

*Halewood*



*Optima Perimus*

# Halewoodtowncouncil

Annual Report 2013-2014





**At Halewood, we believe we offer the opportunities and security children need to be able to achieve their full academic potential.**

Everything that we do is driven by our commitment to provide our students with the highest standards of teaching and learning.

In return we have very high expectations of student behaviour and their commitment to their learning. Halewood staff lead by example so that mutual respect, cooperation and tolerance are the cornerstones of school life.

Halewood Academy provides a friendly, caring, creative and purposeful learning environment.

We are delighted to welcome visitors into our school, so if you would like to learn more about the life and work of Halewood Academy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## MAYOR'S FOREWORD

### Councillor Edna Finneran

**Leader of the Town Council**

**Mayor of Halewood**



This year, I had the pleasure of becoming Mayor of Halewood and to represent the Town has been an absolute honour and one of the highlights of my career.

During my time I have met some wonderful people and been part of, or experienced, events that help bring Halewood and the people within it, together.

One such event is the Halewood Culturefest and although I have lived in Halewood for more than 50 years and the event being ran for 6 years, I have never experienced such dedication and enthusiasm as that displayed by Alison Shacklady, the organising committee and the countless volunteers who host a number of events for the people of Halewood.

It has been a real goal of mine to return community events back to the people of Halewood and so I am really pleased and gratified to see the work of 'Halewood

Community Spirit'. In its third year of hosting events such as the Santa's Parade, Easter Eggstravaganza and 'Spooktacular'; the amount of work that goes into hosting events such as these is tremendous and without the hard work and dedication of Mike Williams and the committee the events would not take place.

These events are really important; in the era of massive cutbacks by Government, it is great to see community organisations such as these and Torrington Drive Community Association and others, supporting and bringing the community back together.

Recently I had the great pleasure of hosting the Mayor of Ballinasloe, Councillor Mike Kelly on a visit to Halewood. Although Halewood has sent their Mayor to Ballinasloe in the past, it is the first time the Mayor of Ballinasloe has visited in a civic capacity. My consort Barbara Stuart and I, along with Mayor Kelly, presented Recognition Awards to young people from our Children's Centre, Primary Schools and from Halewood Academy and we were also guests of honour at a St Patrick's themed night social for people with disabilities arranged by Torrington Drive Community Association at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre.

Last October, my consort and I represented Halewood at the Octoberfair in Ballinasloe which was a huge highlight of the year as, for 18 years, I have been a key

part of the association between our great towns. Initially this started with a football tournament called the 'Bob Paisley Friendship Cup' and later the "Friendship Twinning" of our respective Towns and it was a real achievement finally to visit Ballinasloe in my Mayoral year.

There are many people throughout the year I have had the pleasure of meeting such as Stephen Black who is severely disabled following a sixty foot fall in 2008. His family was told that he would never recover from a coma. In October he walked 5 kilometres in a swimming pool to help raise £2,359 for the 'Tuesday Group' charity, who help disabled people in the community socialise. This year, Stephen will be cycling 26 miles from Southport to Halewood on a four man cart to raise money for a mini-bus.

I also met Luke Edwards who plays Wheelchair Basketball and is hoping to get selected for the Team GB Paralympic Team.

It is people like Stephen and Luke who, in the face of their disability, show great strength and dedication to reach their ambitions. They are a credit to themselves their family and friends and to Halewood.

With these two individuals in mind I had a clear focus to help the community through the Mayor's Charity. In November we held a Tom Jones Tribute evening which was a sell-out raising more than £370 to give back to local groups. The next of what we

hope will be many such nights, takes place on 2nd May 2014 when we will host a Motown Evening at Hollies Hall in aid of the Mayor's Charity.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to my consort Barbara Stuart who has really embraced the role of consort and given up a lot of time and effort to accompany me on many public engagements. Although Barbara is not from Halewood she has represented the Town with great honour.

I would like to say "Thank you" also to my fellow Councillors who appointed me Mayor, to George MacKenzie, our Town Manager who has guided me through my tenure and my deputy, Terry Powell, who I know will make an outstanding Mayor in 2014-2015.

