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Welcome to the latest edition of Knowsley News

It’s been a scorcher of a summer here in Knowsley this year and I hope that you and your families have made the most of the fantastic weather.

As usual, there have been a range of great events and activities taking place in the borough over the summer - some of the highlights of which you can see on page 23.

But with the summer weather behind us and the kids back at school, I’m sure many of you will be interested in the article on page 3 and featured on the front cover. It is fantastic news that, thanks to our work with the Oliver King Foundation, all schools in Knowsley are now being equipped with their own lifesaving defibrillator.

As you might expect, the magazine also contains lots of news and updates from across the borough. This time around, there is also a special centre spread telling you more about the benefits of recycling your waste, including details of the forthcoming changes to our bin collection service.

As always I hope you enjoy reading the magazine and find something of interest to you.

Cllr Ron Round
Leader of Knowsley Council

Residents tell us why they love DISCOVERING KNOWSLEY

In the last edition of Knowsley News, we gave readers the chance to win two fabulous prizes simply by telling us why they love discovering Knowsley.

Entries came flooding in and the lucky winner was Caitlin Smith, age 7, from Halewood. She told us that she loved discovering Knowsley because it’s fun, there’s lots to discover and there’s always lots of fun things to do.

Caitlin wins a fantastic family day pass to the award-winning Acorn Farm in Kirkby. She and her family will have the chance to get close to the animals at the farm through a special petting session as part of their prize.

Caitlin and her family also scooped a family season ticket to the National Wildflower Centre - an eco-visitor attraction that is home to an array of nature’s beautiful creations. Their prize also includes a relaxing afternoon tea in the centre’s very own Oak Tree Café.

Knowsley has a range of great attractions for both residents and visitors to enjoy. Whether it's history or heritage, retail or relaxation you’re interested in, there’s something to suit everyone.

Visit www.discoverknowsley.co.uk and start discovering Knowsley today!
Your views

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Front cover:
Pupils from St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Harry Long, Faye Lee, Sophie Coward and Harry Doran with the school’s new defibrillator

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Our pledges to you...

Our progress to date

As you know from previous articles in Knowsley News, the council made six key pledges to the community of Knowsley back in 2012.

The pledges targeted areas where it was felt we had the best opportunity to make a real difference to people’s lives in the borough. In the current economic climate, some of the work centred around employment and business. However, we also focused on other areas such as education and housing.

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive of Knowsley Council, commented,

“We have really targeted our thinking and our approach to ensure that our investment into these pledges can bring real benefits for our residents, in the areas that matter most to them.

We set the target of working on these priorities until 2015 but already we are making significant progress with lots of positive achievements made so far.

Our job now is to keep up this momentum, especially in the current economic climate, to ensure these achievements continue and we remain on target with our efforts.”

Here is a brief reminder of the pledges we made to you and some of the great progress that has been made so far:

**Our pledge...**

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<td>Bring our secondary education up to the national average or better for GCSEs including English and maths.</td>
<td>This year, the number of pupils gaining A* to C (including English and maths) was up again by 2.5%.</td>
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<td>Helping 10,000 of our residents into long-term jobs.</td>
<td>Already, more than 2,000 jobs have been created and 1,675 residents supported into work since January 2012.</td>
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<td>Support the set-up and development of community-owned businesses to build the social sector.</td>
<td>With our support and ongoing assistance, three community-owned businesses are now up and running.</td>
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<td>Making land available and investing in the development of hundreds of good quality and affordable new homes in the borough.</td>
<td>More than 130 new homes have been created with another 290 under construction. In addition, 66 acres of land across Knowsley have been made available for approximately 600 further homes.</td>
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<td>Making sure that every resident in Knowsley has access to free debt/money advice and affordable credit.</td>
<td>This pledge has been fully achieved and we are now focusing on improving and enhancing the support and advice that is available. This includes innovative projects such as ‘Money Matters’ where financial education is given to secondary school pupils.</td>
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<td>Take a lead role for jobs, skills and tackling poverty across the city region, to ensure Knowsley residents benefit from future investments and job creation.</td>
<td>Knowsley continues to lead the city region’s work on employment and skills. In the last 12 months, over 1,000 apprenticeships have been created and 3,270 individuals have been supported off benefits and into work. In addition, almost £1 million has been secured to set up a programme to support 200 businesses in the borough.</td>
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Every school in Knowsley is to be provided with a lifesaving defibrillator as a result of one family’s campaign to prevent others suffering the same loss they did.

Oliver King, from Liverpool, was a happy, healthy 12-year-old boy who loved sport. But tragically, during a school swimming lesson in March 2011, he died suddenly from SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome).

His family have campaigned ever since for defibrillators to be provided in schools and public places, believing that Oliver’s life could have been saved had the equipment been available to him.

The Oliver King Foundation has been working with Knowsley Council to introduce defibrillators into the borough’s schools. And they will make sure that a team of staff at each school receives training to ensure they are confident in using them.

Cllr Graham Wright, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services, said,

“I’m delighted that we are introducing defibrillators in all Knowsley schools and it is fantastic to have the support of the Oliver King Foundation.

It is absolutely crucial that children and young people are well looked after during the school day. Having a defibrillator on site means that trained staff will be able to take swift, lifesaving action in the thankfully rare event that one may be required.

The defibrillators and training have been paid for by a £70,000 investment from the council.

Oliver’s father, Mark King, said,

“It is a great pleasure that The Oliver King Foundation will be working in partnership with Knowsley Council.

It is fantastic news that each school will have fully trained staff who can use a defibrillator, and that all schools in the borough will have much-needed access to lifesaving equipment.

SADS is a condition which usually affects people aged between 12 and 35. Approximately 12 young people in the UK die each week from the condition, which is usually symptomless.

It is estimated that around 60,000 cardiac arrests happen outside of hospitals in the UK each year, and according to the British Heart Foundation, every minute that passes without the patient receiving CPR and defibrillation reduces their chance of survival by 10%.

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Pupils at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School with their defibrillator

(Left to right) Sylvia Thomson, Headteacher of Cronton C of E Primary; Sharon Faulkner, Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse; Mark King, Founder of The Oliver King Foundation and Gill Holland, Headteacher of Westvale Primary School
Northwood has won a Royal Forestry Society (RFS) award for excellence, thanks to the neighbourhood’s green transformation.

The Kirkby area has been named top Urban Forest 2013 in the North West and West Midlands region of the Royal Forestry Society’s Excellence in Forestry Awards.

