

Halewood



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Annual Report 2016-2017



Useful Numbers

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)

- **Environmental Helpline**
Tel: 0151 443 2400
for 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.
- **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 489 6000**

Halewood Walk in Centre,
Roseheath Drive **Tel: 0151 244 3532**

Citizens' Advice Bureaux -
Tel: 0845 122 1300

Knowsley Hate Incident & Domestic Violence Helpline – **Tel: 0800 953 4433**

Knowsley Foodbank, St Mary's, Hillingdon Avenue, Saturdays 11:30am – 2:00pm
Tel: 0151 546 0470 or
Mobile 07731 789 794

Merseyside Police
(main switchboard) **Tel: 0151 709 6010**
(non emergency calls) **Tel: 101**
(emergencies) **Tel: 999**

Crimestoppers – **Tel: 0800 555 111**

Hospitals

Whiston – **Tel: 051 426 1600**
Alder Hey – **Tel: 0151 228 4811**
Liverpool Women's – **Tel: 0151 708 9988**
Royal Liverpool Hospital – **Tel: 0151 706 2000**
Walton Centre – **Tel: 0151 525 3611**

Schools

Halewood C of E Primary –
Tel: 051 487 5673
Plantation Primary –
Tel: 0151 487 5678
St Marks Catholic Primary –
Tel: 0151 288 8910
St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary –
Tel: 0151 288 8940
Holy Family Catholic Primary –
Tel: 0151 282 8971
Yew Tree Community Primary –
Tel: 0151 477 8950

Halewood Academy –
Tel: 0151 477 8830
Finch Woods Academy –
Tel: 0151 288 8930

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Mayor's Foreward

Councillor Clare Rose

Chairperson of the Town Council & Mayor of Halewood

It has been an honour and privilege to be Chairperson of your Town Council during 2016/17 and Mayor of Halewood.

The year has been one of many 'highs'... our new playground in Hollies Road finally opened after our partners First Ark helped us to secure external funding from Cory Environmental Trust. First Ark also helped us secure external Lottery funding to refurbish the small park in Elwyn Gardens and we are thankful to First Ark for their support.

Bad weather in June meant the Culturefest Cricket match was cancelled but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the dedicated Culturefest Committee who once again arranged a wonderfully diverse programme of events in 2016. We look forward to their tenth anniversary celebrations this year.

Once again the RLPO concert was a great start to Christmas in Halewood and at Hollies Hall and the Arncliffe Centre we again hosted and offered a range of activities. Hollies Hall was of course the venue for our Pupil Recognition and Community Achievement Awards....what an inspirational evening!

These, and the grant of Quality status, were just some of my highlights during 2016/17.....there were many!

During the year, as part of my 'day job', I have had the pleasure to work with a local Halewood group who offer an alternative to the traditional day service for young adults with physical / learning disability or autism. Your Voice Your Choice invited me to their first birthday party and hearing their inspirational stories made me reflect on how I have coped with my own dyslexia.

Without the support from teachers while at school and the extra resources available to help me I simply wouldn't be the person I am today. It is with this in mind that I have decided to spend the remainder of my Mayor's Fund on helping the next generation start their journey to thriving with a disability by providing our local schools with dyslexia friendly reading books for their school libraries.

My personal thanks to my family, to the Members and staff of the Town Council for your support during the year but most of all, thank you to each and every Group and Resident who do so much to support our community.

Cllr Clare Rose
Chairperson of the Town Council
& Mayor of Halewood

Halewood CultureFest

2017

(10th Anniversary)



From Friday 23rd June until
Sunday 2nd July

Programme of events in various locations around Halewood.

