



PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL



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Prescot Town Mayor Councillor Gillian Flatley

As the Out-Going Mayor I would like to thank everyone who helped me to raise money for my chosen charities.

The charities I chose represented organisations that promote children, as I wanted our local children to benefit. However, I also chose Willowbrook Hospice, as the work they do is invaluable to our community.

I have been honoured to have represented the Town as Mayor over the last 12 months. I have particularly enjoyed meeting people from the local community and being involved in their projects such as St Mary and St Pauls litter pick. I also really enjoyed taking part in the Street Detective's project by taking part in a question and answer session with the children.

My visit to Willowbrook Hospice was particularly poignant for me and just embedded how important the work that they do is to our community. It was also an honour to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade. What an emotional day and it was amazing to see so many people take part and attend from our community

Recipients of Donations from The Mayors Charity 2014/15



1st Prescot Brownies receiving a cheque from the Mayor for £1,000

I was very proud to have risen just over £5,500 which was split between the following local organisations:

Willowbrook Hospice	£2000
1st Prescot Brownies	£1000
Prescot Army Cadets	£1000
Prescot Primary School Nursery Fund	£350
St Mary & Pauls Primary School PTFA	£350
St Pauls Social	£350
Playworld	£250
Prescot Cables Juniors	£250



Prescot Town Council - Events Program

Over the last three years the Town Council have steadily built up a diverse events programme. All of our events are organised paid for, delivered and staffed by the Town Council.

EVENT	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES	MONTH
<p>The Mayors Parade The only event of it's kind in Knowsley.</p>	<p>Eccleston Street to Wood Lane.</p>	<p>Parade led by Prescot Army Cadets and the Mayor supported by local community groups of all ages.</p>	<p>June</p>
<p>Prescot Carnival The only event of it's kind in Knowsley</p>	<p>Brown's Field Wood Lane</p>	<p>Large Fun Fair, a wide array of free activities such as Bouncy Castles, Raffle Workshops, Cage Football, Variety performances, and Traders stalls.</p>	<p>June</p>
<p>Armistice Day Service</p>	<p>BICC Memorial - Prescot Cemetery Manchester Road.</p>	<p>BICC Memorial - Prescot Cemetery Manchester Road.</p>	<p>November</p>
<p>Prescot Christmas Lights Switch On. The only event of it's kind in Knowsley.</p>	<p>Eccleston Street / Prescot Shopping Centre.</p>	<p>This event includes Father Christmas's Grotto, DJ Roadshow, Children's Fair Ground rides, Donkey rides, Willow Weaving workshop, Community stalls, Catering tent, and of course the Big Switch On.</p>	<p>Last weekend in November or first in December</p>



Town Clerk's Report

Another year on an I am very pleased to report that the Town Council is continuing to make excellent progress against the goals we set for last year. These are extremely difficult times for all public sector services as we face unprecedented central government funding cuts. These cuts have required the Town Council to take on the additional responsibility and costs for grounds maintenance at Eaton Street and Brown's Field Parks. The income derived from the operation of the Town Hall has enabled us to increase our level of service without having to increase the Precept.

During the year the Town Council approved a staffing restructure, partly due to the early retirement of my assistant Jackie Rigby who had been at the Town Council since 1991, and partly due to the new challenges of operating the increasingly busy Town Hall. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jackie for all her hard work over the years and also welcome my new deputy Louise and new apprentice Liam to the Town Council. Both Liam and Louise are local to Prescott and have a strong connection with the area.

It is pleasing to note the Town Hall is getting really busy, with activities taking place every day through the week and functions almost every weekend.

Finally I was really pleased to see so many of you at the Prescott Carnival and the Christmas Light Switch On; your attendance really makes these events the success they are.

Daniel Wilson
Town Clerk
Prescot Town
Council



Report from the Leader of Prescot Town Council

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all of our hard working Town Councillors who volunteer all of their time up freely for the good of the Township of Prescot. They truly are a credit to Prescot, themselves and their families. Secondly I would like to thank our loyal and dedicated team of staff as without their support the Town Council would not be able to function so effectively. And thirdly I would like to thank and applaud you, our community of Prescot, who attend all our events and work with us and along with our voluntary groups to strive to make Prescot the special place it is.

