

Prescot Town Council ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



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Statement from the Mayor of Prescott



I am beyond proud to have had the privilege of being the Mayor of Prescott for the civic year 2022-23.

I loved meeting all of the volunteer groups, organisations and Prescottians on my journey.

I particularly enjoyed delivering the Local Democracy Programme which I introduced several years ago to Prescott Town Council - but delivering it in the role of Mayor of Prescott was special, to all of the year 6 children in our Prescott Primary Schools, encouraging

them to have a voice, learning about debate and about PTC itself.

Amusingly, I am regularly stopped by school children who say I know who you are...for a moment I get ahead of myself and think they will say you were the Mayor...but they go on to say "You're Head Elf, you came to our school when Santa got stuck in the snow." A role so much less regal, but so much fun, when I got to ham it up at all the local schools dropping off selection boxes when our planned 'Santa' got stuck in traffic.

Thanks to all of my consorts who took time away from volunteering duties to come with me to events, they all loved their experiences, and it was the perfect opportunity for me to acknowledge those who had volunteered with me in many groups for over fourteen years now. These volunteers from third sector organisations are the backbone of our country.

Thank you to every single person who volunteered their time, donated prizes, knitted, crocheted, crafted, came to any or all of my fundraising events (2 Ladies Nights, An 80's Night, A Race Night, 2 Motown Nights, 'Penny for your Parks' initiative, 2 Tombola's, 10 Mayors Lucky Squares Draws, Yoga afternoon, 12 Raffles, A Chinese Buffet Night and 3 Prize Bingo Sessions). I want to acknowledge the contributions of every child and family in Prescott who saved their 1ps and 2ps for me, and all of the businesses who helped me and who are listed on Prescott Town Council Webpage.

Prescotians, you made my Mayoral year fundraising so successful I raised more than the Mayor of the whole of Knowsley!

I'm quite active in our community and as Chair of Friends of Eaton Street Park organise and deliver many events including free lunch and activity sessions during school holidays. About 18 months ago, a mum brought her little boy to one of these events with his Nan. They asked if he could go on the inflatable slide, just like all the other children. Now this little boy was in a wheelchair but his Mum and Nan carried him to the top of that slide and when he came down, he was joyous, grinning from ear to ear, he absolutely loved it...

An amazing sight, but I felt an overwhelming sadness too! Why should children with different abilities have so little equipment in our parks for them to access? So I decided my Mayoral fundraising would focus on 2 projects - the first being an accessible roundabout at Eaton Street Park, a piece of equipment that children of all abilities can use.

For my second, the focus was Molyneux Drive Woodland & Forestry Space which came to be during Covid, when I set up a Friends group (Mal, Margaret, Thomas, Marianne, Pat and others), clearing a very neglected and overgrown piece of land at the back of Molyneux Drive shops and developing it into a Woodland and Forestry Space with a pond and eco-system, to start to repair and care for this little green space, to be used by our partners, the local schools, community groups and the local community.

Many of my local community are living day to day, and weathering this financial and energy crisis, their children will not be holidaying at 'Center Parks', but this will be their special space! The Friends group have already delivered a well-attended Winter Wonderland and Easter Session for the local community, and as my second project, the money allocated to them will improve this resource for all.

Finally and most importantly I would like to thank the little boy who inspired me to try and make our Park more accessible and inclusive and the children of St Mary and St Pauls & St Lukes Primary Schools who inspired me to create the Woodland & Forestry Space.

In total I raised £17,672, I gave Willowbrook and Breastmates £500 each, Friends of Eaton Street Park £8336 to buy a roundabout and Friends of Molyneux Drive Woodland and Forestry Space £8336 to improve the space for our local community.

Joanne Burke Mayor of Prescott 2022/23

Statement from the Town Clerk

Firstly, I would like to say a big hello and introduce myself as I'm conscious that for the last nine years you have been receiving this report from my predecessor and former Town Clerk, Daniel Wilson. My name is Alex Spencer and I took the role of Town Clerk to Prescot Town Council in April 2022.

Prior to taking on this role, I was the Amenities Manager and Deputy Clerk at Maghull Town Council – working there for a little over 5 years.

Before I start my report in detail, I would like to recognise the incredible work which Dan achieved during his nine-year tenure.

Under his reign, Prescot Town Council has acquired a new town hall (the former Fusilier Pub), has developed strong links with the community, voluntary and faith sector, has established a strong financial footing for council and has established pathways and projects to support the community in often challenging times.

Dan's shoes are literally and metaphorically large ones to fill, but I am confident that with the support of councillors, council staff and the community, I'll be up to the challenge of both continuing and furthering the work Dan has put in train.

