Welcome to the latest edition of Knowsley News

It’s hard to believe that we are already half way through the year, with the summer holidays only just around the corner now.

If you are looking for ideas about how to keep entertained during the coming months, then make sure you take a look at our Summer in Knowsley section (pages 13 to 16). As well as a round-up of the fantastic attractions in the borough, there is also information about World Cup celebrations at Prescot Soccer and Leisure Centre and of course this year’s Flower Show on 3 August.

And if you are planning on getting out and about in Knowsley, then why not pop down to the new Kirkby Market? It is jam-packed with a great range of traders and fantastic things to buy (see page 10 for more information).

While you are there, why not stop for a coffee or a sandwich at the new market café?

Whatever you choose to do over the summer, I hope the sun shines and you enjoy reading your latest edition of Knowsley News.

Councillor Frank Walsh is the new Mayor of Knowsley for this year.

After a 31 year career with the fire service, Cllr Walsh was first elected to Knowsley Council as a councillor for St Gabriel’s ward in 2008.

A lifelong Huyton resident, he is a former pupil of St Dominic’s Primary, Junior and Secondary Modern schools.

As well as serving on a range of committees and boards, Cllr Walsh is a passionate champion of his local community and is the Chair of the Friends of McGoldrick and Sawpit Parks.

In 2014/15, he will raise funds for Acorn Farm and The Apple Trust, as well as making donations to Huyton-with-Roby Sea Cadets and Huyton Air Cadets.

Cllr Walsh’s niece, Janet, is the Mayoress.

I am delighted to be serving my borough as Mayor this year. Knowsley is a fantastic place and I am really looking forward to visiting our communities throughout the year to meet residents and see the great things happening here.

I will also be working hard to raise awareness of my chosen charities and raise money for such good causes.
Your views

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Street entertainment at Prescot’s Elizabethan Fayre.

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Budding authors awarded

More than 300 aspiring writers from across the borough took part in this year’s Knowsley Writing Competition.

The theme for adult entries was ‘The Letter I Wish I Had Written,’ while under 13s and under 8s were invited to submit an illustrated story or poem.

With such a large number of high quality entries, the judges had a difficult task to pick their favourites.

The winner and runners-up in each category were presented by Cllr Eddie Connor, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community & Culture at a special celebration event in the new Kirkby Library. Each award winner received a book voucher and trophy.

As part of the celebrations for World Book Night, all those attending the event received a book which they were encouraged to pass on or swap after they’d finished reading it.

The annual Knowsley Writing Competition is part of a range of creative activities on offer across Knowsley’s libraries.

The 2014 competition will be launched in October and we would like to hear from anyone who has a good idea for this year’s theme. Contact your local library with your suggestions.

The winners...

Children aged 4 to 7 years
1st Kiera McDonald
Lizzy the Spider’s Adventure

2nd Charlotte Mathews
The first pyramid ever built

3rd Mia Rae Gumbley
Train Ride

Children aged 8 to 12 years
1st Amy Tennant
The Beasts

2nd Anna Doran
My Brother Sam

3rd Lauren Spencer
The Nightmare

Adult Competition
1st Jill Marquis

2nd David Brown

3rd Rachael Kedge

Delivering our priorities

Every three years the council sets out its Corporate Plan - a strategy that defines the council’s priorities, for the borough and its residents.

It sets out what the council plans to do to tackle key priorities and achieve the vision to be the ‘Borough of Choice’. For example, how the council will work with its partners to attract more residents and businesses to the area, help more people into work and ensure every child gets the best possible start in life.

To ensure that the needs of residents remain at the heart of its work - especially in light of ongoing reductions in funding from government - the council has recently refreshed its 2013-16 plan.

The latest copy can be found on the council’s website.
Children’s Centres in Knowsley are celebrating after Ofsted showered praise on their work with young children and their families.

