



Halewoodtowncouncil

Annual Report 2015-2016



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 7000

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC)

- **Environmental Helpline**

Tel: 0151 443 2400

for assistance with such issues as household waste, grass cutting, road flooding, gulley 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: 0344 826 9694

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 286 3637

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 FOREWORD

Councillor Allan Harvey

**Leader of the Town Council
Mayor of Halewood**

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve my community as Leader of the Town Council and Mayor of Halewood during 2015/2016.

Sadly, during this year, I have seen firsthand many of our children and families continue to struggle under the strain brought about by the Tory Government.

That in the 21st century, people in Halewood have to resort to visiting the Knowsley Foodbank is nothing short of a disgrace. However, for them it is much needed support and a life line in their struggle and so I urge you, if you are able, support the Knowsley Foodbank as much as possible.

The support of the Town Council to those less fortunate amongst us, has taken on number of forms this year including our providing funding via our Community Grants Fund so that those at risk of being alone on Christmas Day can meet socially and enjoy a Christmas Dinner; our heartfelt thanks to 'Happy Feet' for making this happen.

In partnership with some of our Primary Schools, further support has been provided by the Town Council directly to children and families in most need of help and I thank the Head teachers and staff of our schools for their assistance.

These are just two ways in which your Town Council has supported members of our community and abhorrent though they are in one way, in terms of being required at all,

I am proud to have led the Town Council in making these decisions.

I am proud too, that in our staffing review, we have been able to secure full time jobs for most of our staff and proud too to lead the first Council in Knowsley to receive accreditation by the Living Wage Foundation and to continue paying as a minimum, the Living Wage to our staff.

But overall, I am proud of you, the community of Halewood, my community and during the year I have seen Halewood's Community Spirit at its very best on many occasions; the hard work of the children in our schools, the care of our older people, the practical support for those in most need; all these and more, make me very proud to be from Halewood.

Personally, in what has been at times a difficult year for me health wise, I am grateful for the support shown to me by my family, friends and fellow Town Councillors; to each and every one of them my sincere thanks.

My final thanks are, to the staff in St Helens and Knowsley NHS Hospital Trust. Under the cosh as they are, the socialist created National Health Service saved my life this year and for that I will be forever in their debt.

Cllr Allan Harvey

Leader of Halewood Town Council
Mayor of Halewood



Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Town Council
will take place on

**Thursday 12th May 2016
at 7pm**

in the Arncliffe Sports & Community Centre

To be followed by the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES 2015–2016

The Town Council has twelve members as shown. Each member (Town Councillor) is elected to represent one of the three Town Council 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.



WEST WARD



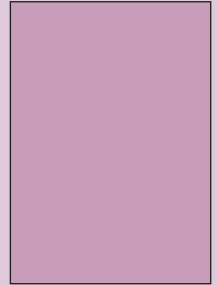
**Cllr Iain Scott
Hamilton**
0151 291 1895



Cllr Norman Hogg
0151 486 2013



Cllr Bob Swann
0151 280 8570



Vacancy

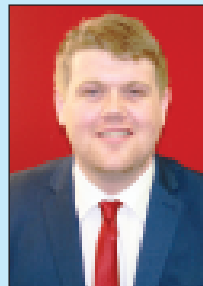
NORTH WARD



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!

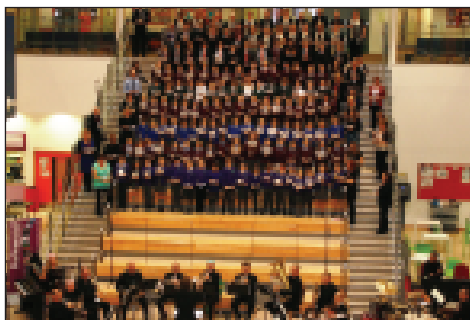
This time last year I described the preceding twelve months as 'busy' 'enjoyable and eventful' 'whilst at times being a challenge' and I can honestly say 2015-2016 has been no different.

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. The further reduction in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (CTRSG) funding in 2015-2016, and yet more in 2016-2017, has contributed significantly to the Town Council resolution to increase the precept in 2016-2017 by 10%, the equivalent of £5.88 per annum at Band D equivalent level.

This increase, the first for two years, will however, enable the Town Council to meet its net expenditure during 2016-2017 including the continued payment of the Living Wage to its lowest paid employees. Moving forward, we are uncertain over what timescale the CTRSG will be phased out in Knowsley (the Government has announcement that it is to be phased out completely in England by 2020) but doubtless tough times lie ahead.