The role of Town Clerk is undoubtedly a diverse one – with no two days ever being the same. On a Tuesday morning I could be hosting year 6 children taking part in our local democracy project, only to be followed on a Wednesday afternoon with meeting police, the youth service and other partners to discuss how anti-social behaviour locally can be tackled.

This diverse role mirrors the diversity of the town, and during my comparatively short tenure as Town Clerk, I have been pleased to participate in high-profile community events such as the Prescot Carnival and Christmas Cracker, I have formed links with local businesses by attending meetings of the Prescot Business Club, I've actively supported the community through our community clean up days, and perhaps most rewarding of all for me personally, I've hosted year 6 Prescot pupils in our Local Democracy Project – teaching local children exactly what Prescot Town Council does and empowering them to shape their town.

Although I am the new boy on the block, I have been blown away by how vibrant and exciting the town is. A thriving nighttime economy will only help to put Prescot even firmer on the map. The opening of Shakespeare North Playhouse will give the town national if not international recognition and finally the opening of a new playground at Brown's Field catering for all ages and abilities, will only improve the local leisure offer.

Despite embracing these positives, I also recognise that the town has challenges and I have been equally blown away by the response of the community in meeting those challenges. Uniform recycling projects, park pantries, winter coat programmes and winter hubs are just a few community driven initiatives offering support to those who sometimes struggle and are proving invaluable to help local need.

My tenure to date has opened my eyes not only to what the town has to offer residents and visitors of all ages and abilities, but what the challenges are also. Whilst I continue to find my feet within this new role, I look forward to working with councillors, partners, and the community to ensure that Council not only embraces positive elements but finds ways of supporting and hopefully overcoming the town's challenges.



Alex Spencer *Town Clerk*

Statement from the Leader of Council



I am very proud to have served as the Leader of Prescott Town Council in the year 2022-2023.

The year has been difficult for many in our community in terms of the ongoing cost of living and energy crisis.

I would like to thank all of the community groups, volunteers and councillors who have provided support to our community to meet their needs. Prescottian community spirit continues to shine and Prescott Town Council continues to support those groups.

In this vein we have a Community Group afternoon in which the Councillors prepare the room, food and refreshments and acknowledge the work of our community groups by serving them

‘afternoon tea.’

This past year we have provided the venue for Prescott Mission Christmas Dinner Group to pack the Christmas Dinner Bags and be a collection point. I am extremely pleased to tell you that our efforts to preserve and protect the environment by preventing landfill through our recycling projects, go from strength to strength and we are a role model to other councils. We have run the fifth year of our School Uniform Recycle Initiative, the brainchild of Cllr Jo Burke which has developed significantly, now providing over 2000 School Uniform Items to our community.

In addition, we have now introduced a School Uniform Recycle Shop which will enable our residents to access uniform all year round. Cllr Pat Cook’s Winter Coat Recycle Scheme initiative once again delivered over 400 Winter Coats to members of our community.

We continue to support Friends of Eaton Street Park with free use of the Town Hall if the weather is inclement during their free lunch and activity school holiday sessions and the Park Pantry Community Food Club who are based at Eaton Street Park Pavilion enable over one hundred families a week to access their resource.

This Council, supported by the Town Clerk and staff has continued to be proactive and provided a very full activity programme for our residents which we will continue to review, build upon and improve.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor of Prescott 2022-23 Cllr Jo Burke for her unprecedented fundraising efforts to make a difference in our community.