In fact, Kirkby Children’s Centres - The Pride, The Eden, The Ark and Northwood - were the first group of centres nationally to be given Ofsted’s highest accolade of ‘Outstanding’ since a tough new inspection criteria was introduced.

There was particular praise for the centres’ work with vulnerable families, disabled children and their efforts to help parents into work. Ofsted also described the support available to victims of domestic abuse as ‘exceptional’.

All Children’s Centres in Knowsley have worked hard to raise awareness of the free nursery provision that is now available for eligible two-year-olds (see page 8 for more information). Ofsted’s findings show this is having a positive impact on children, helping them develop the basic skills which allow them the best possible start in life and make the transition to school easier.

Cllr Graham Wright, Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services, said,

“The ‘Outstanding’ rating is thoroughly deserved.

It is clear to anyone who has visited the centres that there is an incredible level of commitment and dedication to improving the lives of local families.

Recent inspections of Halewood and Whiston’s children’s centres also attracted praise from Ofsted, with both groups awarded a ‘Good’ rating, with Whiston gaining ‘Outstanding’ for leadership, management and governance.

Knowsley website ranked third best in the UK

Knowsley Council’s website has been ranked 3rd best in the country in an independent review.

The site, which was redesigned and re-launched in January, was assessed alongside more than 400 other local authority websites.

The review by Sitemorse highlighted Knowsley as a ‘digital leader’ when it comes to communicating with residents online.

Cllr Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council, commented:

“As more and more of our residents go online, our website is becoming so much more important to us as a key way of engaging with our communities.

It is fantastic that our site has been positively highlighted by this review and hopefully this will help to encourage even more people to connect with us online.
Visitors were transported back to the Elizabethan era when Prescot celebrated its historic heritage in May.

It was a great day out for all the family with traditional 16th Century basket making and wood turning as well as heritage stalls including an apothecary and a wool merchant.

Visitors enjoyed the chance to take a turn at the pottery wheel and many discovered that it’s not quite as easy as the expert demonstrating made it look!

The free festival recreated the old May Fayres which were held in the town during the era of Queen Elizabeth I. There was something of interest for everyone including exhibits on display from World War I, falconry demonstrations and free face painting for the kids.

Open for business!

Knowsley Youth Mutual (KYM) is now up and running as an employee and young person owned Community Benefit Society.

KYM’s membership of staff and young people will be at the heart of the organisation to deliver high quality services, support and activities for young people across Knowsley.

Cllr Eddie Connor, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community & Culture said,

“ The creation of KYM is an excellent demonstration of how we are developing innovative ways of working to deliver services that are important to our residents.”

Macie Campbell, aged 12, from Huyton, said,

“The launch of KYM is really exciting. I’ve been coming to OurPlace since it opened and we do brilliant, fun things with the youth workers. It’s great that it’s going to continue and will be bigger and better.”

For more information visit www.youthmutual.co.uk or call 0151 443 5323
Facebook www.facebook.com/knowsleyYM
Twitter @KnowsleyYM

Patricia Jackson, KYM Service Manager; Sandra Richardson, KYM CEO; Cllr Eddie Connor; Macie Campbell, 12, KYM member
What's hot

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Knowsley marks World War I Centenary

This year marks the 100th year since the outbreak of World War I. To commemorate this anniversary a range of events and activities are taking place across Knowsley and beyond.

Keep a look out for the beautiful fields of poppies that are now blooming across the borough - a special tribute to all those who served in WWI and subsequent conflicts.

The Local Heroes, Distant Voices project has gathered stories, artefacts and documents which bring to life the experiences of local soldiers and their families.

Since February, displays have been in Huyton Gallery and at Knowsley Park Centre for Learning, and visitors can still see these displays until 28 June.

It will then move to Kirkby Gallery and Prescot Museum from 11 August until 15 November.

Meanwhile a ‘living archive’ is also being collated, capturing testimony from veterans of all former conflicts as well as current reservists and their families, which will be available towards the end of this year on the Prescot Museum website.