The award recognises the rejuvenation of Northwood Forest Hills, as well as the community scheme to plant over 200 trees along the streets that link Northwood Forest Hills with The Old Rough.

Get social

Next time you log on to Facebook or Twitter, don’t forget to ‘like’ or ‘follow’ Knowsley Council for all the latest news from your area.

You can find the official Knowsley Council Facebook page at www.facebook.com/knowsley.council and on Twitter we’re @KnowsleyCouncil.

With more than 3,000 likes on Facebook and over 5,000 followers on Twitter, we are committed to communicating with you in whatever way suits you best.

So, make sure you click ‘like’ or follow us and join in the conversation online.
New Leisure facilities in Prescot

The new Prescot Soccer & Leisure Centre is almost complete.

The centre's outdoor pitches, with new third generation surfaces, have been open since July and many football teams are enjoying using the new facilities.

The first matches to be played on the pitches at Prescot Soccer & Leisure Centre were the final league games of the Knowsley under-six league. Eleven teams took part from across the borough. They were delighted at the quality of the new pitches, which have all the characteristics of playing on grass.

The new leisure facility will open its doors on Monday 14 October. The fitness suite will boast the latest equipment including treadmills, cross-trainers and rowing machines, as well as a training area with kettlebells, gym balls and much more. There will also be new changing facilities and a licensed bar.

Prescot Soccer & Leisure Centre will be open seven days a week. The outdoor pitches include floodlights so you can play all year round. Great membership offers are also available - ring the Get Active team on 443 2200 to find out more or visit www.activeknowsley.com

Cllr Eddie Connor, Knowsley Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community and Culture, said,

“This new facility is a welcome addition to our leisure offering. The reaction of our first visitors to the centre was overwhelmingly positive and I am confident that the new pitches and leisure facilities will impress everyone who uses them.”

No increase in prices of school meals for third year running

Families are welcoming a decision from the council to freeze the price of its school meals for the academic year starting in September 2013.

Knowsley is already one of the cheapest on Merseyside - charging £1.70 for a primary school meal and £1.75 for a secondary school meal.

Pupils at Knowsley’s secondary schools are now paying for their school meals with the touch of a fingertip. A new student recognition system using biometrics (replacing Smart Cards) has been introduced for the new academic year.

Look out for news of the latest autumn/winter menu on offer in schools across the borough from late October 2013. Details can be found on the council’s website.

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Nominations now open for Knowsley’s Business & Regeneration Awards 2013!

Nominations are now open for the 11th annual Knowsley Business & Regeneration Awards.

This year’s awards will take place on Thursday 28 November in the Grand Marquee at Knowsley Safari Park. Last year’s event attracted more than 600 people to celebrate a range of achievements across Knowsley and this year is set to be even bigger and better.

Cllr Dave Lonergan, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economy and Skills, said,

"Knowsley’s Business & Regeneration Awards are a highlight in the calendar for businesses across the borough.

Year upon year we hear of the remarkable success stories in business, despite the continued economic challenges. The awards are a fantastic way to recognise the achievements of people and business."

To view the judging criteria, submit your nomination and even book your place at the awards, visit www.knowsley.gov.uk/knowsleybusiness. The closing date for nominations is Friday 27 September.

Knowsley’s archive - we need your views

The council has submitted a funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to expand the borough’s archive – and we need your views to help secure funding.

The archive is a collection of unique materials from Knowsley’s past, including photographs, maps and official documents. It is a great resource for people wanting to trace their family tree or just find out more about the history of the borough. The first phase of the funding bid asks residents to give their views on the current archive.

A short questionnaire is now available from each of the borough’s libraries and One Stop Shops. You can also complete the questionnaire online through the council’s website (search for ARK). The closing date for returned questionnaires is Friday 18 October.

The archive, which will be moving to the new Kirkby Centre in 2014, will also be renamed ‘ARK’ - Archive Resource for Knowsley. It will be housed in a larger area with improved temperature controlled conditions for the historic documents.

If the bid is successful, the funding will be used to develop the current archive and help residents create a history for future generations through activities and workshops.

For more information, contact your local library or visit the council’s website (search for ARK).
Council’s help for first-time buyers

First-time buyers are being given a helping hand on to the property ladder thanks to a new partnership between Knowsley Council and Lloyds TSB.

The council has put £1 million into the Local Lend a Hand scheme, which will help dozens of buyers who have small deposits.

Most mortgage lenders ask for a 10% deposit, which many people are unable to afford. This scheme enables first-time buyers to take out a mortgage with just a 5% deposit through a local branch of Lloyds TSB.

The scheme also allows these borrowers access to mortgage products at a lower rate of interest than is normally available for this level of deposit.

Cllr Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council, said,

“This is a great boost for the borough and is really helping first-time buyers who can afford mortgage repayments but don’t have a big deposit.

We also hope that these property purchases will help to stimulate other moves in the housing market and be a real boost to the local economy.”

If you are interested in the Local Lend a Hand scheme, visit your local branch of Lloyds TSB for more information.

Marc Page, Mortgages Director at Lloyds TSB, said,

“Through the Local Lend a Hand scheme in Knowsley, we’re making the housing market more accessible to more people. We know that many young people turn to the ‘bank of mum and dad’ to get their foot on the ladder, but that is not a solution for everyone.

Helping people to buy their first home is crucial in achieving and maintaining a sustainable housing market. Local Lend a Hand addresses some of the real problems that prospective buyers in Knowsley might face.”

Subject to Lloyds TSB’s usual lending criteria, borrowers have been able to select any existing property in the areas covered by Knowsley Council up to a maximum loan of £133,000. First-time buyers will put down a minimum 5% of the property price with the council providing a cash-backed indemnity of up to 20% as additional security.

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Elections 2014
Make sure you are registered to vote!

Knowsley’s borough elections and the European Parliamentary elections will take place in May 2014.

You need to be on the electoral register to be able to vote. The Annual Electoral Registration Update form will be sent to all households in the borough in October. The form details who is on the electoral register in your household. It is important to check the information on the form and let us know if there are any changes.

If there are no changes to the names on the register, you will still need to confirm this with us and can do so in a number of ways, including freephone, online or text message. Full details of how to confirm the details are correct or to let us know of any changes, will be on the form.

For more information, please ring 443 2222.

Apprentices start work

The latest recruits on the Knowsley Apprentice programme start their new jobs this month.

One hundred young people aged 16 to 24 secured employment in a variety of sectors across Knowsley. This included professions such as joinery, plumbing, engineering, vehicle maintenance, admin, catering and customer service.