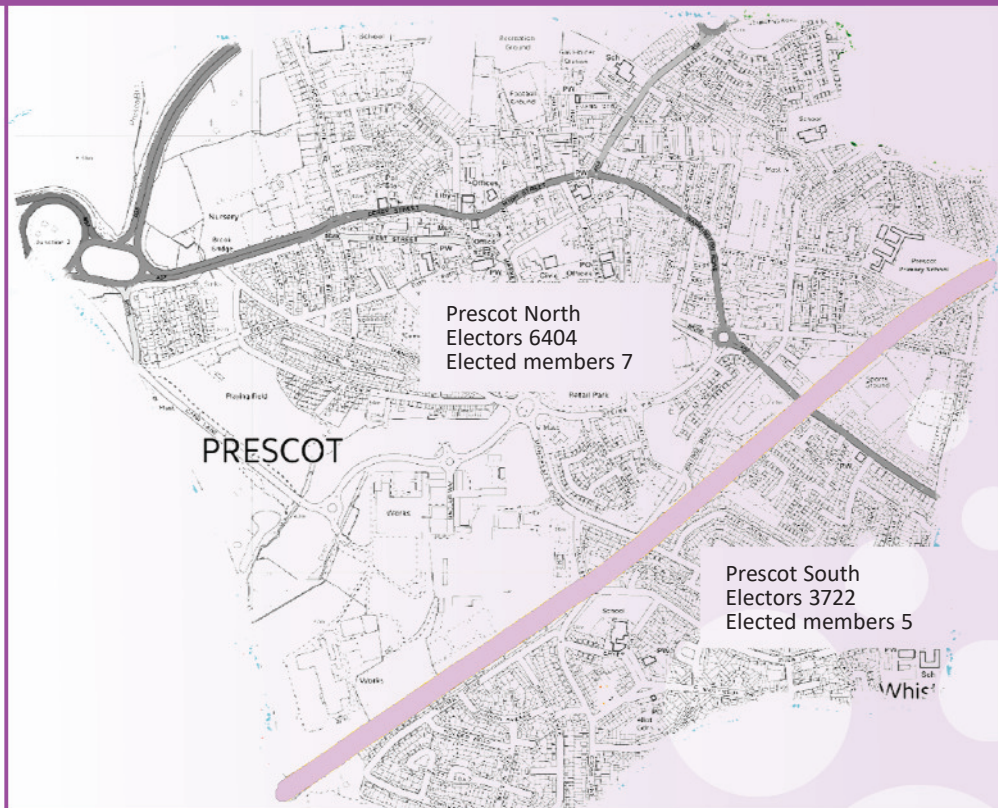
Kai Taylor *Leader, Prescott Council*

EVENT	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES	MONTH
Prescot Carnival	Brown's Field, Wood Lane, Prescot	An array of free activities comprised of bouncy castles, mini-golf, inflatables, football, go-karts, face painting, arts & crafts, large fun fair, a variety of performances including singers, dancers, martial arts, entertainers, and dog show. Trader stalls	June
Community Recognition Awards	Prescot Town Hall, Warrington Road, Prescot	The community recognition awards were introduced to celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community groups across Prescot.	June/July
School Uniform Recycling Project	The Pavilion, Eaton Street Park Prescot Town Hall, Warrington Road, Prescot	A project run in partnership between Prescot Town Council and the Friends of Eaton Street Park where donations of school uniform items are made and then redistributed within the community. The project focuses heavily upon recycling school uniform items to save them from landfill.	July/August
Winter Coat Recycling Scheme	Prescot Town Hall, Warrington Road, Prescot	A project run in partnership between Prescot Town Council and the Friends of Eaton Street Park where donations of winter coats are received and then redistributed within the community.	September
Armistice Day Service	BICC Memorial, Prescot Cemetery, Manchester Road, Prescot.	Memorial Service for local residents supported by Prescot Town Council, St. Mary's Church, the Friends of Prescot Churchyard and local schools.	November

Prescot Christmas Cracker	Prescot Town Hall, Warrington Road, Prescot	Free event hosted by Prescot Town Council comprising of activities including snow globe, rodeo rides and facepainting. A variety of performances including singers and local school choirs. Free refreshments.	December
Senior Citizen Christmas Drop-in	Prescot Town Hall, Warrington Road, Prescot. St Pauls Church, Bryer Road, Prescot	A free festive event for older persons, with council providing entertainment and free festive refreshments. These events provide an ideal opportunity to get to know local councillors and potentially form new friendship groups.	December

All events within this programme are paid for, delivered and staffed by Prescot Town Council

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



Community Governance Review

Following the Community Governance Review of 2018 the Town was split into two electoral wards, Prescot North and Prescot South.

This warding arrangement follows that of Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, the principle authority in Knowsley.

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Prescot Town Council Financial Statement 2022/23

In February 2022, Town Councillors resolved to freeze the town council precept for a third successive year. Setting a revenue expenditure budget of £364,598.08 for 2022/23, this means that every Band D equivalent property within the town would pay £88.66 per year – equating to £1.71 per week. Achieving a precept freeze for a third successive year is a significant achievement for Council and has been achieved in no small part to accurate budget setting for 2022/23, responsible budget management during 2021/22 to determine where expenditure for the new financial year is or is not required and by continuing to build a healthy financial reserve level to cover additional operational costs or unforeseen expenditure. In addition to its annual precept demand, Council continues to derive an income from the hire of its facilities at Prescot Town Hall (multi-function room with bar and conference/meeting rooms) and the Pavilion at Eaton Street Park. By hiring these facilities to generate an anticipated income of almost £24,000.00 for 2022/23, council is maximising its assets and negating the need to raise the precept.