Tickets are available from the CultureFest committee

or

From The St Nicholas' Centre Church Road, Halewood;

or

Halewood Town Council Offices Arncliffe Road, Halewood,

or

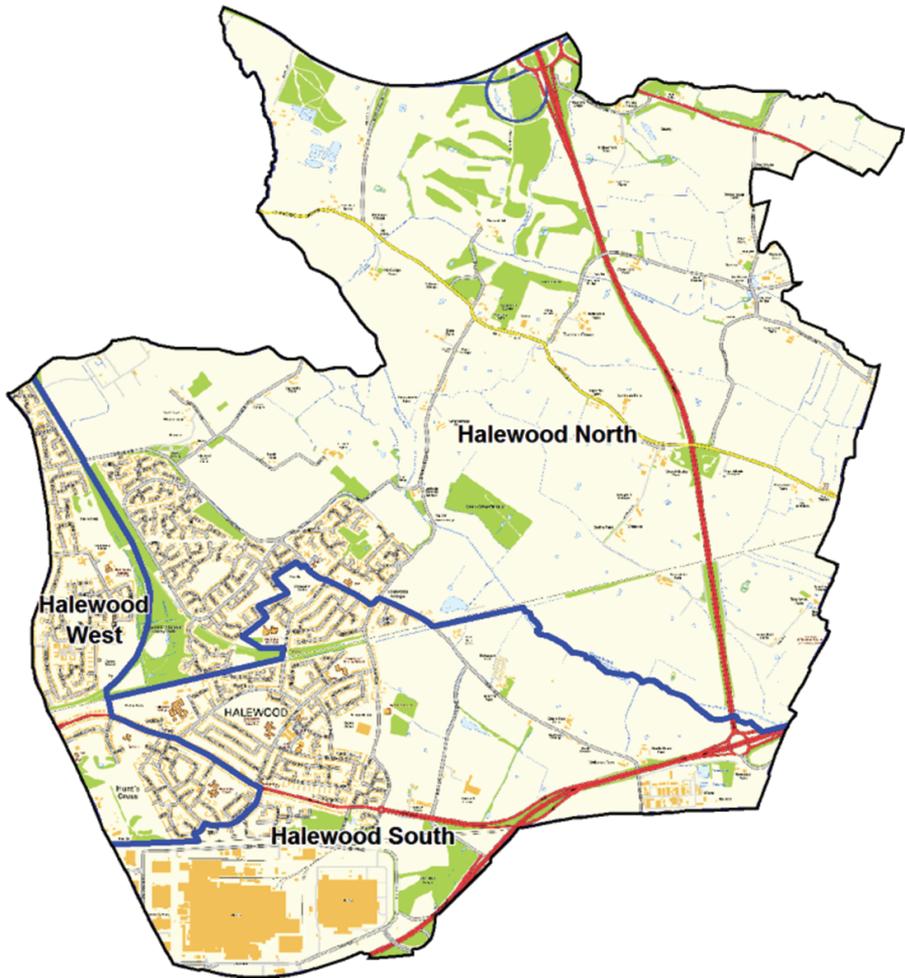
email alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com

Halewood
CultureFest



Elected Representatives 2016–2017

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 2019, when the elections will, similar to the Knowsley MBC warding arrangements, be based on two new Town Council wards, Halewood North and Halewood South.



WEST WARD



**Cllr Iain Scott
Hamilton**
0151 291 1895



Cllr Norman Hogg
0151 486 2013



Cllr Bob Swann
0151 280 8570



**Cllr Ann Farrell
(co-opted)**
0151 475 6834

NORTH WARD



Cllr Ken Dalton
0795 794 0313



Cllr Edna Finneran
0151 475 6890



Cllr Dean Perry
0791 761 2025



Cllr Clare Rose
0751 6627 5137

SOUTH WARD



Cllr Steve Ball
0151 486 7443



Cllr Allan Harvey
0759 867 1350



Cllr Tina Harris
0151 486 6104



**Cllr David
Samuels**
0151 487 7702

Town Manager's Report

George MacKenzie

Town Manager



It's that time of the year again when I look back trying to sum up the last twelve months in a few paragraphs... an almost impossible task!

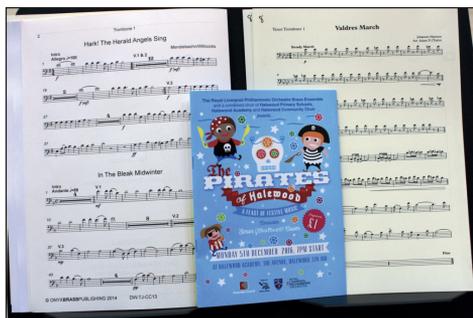
This time last year I described the preceding twelve months as 'busy' 'enjoyable and eventful' 'whilst at times being a challenge' and I can honestly say this last year has been no different.