"Thank you" also to all the groups, clubs, societies and associations within Halewood, although I may not have been able to name you all I know how hard you work to assist people in this Town.

Although this year has been a very rewarding and delightful one, it has, at times, been very tough personally. In March 2013 my brother and biggest supporter, Donald Stuart passed away. Don, donated many hours serving the community of Halewood and was also instrumental in helping me to become a Borough and Town Councillor. Thank you Don, without your help and encouragement, I would not have had the wonderful year I have had as Mayor.

# ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES 2013–2014

The Town Council has twelve members as shown. Each member (Town Councillor) is elected to represent one of the three wards in the Township and serves for a period of four years. The next Town Council elections are due to be held in May 2015.



**Cllr Bob Swann**  
West Ward  
0151 280 8570



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West Ward  
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**Cllr Norman Hogg**  
West Ward  
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**Cllr Gary See**  
West Ward  
0796 131 8074





**Cllr Ken Dalton**  
North Ward  
0795 794 0313



**Cllr Edna Finneran**  
North Ward  
0151 475 6890



**Cllr Terry Powell**  
North Ward  
0151 487 8635



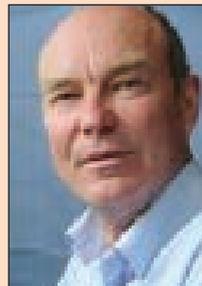
**Cllr Shelley Powell**  
North Ward  
0151 487 8635



**Cllr Alan Flute  
(co-opted)**  
South Ward  
0151 487 1781



**Cllr Tina Harris**  
South Ward  
0151 486 6104



**Cllr Allan Harvey**  
South Ward  
0759 867 1350



**Cllr Marj Grant**  
South Ward  
0790 441 386

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

### George MacKenzie

#### Town Manager



I have been given the honour and privilege to serve the community of Halewood as Town Manager in succession to John Green who retired last May. Can I take this opportunity to thank John for all his hard work and

dedication to the community of Halewood during his eleven years as Town Manager and to wish him a long and healthy retirement?

May I also place on record my appreciation for the support of the Town Councillors and employees of the Town Council who have made me so very welcome. For the past year, we have worked hard to make Halewood the best place it can possibly be to live, work, play and do business.

My first year as Town Manager has seen many highlights; the RLPO concert at Halewood Academy, the recognition of the contribution to Halewood played by our young people and other members of our community, Christmas lights in our Shopping Centre (paid for by the Town Council) our Gardening Competition, the Culturefest and the work of community groups and associations, all have played their unique part in the life of Halewood.

This year, the Town Council has been lobbying Merseytravel to improve the public transport service in Halewood; in particular by re-instating 'staged' bus fares, and by major improvements to the rail network serving the area. Major rail improvements will open up to Halewood residents many of the employment opportunities coming on stream over the next few years in areas within the City Region and beyond, areas which, at present, are difficult to access by public transport.

May I also use this Annual Report to say 'thank you' to all the Community Groups and Associations, our Children's Centres, Schools and Halewood Academy and the very many other partners with whom the Town Council has worked this last year. Your support has been invaluable.

As a "Quality Status" Council, with the Accreditation Panel declaring our 2013 submission as "exemplary", my staff and I will work hard to ensure that the Town Council continues to build on what we have all achieved so far, although difficult financial times still lie ahead for all local Councils.

Our motto is **Optima Petimus, 'We Seek the Best'** and in doing so, we are constantly striving to improve our services for the community of Halewood; to 'Seek the Best'. So if you have any information, comments or suggestions that you think may help, please do get in touch with us.

# ABOUT HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

## COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The responsibility of the Council is to take policy decisions about how services are carried out, what the priorities should be and how the Council's resources should be allocated.

Each year, at the Annual Meeting, the Council elects a Chairperson who becomes the Mayor of Halewood for the forthcoming year. For 2013-2014 the Chairperson of the Council and Mayor of Halewood, was Cllr Edna Finneran.