As we move into 2023/24, there are ambitious plans to better promote council facilities to not only make these more accessible to the community, but to steadily grow income for council. These ambitions have already been factored into income targets for 2023/24.

2022/23 expenditure totalled £327,754.72 an increase of £8,476.60 in comparison to the previous financial year. However, overall council spend for 2022/23 was below the set revenue expenditure budget of £351,101.00 – underspends continuing to increase Council's reserve level or as has already been discussed, committing funds to works necessary at Prescot Town Hall in 2022. Each year the Town Council's accounts are prepared by the Town Clerk and are scrutinised by Internal and External Audit to ensure that they comply with current legislation. Copies of these accounts are available by request or via council's website www.prescot-tc.gov.uk

In conclusion, Council continues to have a strong financial footing, and as documented by our internal audit report, has strong financial processes in place to ensure that public money is being spent how and where it should.

As we move into 2023/24, I am confident that this footing will remain strong, that money will be used in a prudent way and that residents will continue to see benefits of their precept payment in terms of receiving high quality, local services.

Prescot Town Council Income & Expenditure Account 2022/23

2021/22 £	<u>Income</u>	2022/23 £
307,234.00	Precept	326,171.00
46,341.60	Grants/Rate Refund	42,500.00
-420.00	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	3,582.08
620.73	Administration	0.00
26,297.00	Town Hall Income	24,657.77
1,248.98	Interest	4,276.75
381,322.31	Total Income	401,187.60
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
25,477.44	Administration	22,119.61
80,424.03	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	80,536.62
64,973.68	Town Hall	64,115.65
4,820.22	Grants to Outside Bodies	8,768.10
-	Capital Payments	-
143,582.75	Salaries and Wages	152,214.74
319,278.12	Total Expenditure	327,754.72
	<u>Cummulative Fund Balance</u>	
214,376.83	Balance b/f at 01/04/20	276,421.02
381,322.31	Plus Total Income	401,187.60
319,278.12	Less Total Expenditure	327,754.72
276,421.02	Balance as at 31/03/2023	349,853.90

Local Democracy Project 2022



In early 2020, Cllr J Burke put forward a motion to implement a project for local school children to teach them about the history and role of Prescott Town Council, whilst reinforcing that children have a pivotal role to play in shaping their town.

In the same year, a successful trial of the Local Democracy Project was completed. However, the Covid-19 pandemic firmly put the brakes on Council's ability to roll out across all Prescott primary schools.

Happily, 2022 presented our first opportunity to invite year 6 pupils from all Prescott primary schools into Prescott Town Hall for the day to participate in the project.

The project itself has two overarching aims.

To teach local pupils about the history, roles and responsibilities of Council, Councillors, and officers. And secondly, to encourage pupils that they have a huge role to play in shaping their community by (hopefully) getting involved in local decision making whether that be right now, or in the future.

Ok. It can be difficult to make local government attractive and fun – particularly to 30 pupils sitting

eagerly in front of you. However, through interactive presentations, workshops where pupils make suggestions on how local parks can be improved and even a mock Council meeting at the end of the session, our Local Democracy Project is a fun and interactive way of outlining what we as a Town Council do, and more importantly how local kids can get involved in shaping their town.

We don't expect all pupils going through the project to become councillors or officers – but when we hear one pupil saying "one day, I want to be the Mayor of Prescott" it's nice to think that we have had a role in the next generation of localism for some!

The Local Democracy has proved a massive hit with primary schools across the town, and we look forward to welcoming the next cohort of year 6 pupils during 2023.



Prescot Carnival



After a three year absence owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Prescot Carnival returned to its home at Brown's Field in 2022 - and judging by the number of people in attendance, it was well worth the wait!

In excess of 4500 residents and visitors flocked to the carnival – an event which included live music, stand up comedy, dance productions, dog show, trader stalls, fun fair and free family activities.

Speaking at the event, Mayor of Prescot Cllr J. Burke said “The return of the Prescot Carnival is long overdue and we are delighted to have brought it back this year. The Covid-19 pandemic negatively impacted upon many council events and projects, and we're therefore pleased to bring some normality and fun back to the town in light of restrictions easing.

We're also proud to provide so many carnival attractions and activities for free - climbing walls, bouncy castles, sports activities, and live entertainment – can all be enjoyed without a penny being spent; as these costs have been met by the Town Council.”





Prescot Community Recognition Awards 2022

Council's Community Recognition Awards are a way for Council to recognise the invaluable contributions which individuals and community groups make to the town.

It is often the case that these contributions are provided wholly voluntarily and are done simply because people want to help others or want to benefit the town.

Following a nomination process whereby Council asks the public to put forward individuals or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the town, winners are chosen by councillors who follow an agreed scoring criteria.