The military collection, currently based at the 33 Signals Regiment Base in Huyton, is also being catalogued, with mini touring exhibitions popping up at venues across Knowsley.

In September, a Merseyside-wide commemoration event will take place which will include a concert at the Royal Court in Liverpool, at which young singers from Knowsley’s Music and Performing Arts service will perform.

And don’t forget, this year’s Knowsley Flower Show (see page 13) will also be commemorating the centenary.

Frank Lester: A true local hero

The incredible bravery and sacrifice of one Huyton-born soldier has immortalised him in the history books as one of the honoured recipients of the Victoria Cross – the highest military decoration that can be awarded.

Corporal Frank Lester, of the 10th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, was born in 1896, the son of John and Ellen Lester.

In 1918, Corporal Lester was part of the British offensive which was steadily pushing back the German front line in France. It was on 12 October, in the village of Neuilly, in driving rain and sleet, that Corporal Lester and his fellow soldiers found themselves under intense enemy fire. Seeing that a sniper would surely shoot them all, one by one, Corporal Lester, aged just 22, dashed into the line of fire to shoot the sniper at close range.

He was killed but in doing so he saved the lives of many of his comrades.

Corporal Lester was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously in recognition of what the London Gazette, reporting in December 1918, called “most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice”.

His sacrifice will be marked in Knowsley, and also on the Wirral where his family currently live, with the installation of a memorial flagstone in 2018 - 100 years after he was awarded the VC.
Following a change in the law, we are now able to perform an even wider range of special ceremonies here in Knowsley.

The borough’s first same sex marriage was conducted when happy couple, Gemma McCormick and Sam Cook (pictured above), tied the knot this spring.

As with our other ceremonies - including civil partnerships, renewal of vows, baby naming and citizenship - our friendly staff can give you tips on planning your special day.

We can help you pick the perfect venue for the occasion, such as the beautiful Priestcote Room or the spectacular garden gazebo at our Register Office in Prescot, or any of Knowsley’s other approved venues.

For more information, call 0151 443 2900, email registrars@knowsley.gov.uk or visit our Register Office on High Street, Prescot.

There’s still time to make a nomination for this year’s Good Neighbours in Knowsley Awards.

The awards provide an opportunity to say thank you to that special person who goes the extra mile to help you or the local community.

Anyone who lives in Knowsley can be nominated, and we are looking for nominations for people of all ages.

Nomination forms are available in all of the borough’s One Stop Shops and libraries. You can also nominate your good neighbour on the council website (search for Good Neighbours) and at a range of community events across the borough.

You have until Thursday, 7 August to make your nomination. The winners will be announced in September.
Laura Bell, a qualified Business Administration Apprentice and works for Knowsley based ColorMatrix Group Inc. She said,

"I think the Graduation ceremony is a great way to celebrate the achievements of apprentices. I enjoy working at ColorMatrix and feel I have learnt a lot while working at the company and completing my Level 3 Business Administration NVQ and Level 4 Business and Administration diploma."

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Planning
Knowsley’s future

Knowsley Apprentices take off at John Lennon Airport

Two young Engineering Apprentices from Knowsley are the first to take part in a new Apprenticeship programme at Liverpool John Lennon Airport. Laurence Corris aged 19 and Jordan Metcalf aged 16, started their apprenticeships last September.

Their key duties help to ensure the smooth running of all aspects of the airport including the terminal building, runway and taxiways, lighting, heating and ventilation, car parks and baggage bay systems.

Laurence and Jordan are also studying for an NVQ Level 2 Engineering Maintenance qualification.

Jordan said,

"I never imagined I would be working at an airport. I’m really enjoying my apprenticeship, I get to work in all sorts of different areas which makes every day really interesting. Plus I get paid every month which is great too."

