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# Halewoodtowncouncil

Annual Report 2018-2019



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## 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, 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**  
Opening times  
Monday to Saturday 8am – 9pm  
Sunday & bank Holidays 10am – 9pm

**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 - **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 8840**  
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

### Cllr Norman Hogg

#### Chairperson of the Town Council & Mayor of Halewood and Mrs Wendy Hogg, Mayoress of Halewood.

It has been an honour and privilege to be Chairperson of your Town Council and Mayor of Halewood during 2018/19.

My year started off very sadly, long serving Town and Borough Councillor Cllr Tina Harris passed away in June and the following month, my great friend and former Town and Borough Councillor Tommy Fearn's also passed away. Their friendship and support are greatly missed and the community of Halewood owes a great debt of gratitude to Tina and Tommy. May they Rest in Peace.

Early in my year of office my wife and I once again had the opportunity support the Halewood Culturefest, the ten day feast of cultural activities throughout the Township. This was closely followed by the Town Council's Community Fun Day which once again drew large crowds in glorious weather to spend time simply having fun.

Once again the Christmas Concert was a great start to the festive season; it highlighted the talent we have in Halewood and was the beginning of a whole host of Christmas activities provided by the Town Council.

Hollies Hall was of course the venue for our Pupil Recognition and Community Achievement Awards....what an inspirational evening!

This year I have also been able to support many charitable activities through the Mayor's Fund and I have been delighted to provide help and support wherever I could.

I have been privileged to have been a Town Councillor in Halewood for over 20 years during which time I have always acted in what I truly considered to be the best interests of the Halewood community. However, now is the time to hand over the baton to others!

In doing so, I offer my thanks to all of my colleague Elected Members down the years, and to the various Town Manager's and Town Council staff with whom I have worked. My thanks go to each and every group and resident who do so much to support our community and finally to my dear wife Wendy, who has been and continues to be the best of the best!

**Cllr Norman Hogg**

Chairperson of the Town Council

## Town Manager's Report

# George MacKenzie

## Town Manager



It's that time of the year again when I look back over the last year and try to sum it up in a few paragraphs, an almost impossible task!

As Cllr Hogg mentions in his foreword, the year started sadly, with the death of Town and Borough Councillor Tina Harris and former Town and Borough Councillor Tommy Fearn. Both Tina and Tommy, were hard-working, loyal, faithful and dependable and their wise counsel is sadly missed.

The Borough Council's decision early in the municipal year to reverse its policy to establish a Trust to manage the parks and open spaces in the Borough had a significant effect on the business of the Town Council during the year.

Notwithstanding this, the Town Council again faced the financial challenge of austerity imposed by Central Government and yet managed to agree a budget, details of which are shown on page 7.

Even though the Town Council faced difficult financial challenges, it still recognised that some of our families are themselves facing similar worries. So with the continued support 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. In addition to providing direct support to families via schools,

working with partners, the Town Council also provided funding to secure hot meals for our young people during the summer holidays.

On the brighter side, the Town Council was delighted to support, both practically and financially, the Halewood Christmas Concert. For the first time this year the concert featured an ensemble from the Manchester Camerata. The concert entitled 'Mr Jum's Christmas', once again showcased the talents of our the young people from our Primary Schools, Halewood Academy and Halewood Community Choir.



*The massed choir, civic dignitaries and the Manchester Camerata'*

Our Christmas concert wasn't the Town Council's only contribution to the festive season, we once again funded three seasonal pantomimes and under the management of our Premises and Communities Officer, the staff of the Town Council organised a sell out Christmas Party for our young people which was held in Hollies Hall.

Acknowledging the growing issue of 'Period Poverty' and building on the work done by Torrington Drive Community Association (TDCA) at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, the Town Council agreed to provide free sanitary products in all of the female toilets in its buildings and in partnership with TDCA and the Big Help Project, we also implemented a programme of similar free provision throughout most public accessible female toilets in the Township.....another 'first' for Halewood amongst the other Parish and Town Council in Knowsley.

Our continued support to many activities, groups and individuals during the year saw grants being made to Halewood Culturefest, Halewood Community Spirit, Derby Court Residents Association, The Tuesday Club and Halewood Youth in Community Centre (The Boyzee) (to name but a few).

Another highlight in the year came through our Pupil Recognition Award and Community Achievement Awards which rightly recognised the talent and fortitude of our young people and of those members of the community who go 'above and beyond'.



