good work he has done over a number of years, and the panel felt his contribution over this time was worthy of our highest accolade. A prominent local employer Malcolm has a strong connection to the Town's parks and is the drummer in Prescott's very own Punk Rock Band Bad Bistro.



Community Group of the Year – ADAM

ADAM- Achieving Dreams And Memories Foundation is a nonprofit organisation to build a legacy & seek justice for Adam Ellison who was taken from us in appalling circumstances in 2017. Since that time the foundation has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of knife crime and raise money for a variety of good causes. One of the groups outstanding achievements has been to provide 37 bleed kits around various locations in Prescott and the wider area.





Local Democracy Project

Having received some great feedback after our initial session, we were extremely disappointed to have had to put the brakes on this project due to COVID. As a former Prescot School Boy this is something the Mayor Cllr Burke was particularly looking forward to. The programme focuses on the main individual roles within the Town Council and how they come together to deliver democracy within the Town. We can't wait to get the programme rolled out to all our primary schools and hopefully this will become a mainstay of local education for many generations to come.





Prescot Christmas Cracker Event

This new event was developed in 2019 to replace the Town Council's Christmas Light Switch on Event which was taken over by Knowsley Council and given more of an economic purpose. Our event was completely free of charge and included a host of new attractions such as Rodeo Rudolf, Disney Characters, Superhero's, Snow board simulator, performances from local artists and groups, we even managed to guarantee a bit of snow. Let's hope the guidance permits this free event again this year.



Prescot Carnival

It's no surprise that we were unable to run the Prescot Carnival last summer as we were still very much under the grip of the pandemic and the Prescot Carnival is the single biggest event in the Town. The Town Council are really eager to run the event this year even if this means moving it until later in the year, let's hope the restrictions are lifted in time.





Resident Support during COVID 19

As reported last year Prescott Town Council was one of the first organisations in the area to act to provide support to residents. Having developed its own Self-Isolation Support Scheme which supported 48 residents within the first two weeks of lockdown the Town Council were approached by the Big Help to support their efforts in the Prescott area. Obviously, the Town Council and its staff were willing to support this, working on the front line to provide a food hub within Prescott. Whilst many other similar organisations 'worked from home' town council staff and elected members operated a successful food bank with the support of the Big Help who supplied the food and the referrals. Staff would put the parcels together and elected members would deliver them. A total of 592 residents benefited from the Town Council's support which ran during each lockdown from 27th March 2020 until 5th April 2021. Operating the food bank also allowed us to keep the Town Hall partially open to residents who were unable to access one stop shop or online services, even though we live in a highly digital age there are still a large number of people who require a face to face service, fortunately we were able to provide that service during lockdown albeit to just a few and from behind a mask and at a distance. In addition to our own food bank efforts the Town Council also supported the activities of groups such as the Friends of Eaton Street Park with their Sports Nutrition and Play Sessions by facilitating the sessions through the creation of a drive in system at the Town Hall, on average the group provided a meal and activity session for 300 local children twice a week during each school holiday.





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

Such were the effects of COVID that it has impacted on every part of our society in normal years the Town Council can expect to see sixteen to twenty applications for funding support. However, 2020 saw this drop to a total of just five as can be seen below.

GROUP/ORGANISATION	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Molyneux Drive Allotment Society	£499.40	Contribution towards Gardening equipment
1st Whiston and Prescot Scout Group	£500	Outdoor equipment
Prescot Hockey Club	£500	Contribution towards coaching sessions
Prescot Cables FC	£500	Contribution towards COVID safety measures
Prescot Mission Christmas	£492.01	Contribution towards project





Greenspace

The Town Council currently hold 99-year leases on King George V Playing Fields Prescott (known locally as Brown's Field) and Eaton Street Recreation Ground which date back to 1991. These leases make the Town Council responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the sites and the boundary walls, fences and gates. There are two other recognised greenspaces in the Town at Carr Lane (across the road from Brown's Field) and Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard. These spaces are not under lease and are wholly maintained and managed by Knowsley Council.