The major challenge faced by the Town Council this year, as mentioned elsewhere in this report, has been managing its resources within the increasingly difficult financial constraints placed upon it by Central Government. Having suffered a reduction of almost £48,000 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (CTRSG) since 2013, the Principal Authority, Knowsley MBC has indicated that it will stop altogether in April 2018. More details about the Town Council finances can be found on page 9 but doubtless tough times are ahead.

Even though the Town Council faces difficult financial challenges, it still recognised that some of our families are themselves facing similar worries. So with the support, as ever, of our Primary Schools, and because Members considered it the right thing to do, the Town Council again this year, set aside a fund to help those in most need.

On the brighter side, the Town Council was delighted to support, both practically and

financially, the Halewood Christmas concert, this year entitled 'The Pirates of Halewood' at which again the massed choir were a credit to themselves, their families, schools and the whole community.



The Pirates of Halewood

In the early part of the year, we eagerly awaited the outcome of our application for



accreditation as a Quality Council and were delighted, in October to learn that we had gained accreditation. The award of 'Quality Status' recognises that we, as a Council, meet the high standards set by the Parish/Town Council sector, as assessed by our peers. In particular this provides evidence of the Council's commitment to good governance, effective community engagement, council improvement and to providing a proper framework for its services to the community of Halewood. Indeed we are **delighted to be the very first Parish/Town Council in the Liverpool City Region, in Merseyside and in Lancashire to be granted this prestigious award.**

During the year, despite the financial constraints we operated under, we undertook some much needed improvements to our Community Centres. Improved security and the replacement of heating plant at both Centres and a complete replacement of the synthetic playing surface at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre were just some of the investments undertaken.

In partnership with First Ark, the charitable arm of our grounds maintenance contractors, we secured over £50,000 of external funding to carry out a refurbishment of Elwyn Gardens and the complete re-design and replacement of the children's playground in Hollies Road.

The final project commenced during the year and funded entirely by the Town Council, involved the internal re-modelling of part of the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre to provide much needed improvements to our catering facilities.



The Mayor of Halewood with the founder of Memory Lane, Pat Mairs

Supporting many activities, groups and individuals during the year; Halewood Culturefest, The Tuesday Club, Torrington Drive Community Association, Memory Lane, Halewood U3A (to name but a few), recognising the wonderful children and

young people in our community through our Pupil Recognition Awards and our Community Achievement and Special Recognition Award winners, our Community Grant recipients, all have been a highlight.

'Busy' 'enjoyable' 'eventful' 'a challenge', yes 2016-2017 has been all that and more, I am beginning to think every year will be.

To all of the Community Groups and Association, to our Schools and the Academy, to our Children's Centres, and the very many other partners with whom we have worked during the year and who have helped the Town Council, a heartfelt thank you. Your support has been invaluable.

Thank you also to Cllr Clare Rose and her fellow Town Councillors, and all the staff of the Town Council who have helped and supported me during the year, without you it would not have been impossible, or necessary!.

Our facilities are here for you, come and take a look, try us out!

Although difficult financial times still lie ahead for all Councils, I promise you that I, and the rest of my staff, will work hard to make sure we continue to build on what we have, together, achieved so far for the community of Halewood, and to live up our motto

Optima Petimus, **'We Seek the Best'**.

Thank you.
George MacKenzie

About Halewood Town Council

COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The responsibility of the Council is to take policy decisions about how its 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 2016-2017 the Chairperson (Leader) of the Council and Mayor of Halewood, was Cllr Clare Rose who was supported throughout the year by various members of her family.

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 at all Town Council meetings when, preferably by written prior arrangement with the Town Manager, members of the public in attendance at the meeting may address the Town Council on matters appertaining to the Township.