The Community Recognition Awards are Council's way of recognising and saying thank-you to individuals and groups from the community, voluntary and faith sectors who all work to help others and/or improve the town. These are treated to an afternoon lunch served by councillors and officers, before the winners are revealed!

Everybody cannot win, but everyone can be massively thanked for what they do, for improving lives and for making a difference in our town.

Prescot Citizen of the Year 2022 – Mrs Dorothy Krelle

Dorothy is a member of The Salvation Army in Prescot and as well as helping at church she is constantly on the go responding to the needs in the community and surrounding area. She is a foodbank volunteer and does all she can to ensure any needs that can be met are dealt with to the best of her ability.

Prescot Community Group of the Year 2022 – Evolving Mindset CIC

Evolving Mindset are a not-for-profit mental health organisation that delivers high quality, industry leading services led by experienced and highly qualified Mental Health Nurses and facilitators. They are committed to challenging the stigma associated with mental health by providing free mental health support for adults and young people in our communities.



Since inception in 2019 Evolving Mindset have supported over 1900 people experiencing mental health difficulties completely free of charge throughout the pandemic. Participants have been referred through local GP services (Prescot Medical Centre) and social prescribing link workers in addition to self-referral process. None of this could have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the non-paid volunteer team at Evolving Mindset who have gone above and beyond in providing free support to our communities at a time when other Mental Health support services in the area closed their doors. This has benefitted the Prescot and surrounding areas so much and has been the lifeline of so many in our community that were experiencing mental health difficulties during and post pandemic. The volunteer team has helped keep our communities safe and offered emotional and psychological support at times from people in a suicidal crisis who due to the stigma associated with Mental health people were reluctant to access clinical support. The team of volunteers worked tirelessly in creating safe spaces for people to discuss their concerns and signposting to other support strategies or organisations to help people through their mental health difficulties. This all on top of their busy day jobs.

Defibrillator and Bleed Kits 2022



Prescot Town Council recognises the need to support the community, and when bad things unfortunately happen, we like to think that we can help – particularly in an emergency.

To this end, this year we have installed a community defibrillator and bleed kit on the external wall of Prescot Town Hall.

We have also worked alongside St Mary's Church at the bottom of Eccleston Street to ensure that a second defibrillator is installed – therefore providing emergency cover for the top and bottom of the town's main street should the worst come to the worst.

With an ever-increasing nighttime economy in the town, Council has mapped the locations of defibrillators and bleed kits locally.

It's not nice to think of unpleasant things happening within our town – but on occasion they do – and this year Council has better placed itself within the community for the rare occasions when defibs and bleed kits are needed.

Uniform Recycling Project 2022

Prescot Town Council initiated the School Uniform Recycling Project in 2019 with the aims of protecting and preserving the environment by reducing landfill, and to support families in the provision of school uniforms.

The Town Council works in partnership with the Friends of Eaton Street Park and uses Prescot Town Hall and Eaton Street Park Pavilion to deliver the project during July and August.

The continued success of the project clearly demonstrates that there is a strong and growing recycling agenda, with the Prescot community appearing to be leading the way in Knowsley. It certainly confirms that people's motivation to engage with recycling is increasing year on year and therefore fits the objectives of the project.

The project was able to support over 600 families with school uniform and recycled around 3,000 items of clothing to residents within Prescot, Knowsley and surrounding towns.

The project relies heavily on the supply of donations from within the community which grows each year and is truly indicative of the strong community recycling spirit within Prescot.



Winter Coats Recycling Scheme 2022

Prescot Town Council initiated the Winter Coats Recycling Scheme in 2020 with the objective of recycling high quality adults and children winter coats that were simply too good to be sent to landfill. The Town Council works in partnership with the Friends of Eaton Street Park to deliver this scheme.

We rely on the generous donations of winter coats from our local community which are then quality checked, sized and placed on rails by our volunteers. During the month of September/October popup shops were held at Prescot Town Hall and Eaton Street Park Pavilion with over 500 coats being rehomed to members of the community free of charge.

Winter Warmer Hub 2022

The cost of living crisis has hit everyone hard. Soaring inflation coupled with spiralling energy costs, has forced people up and down the country to make difficult choices in challenging times.

Council cannot solve these problems. However, it can offer support to residents.

Starting in October and running until January, Council provided a warm hub at Prescott Town Hall to residents each Monday – offering a warm, friendly space where residents could relax, have refreshments and interact with others.

Our warm hubs will return in 2023 as we recognise the importance of supporting our community in challenging times.