Cllr Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council and the initial inspiration behind the programme, said,

“Our apprentices gain valuable experience in the world of work, get relevant qualifications, and are paid whilst doing it. It’s a fantastic opportunity!”

A further 100 apprenticeships will be created later this year, as part of the council’s £1.7 million investment to support its pledge to help residents into work. Anyone interested in apprenticeships should check the council’s website or ring 443 5953.

A plan for Knowsley’s future

Following consultation with residents, a plan which outlines how the borough might be developed in the future has taken a step forward.

Knowsley’s Local Plan aims to:

- Create attractive places to live, work and spend leisure time
- Deliver more than 8,000 new homes by 2028
- Create new employment opportunities
- Decide how town centres and smaller shopping areas should be developed
- Make best use of green spaces
- Decide how to tackle climate change

The ‘Core Strategy’ part of the plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State and an Examination in Public is underway. Public hearings are likely to be held this autumn.

Visit the council’s website, libraries or One Stop Shops for more information about Knowsley’s Local Plan.

For more information on the Examination in Public, ring Paul Morris on 443 3077 or email programmeofficer@knowsley.gov.uk
Many parents and children are starting to think about which secondary school they would like to choose.

Whilst September 2014 may seem like a long way off, here in Knowsley you can already start to look at what is on offer and what options are available in the borough.

All of Knowsley’s secondary schools welcome enquiries and would be pleased to show you around the school. Simply call the school directly – all telephone numbers can be found on the council’s website.

Secondary education in Knowsley provides a range of opportunities, including traditional teaching methods within modern learning environments, engaging curriculum choices and personal tutors providing advice and support.

You can now apply online through the council’s website (search for school admissions). All year 6 pupils in Knowsley’s primary schools will receive a secondary admissions booklet and application form from school. Alternatively, you can request an application form by ringing the admissions team on 443 5142.

The closing date for secondary school applications is Thursday 31 October 2013.

Have you applied for your secondary school place?

Knowsley in bloom

Green spaces across Knowsley will be adorned with swathes of poppies as part of the World War I Centennial Commemorations during 2014.

Seed sowing has been taking place during August and September for flowering during summer 2014 at the following locations: Bowring roundabout and verges in Huyton; Wood Road in Halewood; Stadt Moers Park in Whiston; Valley Road in Kirkby and the verges near Kings Business Park, Prescot.

The poppy project has come from Knowsley Council’s partnership with the National Wildflower Centre, which has seen the creation of beautiful annual and perennial wildflower areas across the borough.

An example is the vibrant display of cornflowers that has been seen on Valley Road, Kirkby, this summer. This is just one of many wildflower areas that encourages the return of wildlife and creates floral displays that help to enhance the area.

The council started working with Landlife (the charity behind the National Wildflower Centre) to bring more wildflowers to parks and green spaces in Knowsley around 10 years ago.
Over the next three years, more than £6 million will be invested by the council to make improvements to Knowsley Business and Industrial Park.

The money will be spent on a range of projects with the aim of improving the park’s overall quality as a business location, encouraging new firms to start up on site and better supporting existing businesses.

Cllr Dave Lonergan, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economy and Skills, commented,

“Knowsley Business and Industrial Park is crucially important to the economic prosperity of the borough and as such, we want to invest in its success.

Our work is about improving facilities and support for existing businesses and attracting new organisations to the borough. This in-turn means new jobs and new opportunities for local people and it’s something we are committed to do.”

Over the next three years, the council will be working with current businesses on site and partners to enhance the overall environment and appearance of the park. They will also work to increase the amount and quality of space available, as well as promote the park to businesses better.

As part of the plans to make improvements to the site, the council has already begun to engage with the existing businesses to involve them in the project from the outset.

This future investment by the council is part of a wider commitment to support businesses in the borough and encourage new firms to set up home in Knowsley.

More good news...

Despite the current economic climate, business confidence at the park is good and there is a lot of good news to celebrate:

- Contract Chemicals and Arm 4 Rail are both investing in new equipment and technology to expand their operations
- Dams Furniture is refurbishing its site, purchasing new equipment and creating 24 new jobs
- Baker Hughes are currently making significant capital investments at their site to expand their operations and, as a result, intend to create more than 20 new positions
Kirkby town centre regeneration progress

Work on Kirkby Centre progressing well

Work to create the new Kirkby Centre is continuing on site, with the building on target to open in early 2014.

This major refurbishment project will bring a range of modern community facilities to the heart of the town centre. This includes the creation of an improved One Stop Shop, central base for Knowsley Works, library with expanded local history archive, gallery, café, community meeting room, public toilets and a ‘Changing Places’ changing and toilet facility. The building will also house specially designed facilities for the Kirkby Adult Disability Day Service.

The building’s interior is being transformed and work has now commenced on its exterior. Although some of this is hidden from view by hoardings and screening, work is progressing well, including the installation of eye-catching cladding and new signage.

Public art plans move ahead

Plans to bring a spectacular piece of public art to Kirkby town centre have now been approved and work is forging ahead.

The eye-catching three metre high steel elephant standing in a Viking longboat will be installed as a centrepiece in Newtown Gardens to replace the bandstand.

The project, which is an important part of the regeneration of the town centre, takes its inspiration from the town’s Norse heritage and the Edward Lear poem – ‘The Enthusiastic Elephant.’

The piece is the result of a collaboration between lead artist Geoff Wood and sculptor Brian Fell.

From the outset, the council has worked with the community to involve them in the development process. This has included events in the town centre as well as visiting schools, galleries and community centres.

Cllr Eddie Connor, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community and Culture, said,

“I love it! It’s unusual and will be a real talking point.”
(Kirkby resident)

Keep your eye out for the new market – coming soon!

It’s business as usual at Kirkby Market with the temporary facilities still up and running with all your familiar traders.

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Prescot is benefiting from an investment package totalling over £3 million - of which £1.85 million is from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

A number of improvements are taking place and planned for the town as part of the Prescot Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI). Regular updates can be found on the council and THI websites, but a summary of some of the initiatives can be found below.

Living over the shops

As part of the Prescot THI, grants will be available to the owners and leaseholders of selected properties to create a total of 18 affordable homes over existing shops in Prescot town centre. This project will see underused spaces transformed into modern living accommodation. Work will commence in the autumn and the first new properties will be available to rent from April next year. This work is funded by the Homes and Communities Agency, Heritage Lottery Fund and other partners.