Knowsley’s qualified apprentices graduated at Liverpool’s Anglican Cathedral, in what was the UK’s biggest ever graduation ceremony for apprentices.

The Apprenticeship Graduation aimed to give qualified apprentices the same recognition that university students receive on the completion of a degree. This was the first event of its kind for apprentices in the North West region.

Apprentices from all six Liverpool City Region areas attended the graduation, which was open to all 2012/2013 qualified level 3 and 4 NVQ apprentices.

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Laura Bell receiving her certificate from Siobhan Saunders, Chair of Liverpool City Region Apprenticeship Hub

Laurence (far left) and Jordan (far right) with Cllr Round and JLA’s Carol Dutton

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Happy families

Free childcare places

Will your child soon be celebrating their second birthday?

If so, did you know that they may be eligible for a free, part-time childcare place?

Children turning two before 1 September this year may be able to claim up to 15 hours of free childcare during school term-time, or up to 11½ hours a week spread over 50 weeks (including the school holidays).

The free places will be provided in local childcare settings rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. This includes council and privately run nurseries, child minders and some schools from September 2014.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits or if the circumstances listed relate to your family then you may be entitled for a free place.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and have an annual income not over £16,190
- You get Working Tax Credits and earn no more than £16,190 a year, (please refer to your Tax Credit breakdown TC602)
- Your child has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care plan
- Your child receives Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Your child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or residence order

To find out more, call into your local Children’s Centre, contact your health visiting team or call the Childcare Information Service on 0800 085 2022 (option 1) or 0151 443 5635.

School meals in Knowsley provide children with a nutritious and tasty meal cooked fresh every day.

Studies have found that where children have been given a free school dinner, they were academically months ahead of their peers. Importantly, they were also more likely to eat vegetables at lunchtime, instead of less healthy food like crisps.

Junior and secondary school pupils may also be eligible for a free school meal if their families receive income support, or a number of other benefits. Please ring 0151 443 4042 for further information.

Information about the latest school meals menus can be found on the council’s website.

www.knowsley.gov.uk
It will soon be time for children across Knowsley to take up the challenge to read six books over the school summer holidays.

This year’s theme is ‘Mythical Maze’ and our libraries will have a range of fantastic book collections for children to choose from. Alternatively, youngsters can choose any book they like from the library to complete the challenge. Along the way they can collect stickers, bookmarks, key rings and wristbands. All those who complete the challenge will receive a medal and certificate.

Pupils at Park Brow Community Primary in Kirkby are really excited about this year’s challenge after they scooped the cup last year for the school with the most children completing the challenge. As last year’s winners, the pupils have been allowed a sneak-preview of this summer’s Mythical Maze book collections. Here are their top picks:

**Laila, Year 1**
Tinga Tinga Tales Why Lion Roarrrs by Claudia Lloyd

“**My favourite part is when crocodile gets scared of lion and runs away!**”

**Taylor, Year 3**
Wooden Horse of Troy (Greek Myths) adapted by Cari Meister

“I really liked the amazing pictures in this book.”

**Kyle, Year 3**
Stories from around the World: Egyptian Myths by Kathy Elgin

“We’re going on holiday to Egypt this year so I really wanted to read this book and find out more about the pyramids.”

**Jessica, Year 3**
Merlin & the Ring of Power by Tony Bradman

“I like this book because they find a ring and a dragon appears, he wants the ring!”

**Hannah, Year 4**
Monsters & Legends by Davide Cali and Gabriella Giandelli

“I think this story of Merlin is really exciting because at the end of every chapter there is a cliff hanger.”

The Library Service will also be hosting a variety of ‘Mythical Maze’ themed activities to keep the children entertained over the school holidays including story times, crafts, games and creative writing competitions.

If you’d like to find out more or register your child on the Summer Reading Challenge please contact your local Knowsley library.
Right up your street!

The new covered market has something for everyone, with over 130 stalls selling a wide range of food, clothing, fashion and much more.