The Council also established a Policy & Finance Committee for 2013-2014, the Chairperson of which was Cllr Norman Hogg.

## PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Town Council, although there are occasions when meetings must go into 'private session' when dealing with matters of a confidential nature. A thirty minute Public Forum is available, preferably by written prior arrangement with the Town Manager, at all Town Council meetings, for items appertaining to the Township. Meetings normally take place in the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre at 7 p.m and unless otherwise stated, the provisional Town Council meeting dates for the municipal year 2014-2015 are, (subject to approval

and amendment at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council), as follows:-

19th June 2014  
17th July 2014  
18th September 2014  
16th October 2014 (Hollies Hall)  
20th November 2014  
18th December 2014  
15th January 2015  
19th February 2015 (New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre)  
19th March 2015  
16th April 2015

### **Special Meeting of the Town Council:**

16th April 2015 (to approve any changes in the Standing Orders and/or Financial Regulations of the Town Council)

### **Annual Town Council Meeting:**

14th May 2015

### **Annual Parish Meeting:**

14th May 2015

## PRINCIPAL COUNCIL

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council is the Principal Council, and serves the Borough with most local services such as schools, social services, waste collection and roads.

## HOW IS THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCED?

The net cost of the Town Council's activities is financed by levying what is known as a precept, which is added to the Council Tax levy set by Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council. In 2014-2015 the Town Council are raising £ 278,234 via the precept.

**On this basis, it costs each Halewood Town elector less than 5 pence per day to finance the Town Council.**

In addition, for 2014-2015, the Town Council received £69,597 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant from Central Government. This is a reduction of 11.2% on the similar

grant for the previous year. The Town Council has already been advised that Central Government will reduce this Grant by a further 16% in 2015 – 2016 which will naturally, add a considerable strain on Town Council finances.

Each year, the Town Council's accounts are prepared by the Town Manager and are audited by the appointed Internal and External auditors.

The table below shows the aggregate levels of operational income and expenditure for 2013-2014 but at this stage, they are estimated out-turn figures and are also subject to final audit. Once audited, details of the accounts are available for any residents' inspection.

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## EXPENDITURE & INCOME – 2013-2014

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Net Cost</b>
Arncliffe Centre	£147,387	£39,800	£107,587
Hollies Hall	£66,521	£39,800	£26,721
Administration/Environment	£219,127	£32,080	£187,047
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	£433,035	£111,680	£321,355

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## TOWN COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION AND OPEN SPACES

### WE'VE MOVED!

The Town Council owns and maintains the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre and Hollies Hall and manages almost ninety acres of public open space in the Township.

Having leased accommodation in the Halewood Centre for three years as its administrative base, due to financial

constraints and to achieve a balanced budget, the Town Council had no alternative option other than not to renew its lease when it expired in early 2014.

**As a result the management and administration of the Town Council is now based at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre.**



## ACHIEVEMENTS 2013-2014

The Town Council continuously strives to improve the lives of the community of Halewood; as our motto says, **'we seek the best'** the best for our community.

Here's just some of our achievements in 2013/14....

- After many months of negotiations with the owners of the Shopping Centre, Knowsley Council and Scottish & Southern Electricity, agreement was finally reached and the Town Council paid for the festive lighting installed at the shopping centre over Christmas.
- Our continuing partnership with Jaguar Land Rover which, amongst other initiatives, has seen the internal redecoration of the Function Room and Sports Hall at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre.
- In March 2014, the Town Council were delighted to host a visit from Cllr Mike Kelly, Mayor of Ballinasloe in the Republic of Ireland, with whom
- During the school summer holidays and linked to sporting, cultural, play and creative activities, the Town Council committed financial and staff resources to make sure that, as far as possible, the young people attending these activities had a meal or snack. In excess of 700 meals or snacks were provided by a partnership which, in addition to the Town Council, included Community Groups, Fairshare, Torrington Drive Community Association and Halewood Junior Football League.
- The continued involvement by Halewood Town Council as a partner in the Halewood Area Partnership Board and in Halewood Children's Centres.