Meetings normally start at 7pm, the provisional dates for the municipal year 2017-18 are as follows:-

18th May 2017
15th June 2017
20th July 2017
21st September 2017

19th October 2017
16th November 2017
21st December 2017
18th January 2018
15th February 2018
15th March 2018
19th April 2018

Special Meeting of the Town Council:
(to approve any changes in the Standing Orders and/or Financial Regulations of the Town Council):- 19th April 2018 at 6:45pm

Annual Town Council Meeting:
10th May 2018 at 7pm

Annual Parish Meeting:
10th May 2018 at 7:30pm

Confirmation of these dates and the locations of the meetings will be available on the Town Council's website www.halewoodtowncouncil.com or follow us on Twitter @HalewoodTC

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 2016-2017 the Town Council raised £318,215 via the precept. In addition, the Town Council received £51,290 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (CTRSG) from Central Government. This was a reduction of 12% on the similar grant for the previous year. Having suffered a reduction of almost £48,000 in

Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (CTRSG) since 2013-2014, the Principal Authority has indicated that it will stop altogether in April 2018.

Each year, the Town Councils' 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 income and expenditure for 2016-2017, and at this stage, they are subject to final audit. Once audited, details of the accounts are available for residents' inspection.

EXPENDITURE & INCOME – 2016-2017

	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost
Arncliffe Centre	£145,612	£64,612	£81,000
Hollies Hall	£72,229	£43,585	£28,644
Administration/Environment	£189,383	£470	£189,913
	<hr/> £407,224	<hr/> £108,667	<hr/> £298,557

2017-2018 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Members of Halewood Town Council are acutely aware of the financial pressures facing the residents of Halewood which seem to increase with each and every announcement from Central Government.

These relentless cuts in public funding such as the scrapping the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant have meant that in the four years up to 2017/18 we have faced a cut in funding of almost £48,000 and we already know we will face a further cut of £27,000 in 2018/19. These cuts in Town Council funding have come on top of approximately £30,000 of additional costs every year for services taken over from KMBC, making a 'funding gap' of over £100,000.

Nevertheless, the Members of the Town Council are committed to improving its assets and its service to the community. During 2016/17 we attracted funding to refurbish Hollies Playground and Elwyn Gardens; we spent

approximately £10,000 upgrading our security systems at both of our Centres, plan to spend a further £6,000 improving audio visual and presentational services at Hollies Hall and at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Members modernisation improvements to the kitchen facilities are underway at a cost of almost £90,000.

The sustained nature of cuts and Members' commitment to protect and improve services left the Town Council little option in 2017/18 but to increase the precept by 9%.

Whilst this may sound a large increase, on a Band D property, it equates to an increase of £5.82 per year, a little over 1.5p per day which, in total terms, sees **Halewood with the lowest level of Town Council precept in the whole of Knowsley.**

Staffing, Accommodation and Open Spaces

Recognising the important part played by various community groups and the resident association in providing help and support, staffing changes implemented during the year now enables the Town Council to provide a dedicated Community Development resource. Our Premises and Communities Officer is available to offer whatever help, support and advice is required to establish, newly formed or long established groups in our community.

In addition to land around the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre and Hollies Hall, both buildings owned and managed by the Town Council, we also lease and maintain almost 90 acres of open space and woodland in and around Wood Road and Abberley Road, Doorstep Green (Dista Field) and New Hutte Woods. The Town Council also owns Elwyn Gardens in Elwyn Drive.

In addition, the Town Council provides and maintains three playgrounds for our young children at Hollies Road, Wood Road and at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre.



Summer in Doorstep Green



Refurbished Children's Playground in Hollies Road

What Do We Do?

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 brand new kitchen facilities, up to date audio visual equipment all of which are 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** – Home of the Halewood Indoor Bowls League, this popular venue, extensively redecorated in March 2017, also has a large function room complete with bar and kitchen facilities, which is available, at competitive rates, for private, or business hire. Hollies Hall too, 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.
- **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 and maintenance of the current young persons' playgrounds at Hollies Road, Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, and on Wood Road.
- **Festive Lighting** – faced with the Principal Council's decision a few years ago to cease providing festive lighting at Christmas, the Town Council funds the provision of Christmas lights in the Shopping Centre on Leathers Lane.
- **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 stimulate new ideas and approaches which benefits the community.
- **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.