The first day of trading was marked with a special fun day.

Hundreds of shoppers flocked to the market and enjoyed music and kids’ entertainment and took advantage of special offers and voucher giveaways.

The new market was officially opened by Knowsley MP, George Howarth.

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

I’m absolutely delighted to see the brand new market open for business.

This is a wonderful facility and I’m sure it will prove to be extremely popular with our existing loyal customers and those who come to visit for the first time.

Although the facilities are brand new, we have kept the traditional market atmosphere and the traders are still offering superb value for money.

Jean Fairhurst visited Kirkby Market and said,

I’ve been looking forward to seeing the new market. I like it. It’s bright and modern and looks very impressive. I come here every week with my friend to do my food shopping and I think the new market is just what we needed in the town centre. I’d definitely recommend the market to other people.

Kirkby Market is open six days a week, Monday to Saturday, from 9am to 4.30pm.

I’m really impressed. I’ve been coming to Kirkby Market for years and it looks brilliant now. The stalls I’ve always visited are still here and I enjoyed having a drink in the new café. Lovely.
“Awesome” and “amazing” are just two of the words used by residents to describe the new £5 million Kirkby Centre.

The new, modern facility is now open and brings together a wide range of your key local services.

The Kirkby Centre is home to your library, gallery, local history archive, One Stop Shop, Knowsley Works and Adult Disability Day Service.

The response from Kirkby residents has been overwhelmingly positive, with comments including:

- I think the new building is a big improvement on the old one, much brighter and very welcoming.
- What a fantastic library. We are so lucky. Thank you so much, it's brilliant.
- My first impression is WOW! It's amazing. Overwhelmed by the new surroundings. It's awesome.

Meanwhile, two young people from Knowsley have taken their first steps on the career ladder at The Kirkby Centre.

Through the Knowsley Apprentice scheme, 17 year old sisters, Emma and Holly Westerside, have started working at Poco Coffee in the centre.

Emma said,

To get an apprenticeship straight away with Poco in Kirkby where I live is brilliant.

Holly said,

Being a Kirkby girl it's exciting to see the new Kirkby Centre. Getting my first job at Poco Coffee is great and I've really enjoyed it so far.

The final groups of residents will move into the brand new St Kevin’s Drive housing development over the coming weeks.

The development of 71 new homes was completed earlier this year and is a key part of the wider regeneration of Kirkby.

The residents have relocated from Cherryfield Drive, which will allow demolition work to take place later this year to pave the way for the new Tesco store and other retail units in the town centre.

The developer consulted with residents throughout the project, giving them the opportunity to pick fittings such as bathrooms and kitchens.

The properties have all been built to high energy efficiency standards.

One of the first residents to move into their new home was Mrs Finlay. She said,

I couldn’t be happier. Now I’m here and settled, I’m delighted. It’s everything I wanted.
The Prescot Heritage Hub and Prescot Historical Society have recently moved to new, larger premises at 53 Eccleston Street. The Heritage Hub offers a range of craft workshops, events and information about Prescot’s rich heritage.

Prescot Historical Society has drop-in sessions on Thursday mornings, between 9am and 12 noon, where you can find out information about Prescot’s history or discuss your own items of historic interest. Find out more by calling in on Thursday mornings.

Historic Environment Internship

Christopher Han will be supporting the Prescot Townscape Heritage initiative from July as the new Historic Environment Intern. As well as studying towards a post-graduate conservation and regeneration qualification, Christopher will be helping to deliver Prescot’s Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), as well as supporting the borough’s Historic Environment Strategy.

“I have just finished my BSc Building Surveying degree and I’m really looking forward to my next challenge. It’s been my career aspiration to work on conservation and regeneration schemes which not only benefit the local community, but the wider city region too.”

Prescot Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)

The first THI building project will start on site in August with more THI building projects starting in the autumn.

Don’t forget, you can catch all the latest Prescot THI news at www.prescotthi.org.uk/blog

Leyland Street comes alive!