Mayor Kelly, Cllr Finneran, Mayor of Halewood and her Consort, visit Halewood Academy.



The Hand of Friendship



Christmas lights at Halewood Shopping Centre

- The continuing success of the Town Council's Community Grants Fund which has once again supported local organisations in 2013/14 by distributing almost £13,000 to worthy causes.
- Our children and young people of Halewood are a source of great pride to our community. As a recognition of their fortitude, courage and determination, a nominee from Halewood Children's Centres, Halewood Academy and each of our Primary schools were the proud recipients of this years Town Council's Pupil Recognition Awards.



Cllr Finneran, Mayor of Halewood, her Consort, Barbara Stuart and Cllr Mike Kelly, Mayor of Ballinasloe, together with recipients of the 2014 Pupil Recognition Awards.

- The holding of our Community Achievement Awards in May 2013 (see the feature on page 18).
- The funding of four seasonal pantomimes at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Hollies Hall, New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre and Halewood Academy.



Cllr Finneran and Town Councillors with the cast of 'The Wizard of Oz' at Halewood Academy

- The 2013 Christmas Dinner for the Senior Citizens in the Township held at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre.
- The Halewood Town Council Gardening Competition, generating pride in looking after local gardens, sponsored by the Town Council for an eighth successive year.
- In addition to funding, the Town Council took a leading role in the planning and organising of the hugely successful Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Concert held at the Halewood Academy in December 2013.



Cllr Finneran, her Consort and members of the massed choir at the RLPO Christmas concert held at Halewood Academy

- The extremely successful Tom Jones Tribute Night held at Hollies Hall in November 2013, a fund raising event in aid of the Mayor of Halewood's charity.



*A St. Mark's child is a happy child.*



"Pupils enter school in the morning with smiles on their faces, looking forward to the day ahead."

"Behaviour across the school is typically excellent and pupils' engagement in their learning in lessons is a joy to behold."

"Pupils treat each other, the staff and visitors with the utmost dignity and they demonstrate the highest levels of respect for the school building and its environs. They have a high regard for their school."

"Teachers have secure subject and specialist knowledge and along with the talented team of teaching assistants, ensure that activities motivate pupils to want to learn and meet their individual needs closely."

**Ofsted, 2012**

*In a caring Christian community  
together we love, learn,  
laugh and achieve.*

**St. Mark's Catholic Primary School**  
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## WHO PROVIDES WHAT SERVICES?

### Services currently provided by Halewood Town Council

- **The Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre** The administrative centre of the Town Council, 'The Arncliffe' provides a community sporting facility including a Sports Hall, two synthetic pitches and junior sized pitches used by Halewood Junior Football League. The Centre has a large function room complete with bar and kitchen facilities, which is available, at competitive rates, for private, or business hire. 'The Arncliffe' is home to many community and special interest groups who use the facilities for meetings and activities.
- **Hollies Hall** This popular venue also has a large function room complete with bar and kitchen facilities, which is available, at competitive rates, for private, or business hire and is home to many community and special interest groups who use the facilities for meetings and activities. Outside, there are two full sized grassed football pitches which are available for hire. Hollies Hall is also the home of the Halewood Indoor Bowls League.
- **Public Open Spaces** The Town Council manage around 90 acres of public open space. In addition to the open space associated with 'The Arncliffe' and Hollies Hall, the Town Council chiefly manages land on Wood Road and Elwyn Drive, as well as Halewood Doorstep Green (Dista Field), Frederick Lunt Playing Field and New Hutte Woods.
- **Playgrounds** Within our Open Spaces, the Town Council is responsible for the up-keep of the current young persons' playgrounds at Hollies Road, Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, and on Wood Road.
- **Street Furniture** Mainly within its own land, although not exclusively, the Town Council owns and maintains some of the benches, seats and notice boards within Halewood.
- **Civic Services** The Mayor of Halewood is always pleased to support any Halewood-based resident, organisation or group as far as diary commitments allow. If you would like the Mayor to attend any event please contact The Mayor's Office on 0151 443 2063.
- **Halewood Community Grants Fund** The Town Council maintains a fund, designed to support Halewood-based projects. Preference will be given to those schemes that stimulates new ideas and approaches which benefits the community. (See the feature on page 22)
- **Planning Applications** The Town Council monitors all planning applications applicable to areas within the Township, making representations to the Planning Authorities as necessary.
- **Council Offices and Support Services** From its base in the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, the Town Council provides the full range of management, financial and administrative services to the Council, the Mayoralty and Civic events.