Armistice Day 2022

Town Councillors and Council officers once again fell silent with the nation to mark Armistice Day as we quietly paused to remember those killed, injured or suffering in conflict both in the past and unfortunately the present.

Taking place at the BICC memorial in Prescott Cemetery at St Mary's Church, councillors and officers were joined by local clergy, the Friends of Prescott Churchyard, school children and residents to fall silent for two minutes on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Councillors and officers will once again pay their respects in 2023. Lest we forget.



Prescot Christmas CRACKER

Building on the success of previous years, in 2022, Council held its annual Christmas Cracker Event at Prescot Town Hall for the first time!

Hundreds of residents and visitors enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas fun – whether that be enjoying live music performances by local band Juke, sampling the angelic voices of local school choirs, getting a face painted like frosty the snowman, having a go in a blow-up snow globe or simply enjoying a free coffee and mince pie served by Town Councillors – loads of Christmas fun was on offer!

Council has committed to this event for 2023 and we look forward to bringing more festive cheer and fun to the town!

Senior Citizen Christmas Drop In

In December, councillors hosted two senior citizen Christmas drop-ins at Prescot Town Hall and St Paul's Church, Bryer Road.

These were completely free events for older people within the community, comprising of entertainment and festive refreshments served by town councillors and volunteers. Each drop-in event provided an ideal opportunity for older people to get to know their local councillors, find out what's happening locally and potentially form new friendship groups.

Both events attracted over 60 people and council has committed to running each event in December 2023



Community Clean up Days 2022

Prescot Town Council's Community Skip Days once again proved a massive success with residents for disposal of their unwanted items.

At the heart of these skip days is the idea that Prescot Town Council can support residents who may struggle to dispose of items owing to a lack of transport to local refuse centres or perhaps residents are vulnerable, unwell or do not have support in place to help.

Learning from previous years the Town Council held two community skip days at Prescot Town Hall and St Pauls Church, Bryer Road.

To support both days, council sited eight 8 tonne skips at each location, in addition to hiring a large van to collect items directly from households who had pre-booked a collection slot.

To make the day run as smoothly as possible, before each community skip day, councillors leafleted households to make residents aware of the day, what items could be collected and offering a van collection service

The success of these days was self-evident given that all skips were brimmed – in some cases overflowing!

Massive thanks to Kirkby Skips for siting and collecting skips on each day and to Prescot Self Drive for providing the hire van.

Council plans to hold further community skip days in 2023.





What a year it has been for our Mayor!

Since being elected to office in May 2022, Cllr Burke has been invited to almost 50 events across the Town representing Council as the First Person of Prescot.

The list below summarises the formal engagements which Cllr Burke has attended throughout the year. However, on top of this, Cllr Burke has also represented Council during the Local Democracy Project, Prescot Carnival, Community Recognition Awards and even dressed as Chief Elf for the day to deliver selection boxes to primary school children at Christmas!

Coupled with her tireless efforts in raising funds for the Mayors' Charity – which by the end of 2022/23 totalled a massive £17,672.00 and will be split equally to fund an inclusive roundabout at Eaton Street Park and with the Friends of Molyneux Drive Woodland & Forestry Space to improve an outdoor space for the benefit of the community – Cllr Burke has represented Council with distinction and tireless enthusiasm!

MONTH	MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS
May	KMBC – Annual General Meeting
June	Mal Fleet – 80th Birthday Party Friends of Eaton Street Park – Queens Jubilee Picnic in the Park Prescot Festival – Dr Jazz Prescot Festival – Choral Spectacular Prescot Festival – Liverpool Bach Collective Prescot Festival – Primary School Choir Festival Prescot Festival – Young Instrumentalist of Prescot Prescot Festival – Film Screening Prescot Festival – Barn Dance Prescot Festival – Foden's Dance Halewood Town Council – Mayor's Charities Launch Prescot Festival – BOST Prescot Town Council – Prescot Carnival Prescot Festival – Pheonix Concert Orchestra