A public art project in Leyland Street is creating a buzz in the town centre. The project, co-ordinated by Prescot Town Team, will be completed over the summer. Leyland Street will be used to host performances and the artwork will help to celebrate the town’s heritage by displaying an Elizabethan theatre audience on the wall.

Prescot’s mini museum

The council has launched a new ‘mini museum’ at Knowsley Park Centre for Learning in Prescot. Exhibits commemorating 100 years since the start of the First World War are on display, including a range of items and photographs from the First and Second World Wars. There’s still time to catch the exhibition – it is available until 28 June and open Monday to Friday between 6pm and 9pm.

Date for your diary

The Tour of Britain, the UK’s biggest bike race, returns to Knowsley on Monday, 8 September. Stage two of the race will depart from Knowsley Safari Park - further details on page 16.
The Flower Show is Back!

The largest free horticultural show in the North West will this year commemorate the centenary of World War I.

Local soldiers will be dressed in World War I uniform, greeting visitors and hosting question and answer sessions.

As always the show promises to be a great family day out with something for all ages. From the H&M Dog Display team and Mersey Morris Men performances to face painting, fairground rides and the fabulous craft marquee and produce market.

All of this is in addition to the stunning floral marquee which will house hundreds of fantastic horticultural displays.

To find out more information call 0151 443 5749 or visit www.knowsleyflowershow.com

On your bike!

Whether you’re a beginner or a more experienced BMX rider, the Knowsley Junior BMX Coaching sessions for under 16s can help you develop your BMX skills and racing techniques.

They take place on Tuesdays between 5pm and 6pm and Saturdays between 11am to 12pm at Knowsley Velodrome and BMX Park in Huyton. You can also hire bikes and safety equipment at the

sessions. Find out more at www.activeknowsley.com or call 0151 443 2200.

In addition, the popular Sky Rides programme returns to Knowsley over the summer. They are free, fun, guided bike rides around the borough with a variety of levels – steady, easy going and challenging. To find out more or to book your place, visit www.goskyride.com

Holiday activities at Knowsley’s Centres for Learning

There are lots of fun activities on offer in our community facilities throughout the summer holidays.

From arts and crafts to sports and dance, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, call the Leisure and Culture Development team on 0151 443 2127 or contact your local centre directly.

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Animal fun at Acorn Farm

Animal lovers are guaranteed a day full of cute cuddles at Acorn Farm in Kirkby.

From 24 July right through August, children can ride horses and get the chance to pet the farm’s furry friends such as rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks and pygmy goats. Entry to the farm costs £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children (babies under 12 months go free). Horse rides are £2 and small animal petting sessions £1.

On Wednesday, 6 August, pony mad youngsters can spend a day learning about stable management, taking part in riding games and a fun horse quiz. Cost is £20 per child.

There’s even the chance to be a farmer for the day on Wednesday, 27 August, helping look after the farm’s animals, sort the eggs in the farm shop and even milk a goat! Cost is £15 per child.

Pre-booking is essential for both Be a Farmer and Horse Day, and children must be aged between eight and twelve.

Visit www.acornfarm.co.uk or call 0151 548 1524.

Lots going on at the Wildflower Centre

Get out and enjoy the great outdoors at the National Wildflower Centre this summer.

The centre is planning a wide range of activities and events for all ages to enjoy and join in with.

From the annual free Scarecrow Festival Weekend on 5 and 6 July, to Nature Walks, Archery in the Park, Get Growing Fridays, Family Nordic Walks, Natural Numbers, a BioBlitz and even a Midsummer barbecue. There really is something for everyone!

Check out www.nwc.org.uk for a full listing of events.

Adrenaline adventures

For high adrenaline adventures this summer, look no further than the Land Rover Experience in Halewood.

Take to the wheel of the latest Land Rover Freelander or Range Rover Evoque, both of which are built right here in Knowsley, and test your skills on a purpose built off-road track.