The sites are quite distinct and have varied histories, with one having been split into a water works and allotment at one point whilst the other was home to a pitch and put course but both have evolved over time and each site now offers something for everyone.

Prescot people are very supportive and passionate about their greenspaces each of the four greenspaces sites benefit from Friends of Groups who contribute to the upkeep of the parks and provide their own events throughout the year. The Friends Groups provide events such as the Picnic in the Park at Eaton Street and the Spooky Halloween Walk at Brown's Field and Carr Lane Woods which are really popular.

General parks maintenance is carried out by Knowsley Council and includes litter picking and emptying of bins twice weekly, all grass cutting and hand mowing, maintenance of shrub beds, hedges etc at an annual cost to the Town Council of around £23,000.





Brown's Field

Brown's Field or King George V Memorial Playing Field is the largest public open space in Prescot. The park has play facilities for toddlers to 13 years, an 11 a side a 9 a side a 7 aside and a 5 a side grass pitches. The size of the park means it is very popular with dog walkers and it also plays host to the Prescot Carnival the biggest event of its type in Knowsley with many of the attractions being provided free of charge.

The Town Council have recently been working with the Friends group and Knowsley Council to submit an application for the esteemed Green Flag Award. If successful it will mean that Brown's Field or King George V Memorial Playing Fields Prescot to give it, its full title will need to score over 7 out of 10 in each of these categories.





- A Welcoming Place
- Healthy, Safe and Secure
- Well Maintained and Clean
- Environmental Management
- Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage
- Community Involvement
- Marketing and Communication
- Management



Success would be a real feather in the cap for the park and demonstrate the considerable progress that has been made since 2017 when the future of the site was uncertain. The application was submitted in January and we would expect to hear the result in August.

In addition to the Green Flag application the partnership has also been working on the master plan for the site. This work builds on the original master plan completed in 2013 but now includes additional footpaths and the more recent Prescott to Cronton Cycle path along the western boundary. Another major component of the master plan is the replacement of the younger children's play area, which is coming towards the end of its useful life and is in need of a more inspiring and attractive design that represents the aspirations for the site. The Town Council have recently worked with Knowsley Council officers and the Friends Group to submit a funding application for the development of the playground. This application for £70,000 will complement the £10,000 raised by the Friends of KGV Brown's Field and Carr Lane Woods together with contributions from both Councils if successful.

The Friends meet every Saturday morning rain or shine and have also been instrumental in communicating the strength of local feeling for the preservation of our parks and open space. You can contact the friends via email on friendskgvcw@gmail.com





Berkley Juniors



The Park also benefits from resident football club Berkley Junior FC. The football club is made up of 126 players, 12 coaches and 4 committee members (some committee members are also coaches). There are 9 teams in total ranging from Under 7s to Under 15s, which play in the St Helens & Rainhill Winter League, Knowsley League (Winter and Summer) and various tournaments throughout the summer. The club is County FA affiliated and have achieved Charter Standard Club status. At least 4 teams play each weekend plus parents and opposition resulting in approx. 80-100 players plus 80-100 parents on site. During the spring and summer all the teams train at the field on a Wednesday night, and with 126 players signed on at the club, at least one parent attends training as well! As part of a recently completed future plan, the club plans to develop their mini kickers academy and are also trying to set up a couple of girl teams. The club's U15 team will, in 3 years, be going into adult football leagues, though this will be subject to successful investment in the site facilities to achieve the league standards for adult football. The club also intends to deliver some large-scale summer tournaments in the future for mass participation and fundraising for the club moving forward.



If you are interested in joining a team why not visit their website
<https://berkleyjfc.teamapp.com/>





Eaton Street Park



Eaton Street Park was the first park in Prescot to receive the prestigious Green Flag Award and is also maintained by the Town Council. Located on Eaton Street next to Prescot Cables, Eaton Street is the closest park to town centre making a convenient place to spend your lunch break and escape work.