Achievements 2016–2017

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 2016-2017....

- Living Wage Accreditation. In 2014 Halewood Town Council was proud to become the first Living Wage accredited Council on Merseyside. The Living Wage is an hourly rate set independently and updated annually. It is calculated according to the basic cost of living using the 'Minimum Income Standard' for the UK and is a social consensus about what people need to make ends meet. Proud to pay the Living Wage throughout 2016–2017, our budget provision for 2017 - 2018 will see the Town Council continue to pay the Living Wage.
- Despite the strain on our finances, Elected Members approved development work on much improved catering facilities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre which started in April 2017.
- The Town Council continued to monitor the many planning applications submitted to the Planning Authority and whilst accepting the vast majority, successfully objected to applications they considered contrary to planning policy and not in the interests of the Halewood community.
- Halewood University of the Third Age (U3A) was 20 years old this year and the Town Council was proud to host their birthday celebrations.



Happy Birthday Halewood U3A!

- The continuing success of the Town Council's Community Grants Fund which has once again supported local organisations in 2016–2017 by distributing almost £13,000 to worthy causes.
- Our children and young people of Halewood are a source of great pride to our community. To recognise their fortitude, courage and determination, a nominee from Halewood Children's Centres, Halewood Academy and each of our Primary schools are due to be the proud recipients of this year's Town Council's Pupil Recognition Awards.
- Similarly, those members of our community who 'go the extra mile' to help others, are due to be recognised at our Community Achievement Awards.
- The funding of our seasonal pantomimes at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Hollies Hall, New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre.
- The 2016 Christmas Dinner programme which once again this year saw some of much loved Senior Citizens and members and supporters of Knowsley Dementia Care - Memory Lane, come to the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre for their Christmas Dinner.



Father Christmas visits Memory Lane

- Following negotiations with our Head Teacher colleagues, the establishment of a Town Council fund to provide much needed support to the most vulnerable of our Children and Families in relation to the purchase of school uniforms.
- In addition to funding, the Town Council took a leading role in the planning and organising of the hugely successful Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Ensemble Concert held at the Halewood Academy in December 2016.



The Massed Choir at the RLPO Concert 2016

- Our continued support to Halewood Junior Football League, Halewood Community Spirit, Halewood Culturefest and others in bringing a variety of sports, culture and just plain fun events to the community of Halewood.

- In conjunction with the Big Help Project, GET CONNECTED offers free one to one advice and support in the following areas:

Debt Advice- trained advisors from the Jubilee Debt Advice team help clients to manage their personal finances, deal with debt problems and manage a budget.

Next Steps - staff from the Next Steps team support clients back into work and assist with searching for the right job or course, creating a CV, preparing for an interview.

Digital and Financial Inclusion - clients are shown how to use the Internet, looking at work and training opportunities, searching for the best utility offers, making cheaper purchases, opening a Credit Union or bank account.

And finally

- Obtaining accreditation, at Quality Level to the new (national) Local Council Awards Scheme, the first Parish/Town Council in the Liverpool City Region, in Merseyside and in Lancashire to be granted this prestigious award.



The Mayor accompanied by Cllr Norman Hogg receives our Awards certificate from The Right Hon. Sir Robert Atkins, President of the National Association of Local Councils

Community News

There are many Community Groups and Associations in Halewood that provide wide range of actives 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 activities for people of 50 years of age and over. The contact is Liz Owen who can be contacted on **0151 486 6547**.

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. Further information can be obtained by calling **0151 487 0954**.

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 8 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. Contact Debbie during office hours on **0151 448 6648** for further information.

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

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.

Torrington Drive Community Association

TDCA – Working with Partners & Community Organisations, TDCA organise a number of creative events and activities throughout the year including International Women's Day, National Play Day, Summer Activity Camps and Twinkle Twinkle Christmas. TDCA also organise a number of Day Trips for families at reduced costs to Gulliver's World, and a number of day trips for Older People which included day & Boat trip to Chester, day trips to Blackpool, one of these included the switch of the illuminations, and in December, to Birmingham Christmas German Market. More recently, for children in the community, TDCA held a Movie Night & Pyjama Party with local partners ESDC Elite Street Dance Company.