The target is to create 18 new flats over the shops in Prescot town centre by April 2015.

LEYLAND STREET

Improvements to Leyland Street are nearing completion. The street has seen traditional paving materials being used, the road resurfaced, trees planted and street lighting improved. There is now also a new, attractive space to host events and performances in the heart of the town centre.

Keep updated on the latest news

You can keep updated on the Prescot THI at www.prescotthi.org.uk or follow it on Twitter @PrescotTHI. Alternatively, you can contact Owen Barton, THI Officer, on 443 2757 or email owen.barton@knowsley.gov.uk.
**Stop tober comes to Knowsley**

During October, Knowsley’s Public Health team will be encouraging residents to take part in Stop tober – a 28-day challenge to stop smoking.

People who quit smoking for 28 days are five times more likely to stay smoke-free. Residents who take part will be provided with a detailed 28-day step-by-step programme to support them.

Those who stop smoking for at least 28 days will begin to experience financial, physical and health benefits. These include a better sense of taste and smell, as well as a reduced risk of lung cancer and heart disease.

To find out more or to take part, visit [www.smokefree.nhs.uk](http://www.smokefree.nhs.uk)

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**Reminder**

**Are you up-to-date with your jabs?**

Public Health professionals in Knowsley are encouraging residents to make sure they are up-to-date with their vaccinations – in particular MMR, flu and shingles.

The MMR vaccination is important for all children, particularly amongst young people aged 10 to 16 years. You can check your child’s ‘red book’ to ensure they have received the two doses of the MMR vaccine, or alternatively, check with your GP. Adults who work with children should also ensure they are vaccinated or immune to measles.

At this time of year, residents over the age of 65 or with long-term health issues are encouraged to have their flu jab. If you haven’t already done so, book an appointment with your GP today.

Residents aged 70 to 79 can also have a shingles jab - ask your GP.

To find out more, visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

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**Know your alcohol units**

Over the coming months, the ‘Know your units’ roadshow will hit the streets of Knowsley. Residents can find out more about alcohol units, safe drinking and take part in our alcohol quiz. The roadshow will be out and about in town centres across the borough – further details can be found on the council’s website.

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**Healthy lunchboxes**

Change4Life can help you prepare a healthier packed lunch!

Their website gives you plenty of tasty, easy-to-prepare ideas that everyone can enjoy – and they’re great value too. From salads and wraps to smoothies and fruit salads, there’s plenty of choice to suit all ages and taste buds. Visit [www.nhs.uk/Change4Life](http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life) to find out more. For local health and lifestyle information, call the Health Trainer Service on 0800 0731 202.
Green Knowsley

Going green has never been easier!

Information packs are coming your way

Information packs giving full details of the forthcoming changes to recycling and waste collections will be dropping through the letterbox of every household in Knowsley this month.

The packs include a range of information aimed at helping residents understand the changes that will be introduced from 7 October. There will also be tips on how to reduce the amount of waste you produce and recycle as much as possible.

As well as a detailed household recycling and waste collection guide, the pack includes a waste collection calendar confirming your collection days from October 2013 to September 2014.

For more information about the changes, ring the Environmental Helpline on 443 2400 or visit the council’s website.

Did you know?

Last year Knowsley spent a massive £8 million on waste disposal payments. And, with Landfill Tax set to increase to £80 per tonne in April 2014, these costs could go up.

That’s why it’s important that we try to reduce the amount of waste we produce, and recycle as much as possible in our grey and blue bins.

Knowsley currently recycles around 32% of its waste, but we need to increase this to meet our target of 50% by 2020.

Recycling at home

Recycling at home has never been easier! Visit the council’s website to view a video showing you how to make the most of your recycling bins. Remember, the food waste recycling service ends on Friday 4 October. Why not continue using your kitchen caddy – placing food in plastic bags before emptying it into your maroon bin.

Recycling in the community

Make use of your local community recycling points and Household Waste Recycling Centres (‘the tip’), to recycle a wide range of items. This could include textiles and small electronic items. Most supermarkets and general stores also offer battery and plastic carrier bag recycling facilities.
Reducing your waste

Reduce your food waste by following the hints and tips at www.england.lovefoodhatewaste.com


Consider switching to real nappies rather than using disposables. Real nappies now use Velcro fastenings and disposable liners - so it's never been easier. Find out more about real nappies at www.goreal.org.uk

Stop junk mail by signing up to the Mail Preference Service. Visit www.mpsonline.org.uk

WIN!

Your chance to win a Kindle Fire

We're giving away 18 Kindle Fire HD (16GB) tablets to residents pledging to 'recycle for Knowsley'. Every resident signing up to our pledge will be entered into a free prize draw to win a Kindle Fire. Six winners will be selected at random each month from households across Knowsley during October, November and December. Our team will then check recycling bins from all selected addresses to ensure would-be winners are regular recyclers and are putting the correct items in the grey and blue recycling bins.

Only residents whose house number appears on their bin can win a prize.

If your pledge isn't drawn out first time around, all unsuccessful entries will be rolled over to the next draws. It's so easy to pledge your support - just fill in the form below. Alternatively, you can pledge online through the council's website.

I pledge to recycle for Knowsley

☐ I will find out how I can recycle more of my waste by reading Knowsley's household recycling and waste collection guide, or by visiting the council's website

☐ I will then use the guide to help me recycle more by using my grey and blue bins

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Address ..................................................................................................................
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Email .............................................................. Tel ............................................................

Send completed forms to: Knowsley News recycling pledge competition, Environmental Sustainability Service, Knowsley Council, Stretton Way, Huyton L36 6JF

Closing date for entries is Friday 11 October 2013

Only one entry per household. Residents in high-rise flats or those who use communal recycling facilities are not eligible to enter as they don't use blue or grey bins.

Did you know?

You can save space in your maroon bin by tying bin sacks loosely and squeezing out excess air, and by squashing flat non-recyclable containers, like Tetra Paks.

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Knowsley film makers scoop national award

Young film makers from Knowsley have won a top award for their short film on tobacco marketing.

Seven young people from youth group Shout4Knowsley were awarded the prestigious Judges’ Choice Award at the Cut Films Awards - beating competition from all over the UK.

The group were given the option of researching tobacco marketing or smoking in the media. They then made a two-minute film based on their research, uploaded it onto the competition website and shared it on their social media pages.

The film, which can be viewed at www.shout4knowsley.com, took a humorous ‘home shopping channel’ approach to promoting messages around the dangers of smoking to young people. It highlighted the importance of introducing standardised packaging for tobacco products.