Even though the Town Council faced difficult financial challenges this year, 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 set aside a fund directly 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 at which again the massed choir were a credit to themselves, their families, schools and the whole community.



The massed choir at our Christmas concert

August saw the launch of our new website www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk. This improved site, contains up to date information about the Town Council; its facilities and activities, news, agendas and minutes.

Here at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, we welcomed this year, Knowsley Dementia Care - Memory Lane as

regular, twice weekly users of the Centre; every Monday evening we now have an Open Mic night which is gaining popularity and plans are being formulated, funding permitting, to upgrade the synthetic pitches and kitchen facilities.



Memory Lane celebrate Chinese New Year

Over in Hollies Hall, in partnership with FirstArk, we are seeking funding to replace the equipment in the children's playground. The Town Council recently also purchased a defibrillator, courtesy of the Oliver King Foundation to be available for users of Hollies Hall and the site generally. This life saving piece of equipment was presented to the Mayor of Halewood, Cllr Allan Harvey, by Mark King, Oliver's dad, a truly inspirational person.

The Town Council now has a defibrillator in both of its Centres.

Supporting many activities, groups and individuals during the year; Halewood Culturefest, Halewood Community Spirit, Memory Lane, Halewood U3A, Torrington Drive Community Association (to name but a few), recognising the wonderful children and young people in our community through our Pupil Recognition Awards and

our Community Achievement Award winners, our Community Grant recipients, have all been highlights during the year.

Sadly, we said farewell recently to former Town Councillors Tommy Cartin and Alice Blackhurst and we offer our prayers and sympathy to their families at this sad time for them.

'Busy' 'enjoyable' 'eventful' 'a challenge'... yes 2015-2016 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 a heartfelt thank you. Your support has been invaluable.

Thank you also to Cllr Allan Harvey and his 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 possible, 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 2015-2016 the Chairperson (Leader) of the Council and Mayor of Halewood, was Cllr Allan Harvey who was supported by his daughter and Mayoress of Halewood, Suzanne Harvey.

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 7 p.m and subject to approval and amendment at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, the provisional dates for the municipal year 2016-2017 are as follows:-

19th May 2016
16th June 2016
21st July 2016
15th September 2016
20th October 2016
17th November 2016
15th December 2016
19th January 2017
16th February 2017
16th March 2017
20th April 2017

Special Meeting of the Town Council:
(to approve any changes in the Standing Orders and/or Financial Regulations of the Town Council):- 20th April 2017 at 6:30pm

Annual Town Council Meeting:
18th May 2017

Annual Parish Meeting:
18th May 2017

Confirmation of these dates and the locations of the meetings will be available on the Town Council's website www.halewoodtowncouncil.com.

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 2015-2016 the Town Council raised £283,876 via the precept. In addition, the Town Council received £58,274 in Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (CTRSG) from Central Government. This was a reduction of 16.3% on the similar grant for the previous year. This continued fall in CTRSG, which has been reduced by over 29% in the last three years, continues to place a considerable strain on Town Council budgets.

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 2015-2016 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.

EXPENDITURE & INCOME – 2015-2016

	Expenditure	Income	Net Cost
Arncliffe Centre	£134,569	£43,316	£91,253
Hollies Hall	£66,789	£38,310	£28,479
Administration/Environment	£189,584	£500	£189,084
	<hr/> £390,942	<hr/> £82,126	<hr/> £308,816

2016-2017 PRECEPT

Against yet more cuts by Central Government in our Council Tax Support Grant, which has been reduced by just over £24,000 since 2013-2014; to maintain and improve our services. For 2016-2017, the Members of the Town Council reluctantly resolved to increase the precept in by 10%, the equivalent of £5.88 per annum at Band D equivalent level.

This increase, the first for two years, will enable the Town Council to meet its net expenditure for the year including the payment of the Living Wage to its lowest paid employees.

On this basis, it costs each Halewood Town elector 5.5 pence per day to finance the Town Council.

In addition to the precept, as a result of yet further Government cuts in the CTRSG, as mentioned above, the Town Council will only receive £51,290 in 2016-2017 a LOSS of approximately £7,000 compared to 2015-2016.

Naturally, this further loss of income will put increasing pressure on Town Council budgets.