Whilst the massive cuts continue to bite each year I believe we at Prescot Town Council continue to make a difference within our Township. From the grants we give out, the yearly support we give to the Prescot Festival and the Church Clock and the ever increasing comprehensive and inclusive events programme we are involved in whereby each year we increase the free provisions for residents.

The Town Hall is a massive success not only as a venue for parties and events but also many local organisations that use it at the reduced rate available to not for profit groups from Prescot.

I hope you feel as strong as I do that between us all we are becoming one huge community coming together for the benefit of and for Prescot people.

Best wishes,

Denise

Prescot Museum

The Museum presents a range of permanent and temporary displays and exhibitions, celebrating the history of Prescot, including the town's watchmaking past, former industries, local people and businesses and much more. Prescot Museum offers a wide range of services and always strives to increase access to the collection via the following:

- ◆ Free information sheets on Prescot's history.
- ◆ Free Local History Enquiry service.
- ◆ Prints of museum owned photographs for sale.
- ◆ Access to a wide range of Local Research Folders. (via appointment).
- ◆ Free family-friendly activity sheets.
- ◆ Access to objects in the collection store (via appointment).
- ◆ Family-friendly art workshops.
- ◆ Museum films for sale.

The museum also offers a number of exciting resources:

The Living History sessions are historical interactive workshops, for Foundation stage through to Key Stage 2 classes. We can offer exciting sessions in the following areas: Victorian Home Life, Victorian School Room, Victorian Toys, Evacuee, Vikings, Roman Britain and The Tudors.

The Mini Museum project is at the heart of Prescot Museum's aim to make the Museum's collection of objects and photographs more accessible to the public. They will be providing exciting displays in community spaces, encouraging interest in the social history of Knowsley. Knowsley Park Centre for Learning was the first venue to host a Mini Museum from February 2014. We have three Mini Museums available to loan to schools, community venues and groups - get in touch to find out more.

Family First Saturdays take place every first Saturday of the month (excluding January) and are free, fun drop-in art workshops in Prescot Centre Activity Room, as led by Prescot

For more information, go to: www.prescotmuseum.org.uk or contact the team via: mail@prescotmuseum.org.uk / 0151 443 5617

Knowsley Council is delighted to present

Prescot Museum

Prescot Museum exists to inform and inspire by preserving, promoting and providing access to the cultural heritage of Knowsley through our local history collection, museum displays and educational and outreach programme. We provide a window on the world through our exhibitions and openly encourage visitor interaction in all that we do.



Whenever you see the Cog Family creations in and around the Museum, there will be family-friendly activities to do!



Museum opening times: Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 3.30pm