To get involved in Shout4Knowsley, call the Rights & Participation team on 443 3245.

Pupils get a taste of OurPlace

Year six pupils were treated to an afternoon of fun when they visited OurPlace.

Over 400 pupils went along to the youth facility to sample some of the great activities on offer to young people.

The 10 and 11-year-olds took part in a range of activities including archery, cake decorating, cookery and team games. The visits were organised by staff at OurPlace and local PCSOs.

They included a tour of OurPlace which boasts fantastic facilities including a media suite, skate park, dance studio and music room.

Michael Otty, age 11, pupil at St Columba’s Catholic Primary School in Huyton, said,

“Being in OurPlace was unforgettable because of all the fun activities. I will definitely be coming back over the summer with my mates.”

For more information on OurPlace, ring 443 5323 or visit the council’s website.
Caring for the young carers

For most children, the long summer evenings mean playing out with friends, doing sports or simply relaxing by watching TV or surfing the internet.

But for the 800 young carers in Knowsley who help look after a parent or family member, household chores and caring duties mean they rarely have the chance to do any of the things their friends take for granted.

Not only do their responsibilities mean they miss out on a normal childhood, but the worry and stress of caring for a parent or relative can affect their own mental health and often means they miss school and their education suffers.

Over the past 20 years, Knowsley Young Carers Service has supported more than 2,000 children, some as young as seven, who help care for a relative. The service tries to reduce the burden on the young people and give them their childhood back.

Peter Comer, Manager of Knowsley Young Carers Service, said, “Some young people are spending hours every day looking after parents and carrying out household chores like cleaning, cooking and shopping. Their own social lives, schooling and health can suffer.”

Young carers in Knowsley have a space of their own within the River Alt Resource Centre in Huyton, where they can socialise with other young people and trained social workers who understand what they are going through.

The service also places an emphasis on fun - running art workshops, days out and sports sessions, as well as an annual family trip to Chester Zoo.

Earlier this year, Knowsley Young Carers Service celebrated its 20th birthday by inviting back former young carers and their families for a celebration event.

“ Their stories are really inspirational,” says Peter. “With help and support, many of our former young carers have gone on to get really good jobs, study at university and have families of their own.”

Knowsley Young Carers Service is funded from a number of sources including Knowsley Council and charity Friends of Young Carers.

Cllr Graham Wright, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services, said,

Knowsley Young Carers Service do some terrific work. The service makes sure that there is support for both the young carer and the person they care for. This is to minimise the amount of caring the young person has to do and make sure they don’t miss out on a childhood – because they only get one chance at that.

For more information about the Knowsley Young Carers Service, ring 443 5785 or visit www.knowsleyyoungcarers.co.uk
Overview and Scrutiny priorities agreed

Each year, the Overview and Scrutiny Board agrees a programme of reviews to be carried out.

In agreeing these priorities, we asked you - the residents - to tell us what issues matter most to you. We also asked area partnership boards, local councillors and members of Knowsley Council Cabinet for their views.

From the suggestions provided, reviews into the following will take place over the coming months:

- Choice-based lettings policy
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the Stronger Families Programme
- Domestic abuse
- Child poverty and closing the attainment gap
- Assistive technology
- Budget processes

Further details about these reviews can be found on the scrutiny section of the council’s website. Alternatively, you can request details via email scrutiny@knowsley.gov.uk

Change the life of a child

Loving families are needed to help change the lives of children in Knowsley.

Whether a child needs a permanent new home through adoption, or just a safe and secure temporary foster family, could you change a life?

Adoption

There are many reasons why some children can’t live with their birth parents or members of their birth family. Adoption gives them a loving, stable and permanent home.

Children of all ages and backgrounds may be placed for adoption. What they all have in common is a need for love, care and attention.

We’ll always make sure you are fully aware of a child’s background and we will support you every step of the way.

Fostering

Sometimes children cannot live with their parents for a while – perhaps due to family problems or ill health.

Foster carers can offer either short or longer-term care and you will have a say in the age of the child or children you care for.

Full training and support is provided and an allowance is paid for each child you look after.

We particularly need foster carers who can care for children aged 11 to 18 or who can take sibling groups of two or more.

Anyone with the right qualities can adopt or foster a child. It doesn’t matter about your race, religion or sexuality, and you don’t have to be married or own your own home.

Find out more

Visit the council’s website, ring 443 3958 or email adoption.fostering@knowsley.gov.uk
Money matters  
- where to turn for help and advice

Managing our money is not always easy. Whether it’s organising your monthly outgoings, knowing where to turn for money advice, or finding the best and safest way to borrow money, there are a range of services out there to help.

Need to borrow money?

Whether it’s an unexpected bill you need to pay, or you find yourself a bit short until your next pay day, there may be times when you need to borrow money.

Don’t use payday lenders – they charge high interest rates and you will end up paying back a lot more than you borrowed! Contact your local Credit Union instead. Enterprise and Knowsley Mutual Credit Unions offer loans at lower, more manageable interest rates.

Never borrow money from an illegal money lender or ‘loan shark’ either. It may be tempting to borrow money from ‘a friend of a friend’ but it could cause serious problems in the long-run. Illegal money lenders don’t give credit agreements so you never know exactly how much you need to pay back. And often they use intimidation and violence to get money back.

If you have been affected by a loan shark, or want to report loan sharks operating in your area, you can contact the Stop Loan Sharks team anonymously and in confidence.

Are you worrying about debt or have queries about benefits?

Don’t pay for advice - there are local agencies who can offer a range of free and confidential help and support on money matters.

If you need advice on debt or benefit queries and claims, KUC (based in Kirkby) and Knowsley Citizen’s Advice Bureau (CAB) can help. Prescot and Whiston Community Advice Centre can also offer help with benefit queries and claims.

If you rent from a social landlord, they will be able to offer you help and support. Contact your landlord directly for more details.

Knowsley Council also has its own team of welfare benefit advisers. The team offer home visits to give advice to elderly, vulnerable or housebound residents.

It is always better to talk to someone rather than worrying about your finances alone. If you are finding things difficult and a bit of struggle, don’t suffer in silence. There is help out there!

Money Buddies

Money Buddies is a new service offering practical help to social housing tenants who want to take control of their finances. The service is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and led by Knowsley Citizen’s Advice Bureau.

Some useful numbers

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Coming to the Huyton Suite...