There also a number of regular Themed Social Evenings for people with Learning Disabilities held at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre on Lichfield Road. In 2016 TDCA received funding from the Big Lottery and developed a 3 day a week Older Peoples Wellbeing Programme over 12 months called " Older & Bolder The aim of our programme is to involve older local residents and volunteers in their local community through providing a structured holistic programme. This would focus on offering a personalised approach supporting the wellbeing of older people by promoting independence through the development of friendships; reducing isolation and offering a wide range of activities and opportunities that promote wellbeing and increased quality of Life. TDCA also provide a number of adult learning courses on a weekly basis ranging from basic IT skills, Maths, English, Mental Health Awareness level 2, Teaching Assistants Course Level 2 and various other level qualifications.

For further information contact Tina Pomphrett (Development Officer) on **0151 443 2168** or by email to **development@tdcaonline.co.uk**

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. The contact for Halewood Community Spirit is Mike Williams who can be contacted on **0773 176 4111**.

Knowsley Dementia Care Support – Memory Lane – This Halewood-based group provides emotional and practical support to carers, and those cared for who are suffering from dementia. They meet every Wednesday and Friday from 10am – 2pm in the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre. 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 Town Junior Sports Association – Formed in 1972, the Association based at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre provides hundreds of young boys and girls to join a team and play football. Details can be obtained from Joe McGuinness on **0151 486 2640**.

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 – Based at the Halewood Centre, Roseheath Drive open Monday – Friday from 08:45am – 1pm and from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Details of their range of services can be obtained by visiting their website at 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. This year, the Culturefest Organising committee were shortlisted for 'Community Event of the Year' in the prestigious Liverpool Echo Pride of Merseyside Awards. Whether it's drama, sport, opera and just plain 'fun', there's something for you during the Culturefest. Details of the 2017 Tenth Anniversary Culturefest, which runs from 23rd June – 2nd July, are shown on the inside back cover.



Merseyside Arts & Theatre Education performed 'As You Like It' as part of Culturefest 2016.

Knowsley Foodbank – Distribution in the Halewood area on Saturdays 11am - 2pm at St Mary's Church, Leathers Lane. For more details call **07731 789 794**.

Halewood Park Walking Club – Health walks every Tuesday from 1pm starting at Halewood Environment Centre, Okell Drive. For more information about this and other activities at the Environment Centre please call **0151 488 6151**

Halewood Indoor Bowls League – Short mat indoor bowls at Hollies Hall, please contact Jim Miney on **0151 487 9779** for more details.

Halewood Community Choir – Meet every Wednesday at Halewood Academy from 7pm – 9pm. New members always welcome, Please call Jill on **0151 486 8358** for more details.

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 function room complete with audio visual equipment, the Centre is an ideal venue which can be hired for an assortment of celebrations, including christenings, 18th and 21st birthday parties and many other birthday celebrations, children's parties, anniversaries and funeral receptions.



Christmas at the Arncliffe Centre.



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 (HJFL).

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 a major improvement

to the sporting facilities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre. Thanks to this funding, the Centre has a large Sports Hall, floodlight synthetic surfaces, a multi use games area and changing facilities.

In 2017, the Town Council funded the complete replacement of the synthetic (sand-based) surface with modern 3G and this floodlit facility is available for hire at very competitive rates.



Activities in the Main Hall and Sports Hall at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre

MONDAY	Toddler Sense Sequence Dancing Step Up Dance Ju-Jitsu Open Mic Night	7.00 am – 3.00 pm 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm 4.15 pm – 7.00 pm 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm
TUESDAY	Pure Tai Chi Ballroom Dancing (inc beginners class) Book Club (monthly) Musicality Dance Productions Ballroom Dancing (1st Tuesday)	10.00am – 11.30 am 9.00 am – 12 noon 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm 4.00 pm – 7.00pm 7.45 pm – 10.15 pm
WEDNESDAY	Tai Chi (Womens' Institute) KDCS - Memory Lane Pilates (inc beginners class) Slimming World Pure Tai chi	9.45 am – 11.15 am 10.00 am – 2.00pm 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm 8.00pm – 9.30pm
THURSDAY	Yoga Get Connected (Advice Centre) Older People's Luncheon Club Pensioners' Bingo Ju Jitsu KMBC Councillors' Surgeries (1st Tues)**	10.00 am – 11.30 am 10.00 am – 2.00 pm 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm 5.00 pm – 9.30 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
FRIDAY	Pure Tai Chi KDCS - Memory Lane Halewood U3A (monthly) Keep Fit Class Available for functions	10.00 am – 11.00 am 10.00am – 2.00pm 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm 7.30pm – 8.30pm EVENINGS
SATURDAY	Baby Ballet Step Up Dance Available for functions	9.30 am – 11.30 am 10.00 am – 3.00 pm EVENINGS
SUNDAY	Liverpool Scottish Pipe Band Available for functions	10.00 am – 12.00 noon DAYTIME & EVENINGS

Activities and events may change. Please contact 0151 443 2063 for the latest details, or check the calendar on our website www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk

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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 was extensively refurbished and redecorated in September 2014 and redecorated in early 2017 and now boasts to be one of the premier function rooms in Halewood. It 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. It is an ideal venue in which to hold family celebrations of many kinds, including christenings, 18th / 21st and many other birthday celebrations, children's parties, anniversaries and funeral receptions.

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 by calling Jim Miney on **0151 487 9779**.

Football Pitches at Hollies Hall

Hilton Grace Playing Fields to give it its proper title, is immediately behind Hollies Hall and boasts two full sized grassed football pitches. These pitches are available for hire at competitive rates by a team playing regular matches or, subject to availability, on an ad hoc basis; usage of the indoor changing facilities and showers is included.

Teams should call **0151 443 2063** for details.



Culturefest Bake-Off at Hollies Hall

Activities in Hollies Hall

MONDAY	Mother & Toddler Indoor Bowls (Winter only) Weight Watchers Yoga	9.30 am – 11.30 am 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm 5.15 pm – 7.30 pm 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
TUESDAY	Indoor Bowls (Winter only) KMBC Councillors Surgery (2nd Tues) ** Tuesday Club	12.00 noon – 3.30 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Slimming World Slimming World	8.30 am – 1.30 pm 4.30 pm – 9.00 pm
THURSDAY	Boogie Tots Indoor Bowls (Winter only) Step Up Dance	9.15 am – 11.15 am 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm
FRIDAY	Mother & Toddler Indoor Bowls (Winter only) Available for functions	9.30 am – 11.30 am 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm EVENINGS
SATURDAY	Musicality Productions Available for functions	9.30 am – 12.30 pm DAYTIME & EVENINGS
SUNDAY	Available for functions	DAYTIME & EVENINGS

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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 or can be obtained by calling 0151 443 2063.

Pupil Recognition and Community Achievement Awards

Halewood's young people are the best in the Borough **FACT!**

Our **Pupil Recognition Awards** are designed to recognise a pupil from each Primary School Halewood Academy and the Children's Centre who excel in some way, it could be personal achievement in studies, charitable work or maybe just overcoming a major obstacle in their life during the year or going out of their way to help others.

The Town **Council's Community Achievement Awards** are designed to

acknowledge those unsung heroes of our community who 'go the extra mile' to help others less fortunate than themselves.

This year, we gave a **Special Recognition Award** to Joyce Swann who provides invaluable voluntary support for many of our functions and activities.

This years deserving winners were honoured at the Town Council's Awards Night held in Hollies Hall on Friday 21st April; their ages ranged from 4 to a sprightly 89 years of age... take a look!



Pupil Recognition Award Winner
Jarek Jablonski



Special Recognition Award Winner
Joyce Swann



Community Achievement Award
Winner - Vernon Davis

The Mayor's Charity

The Mayor of Halewood, Cllr Clare Rose has, during the year, used her Chairperson's allowance to provide much needed financial support to Halewood based groups and individuals and to help fund the Community Achievement and Pupil Recognition Awards.