July	<p>HC One – Fazakerley House – Open Day Afternoon Tea</p> <p>Tesco – Food Bank Collection</p> <p>Millicans Opticians – Receiving donation from Millicans</p> <p>Evolve Enterprise CIC – Award Certificates of Achievement</p> <p>Individuality Youth – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Performance</p> <p>Prescot Town Council – Opening of Shakespeare North Theatre – meet and greet with Community</p> <p>1st Prescot Brownies – 100th Birthday of 1st Prescot Brownies afternoon tea party</p> <p>Prescot Town Council – Community Recognition Awards</p>
August	<p>Knowsley Council – Knowsley Flower Show</p>
Sept.	<p>Knowsley Council – Reading of the Proclamation (King Charles III)</p> <p>Want That Dress – Fundraiser</p> <p>Knowsley Council – Service of Thanksgiving for Her Majesty the Queen</p>
Oct.	<p>Breast Mates Cancer Support Group – Breast Cancer Awareness Fashion Show</p> <p>Knowsley Council – A Thousand Feet Deep outdoor spectacular</p> <p>Prescot Town Council – Browns Field Play Area Opening Event</p> <p>Act For Action CIC – Opening & launch of Training Centre</p> <p>Individuality Productions – Friday the 13th Play</p>
Nov.	<p>Shakespeare North Playhouse – Performance of a Strange Tale by Imaginarium Theatre</p> <p>Prescot Town Council – Armistice Day Service</p> <p>Knowsley Council – Civic Act of Remembrance Service</p> <p>Kumon Prescot – Awards Ceremony</p>
Dec.	<p>Friends of Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard – Christmas Tree of Remembrance dedication</p> <p>Prescot Festival – Mayor of Prescot's Charity Christmas Concert</p> <p>Individuality Youth – Performance of Christmas Songs & No 1's</p> <p>Willowbrook Hospice – Light up a Life Service</p>

Mayoral Engagements

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January	No mayoral engagements attended
February	The Clock Face Pub – Raffle Draw
March	Phoenix Plant Based Eatery – Visit new business Evelyn Primary School – Launch of Penny in the Parks Willowbrook Hospice – Willowbrook Fashion Show Skelmersdale Prize Band – Concert at Prescott Parish Church
April	No mayoral engagements attended
May	Margaret Harding Shepard – Attendance at Shakespeare Theatre to see “A Play for the Living in a Time of Extinction”







Each year, Prescott Town Council administers a community fund and invites applications from community organisations across the town.

For 2022/23, Council agreed a budget of £9,000.00 for this fund.

Applications for funding can be for a maximum of £500.00 and are typically sought by organisations to support their work, a discrete project or perhaps a one-off cost.

To make our Community Fund fair and accessible to as many organisations as possible, Council has agreed a set criteria for the type or work/projects falling within the scope of the fund; and has set out an application process which all applicants must adhere to.

Criteria, documents and application forms can all be viewed via this link <http://www.prescottc.gov.uk/grants-awards/> or by calling in to Prescott Town Hall.



Month	Name of Community Group	Purpose	Amount Awarded
May	The Lee Cooper Foundation	Guest Speakers, Resources and Promotion Costs	490.00
	Prescot Guide House Young	Picnic Benches and outside lighting	500.00
	Adult Respite Services	Christmas Pantomime Tickets x 8	200.00
	Friends of Eaton Street Park	Musicians for Queens Jubilee Event	500.00
June		No Community Funding Awarded	
July	Prescot Hockey Club	Equipment for Junior teams	480.00
	Lady Margaret Bowling Club	Fertilizer and outside equipment	498.50
August	Evolving Mindset CIC	Booklets, Certificates, Refreshments and Snacks	500.00
September	Prescot Mission Christmas	Meat Vouchers x 20	500.00
October		No Community Funding Awarded	
November	Prescot Historic Society	Speakers fees	210.00
December		No Community Funding Awarded	
January		No Community Funding Awarded	
February	The Salvation Army	Kitchen Equipment	500.00
March	Prescot Community Church	Tables for Café	439.60
April		No Community Funding Awarded	
May		No Community Funding Awarded	
TOTAL			4,818.10



Prescot Town Council holds two 99-year leases for King George V Memorial Playing Fields (known locally as Brown's Field) and Eaton Street Park. Both leases date back to 1991.

These leases make Prescot Town Council responsible for the day-to-day management of each site. Prescot Town Council discharges this responsibility by having a grounds maintenance contract (currently with Knowsley Council) for which we pay £28,000.00 in 2022/23.

As part of this contract, bins are emptied, litter picks take place, fields and grassed areas are mown and shrubs & hedges are maintained. To ensure contract compliance and value for money, Prescot Council officers meet regularly with Knowsley Council to review operations.

There are two other recognised greenspace sites within the town. The first is Carr Lane Woods (adjacent to Brown's Field) and second at Prescot Cemetery & Churchyard. These spaces are wholly managed by Knowsley Council and are not the responsibility of Prescot Town Council.





Brown's Field

King George V Memorial Playing Field (known locally as Brown's Field) is the largest public open space in Prescott.

During 2022-23, following partnership work between Prescott Town Council, Knowsley Council, the Friends of Brown's Field, Berkley FC, Veolia and Viridor, the children's play area was completely refurbished with over £148,000.00 of investment in new play equipment, safety surfacing, railings, furniture and landscaping.