Summer may be over, but there’s still lots of exciting events coming to Knowsley’s Huyton Suite in the next few months.

**Friday 27 September** 7.30pm
The Illinois Blues Brothers
Performing classic tunes from the 80s’ movies and other famous soul performers.
£12.50 (includes a hot supper)

**Friday 25 October** 7.30pm
Cha bang Halloween spectacular
The ultimate Halloween party with a magnificent music and dance show.
£12.50 (includes a hot supper)

**Friday 29 November** 7.30pm
Frank Sinatra tribute
Jay Oxenham is the voice of Sinatra - the UK’s premier tribute to ‘Ol blue eyes’.
£12.50 (includes a hot supper)

**Saturday 14 December** 7.30pm
Abbarella
A tribute to the girls from Abba. Dance the night away to the sounds of ‘dancing queen’, ‘voulez vous’, ‘take a chance on me’ and many more.
£15 (includes a hot supper)

**Friday 20 December** 7.30pm
Progress Live
Tribute band Progress Live perform some of Take That’s greatest hits.
£15 (includes a hot supper)

**Tuesday 31 December** 7pm
New Year’s Eve cabaret dinner - featuring The Promotions
Welcome in the New Year with a sumptuous four-course meal, as well as great music and entertainment from The Promotions, a brilliant soul and Motown trio, with a touch of comedy.
£40 per person (includes four-course meal)

For more details and to book tickets for any of these events, please ring 443 3761 or visit www.wegottickets.com

Did you know there is free room hire for parties at the Huyton Suite? For further details ring 443 3761 or email huytonsuite@knowsley.gov.uk (subject to terms and conditions).

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**Working Well in Knowsley**

Barclaycard has become the first business in Knowsley to be awarded for its commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of staff.

The ‘Working Well’ scheme aims to encourage local businesses to introduce policies that provide a healthier working environment. The scheme is run by Knowsley Council in partnership with Knowsley Chamber of Commerce.

Businesses receive the accolade by meeting health specific standards around the promotion of healthy eating, mental health and wellbeing, smoking, alcohol, physical activity and health and safety.

Barclaycard was awarded a gold standard for the health and wellbeing support provided to its 700 Kirkby-based staff, helped by a dedicated onsite health and wellbeing ‘champion’.

Cllr Andy Moorhead, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services, said,

> I hope Barclaycard’s achievement will inspire other businesses in the borough to follow suit and look at how they can promote the wellbeing of their staff.

Representatives from Knowsley Council and Knowsley Chamber of Commerce with staff at Barclaycard
Learn to cook healthy meals... for free!

Residents can learn how to cook healthy meals at free community cooking classes.

The Community Cooks course teaches people how to prepare easy, healthy and tasty recipes the whole family will enjoy.

Residents can learn about the ‘hidden nasties’ such as salt, fat and sugar which are found in many everyday foods.

The course helps residents to become more confident in the kitchen at making homemade, healthier food, as well as sharing advice about cooking on a budget.

The centres are available seven days a week during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Each centre offers a range of fun activities for all ages and abilities. These include:
- Arts and crafts
- Football camps
- Dance
- Fun days
- Adult learning courses
- Multi-sports camps and activities

The centres are the ideal venue for birthday parties. Simply choose your theme and we can help you plan an unforgettable birthday! Options include football, zorbing, dance, swimming and bouncy castle parties.

For the list of activities in your local centre for learning, visit the council’s website or ring the council’s Leisure and Culture Development team on 443 2127.

Cllr Eddie Connor, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community and Culture, said,

"The centres offer fantastic facilities for the whole community to enjoy. We want to encourage our residents to make the most of what’s on offer!"

The classes are ideal for people of all abilities, from complete beginners to culinary experts. If you are already a keen cook, why not go along to get some new healthier recipe ideas?

The course is part of the 5 Borough Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

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Lessons are available at Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park as well as Stockbridge Village, Kirkby and Halewood leisure centres.

Mike Fate from Hunts Cross, said,

To find out more or to book your place, ring the Get Active team on 443 2200 or visit www.activeknowsley.com

We recently transferred from an independent provider to Knowsley’s swimming programme. We found the instruction to be the same quality, but the price is considerably cheaper.

We had more choice in terms of the day and time of the lessons, and they continue throughout the school holidays.

Since joining Knowsley’s programme, my children’s swimming skills have greatly improved and they enjoy it too! I would definitely recommend joining Knowsley’s swimming programme.
Sizzling summer fun!

With the surprisingly scorching weather this summer, hundreds of people descended on the borough to bask in the glorious sunshine.

Check out some of the photos from just a few of the sizzling summer events...
Football teams help kick out loan sharks

Local football teams have joined forces to help kick out loan sharks from the area.

Stockbridge Village’s The Famous Grapes FC and Halewood Town FC have joined an initiative launched by the council, Knowsley Housing Trust (KHT) and Villages Housing aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of loan sharks and the support that is available.

Both clubs were sponsored to display the ‘Stop Loan Sharks’ logo and a helpline number on their kits. The project is designed to target men, who are less likely than women to seek help when illegal loans become unmanageable.

Both teams took part in the first ever ‘Knowsley Stop Loan Sharks Cup’ with players, coaches and supporters receiving helpful information about other affordable credit options, such as credit unions. The Famous Grapes FC won on penalties, despite an initial Halewood Town FC lead.

Dads meet at Hilltop

Local dads and their children are invited to join the Hilltop Children’s Centre Dads’ Group which meets fortnightly on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.

There are currently around 50 dads regularly attending the group – with membership on the rise. Activities include sock puppet making, cookery, homemade play dough making and lots of other fun sessions.

For more information, ring Lucy Marsden on 443 5301.
**Kirkby**

**Pedal power comes to Kirkby**

Cycling charity Sustrans’ ‘Bike it’ project is creating cycling hubs at local schools and community venues across Kirkby.

The hubs will provide advice about cycling, help develop cycle skills, assist with bike maintenance and organise bike rides for all levels of confidence. There will also be volunteering opportunities for local residents.

Children and teachers at St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Primary and Ravenscroft Community primary schools are already involved in the project.

Sustrans is keen to hear from local groups wanting to set up community hubs, or who have similar projects already running.

If you want any more information, ring Amanda on 07827 271203 or 443 2206. Alternatively, you can email amanda.dufresne@sustrans.org.uk

**Knit and natter**

The newly-formed Tess' Woolpack group is looking to recruit new members who are keen for a ‘knit and natter’.