During the year Cllr Rose has, amongst others, helped Bunting Court Big Lunch, James Mullings who proudly represented Halewood and Knowlsey in the Dallas Cup, Happy Feet, who provided a Christmas lunch for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day and helped fund our Pensioners Christmas Party at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre. Finally, as Cllr Rose said in the foreward to this report, she also purchased dyslexia friendly books for all of our Halewood schools.

Community Grants Fund

For many years now, your 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 2016 – 2017 the following were recipients of awards:

- Halewood Youth in the Community (the Boysie)
- Halewood U3A
- The Tuesday Club
- Halewood Parish Holiday Club
- Torrington Drive Community Association
- Family Voices - Family Choices
- Knowsley Older People's Fun Olympics
- St Marks School PTA
- Merseyside Arts Theatre & Education
- St John Vianney SVP
- Happy Feet
- James Mullings
- Halewood Good Companions over 60's club

The Mayor presents a donation to Bunting Court Big Lunch

Worthy recipients every one of them but special mention to Happy Feet who for the fifth year running with the help of Town Council funding, provided a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day for those members of our community who might otherwise be alone.

In addition, the Town Council, also helped fund two street parties to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Town Council, at £3,600 was also the largest sponsor of the RLPO Concert at Halewood Academy, paid an aggregate of £1,400 towards the cost of Christmas pantomimes in Halewood and paid for the festive decorations at the Shopping Centre in Leathers Lane.

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 Town Council website, www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk





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



'You Talk – We Listen'

The Town Council is looking to improve its communication with the community and to make technology-based arrangements which are cost effective and efficient.

1. Based on Band D properties, Halewood Town Council has the lowest level of precept in Knowsley. Do you consider this good value for money and if not, why not? YES / NO

2. Conscious of the need to control costs, do you think producing and distributing an Annual Report in this format is value for money? YES / NO

3. Have you seen the Town Council's bi-monthly newsletter in the Halewood Focus Magazine? YES / NO

4. How would you prefer to be kept informed of Town Council activities and business?

Town Council website Email Twitter Post

PLEASE TURN OVER

CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Post code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Halewood Town Council, FREEPOST RTHX-BGXZ-XBUC
The Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre,
Arncliffe Road,
Halewood,
Liverpool,
L25 9PA

Thank you very much

George MacKenzie

Town Manager



Halewood CultureFest

2017

(10th Anniversary)

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Further Information
Fri 23 June	Songs and Scones	St Nicholas' Centre	2.30	Opera Viva Tickets Free
Fri 23 June	Bat Walk	Environment Centre Okell Drive	9.00 pm	Free Please wear suitable clothing Booking advisable 0151 488 6151
Saturday 24 June	Sing along a Frozen	St Mary's	6.30pm	Tickets Free Free ice lollies for children in fancy dress
Monday 26 June	Drama Workshop led by Fiona Martin	Arncliffe Centre	7.00	Tickets Free
Tuesday 27 June	Cricket Match	New Hutte	6.30	Refreshments available to be purchased from the Green Room
Wednesday 28 June	Pub Quiz	St Mark's Parish Centre	7.30	Free To enter a team (6 players) Contact Alison Shacklady Alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or Mal.owen@btinternet.com
Thursday 29 June	Liverpool Male Voice Choir	Hollies Hall	7.30	Bar Available Tickets Free
Friday 30 June	Drama Group Play/Revue	W I Hall	7.30	Tickets £2.50
Friday 30 June	Flower Festival and Arts and Crafts Exhibition	St Mary's	10.00-3.00	
Saturday 1 July	Flower Festival and Arts and Crafts Exhibition	St Mary's	10.00-3.00	Music provided by Memory Lane Singers at 11am
Saturday 1 July	Strictly Come Something	Hollies Hall	7.00	Exhibitions, Demonstrations and Instruction by Diane's Dancing Divas Tickets £7.50 (including buffet)
Sunday 2 July	The Tempest Mate Productions	St Nicholas' Church and grounds	Performances At 2.00 and 7.00	Tickets £9.50 Adults £5.50 Children
Sunday 2 July	Closing Open Air Service	Hollies Field	5.30pm	

Walking quiz around St Mary's area to take place on 30 June/1 July
Entry forms and route available from St Mary's Church



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