*Joanne Thompson  
Community Achievement Award Winner*

During the year, the Town Council bade a fond farewell and best wishes to Sharon Ryan who took up another job closer to home and to Ronnie Furlong who retired after 20 years service.

As 2018/19 comes to a close, and talking of retirement, my thanks to Lynn Joyner, our Senior Administrator who retires after a staggering 40 years service and to the outgoing Chairperson and Mayor of Halewood Cllr Norman Hogg who has stepped down after 20 years as a Town Councillor.

Finally, my thanks to all the Town Councillors and all the staff and volunteers who have served this year and 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.....your support has been invaluable.

After six years as Town Manager, I too have 'called time' on my service and in ending this, my final report sincerely wish my successor Gerry Allen, a happy and fruitful time as Town Manager.

Thank you.  
**George MacKenzie**

# About Halewood Town Council

## ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES (TOWN COUNCILLORS)

The Town Council has twelve Members (Town Councillor) who (ordinarily) serve for a period of four years.

At the Town Council elections in May 2015, all twelve Members were elected unopposed, however, during 2016, following the resignation of one Member, after due legal process the resultant vacancy was filled by co-option. Following the sad death of Cllr Tina Harris in June 2018, a by election was held and as result of this, at the end of the municipal year for which this report is produced the Elected Members of Halewood Town Council were as follows:

**North Ward – Cllrs Ken Dalton, Dean Perry, Edna Finneran and Clare Rose**  
**South Ward – Cllrs Steve Ball, Barbara Dunn, Allan Harvey and David Samuels**  
**West Ward – Cllrs Norman Hogg, Bob Swann, Ian Scott Hamilton and Ann Farrell.**

Whilst Town Councillors may be paid an allowance, Members of Halewood Town Council receive no allowance at all and give of their time freely and voluntarily to serve their community.

The Community Governance Review carried out by the Principal Authority during 2018/19 confirmed the number of Elected Members of the Town Council at twelve with six Members each being elected to represent new Town Council wards, Halewood North and Halewood South wards.

Details of the current elected representatives are shown on the Town Council's website.

## COUNCIL STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

The responsibility of the Council is to take policy decisions about how it's 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 2018-2019 the Chairperson of the Council and Mayor of Halewood, was Cllr Norman Hogg who was supported throughout the year by his wife Wendy.

The Town Council doesn't 'make the rules up as it goes along' so to speak; there must be a legal basis for everything it does. Governance arrangements for Town and Parish Councils in England goes back many years the most recent significant piece of legislation arguably being the Local Government Act 1972. However, the overall package of legislation goes back well before that, even to the 19th century.

Standing Orders are intended to regulate and control how the Town Council conducts its business and whilst there is no obligation to adopt Standing Orders, it is good practice to do so and for many years Halewood Town Council considers and adopts on an annual basis, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

The Council has a statutory duty under the Localism Act 2011 to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Elected Members and Co-opted Members Code of Conduct, which is again adopted on an annual basis, sets out the standards which the Council therefore expects such Members to observe.

The current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct are available on the Town Council's website [www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk).

### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS (INCLUDING PUBLIC RECORDING)**

Meetings of the Town Council are not public meetings but members of the public have a statutory right to attend any meeting of the Town Council but only as an observer. Unless invited to do so by the Chairperson, members of the public have no right to speak at Town Council meetings.

That said, a thirty minute 'Public Forum' is currently available at all meetings of Halewood Town Council when, preferably by prior arrangement with the Town Manager, members of the public in attendance at the meeting may, at the Chairperson's discretion, address the Town Council on matters appertaining to the Township.

There are occasions when meetings must go into 'private session' when dealing with matters of a confidential nature. On these occasions members of the public (and press if any are present) must leave.

In line with national legislation, and in accordance with the Town Council's Policy, the filming and recording of public Town Council meetings is permitted.

Anybody wishing to film and record public meetings is asked to inform the Town Manager 24 hours in advance of their intention to record a meeting to ensure that the necessary arrangements can be made.

### **ORDINARY MEETINGS**

Meetings normally start at 7 p.m, the agreed dates for the municipal year 2019-20 are:-

20th June 2019  
1st August 2019  
19th September 2019  
17th October 2019  
21st November 2019  
19th December 2019  
16th January 2020  
20th February 2020  
19th March 2020  
16th April 2020

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

(to approve any changes in the Standing Orders and/or Financial Regulations of the Town Council):- 9th April 2020 at 7:00pm

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

14th May 2020 at 7pm

### **Annual Parish Meeting:**

14th May 2020 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](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.com). and posted on the Town Council's notice boards throughout the Township.