The group meets every Thursday afternoon at Westvale Community Centre to knit a range of items such as baby clothes, teddies and scarves. Many of the baby clothes are donated to the Neo-Natal Unit at Whiston Hospital.

Anyone interested in joining the group can come along to the sessions between 12 noon and 3pm or ring 443 4345 for further information.

**Fun in the sun**

Residents of all ages made the most of the summer sunshine by joining in a number of great community events.

The Friends of Webster Park’s free community fun day attracted hundreds of locals and showcased the newly-renovated children’s play area.

Memorial Park in Southdene provided free activities for the whole family throughout the summer holidays. The Friends of Memorial Park group, supported by the council, organised a weekly programme of popular events which included multisports, bouncy castle sessions and a family fun day.

**Investment in multi-sports**

A multi-sports project which provides free events for Kirkby young people received a £50,000 grant from the National Lottery.

The Fire Support Network’s Multi-Sports programme offers football, dodge ball and basketball for young people aged 14 and over in Knowsley. Kirkby sessions take place at Copthorne Adventure Playground and Mill Farm Dam Park.

Anyone interested in taking part can ring 296 4351.
Halewood

Forest clean-up

The Community Payback team has helped transform an area of woodland in Halewood.

The team cleared and tidied the land at New Hutte Woods, making the area safe for users of all ages.

Free pamper sessions

Local residents were treated to a free pamper day by students from Knowsley Community College.

More than 20 local people had facials and hair & beauty treatments in a pilot scheme between the college and Torrington Drive Community Association.

Tina Pomphrett, Community Development Worker, said,

“Thanks to their excellent work, the site can now be enjoyed by local groups and residents – including children from the Oak Tree Children’s Centre.”

Accolades for Memory Lane

The achievements of Halewood’s Memory Lane community group have been recognised with a number of top awards.

Group members Joan Best and Patricia Mairs won the top ‘Women’s Group’ award at the Merseyside Women of the Year Awards, for their efforts supporting local carers and the families of those with dementia.

Memory Lane has gone from strength to strength since its creation in February 2013 and organisers are already working to set up another group supporting families in Whiston.

Co-founder Joan Best has been invited to speak at health forums in the borough, as well as addressing the national Memory Services National Accreditation Programme (MSNAP) in Sheffield.

Joan said,

“We have identified the need for a place where carers meet up and are offered the chance to access accredited courses to help them find work after their caring role ends.”

Memory Lane is based at Kinloch Close and meets on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm.

Halewood’s got talent!

Halewood summer festival gave locals the chance to showcase their talents.

The event featured an ‘open mic’ session for singers, dancers and musicians who are keen to perform in front of an audience.

Show-goers were also treated to a funfair, circus workshop, farmers’ market and many more great attractions.

Contact us

You can drop into the Halewood office to tell us about incidents of anti-social behaviour, litter problems or anything else you think we could help sort out.

You will find us at New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, Lichfield Road, Halewood L26 1TT

Telephone: 443 2175
Prescot, Whiston, Cronton and Knowsley Village

Lifesaving equipment for local team

Players, coaches and parents of a local football team now have access to a lifesaving defibrillator.

Knowsley South FC, based at The Paddock on Lord Derby’s Estate, is one of around 15 clubs that have been trained and certified in the use of the equipment.

The defibrillator was bought with support from the Oliver King Foundation - set up in memory of 12-year-old Oliver King, who sadly died from Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS). (Also see defibrillator feature on page 3.)

Club Development Officer, Mike Gibbons, said,

“We are delighted to have a defibrillator available at our facilities. It is essential that we have the skills and equipment available here to help save someone’s life should it be required.”

Mark O’Neill, club chairman, said,

“We felt we should provide a level of first aid second-to-none, and the purchase of the defibrillator completely endorses why we are a Community Chartered club.”

Going green for exam success

Pupils at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Centre for Learning got to grips with recycling in a bid to improve their exam success.

A group of year 11 students studied recycling as part of their GCSE Citizenship exam.

Over the course of their work they learnt about the impact that recycling has on the environment and how some of the items we use every day may not be available in the future if we do not recycle.

Students also interviewed Knowsley Council’s Environment Officers to broaden their knowledge.

In addition, they ran a series of presentations supported by a poster campaign to raise awareness amongst the other students.

Funding boost for Prescot

Prescot is set to benefit from a further funding boost of £11 million to help bring the former watch factory on Albany Road back to life.

The development, which will celebrate the rich heritage of Prescot, will provide 122 extra care apartments and bungalows. In addition to the new homes, the development will also include other support and facilities to help people live independently.

The funding for the project came from Knowsley Council, Knowsley Housing Trust and the Department of Health.

Free NHS Weight Management courses in community venues for Prescot and residents. For more details or to sign up, ring the Community Health Development team on 0800 0731202.

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Telephone: 443 5208

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**Events, September to December 2013**

**Saturday 21 September**

**Conservation task day**
Stadt Moers Park
10am to 12 noon
Help the rangers and friends group improve your park.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Saturday 21 September, Saturday 19 October and Saturday 16 November**

**Family forest fun**
Stadt Moers Park
10am to 12 noon
Join in fun activities whilst learning about nature. Please wear appropriate clothing. All equipment provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book your place in advance.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Saturday 21 September**

**Huyton history talk**
Huyton Wetlands
1pm to 3pm
Come and learn about the history of Huyton, Roby and the River Alt. Booking is essential.
Contact: Rangers 488 6151 or 07766 205541

**Saturday 21 September**

**Kite making**
Henley Park
1.30pm to 3pm
Have a go at building your own kite to fly in the park. All materials provided.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Saturday 28 September**

**Mammal identification**
Ten Acre Pits
10am start
Come along and find out what mammals live in Ten Acre Pits.
Contact: Rangers 443 3114 or 07771 550843

**Friday 4 October**

**‘Horrible Histories’ Barmy Britain**
Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park
7pm
The Birmingham Stage Theatre Company brings Barmy Britain straight from London’s West End.
Cost: £12 adults / £10 concessions / £40 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)
Contact: Katy McLaughlin 443 5749; to book tickets 443 2200

**Saturday 5, Sunday 6 and Monday 21 October**

**Bushcraft**
Saturday - Court Farm Woods
Sunday & Monday - Halewood Park
All 1pm to 3pm
Learn new skills in the great outdoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book a place in advance.
Contact: Rangers 488 6151