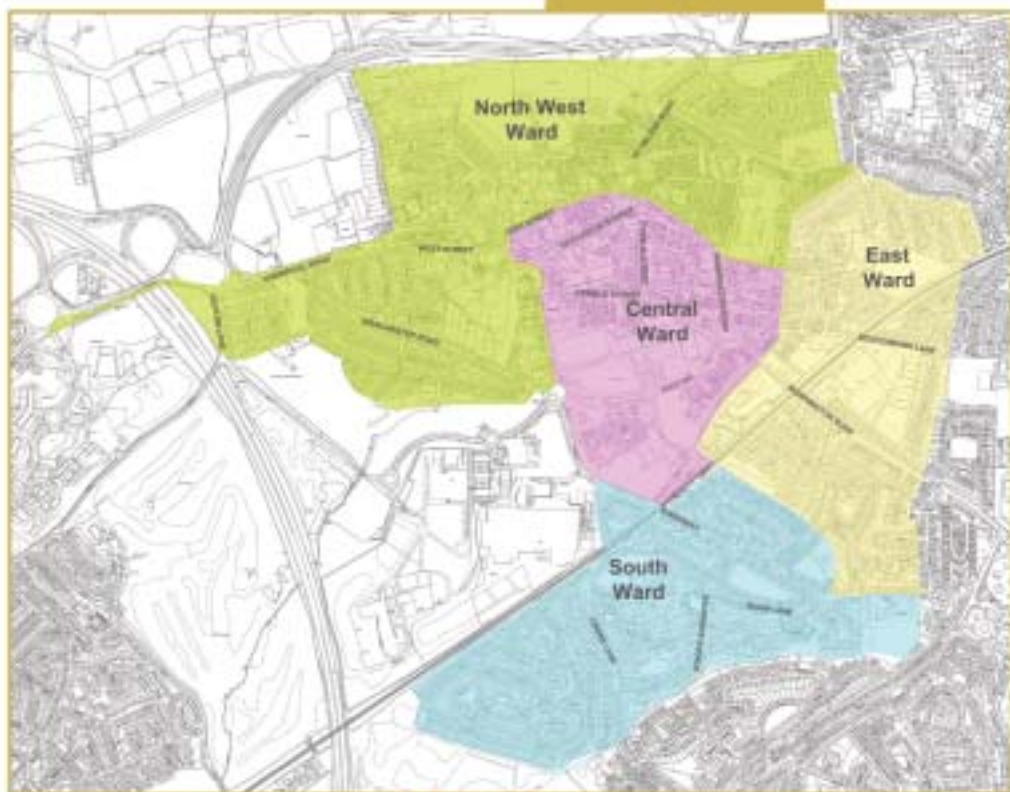
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Prescot Museum is an Accredited Museum

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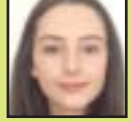


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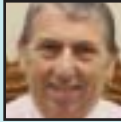


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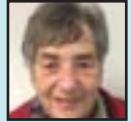


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As mentioned earlier the unprecedented levels of public sector funding cuts have seen the Town Council lose £18,000 of revenue support over the past two years with further cuts expected in the future. In light of this we are working extra hard to ensure we provide a high quality inclusive service. Fortunately the development of the Town Hall provides an income that is not affected by central government and this income is helping to offset the effects of the cuts.

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

The budget for 2015/16 was agreed at the February meeting of the Council. In spite of public sector funding cuts we are pleased to report that for the 5th year running the Precept levied on residents has remained frozen which means the precept has not increased since April 2011.



Prescot Town Council Income and Expenditure Account 2014/2015

2013/14	Income	2014/15
£		£
184,694	Precept	186,947
67,919	Grants/Rate Refund	61,006
499,825	Long Term Loan	-
718	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	1,198
5,754	Administration	5,650
	Town Hall Income	21,135
313	Interest	119
759,222	Total Income	276,055
	Expenditure	
38,121	Administration	30,362
28,812	Public Open Space and Outdoor Provision	13,203
20,182	Town Hall	72,552
5,934	Grants to Outside Bodies	5,483
340,709	Capital Payments - Town Hall Development	317,352
67,318	Salaries and Wages	79,137
501,076	Total Expenditure	518,090
	Cummulative Fund Balance	
74,664	Balance b/f at 01/04/14	332,810
759,222	Plus Total Income	276,055
501,076	Less Total Expenditure	518,090
332,810	Balance as at 31/03/15	90,774



Community and Third Sector Groups in Prescot

Prescot benefits from a wealth of community and voluntary organisations, that helps to improve both the area and the wellbeing of residents. These groups range from the Friends of Eaton Street and Friends of Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery who have been instrumental in helping to develop our Green Spaces to St Pauls Lunch Club who provide an opportunity for social inclusion to those who would be otherwise isolated in their own homes. The Town Council would like to recognise and promote the hard work of all these community groups in the area. If you would like us to help promote your group via our notice boards and website please contact the staff at the Town Council via our website or by telephone.