STAFFING, ACCOMMODATION AND OPEN SPACES

Recently agreed changes to the staffing structure of the Town Council will eradicate duplication and further strengthen the centralisation of the administration and management of the Town Council at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre. Furthermore, staffing levels at Hollies Hall and the associated sports facilities on that site, are planned to be increased in 2016-2017.

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 over 90 acres of open space and woodland in and around Wood Road and Abberley Road, Doorstep Green (Dista Field) Elwyn Drive and New Hutte Woods.

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



Wood carving in New Hutte Woods



Children's Playground at the Arncliffe Centre

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 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 refurbished in September 2014, 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 Fields in Abberley Road and New Hutte Woods.
- **Playgrounds** – 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 2015-2016

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 2015-2016....

- 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 2015-2016, our budget provision for 2016-2017 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 it is hoped will come to fruition in 2016-2017.
- 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.



- The continuing success of the Town Council's Community Grants Fund which has once again supported local organisations in 2015-2016 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.
- This year the Town Council was proud to support Al's Club, a volunteer-led club for disabled young people between the ages of 17-25, by hosting a Community Fun Day at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre.



Al's Club Fun Day

- The funding of four seasonal pantomimes at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Hollies Hall, New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre and Halewood Academy.
- The 2015 Christmas Dinner programme, which once again this year saw some of our 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.



Our ever popular Christmas Dinners

- 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 2015.
- The development and launch of a new Town Council website www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk and twitter account @HalewoodTC.
- The purchase of a defibrillator for Hollies Hall. Obtained through the Oliver King Foundation, www.theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk, this life saving piece of equipment was presented to the Mayor of Halewood by Mark King, Oliver's dad.
- Our continued support to Halewood Junior Football League, Halewood Community Spirit, Halewood Culturefest, Torrington Drive Community Association and others in bringing a variety of sports, culture and just plain fun events to the community of Halewood.
- The submission of an application for accreditation at Quality Level to the new (national) Local Council Awards Scheme.



The Mayor of Halewood receives the defibrillator from Mark King.



Pupils from St Marks Catholic Primary School and the Memory Lane singers perform at the Culturefest 2015.

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 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 7 years of competition, the Halewood Team have been champions on very many occasions. Further details may be obtained from Geoff Lyon on **0151 430 7710** or at geoff.lyon1@virginmedia.com

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.



Torrington Drive Community Association
TDCA – Working alongside partners, TDCA organise a

number of creative community events and activities throughout the year.

These events range from National Play Day celebrations, Summer sports camps and Twinkle Twinkle. There are also a number of regular themed social for people with disabilities held at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre on Lichfield Road. In November 2015, the success of TDCA was recognised with our being crowned 'KHT Resident Association of the year' at their prestigious Community Awards.

TDCA also provide a number of adult learning courses on a weekly basis ranging from basic IT skills, Maths, English and various entry level qualifications. For further information contact Tina Pomfrett (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. Two of their highlights this year was the Summer Spectacular held on the former Greengates School site on Leathers Lane and the Christmas celebrations at the Shopping Centre which the Mayor of Halewood was proud to support. The contact for Halewood Community Spirit is Mike Williams who can be contacted on **0773 176 4111**.

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.

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 with an opportunity 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 9am – 1pm and 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 443 2084** or **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 2016 Culturefest, which runs from 25th June – 3rd July, can be obtained from Alison Shacklady at alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com.



Cllr Clare Rose, Deputy Mayor of Halewood, Richard McCullough, Patron of the Culturefest, with members of the cricket teams.

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.

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.

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 recent times, the synthetic surface has begun to show signs of coming to the end of its useful life. As a result, the Town Council is planning to upgrade the facilities by replacing the existing sand-filled surface with 3G.

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



Sequence Dancing on Monday afternoons.

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

MONDAY	Sequence Dancing Step Up Dance Kickboxing Keep Fit Class Open Mic Night	12.00noon – 3.30pm 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm 7.15 pm – 11.00 pm
TUESDAY	Pure Tai Chi Musicality Dance Productions	10.00am – 11.30am 4.00apm – 7.00pm
WEDNESDAY	Tai Chi Group KDCS - Memory Lane Pilates (inc beginners class) Kickboxing Slimming World Pure Tai Chi	9.45 am – 11.15 am 10.00am – 2.00pm 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm 8.00pm – 9.00pm
THURSDAY	Yoga Luncheon Club (OAP) Pensioners' Bingo Ju Jitsu Councillors Surgery ** Junior Drama	10.00 am – 11.30 am 12.00 noon – 1.30 pm 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm 5.00 pm – 9.30 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm
FRIDAY	KDCS - Memory Lane Pure Tai Chi Kick Boxing Everton Football Coaching Keep Fit Class Available for functions	10.00am – 2.00pm 10.00am – 11.00am 5.00 pm -7.00 pm 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm 7.30pm – 8.30pm EVENINGS
SATURDAY	Baby Ballet Step Up Dance Available for functions	9.45 am – 11.30 am 9.45 am – 3.00 pm EVENINGS
SUNDAY	Liverpool Scottish Pipe Band Available for functions	10.00 am – 12.00 noon DAYTIME & EVENINGS