**Saturday 19 October**

**Make a mini-beast**
Eaton Street Park
1.30pm to 3pm
Find fun facts about the creepy crawlies in the park and build your favourite one using natural materials. All materials provided.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Monday 21 October to Saturday 25 January 2014**

**Knowsley Open Art exhibition**
Huyton Gallery
Display of this year’s entries into the Knowsley Open Art exhibition.
Contact: Tina Ball 443 5617

**Wednesday 23 October**

**Mini-beast hunt**
Stadt Moers Park
1pm to 3pm
Look for mini-beasts in your local park. Please wear suitable clothing and book a place in advance.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Wednesday 26 October**

**Halloween craft**
Eaton Street Park - 1.30pm to 3pm
Halewood Park - 1.30pm to 3pm
Have a go at creating your own artwork from natural materials around the park. All materials provided.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Saturday 26 October**

**Autumn nature art**
Eaton Street Park - 10.30am to 12 noon
Henley Park - 1.30pm to 3pm
Have a go at creating your own artwork from natural materials around the park. All materials provided.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Thursday 31 October**

**Scary Halloween trail**
Stadt Moers Park
5.30pm to 7pm
Follow the trail and brave the ghouls! Answer the questions along the way to claim your prize.
Contact: Rangers 489 1239

**Saturday 2 November**

**Mammal identification**
Court Hey Park
10am start
Come along and see what mammals live in the park.
Contact: Rangers 443 3114 or 07771 550843

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Saturday 9 November
Halewood history talk
Halewood Visitors Centre
1pm to 3pm
Learn about the history of Halewood, including the village’s railway. Please book your place in advance.
Contact: Rangers 488 6151 or 07766 205541

Saturday 16 November
Bird feeders
McGoldrick Park - 10am to 12 noon
Court Hey Park - 1pm to 3pm
Make a bird feeder to hang in your garden. All materials provided.
Contact: Rangers 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Saturday 16 November
Winter warmer
Cronton Pasture
1.30pm to 3pm
Make hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows on an open fire. Please book your place early. Hot chocolate and marshmallows provided.
Contact: Rangers 488 6139

Sunday 17 November
Bird feeders
Wooffall Heath
Meadow - 10am to 12 noon
Ten Acre Pits - 1pm to 3pm
Make a bird feeder to hang in your garden. All materials provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: Wooffall Heath Meadow - 488 6151 or 07766 205541; Ten Acre Pits - 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November
Christmas decorations workshop
Saturday - Court Farm Woods - 10am to 12 noon
Saturday - New Hutte Woods - 1pm to 3pm
Sunday - Halewood Park - 1pm to 3pm
Create your own decorations using natural materials from the park. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: Rangers 488 6151

Saturday 30 November
Christmas crafts
Jubilee Park Pavilion - 10am to 12 noon
Court Hey Park - 1pm to 3pm
Make festive decorations ready for Christmas. All materials provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: Jubilee Park Pavilion - 488 6151 or 07766 205541; Court Hey Park - 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Sunday 7 and Sunday 8 December
Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime
Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park
Saturday - 7pm
Sunday - 2pm & 6pm
LHK Productions proudly present this year’s pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk.
Cost: £6 / £20 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)
Contact: Katy McLoughlin 443 5749; to book tickets 443 2200

Saturday 7 December
Christmas cracker
Stadt Moers Park
12 noon to 3pm
Join in the festive fun and meet Santa in his grotto.
Cost: £2 to meet Santa
Contact: Rangers 488 1239

Saturday 7 December
Carol concert
Ten Acre Pits
1pm to 3pm
Festive fun for all the family. Includes Santa’s grotto, Christmas carols, face painting, decoration workshop, tombola and refreshments.
Contact: Rangers 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Sunday 8 December
Christmas magic
Eaton Street Park - 10am to 12 noon
Henley Park - 1.30pm to 3pm
Join in the festive fun and make a Christmas decoration.
Contact: Rangers 488 1239

Sunday 15 December
Christmas cracker
Halewood Park
1pm to 3pm
Festive fun for all the family. Includes Santa’s grotto, horse and cart rides, tinsel trail, tombola, arts and crafts and much more. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: Rangers 488 6151

Every Tuesday and Thursday
Walking for health
Stadt Moers Park
12 noon to 4pm
A three to four mile walk on Tuesdays, and a four to five mile walk on Thursdays, around your local countryside. Small charge may apply - contact ranger for more details.
Contact: Rangers 488 1239

Useful numbers

- Anti-Social Behaviour Helpline 443 2000
- Benefits (housing and council tax) 443 4042
- Births/deaths/marriages 443 2900
- Building control/dangerous trees 443 2380 / 2381
- Bulky household waste service 443 2400
- Business rates 443 4089
- Business services 477 4000
- (advice, funding, recruitment and training)
- Car parking enquiries 443 3100
- Childcare Information Service 0800 085 2022
- Citizens Advice Bureau 0845 122 1300
- Complaints and compliments 443 4031
- Consumer advice/Trading Standards 08454 040506
- Council tax 443 4476
- Council Tax and Benefits Fraud Hotline 0800 0730 532
- Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
- Education general enquiries 443 3232
- Fire/police/ambulance (emergency) 999
- Government’s Consumer Direct Service 08454 04 05 06
- Highways (including emergencies) 443 2400
- Housing Options (homelessness) 0800 694 0280
- Job vacancies 443 5000
- Knowsley Community Messaging 443 2498
- Knowsley Council (general enquiries) 489 6000
- Knowsley Hate Crime and Domestic Violence Helpline 0800 953 4433
- Knowsley Housing Trust (KHT) general enquiries 290 7000
- Knowsley Housing Trust (KHT) housing repairs 0500 969694
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Switchboard 296 4000
- Merseyside Police Switchboard 101
- NHS Direct 0845 4647
- Pest control 443 2400
- Planning enquiries 443 2381 / 2380
- Refuse collection 443 2400
- School attendance service 443 5147
- School bus pass 443 5609
- Social services 443 2600
- Social services out of hours emergency 07659 590081
- Street lighting 443 3100
- Traffic signal faults 443 2349
- Truancy hotline 777 4057

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9th - 10th November 2013
Grand Marquee at Knowsley Safari Park

An unforgettable weekend of food, drink and animals!
The very best food, drink and lifestyle products on offer for you to sample, enjoy and buy.
Bring the kids along for FREE (up to age of 12) and make a real family day of it.

Admission £6 (pre-bought tickets) or £8 on the day
Includes free entrance to the walkabout area of the Safari Park for all pre-booked tickets.

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