### **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 2018-2019 the Town Council raised £372,403 via the precept. Up until 2017-2018 the Town Council also received a grant from Central Government called the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant (CTRSG). As a result of the austerity measures imposed by Central Government and the stance taken by Knowsley MBC, 2018-2019 saw the cessation of this grant and in fact the £372,403 raised via the precept in 2018-2019 was £11,000 less than received the previous year.

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

Each year also, as required by law, electors of the Township can 'Exercise their Rights' to inspect the accounts of the Town Council within a given period, details of which are posted on the Town Council's website and on the Town Council's notice boards throughout the Township.

The table below shows the aggregate levels of income and expenditure for 2018-2019, and at this stage, they are subject to final audit. Once audited, details of the accounts are available for residents' inspection.

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## EXPENDITURE & INCOME – 2018-2019

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Net Cost</b>
Arncliffe Centre	£120,057	£59,808	£60,249
Hollies Hall	£116,073	£40,873	£75,200
Administration/Environment	£204,319	£421	£203,898
	<u>£440,449</u>	<u>£101,102</u>	<u>£339,347</u>

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## 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**

## 2019–2020 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

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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.

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC) themselves have publicised details of the funding cuts they have received from Central Government; cuts which Halewood Town Council has also had to bear.

These relentless cuts in public funding such as the scrapping the Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant have meant that in the five years your Town Council has suffered a real terms cut in its funding of £75,000.

Nevertheless, the Members of the Town Council are committed to improving its assets and its service to the community,

including increasing by 50% the level of its General Grants Fund, continuing the financial support to the most vulnerable children and families in our community via our schools and providing an employment opportunity via the Knowsley Apprenticeship Scheme.

The sustained nature of cuts and Members' commitment to protect and improve services leaves the Town Council little option in 2019/20 but to increase the precept by 9.5%.

Whilst this may sound a large increase, on a Band D property, it equates to an increase of £6.83 per year, less than 2p per day. However, in reality 86% of our residents will pay much less, with Band A properties, (38% of the total in Halewood) paying an increase of £4.55 per year, less than 1.25p per day.

In total terms, these figures will enable Members and staff of Halewood Town Council, to continue to provide much needed services to the residents of the Township.

# 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, extensive kitchen facilities, up to date audio visual equipment and is home to many community and special interest groups who use the facilities for meetings and activities. 'The Arncliffe' is also available for hire at competitive rates for a variety of business, family or fundraising events.
- **Hollies Hall** – Home of the Halewood Indoor Bowls League, our other popular venue, also has a large function room complete with bar and kitchen facilities. Recently obtained audio visual equipment compliment the facility, which is also 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, Hilton Grace Recreation Ground, extensively used by Kingsthorpe Junior Football Club is available for outdoor sporting and recreational activities.
- **Open Spaces** – The Town Council manage around 90 acres of open space. In addition to the open space associated with 'The Arncliffe' and Hollies Hall, the Town Council chiefly manages land on Wood Road, Halewood Doorstep Green (Dista Field), Frederick Lunt Playing Field, New Hutte Woods and Elwyn Gardens which the Town Council owns.
- **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. Sadly, wanton vandalism has left the Town Council with little alternative but to control access times to our playgrounds wherever possible.
- **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 and seats within Halewood plus newly designed and erected Town Council notice boards throughout the Township.
- **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.
- **Events** – A series of Town Council sponsored, delivered and at times fully funded, events takes place throughout the year. In 2018-2019, these events included:
  - three seasonal pantomimes at Christmas,
  - Children’s Christmas Party,
  - Town Council Summer Fun Day
  - Sport, Nutrition and Active Play (SNAP) a programme of free events for children and families in our parks and open spaces linked to holiday hunger.
- **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.



Community Fun day 2018

## Achievements 2018–2019

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 2018-2019....