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

The Town Council are proud that they have been able to support applications from:-

Applicant	Purpose	Amount Awarded £
St Paul's Lunch Club	Kitchen Equipment	280
Vee's Place	Kitchen Equipment	262
Prescot Air Cadets	Contribution towards the costs of new equipment	500
Prescot Town Team	Contribution towards the costs of a website	500
Molyneux Drive Allotment Association	Contribution towards compost	500
MATE Productions	Contribution towards the costs of A Mid-Summer Night's Dream Production	500
Prescot Army Cadets	Contribution towards the costs of new equipment	500

Annual Contributions Approved by the Council

Prescot Festival of Music and the Arts	Contribution towards the running costs of the festival	500
St Mary's Church	Contribution towards maintenance of the Town Clock	500
	Total	4,042



In addition to the Community Fund the Town Council have also sponsored a free shuttle bus from Prescot to the Knowsley Flower Show. This will enable Prescot Residents to attend the event.

Bus timetable available on the website. 300



The Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts ushered in its second decade with a 10-day programme of jazz, poetry, acoustic, choral and orchestra music, and more. The 11th Annual Prescot Festival ran from Friday 19th to Sunday 28th June 2015 and showcased the best of local, regional and nationwide talent.

On the opening weekend, over a hundred singers came from all over the region to perform the 21st-century choral classic *The Armed Man*, by recently knighted Welsh composer Sir Karl Jenkins. The following weekdays were dominated by a succession of competitions, including the Schools' Poetry Showcase on Monday night. On Tuesday, Dave Loftus was announced winner of the 2015 Short Story Competition for a whimsical tale entitled 'Opal and Jasper,' an effort that earned him a £100 prize. Then, on Wednesday evening, three local pupils were officially declared 'Young Instrumentalists of Prescot.'





As the closing weekend arrived, The Chilled Lemons Jazz Quartet played a sell-out gig at the recently refurbished Prescot Town Hall, and 2012 world brass champions Foden's Band made the 17th-century parish church literally vibrate to such well-loved works as the William Tell Overture and Bernstein's West Side Story. Proceedings culminated on Sunday evening with a flag-filled, Proms-style finale, featuring South Liverpool Orchestra, trumpet soloist Hannah Mackenzie and organist Tim Hall.

Planning has already started for the 12th Annual Prescot Festival which is scheduled from Friday 17th to Sunday 26th June 2016.

Audiences can keep up-to-date with this and other year-round arts and music events at www.prescotfestival.co.uk.

By Dr Robert Howard
Festival Director



Public Open Space

Prescot Town Council lease two Public Open Spaces from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council; King George V Playing Fields, known locally as Browns Field and Eaton Street Recreation Ground. In addition to our two parks Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery located between Manchester Road and St Mary's Church also offers a tranquil setting for a quiet stroll. Both Eaton Street Recreation Ground and Prescot Churchyard and Cemetery are supported by highly active Friends Groups who don't mind getting their hands dirty in order to make the Town look the little bit better. These groups are also able to support the Town and Borough Councils in applying for external funding to enhance the spaces for all residents.

The Town Council believes that Public Open Space is very important to the health and wellbeing of the Township, therefore the Council seeks to make the most of its public open space by constantly looking at ways to develop the spaces for the benefit of our residents. This often involves applying for external funding in partnership with Friends Groups and Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

As a result of Central Government Funding Cuts, the Town Council has taken on the additional responsibility for the maintenance of the two public open spaces it leases from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council. This has meant the Town Council has committed an additional £22,000 per year into the up keep and maintenance of our Parks.





In addition to the parks maintenance the Town Council has recently submitted a funding application in partnership with the Friends of Eaton Street and Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council to replace the dilapidated Bowling Pavilion at Eaton Street with a new fit for purpose multi use building that will help the Park to retain it's Green Flag status, encourage increased usage from all areas of the community and ultimately provide the hard working Friends of Eaton Street with a well deserved base of operations. If you would like to know more about the proposed project please contact the Town Council using the contact information at the back of this report.

The Town Council is also continuing to seek out additional funding to deliver the Master Plan for Brown's Field. The Master Plan was completed in July 2013 and includes:-

- ◆ New footpath network
- ◆ New ball stop fences
- ◆ New modern changing facilities
- ◆ Complete pitch drainage schemes for all four pitches
- ◆ New toddler play area
- ◆ Installation of CCTV
- ◆ Park benches
- ◆ Parking area
- ◆ Additional Litter bins

The cost of making the plan a reality will be around £1 million and the Town Council will continue the process of applying for funding to deliver these aspirations.