In addition, the synthetic pitches are used by Holy Family Primary Catholic Primary School during the week and at evenings are used by outside sports clubs at the following times:

Monday	5:00pm - 6:00pm & 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday	5:00pm – 6:00pm

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

**Please check dates of Councillor's Surgeries beforehand by calling the above number.

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 refurnished and refurbished in September 2014 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.



*Charlie Hewitt from Plantation School
sings to his audience.*

In July 2015, Hollies Hall hosted musical talent from throughout Halewood at a show organised by Chris Vernon and his guitar company ComfyChordsLtd. The event showcased gifted young guitarists and singers within the local community. The event was opened by actor and celebrity Ricky Tomlinson who supports Chris in his ambition to nurture and support local music. One of the highlights of the event, was the emerging talent of young Charlie Hewitt from Plantation School as he performed effortlessly on the guitar to the captivated audience.

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. Hirings include use of the indoor changing facilities and showers. By arrangement, the bar can also be made available after matches.

Teams should call 0151 443 2063 for details.

Activities in Hollies Hall

MONDAY	Mother & Toddler Indoor Bowls (Winter only) Weight Watchers	9.30 am – 11.30 am 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
TUESDAY	Indoor Bowls (Winter only) Musicality Productions Councillors Surgery ** Tuesday Club	12.00 noon – 3.30 pm 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Slimming World Slimming World Councillors Surgery **	8.30 am – 1.30 pm 4.30 pm – 9.00 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 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	Available for functions	DAYTIME & EVENINGS
SUNDAY	Available for functions	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

**Please check dates of Councillor's Surgeries beforehand by calling the above number.

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 years unsung heroes are due to be honoured at the same glittering ceremony as our young people to be held in Hollies Hall on Friday 22nd April.

Watch out for details on our website www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk.

THE MAYOR'S CHARITY

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

On 6th May 2016, Cllr Harvey plans to host a charity night at Hollies Hall in aid of The Lilac Centre based at St Helens and Knowsley NHS Hospital Trust. This Cancer Treatment and Support Centre holds a special place in Cllr Harvey's heart.



Cllr Allan Harvey supporting fund raising for 'The David James Ross Foundation'

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

For over eleven 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 2015 – 2016 the following were recipients of awards:

- Knowsley Dementia Support Group - Memory Lane
- The Tuesday Club
- Merseyside Arts Theatre & Education
- St John Vianney SVP
- Happy Feet
- Eli Lily FC
- Kingsthorpe FC
- James Mullings and Zac Kechil

Worthy recipients every one of them but special mention to Happy Feet who for the fourth 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.

Particular mention also, of the final two recipients, James and Zac who represented Halewood as part of the Knowsley squad which played in the Dallas Cup competition in Texas.

The Town Council has also made grants of £1,500 to Halewood Town Sports Association, £3,600 towards the cost of the RLPO Concert at Halewood Academy and paid an aggregate of £1,500 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 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



How well are we doing?

1. The Town Council costs each Halewood Elector approx 5p per day.
Do you consider this good value for money, and if not, why?
If NO why?

YES / NO

2. What activities would you wish to see take place at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre or Hollies Hall? I would like to see..

3. Have you or a member of your family used the facilities at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre or Hollies Hall?

YES / NO

4. If the answer to the above question was 'yes' what was your experience?

5. Have you seen the Town Council's bi-monthly Newsletter in the Halewood Focus magazine?

YES / NO

PLEASE TURN OVER

CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Post code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to be kept informed of Town Council activities?

Email ☐ Telephone ☐ Twitter ☐ Facebook ☐ Post ☐

Please return to: Halewood Town Council, FREEPOST RTHX-BGXZ-XBUC

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Thank you very much

George MacKenzie

Town Manager



Looking for your next
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Come on over to our place!



Hollies Hall Community Centre



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