- 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 2018-2019, our budget provision for 2019 - 2020 will see the Town Council continue to pay the Living Wage.
- 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 hugely successful planning and delivery of the Town Council Fun Day on Hilton Grace Recreation Ground. This event attracted over 4,000 visitors and is planned to be an annual event on the Town Council's calendar. **Fun Day 2019 is to be held on SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST.**



- The continuing success of the Town Council's Community Grants Fund which has once again supported local organisations in 2018-2019 by distributing almost £12,000 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 were 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, were 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 Mayor and Mayoress of Halewood,  
Father Christmas and Pantomime Actors*

- Our Children's Christmas party attracted 100 young people and some family members as well to a lovely celebration complete with a visit from Father Christmas.
- During the year the Town Council also have a commitment to develop a plan to combat Domestic Abuse which would include:
  - Identification of a Lead Staff and Elected Member
  - The development of an over arching 'Safeguarding Policy'
  - Consideration of accreditation to White Ribbon UK
  - A commitment that staff and Elected Members do not engage in any behaviour that could be considered abusive with the appropriate signage saying that perpetrators will not be tolerated and information provided promoting and raising awareness of the issue.
  - Involve the local community through holding one event a year to raise awareness.
- The 2018 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.
- 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.
- Recognising that food poverty is a reality for some families in our community and working with Halewood Children's Centres, Torrington Drive Community Association and other partners, the Town Council authorised funds to provide hot meals for young people during the school summer holidays as part of a series of sporting and active play activities throughout our parks and open spaces under the banner of SNAP.



*SNAP in the Park 2018'*

- In addition to funding, the Town Council took a leading role in the planning and organising of the hugely successful Christmas Concert held at the Halewood Academy in December and which featured an ensemble from the Manchester Camerata supporting a massed choir from all of our Primary schools, Halewood Academy and Halewood Community Choir.
- At the request of and working alongside Knowsley Dementia Care Support - Memory Lane, the Town Council agreed to support the development of a Dementia Friendly 'Sensory Garden' at the rear of the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre and we look forward to its opening in 2019-2020.
- 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.

**GET CONNECTED** is available at the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre every Thursday from 12 noon - 2pm.

- Acknowledging the growing issue of 'Period Poverty' and building on the work done by Torrington Drive Community Association (TDCA) at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, the Town Council agreed to provide free sanitary products in all of the female toilets in its buildings and in partnership with TDCA and the Big Help Project, we also implemented a programme of similar free provision throughout most public accessible female toilets in the Township.



#### **And last but not least**

- Faced with the possible demise of the popular Halewood Health Forum, the Town Council agreed to fund the continued meetings of this group which provides much information and support to the community.

## Community News

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

**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'. In 2017, once again, the Halewood Team were victorious and were awarded the KOPFO shield. 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** – TDCA-Working with Partners & Community Organisations organise a number of creative events and activities throughout the year.



These events include, National Play Day Event, Summer Activity Camps and Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Event. We also provided support to many families over Christmas 2018 with food hampers and toys and gas and electric and shopping vouchers to families experiencing hardship.

We also have ongoing weekly activities for older people and the community including Tai Chi & Chair based exercise classes. Over the summer holidays TDCA also partnered with the Town Council in running very successful events called SNAP, collaborating with a number of community partners and volunteers, this project ran for five weeks over the school summer holiday twice a week Tuesday & Thursdays with up to 100 families availing of the activities and food provided on the days.

We also had a Winter Warmer project for older people to come to an activity and have a hot meal from December 2018 till end of February 2019.

TDCA also organise a number of Day Trips for families at reduced costs for children and families, and we are now in the process of planning a number of day trips for smaller groups of older people over the coming months.

TDCA also work closely with Knowsley Family and Community Education (FACE) to provide a number of Adult Education courses from basic IT Skills Courses to Maths, English, Mental Health Awareness etc, the FACE team based here in New Hutte and are happy to work with TDCA to run work related courses such as Health & Safety, First Aid in order to provide opportunities for people to prepare for employment.

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 **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 Monday and Wednesday 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 **07496 286 251**.

**Halewood Youth in Community Centre** – Based in Lichfield Road, ‘the Boyzee’ 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 Tuesday and Thursdays from 09:00am – 3:30pm. 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/July, 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 2019 Culturefest are available from Alison Shacklady on 0151 486 2415 and on the Culturefest website : [www.halewoodculturefest.btck.co.uk](http://www.halewoodculturefest.btck.co.uk).



*Alison Shacklady and the Culturefest Committee receiving their Community Recognition Award.*

**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 business events / meetings or for family 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, floodlit 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.