What's on at your Town Hall



A year on from moving into the Town Hall we are now proud to report it has become an extremely popular local venue. Right from day one the main function room was in high demand having been booked for 268 separate events in the period of May 2014 to March 2015. The upstairs facilities have also proved popular attracting approximately 100 bookings in the same period. Bookings received to date would also indicate an increase of around 60% on year one.

The building accommodates the business needs of the Town Council and provides a range of facilities for community use including:-

- ◆ A multipurpose room for group activities and private functions
- ◆ A licensed bar and kitchen facility
- ◆ Accessibility for all including enhanced disabled facilities and an accessibility lift.
- ◆ A conference room available for public use
- ◆ Small meeting room/s available for public use
- ◆ A secure car park to serve users of the building
- ◆ Long stay parking options

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: <http://www.prescot-tc.gov.uk/>

Current List of Activities available to the Public

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	CONTACT DETAILS
Monday	Aerobics Class	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Sharon Swindels acerswn@aol.com
Tuesday	Chair Exercise Class for Older People	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Dorothy Rimmer dorothyrimmer@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Kumon - Maths and English Classes	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Clare Dawson prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk
Tuesday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts Classes	Kids Class 6.30pm - 7.30pm Adults Class 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stephen Hale 07511 875969
Wednesday	Pensioners Luncheon Club	11.30am - 1.30pm	Prescot Town Council 0151 426 3933 enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk
Wednesday	Aerobics Class	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Sharon Swindels acerswn@aol.com
Thursday	Kumon - Maths and English Classes	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Clare Dawson prescot@kumoncentre.co.uk
Thursday	Prescot School of Kung Fu - Martial Arts Classes	Kids Class 6.30pm - 7.30pm Adults Class 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stephen Hale 07511 875969
Friday (every two weeks)	Prescot Over 55's Deaf Club	12.30pm - 4.00pm	Colin Wilkinson colin_wilkinson@sky.com
Saturday (term time only)	Helen O'Grady Drama Classes	Ages 4-8 10.00am - 11.00am Ages 9-11 11.00am - 12.00pm Musical Theatre 12.00pm - 1.00pm	Tracy Shirley 0151 482 0443 07908 811159 liverpool@helenogrady.co.uk

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Prescot Town Team promote Prescot by way of the visitor offer provided through the local businesses, to encourage visitors to the area and boost the local economy either directly or indirectly enhancing the prospects of the Town and the businesses in the area. This is done in various ways and here are a few of our recent successes.

Our Easter Event on 4th April consisted of the Win a shop competition, which is a dancewear shop, Easter bonnet making stall, the launch of the Love Prescot website, photo competition and the best dressed Easter window.

The Christmas Light Switch On held in partnership with Prescot Town Council and the Shopping Centre was a fantastic success. Alongside Father Christmas, Elsa, Anna and Olaf joined the Mayor and the winner of the colouring competition to switch the lights on. This partnership was a great success and we are looking at working together in the future to plan further events.

Further partnerships have developed between Prescot Town Council, KMBC, Knowsley Safari Park and Prescot Shopping Centre to fund "Love Prescot" website. This was launched on 4 April where "Love Prescot" Jute bags, badges and postcards were distributed freely after being donated by KMBC. Love Prescot website aims to showcase everything Prescot has to offer to shoppers, visitors, residents and businesses.

2014 saw the spectacular installation of the Wall art Mural in Leyland Street and discussions are just emerging regarding the possibility of having a monthly art and craft fayre within the atrium of the Shopping Centre.

Get fresh
buy local



Prescot Producers' Market

Eccleston Street
Prescot L34 6HA

Every first Saturday
of each month

Quality regional produce
available in the heart
of historic Prescot.

If you are a local business and want
to get involved in the Market
please contact 0151 443 4499
for more information.

www.knowsley.gov.uk



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