The Mayor of Prescott was proud to jointly open the playground in July, and as the photos show, was keen to try out the new equipment herself! Brown's Field benefits from having Berkley FC training and playing regularly on site, in addition to the Friends of Brown's Field who attend each Saturday to provide teas, coffees and other refreshments whilst undertaking invaluable litter picking to keep the site clean, tidy and safe.

Thanks to the efforts of all partners on site, Brown's Field once again secured Green Flag status in 2022-23.





Eaton Street Park

Eaton Street Park is the second open space area for which Prescot Town Council has day-to-day management responsibility and is located adjacent to Prescot Cables FC. The park benefits from a highly active and passionate “Friends of” group, who use the in-park pavilion as a base to deliver community events and projects throughout the year. The extensive range of projects delivered directly from the pavilion include:

- Uniform Recycling Project
- Winter coat Recycling Scheme
- Park pantry
- Spring and summer holiday activities for children
- Christmas grotto

In short, the park is all the more richer for the tireless work of the “Friends of” who are passionate about improving the park and supporting our community.

To this end, they are working closely with Prescot Town Council to ensure that a 5-year masterplan which would ensure much needed investment and improvement in the park is delivered by Knowsley Council.

Thanks to the tireless fundraising of Cllr J Burke in her capacity as Mayor of Prescot, there is a commitment to install an inclusive roundabout at Eaton Street in 2023 – thereby enabling children of all ages and abilities to play together.

Eaton Street Park was once again awarded Green Flag status for 2022-23.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Monday	Pilates Class	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Juanita Steel 07960 395026 – Booking essential
Monday	Aerobics Class	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Sharon Swindels acerswn@aol.com
Tuesday (1st, 2nd, 3rd Tue of each month)	Prescot North Ward Councillor Surgery	10.00am - 11.00am	0151 426 3933
Tuesday (4th Tue of each month)	Prescot South Ward Councillor Surgery	10.00am - 11.00am	0151 426 3933
Tuesday	Kumon – Maths and English Classes	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Jenn Appleton prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk
Tuesday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts	Kids Class 6.30pm - 7.30pm Adults Class 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stephen Sloane 07719 825379
Wednesday (2nd Wed of the month)	Prescot South Ward Councillor Surgery	1.00pm - 2.00pm	0151 426 3933
Wednesday (Term time only)	Drama Kids	5.00pm - 8.00pm	Tracy Shirley 0151 482 0443 / 07908 811159 liverpool@dramakids.co.uk
Wednesday	Aerobics Class	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Sharon Swindels acerswn@aol.com
Thursday	Kumon – Maths and English Classe	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Jenn Appleton prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk
Thursday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts	Kids Class 6.30pm - 7.30pm Adults Class 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stephen Sloane 07719 825379

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Thursday	Grand National Chorus - Male harmony & quartet	7.30pm - 9.30am	New Members Welcome 07716 127814 www.liverpoolharmonyclub.co.uk
Friday (every 2 wks)	Deafness Resource Centre - Drop in advice	12.00pm - 2.00pm	01744 23887 enquiries@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 9.30am	Lynn Titherington 07739 167051 slimmingworldlyn@aol.co

If you would like further information about any of the activities taking place in Prescot Town Hall please use the contact details as above or contact the Town Hall direct on 0151 426 3933 or e-mail enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk



Prescot Town Hall continues to be ideally placed to meet the needs of the community by providing a range of facilities for individual, business and community use.

During 2022-23, Prescot Town Hall has hosted Council events, conferences, birthday parties, martial arts classes, slimming world, bands & choirs and many, many more!

Within Prescot Town Hall, there are a number of facilities available for hire. All are fully compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and are serviced by a secure on-site carpark to the rear of the Town Hall.

Facilities available for hire include:

FACILITY	TYPE OF ACTIVITY	MAX CAPACITY
Multi-function Room With or without fully licensed bar	Family celebrations Weddings Funerals Conferences Live acts Indoor Exercise / sports classes	120
Council Chamber	Large team meetings Partnership meetings School classes	30
Conference Room	Medium team meetings Partnership meetings	16
Small Meeting Room	1 on 1 meetings Small team meetings	6
Eaton Street Pavilion (Located at Eaton St. Park)	Outdoor family or community activities	10

For more information on how to book these facilities please call 0151 426 3933

email enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk

or visit the Prescot Town Council website to download a booking form and return to our enquiries email address.



Conference Room



Meeting Room



Multi-Function Room



Council Chamber



Pavilion Eaton Street

Contact Details

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Mrs Louise Sephton (Deputy Town Clerk)
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