## Other useful contact details

- **Knowsley Housing Trust**  
(part of the First Ark Group)  
All issues dealing with the former Borough Council housing stock within the Township.  
**Tel: 0151 290 7355**
- **Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC)**  
Assistance with such issues as household waste, grass cutting, road flooding, gully cleaning, highway maintenance, pavement repairs, road repairs and gritting, street cleansing, and street lighting.  
**Environmental Helpline 0151 443 2400**  
  
**Anti Social Behaviour Helpline**  
to report all incidents of anti-social behaviour  
**Tel: 0151 443 2000**  
  
Assistance on all other matters relating to service provision by the Borough Council.  
**Tel: 0151 489 6000**
- **Halewood One Stop Shop**  
Roseheath Drive  
**Tel: 0151 443 2032**
- **Halewood Walk in Centre**  
Roseheath Drive  
**Tel: 0151 244 3532**
- **Citizens' Advice Bureaux**  
**Tel: 0845 122 1300**
- **Crimestoppers**  
**Tel: 0800 555 111**
- **Knowsley Hate Incident & Domestic Violence Helpline**  
**Tel: 0800 953 4433**
- **Knowsley Foodbank**  
St Mary's Church, Hillingden Avenue,  
Saturdays 11.30am - 2.00pm  
**Tel: 0151 546 0470**  
**Mobile: 07731 789794**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

There are many Community Groups and Associations in Halewood that provide a wide range of activities and services throughout the Town. All make a positive contribution to the life of the Halewood and in most cases the members of these Groups and Associations; give their time on an entirely voluntary and unpaid basis.

The following is just a selection of these Groups and Organisations...

**Halewood University of the Third Age (U3A)** – organises social, leisure and educational opportunities and activities for people of 50 years of age and over. The Group Secretary is Bill McNeil who can be contacted on **0151 475 5870**.

**Halewood Arts Association** – its purpose is to promote the Arts in Halewood and to give a voice to the arts community in the Township. Meetings are held regularly in the Environment Centre, Okell Drive, Halewood. Interested individuals or groups are welcome to join. For further information, contact Dave Ward on **0151 709 3688**.

**Knowsley Older People's Fun Olympics** – aims to promote and provide an active lifestyle amongst the over 50's. Each year teams from across Knowsley compete for the 'Fun Olympics' and out of the 6 years of competition, the Halewood Team have been champions on 5 occasions. Further details may be obtained from David Cox on **0151 792 5677**.

**Listening Ear** – offers a reflective and counselling service for the benefit of the people of Halewood and surrounding area. In November, 2013, Listening Ear Butterflies Project were the proud recipients of the Pride of Merseyside Community Group Award for 2013. Many congratulations. Contact Debbie during office hours on **0151 448 6648** for further information.



The Mayor of Halewood and her consort Barbara Stuart, with Mark Verner from Listening Ear.

**Knowsley Carers (Halewood)** – meet in the St Mary's Day Centre, Hillingden Avenue, Halewood. Please ring Tel **0151 448 9771** for further details.

**Leathers Lane/Wood Road Community Association** – This long standing Association meets on the third Monday of each month, 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. at the Halewood Centre. Further details please contact Pam Boffey on **0151 486 6766**.

# Don't forget your dog fouling bags are **FREE** to residents

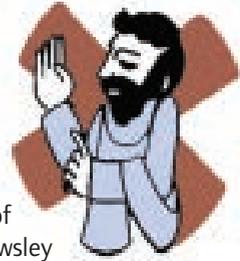


You can get your **FREE** bags from  
the Halewood Town Council, just call **0151 443 2063**.