**FOR HIRE CALL 0151 428 1929**

## Activities in the Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre

<b>MONDAY</b>	Baby Sensory Memory Lane Step Up Dance Ju-Jitsu	8.30am – 3.30pm 11.00 am – 2.00 pm 4.15 pm – 7.00 pm 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Pure Tai Chi Ballroom Dancing (inc beginners class) Womens' Institute Arts Class Book Club (monthly) Musicality Dance Productions KMBC Councillor's Surgery (monthly, 1st Tuesday)* Ballroom Dancing (1st Tuesday)	10.00am – 11.30 am 9.00 am – 11.00 am  1.15 pm – 3.15 pm 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm  7.45 pm – 10.15 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Tai Chi (Womens' Institute) KDCS - Memory Lane Pilates (inc beginners class) Slimming World Pure Tai chi WI Ukulele Club	9.45 am – 11.15 am 10.00 am – 2.00pm 12.15 pm – 2.45 pm 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm 7.45 pm – 9.30pm 7.00pm – 8.00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Yoga Get Connected (Debt & Job Centre) Over 50's Luncheon Club Pensioners' Bingo Little Paws Ju Jitsu WI Ukulele Club	10.00 am – 11.30 am 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm 5.45 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Pure Tai Chi Halewood U3A (monthly) Amy's Fitness Class Ju Jitsu <b>AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONS</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm 5.15 pm – 8.15 pm 4.00pm – 6.00pm <b>EVENINGS</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Step Up Dance <b>AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONS</b>	10.00 am – 3.00 pm <b>EVENINGS</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Liverpool Scottish Pipe Band <b>AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONS</b>	10.00 am – 12.30 noon <b>DAYTIME &amp; EVENINGS</b>

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](http://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 business, 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 a few years ago and redecorated in early 2019 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 **0151 487 9779**.

## Football Pitches at Hollies Hall

Hilton Grace Recreation Ground to give it its proper title, is immediately behind Hollies Hall. This large open area is used extensively by Kingsthorpe Junior Football Club but is available for a variety of sporting education and recreational activities; usage of the indoor changing facilities and showers is available by arrangement.

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



*Table set ready for a function*

## Activities in Hollies Hall

<b>MONDAY</b>	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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Indoor Bowls (Winter only) Martial Arts Lauren's Fitness KMBC Councillors Surgery (monthly 2nd Tues) * Tuesday Club	9.00 am – 4.00 pm 5.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm 6.00 pm – 7 00 pm 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Slimming World	8.30 am – 9.00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Boogie Tots Step Up Dance	9.30 am – 11.30 am 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Mother & Toddler Indoor Bowls (Winter only) <b>AVAILABLE FOR FUNCTIONS</b>	9.30 am – 11.30 am 12.00 noon – 3.30 pm <b>EVENINGS</b>
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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 arrange 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. .**

## 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 were honoured at the Town Council's Awards Night held in Hollies Hall on Friday 26th April..



Cllr Norman Hogg and his wife Wendy, receive their Special Recognition Award from Cllr Ann Farrell (right)

The Town Council's **Special Recognition Award** was again presented this year and exceptionally there were two awards.

After over 20 years service as a Member of Town Council staff, we bade a fond farewell and happy, healthy retirement to Ronnie Furlong and after serving the community as Member of the Town Council and former Borough Councillor, Cllr Norman Hogg 'stepped down'. Many congratulations to all our award winners.

## The Mayor's Charity

The Mayor of Halewood, Cllr Norman Hogg has, during the year, used his Charity Fund 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 Hogg has, amongst others, helped Listening Ear, Knowsley Dementia Support Group – Memory Lane, St Mary's Day Centre, the Arncliffe Over 50's Club and in memory of the late Cllr Tina Harris, Marie Curie.



## 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 2018 – 2019 the following were recipients of awards:

- Merseyside Arts and Theatre Education (now Imaginarium Theatre UK)
- The Tuesday club
- Knowsley Older Peoples Fun Olympics
- Halewood Youth in community Centre (The Boyzee)
- St John Vianney SVP
- Halewood Town JFL
- Halewood Community Spirit
- Derby Court Residents Association
- Jordie Highdale
- Desire & Inspire

At £3,350 Halewood Town Council was also the largest sponsor of the Christmas Concert at Halewood Academy.

Additionally, the Town Council paid an aggregate of £1,400 towards the cost of Christmas pantomimes in Halewood, made a grant of £1,000 to Halewood Town Sports Association, paid for the festive decorations at the Shopping Centre in Leathers Lane, helped sponsor a Charity event at Halewood Academy and made a small contribution towards the cost of Knowsley Flower Show 2018.

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](http://www.halewoodtowncouncil.gov.uk)



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