The park is positively alive with activities provided by its resident group the Friends of Eaton Street Park. Now in their eleventh year the Friends have developed an extensive programme that includes an Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic in the Park, Christmas Grotto along with Sports Nutrition and Play sessions twice weekly during every school holiday and their regular Sunday afternoon sessions when they serve Tea, Coffee and other refreshments from the Pavilion. This year the group have continued to run holiday activities despite the difficulties presented by COVID 19. This meant the group moving location to the car park at the Town Hall which was great as it killed two birds with one stone with the group supporting the School Uniform Project.



The group have now started a Food Club that runs from the Pavilion every Monday and Wednesday, you can check out their other activities on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Eaton-Street-Park-Prescotaka-Preccy-Rec-162812667103495/>



The Town Council in partnership with Knowsley Council and the Friends have recently updated the 5-year management plan for the park. This plan is a key component of the Green Flag Award as it helps to steer the future development of the site. The Friends have put forward a number of ideas which we will now look to consult on with the wider public. This consultation will then be used to support a funding application.

Ideas for development include:

- A footpath around the semi natural area at the back of the site
- A sensory garden
- An outdoor gym
- A change of use for the bowling green to an event space

Eaton Street Park has play facilities for toddler to 13 years, a large open area of grass, formal rose gardens, enclosed event space and pavilion and a natural area at the rear of the site.





Eaton Street 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 bowling green provides a great space for a bouncy castle.





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





What's On at Your Town Hall



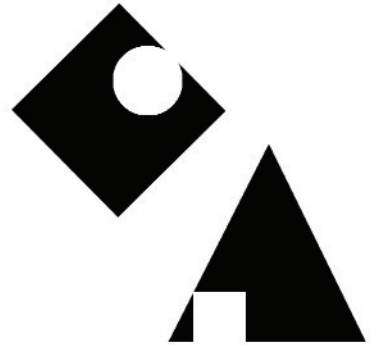
Prescot Town Hall continues to fulfil its purpose in meeting the needs of the community. The Town Hall provides a range of facilities for business and community use including: -

- 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 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

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





PRESCOT SCHOOL OF KUNG FU

FLORISTRY CLASS



DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Monday	St Helens Law - Free Legal Clinics	10.00am - 12.00pm	St Helens Law 01744 454433
Monday	Mindfulness (6 week course)	10.00am - 12.00am	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Monday	Aromatherapy (6 week course)	12.30pm - 2.30pm	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Monday	Aerobics Class	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Sharon Swindels acerswn@aol.com
Tuesday	Local History of Prescot (6-week course)	10.00am – 11.30am	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Tuesday	Find out your Family Tree (6-week course)	12.00pm -2.00pm	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Tuesday	Floristry (6 week course)	2.30pm – 4.30pm	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Tuesday	Kumon – Maths & English Classes	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Jenn Appleton prescot@kumoncentre.co.ukS
Tuesday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts	Kids 6.30pm -7.30pm Adults 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stephen Sloane 07719 825379
Wednesday	Floristry (6-week course)	10.00am – 12.00pm	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Tuesday (1st & 3rd Tue)	Prescot North Ward Councillor Surgery The Liberal Democrats	10.00am - 11.00am	0151 426 3933
Tuesday (2nd & 4th Tue)	Prescot South Ward Councillor Surgery The Green Party	10.00am - 11.00am	0151 426 3933

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Wednesday	Mentoring Level 2 (12-week course)	1.00pm – 4.00pm	FACE Forward - 0151 443 5386 www.knowsleyface.co.uk
Wednesday	St Helens Law - Free Legal Clinics	2.30pm - 4.30pm	St Helens Law 01744 454433
Wednesday (term time only)	Helen O'Grady Drama Academ)	Drama - 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Ages 5-11) Exam Class -6.00pm - 6.30pm Youth Theatre - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Ages 12+)	Tracy Shirley 0151 482 0443 / 07908 811159 liverpool@helenogrady.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 -7.30pm Adults 7.30pm -9.30pm	Stephen Sloane 07719 825379
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	St Helens Law 01744 454433
Friday (every 2 wks)	Deafness Resource Centre - Drop in advice	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Naomi Webb - 01744 23887 naomi.webb@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.co



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