**Please keep Halewood tidy**



# St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School



- Our curriculum gives all pupils the chance to shine and achieve standards of which we are extremely proud. Pupils of St Andrew the Apostle are in the top 10% of schools in Knowsley and nationally for progress in both English and Mathematics.
- We operate an Out of School Club offering sessions in the morning, 08:00 – 08:45, and/or after school until 17:30.
- Children can enter Nursery at the beginning of a new term after their third birthday.
- At St Andrew the Apostle we are very proud of our extensive programme of extra curricular activities.
- F.O.S.T.A – Friends of St Andrew. Family Learning. Make friends with other parents/carers by helping with reading, trips & making toast!
- Children of all faiths are welcome.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Living as Jesus taught us, we give everyone the chance to succeed in school and through His values we will open our doors to the world.



*“Older pupils take care of the younger children, helping them to feel part of a big family”*

*“Outstanding leadership and management of teaching and learning”*

*“Outstanding in providing Catholic Education”*

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School,  
Higher Road, Halewood, Liverpool L26 1TD  
Tel: 0151 288 8940 or visit our website [www.standrewapostle.co.uk](http://www.standrewapostle.co.uk)

**Dream it! Believe it! Reach it!**

### **Torrington Drive Community Association**

**TDCA** – Working alongside partners, TDCA organise a number of creative community events and activities throughout the year. Every three or four weeks there is a themed social for people with disabilities held at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre on Lichfield Road, and on a weekly basis there is a Sunday Lunch and Bingo session starting at 1pm.

Recently, in a ground breaking partnership with UCATT they established a much needed free WiFi service at New Hutte which residents from throughout Halewood can use for a variety of purposes including job searches, housing and benefits.

For further information contact Gary See **0151 443 2168** or visit their website [www.tdcaonline.co.uk](http://www.tdcaonline.co.uk).

**Stroke Club** – Contact Pauline Dooley on **0151 486 1213**. The Club meets on 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at St Mary's Centre.

**Halewood Community Spirit** – This group of dedicated volunteers organise community events and celebrations designed to show off all that is best about the 'community spirit' in Halewood. As an example, last Christmas, for the second year running, the Group arranged for Father Christmas to tour Halewood bringing lots of Christmas 'Community Spirit' to the area. Mike Williams who can be contacted on **0773 176 4111**.



Father Christmas tours Halewood, courtesy of Halewood Community Spirit

**Memory Lane** – Knowsley Dementia Care Support - This Halewood-based group provides emotional and practical support to carers, and those cared for who are suffering from dementia. They meet every Wednesday from 10am – 2pm in the Community Centre in Kinloch Close. Further details can be obtained from Pat Mairs on **0785 803 2490**.

**Court Farm Woods Association** – Following the recent woodland improvement works in Court Farm Woods, this association meets to encourage the use of the woodland and to maintain and improve the facilities. John Woollam 94 Hollies Road, Halewood, is Secretary of the group.

**Halewood Community Credit Union** – Based at the Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive and run entirely by volunteers, the Credit Union provides savings and 'low cost' loans for members of the Halewood community. Further information can be obtained from Sheila Bersin on **0151 486 7565**.

### **Halewood Town Junior Sports Association**

- Formed in 1972, the Association based at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre provides hundreds of young boys and girls with a chance to join a team and play football. Details can be obtained from Joe McGuinness on **0151 486 2640**.



The Mayor of Ballinasloe, presents Joe McGuinness and Martin Lynch with gifts during his visit to Halewood in March.

### **Halewood Youth in Community Centre –**

Based in Lichfield Road, 'the Boysie' as it's known, provides out of school clubs, play schemes, parent & toddler groups, youth provision and outreach to local schools. Further information may be obtained from Mark Nelson on **0151 486 2865**.

**Enterprise Credit Union** – To supplement the work of Halewood Community Credit Union, Enterprise Credit Union are based at the Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive every Tuesday from 09:30 - 12:30pm. Details of their range of services can be obtained by visiting their website at [www.enterprisecreditunion.org.uk](http://www.enterprisecreditunion.org.uk) or by calling **0151 482 0177**.

**Halewood Culturefest** – Started in 2008, for 10 days in June, the Culturefest committee arrange for a variety of cultural and fun events to take place throughout Halewood.

Whether it's drama, sport, opera and just plain 'fun', there's something for you during the Culturefest.

Details of the 2014 Culturefest, which runs from 14th - 22nd June, can be obtained from Alison Shacklady at [alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com](mailto:alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com)



2013 Culturefest Hot Pot Supper at Hollies Hall

## THE ARNCLIFFE SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Situated in Arncliffe Road, the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre is a popular venue for a variety of social and community events. With car parking available, a fully stocked bar and newly decorated function room, the Centre is an ideal venue which can be hired for an assortment of celebrations.

As well as being the administrative base for the Town Council, it is also the base from which many groups deliver their activities and is the home of Halewood Town Sports Association and the Halewood Junior Football League.



Members of the Town Council and one of the football teams.

The Town Council provides a range of activities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre including the ever popular Pensioners Luncheon Club and bingo on a Thursday afternoon, the Friday afternoon Film Club and sporting activities for young people. Later this year, we plan to start a Children's Film Club.

December, sees the Town Council's annual Pensioners Christmas Party held at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre and for the youngsters there's the Christmas pantomime production.

Back in May, the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre hosted our annual Community Achievement Awards, when the Town Council paid tribute to those members of our community who do so much to enrich the lives of our residents.

### Here's the 'unsung heroes' of 2013



Lou Armstrong  
on behalf  
of Halewood  
Community  
Spirit



Paul Burke



Liz Own on  
behalf  
of Halewood  
Arts Association



Florence Rainey,  
'Knit & Natter'



The Green Room  
Cafe staff



Cllr Allan Harvey  
on behalf  
of the Friends of  
Halewood Park



Memory Lane Knowsley Dementia Care Support



# Annual Meeting

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Town Council  
will take place on

**Thursday 8th May 2014  
at 7pm**

in the Arncliffe Sports & Community Centre

To be followed by the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING





### **Congratulations Lucie!!**

One of our regular users of the facilities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre is Lucie Campbell who each week runs 'Jumping Jacks' fitness sessions for adults and toddlers. In March, Lucie attended a star-studded red carpet event at London's Leicester Square, where she was proclaimed the winner of The Princes' Trust Enterprise Award. The Princes Trust, established by HRH The Prince of Wales, sets out to inspire and change young people's lives, something which has clearly happened to Lucie who now runs her own company with two Directors and four part-time staff. Halewood Town Council is proud to help young people like Lucie and congratulates her on her well-deserved success. Details of Lucie's success can be found at [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk).

### **Sports Facilities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre**

In 2007, a grant of £600,000 from Barclays Bank and the Football Foundation, together with £150,000 each from Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, and Halewood Town Council, realised the major improvements to the sporting facilities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre. Thanks to this funding, the Centre now boasts a large Sports Hall, floodlight synthetic surfaces, a multi use games area and changing facilities.

The Town Council are responsible for the running of these upgraded facilities which are available for hire at very competitive rates.



## HOLLIES HALL

Like the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Hollies Hall is a 'fully accessible' popular venue, complete with car parking, which can be hired for social and community functions. It is also used regularly throughout the week and at weekends by a variety of groups.

Situated on Hollies Road, in the heart of the village of Halewood, Hollies Hall has a dedicated stage area, with a fully stocked bar and in comfortable surroundings, Hollies Hall is an ideal venue for concerts and shows and regularly hosts events as part of the Halewood Culturefest.

During the indoor bowls season, Hollies Hall is the home of the Halewood Indoor Bowls League, a long established and successful league, details of which can be obtained from Freda Rowlandson on 0141 486 4214.

Hollies Hall was the venue for the highly successful Tom Jones Tribute Night, staged by the Town Council in aid of the Mayor of Halewood's Charity. This was the first of what are planned to be a series of Tribute Nights, details of which are on our website [www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk)



David Kidd aka Tom Jones

The football pitches at Hollies Hall, which are available for hire, have also become the regular venue for an annual charity football match in honour of Halewood resident Corporal Simon Hornby, from 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, who was tragically killed in Afghanistan on 19 December 2009. On a brilliant sunny afternoon in July, the team captained by Simon's proud dad Joe, received this year's trophy from the Mayor of Halewood, Cllr Edna Finneran.



Proud Dad Joe Hornby, receives the trophy from the Mayor of Halewood, Cllr Edna Finneran.

## WANT TO MAKE A BOOKING?

Whether you would like to book the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre or Hollies Hall, our staff will do their very best to make sure you have an enjoyable time. We have qualified staff who would be delighted to provide catering for your function or event.

**Our room/hall hire and catering charges are set at reasonable rates. Details of these are published on our website [www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk) or can be obtained by calling 0151 443 2063.**

## COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

For over ten years, Halewood Town Council has established a fund to help Halewood based residents and projects which benefit the health and well being of our Town, the promotion/representation of the community of Halewood, the Environment, Community and Business Sector or the Halewood economy.

Applications are welcome from organisations, groups or individuals with a preference given to applicants who can display a good track record of past achievement or to new organisations, groups or individuals who can demonstrate future potential.

During 2013 – 2014 the following were recipients of awards:

- Halewood Youth In Community Centre
- Halewood Community Spirit
- Clare Brumby
- The Tuesday Club
- Rosemont FC
- Torrington Drive Community Association
- Halewood Arts Association
- St Mary's Day Care Centre
- Merseyside Arts Theatre & Education
- St John Vianney SVP
- Happy Feet
- Ben Atkins

The Town Council has also made grants of £2,000 to Halewood Town Sports Association, £3,600 towards the cost of the RLPO Concert at Halewood Academy and paid an aggregate of £2,675 towards the cost of Christmas pantomimes in Halewood.

For further information about the Community Grants Fund or an Application Pack, please contact the Town Council Admin Offices in the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre or telephone 0151-443-2063. Alternatively you may download the information from the "Documents and Minutes" page of the Town Council website on [www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk)

### THE MAYOR'S CHARITY

The Mayor of Halewood, Cllr Edna Finneran, has also been busy during her year of office raising funds to supplement her Chairperson's allowance with these funds being donated to many Halewood based groups and individuals and to fund the Community Achievement and Pupil Recognition Awards.

Among this years recipients of assistance from the Mayor's Fund were, Halewood Lourdes Association, St. John Vianney Ladies Group, Stephen Black, Luke Edwards and Kinloch Close Residents Group.

## HALEWOOD IN BLOOM – 2014 GARDENING COMPETITION

Entries for the 2014 Gardening Competition are invited from all residents who reside within the parish boundary of Halewood.

Nominations may be submitted by a friend, neighbour or relative or can be self nominated.

Once again, the categories this year will be “Best Kept Garden”, “Most Colourful Garden” and “Best Hanging Baskets”.

Entry forms are available from the Town Council offices at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre by telephoning **0151 443 2063** or can be downloaded from our website **[www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk)**

**The closing date for entries is Friday 20th June 2014.**

Here’s the winners from 2013...



Winner in the Best Hanging Basket category  
Roger Dickens from Beechwood Avenue



Winner Most Colourful Garden  
Allan Turbert from Court Avenue



Winner on the Best Kept Garden category – Christopher Vernon from Foxglove Avenue

# Halewood Children's Centre

**THE FIRST STOP FOR YOUR CHILD IN HALEWOOD**

**Our two children's centres in Halewood exist to support parents, carers and families to give their children the best possible start**

**Our services include:**

- Midwifery clinics
- Antenatal & feeding support sessions
- Baby Massage
- High quality FREE play sessions both in and outdoors
- Parenting courses
- Speech & language support
- Onsite children's libraries
- Volunteering opportunities

**Why not stop by and see what's on offer today?**

For all information on our opening times, current sessions and signposting to other useful services see our website:

**[www.halewoodchildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.halewoodchildrenscentre.co.uk)**

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