You can also watch cars rolling off the production line with a guided tour of the manufacturing process at the Halewood plant.

For more information about the Land Rover Experience, see www.halewood.landroverexperience.co.uk

Aerial excitement

Take to the trees and test your nerve on more than 60 hair-raising obstacles at Aerial Extreme, based at Knowsley Safari.

With courses suitable from Juniors (minimum height 1.1m), this daring high ropes adventure makes for an unforgettable family day out!

More information is at www.aerialextreme.co.uk or you can call 0845 652 1736.

Spaceworld!

And, for those days when the Great British Summer lets us down, there’s plenty of indoor fun for kids at Spaceworld play centre in Prescot.

With one of the largest playframes in Merseyside, it’s great for children aged 0-12.

For more information visit www.spaceworldplaycentre.co.uk or call 0844 335 8342.
World Cup fever at Prescot Soccer and Leisure Centre

Prescot Soccer and Leisure Centre is celebrating its first world cup with a fantastic schedule of activities and events for the whole family.

We are hosting our very own adult and junior world cup festivals, junior world cup themed coaching camps, family fun days and more.

There’s a real carnival atmosphere at the complex and parents can enjoy a cold drink in the café bar while the children enjoy the activities and games.

Our recently refurbished outside seating area is proving to be very popular when the sun is shining, with customers relaxing and children having fun and playing in a fully enclosed secure and safe environment.

If you want to recreate the magic of the World Cup, why not book a pitch today? There will be world cup themed free gifts throughout the tournament. Plus, if you book and pay for a birthday party package or a block pitch booking any time before the end of the group stages and England go on to win the cup - we’ll give you your money back!

We are also showing lives games on our big screens throughout the tournament, including all of England’s group fixtures.

For more information visit www.activeknowsley.com or call the centre direct on 0151 443 2795.

Come on England!

Really Wild Day Out

For the wildest day out in the region, head for Knowsley Safari. Here you and your family can encounter over 700 amazing animals on a safari drive covering 550 acres.

From baboons to rhinos, lions to African antelope, the wildlife on view is sure to amaze. And remember there are lots of other attractions as well as the safari drive. Why not go eye to eye with a giraffe on the viewing platform, walk through the bat forest or take in a sea lion show?

Visit www.knowsleysafariexperience.co.uk for a full round up of what’s on and when including information about special offers and the Summer Zoo School for the real animal lovers out there!

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Your chance to win!

Drift away on a musical holiday around the world when the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra returns to Knowsley.

The world-renowned Orchestra is hosting a Summer Beach Party at Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park on Saturday, 12 July at 7.30pm.

Whether or not you’re lucky enough to enjoy a real summer holiday this year, this concert will take you on a musical journey to some of the sunniest destinations around the globe.

Presented by top Conductor Alasdair Malloy, the Summer Beach Party begins with a Summer Holiday singalong before treating the audience to highlights including Rimsky Korsakov’s Capriccio Espagnole as well as the iconic theme for Hawaii Five-O.

Come wearing bright and sunny clothes to really capture the Summer Beach party spirit!

Tickets are £12 or £10 for concessions and children.

Call 0151 443 2200 to book, or book online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/tickets

We have a family ticket to give away to some lucky Knowsley News readers. To enter, simply tell us what your favourite summer song is – and why.

Email your answer to knowsleynews@knowsley.gov.uk, or write to Knowsley News, Knowsley Council, Huyton Municipal Buildings, Archway Road, Huyton, L36 9YU.

The closing date for entries is Friday, 4 July.

Knowsley will welcome The Tour of Britain for a third year in succession, when the race returns to the borough on Monday, 8 September.

Knowsley will host the start of Stage Two of The Tour as 18 of the world’s top professional teams, including Team Sky, depart from Knowsley Safari for the second day of racing. At just under 200-kilometres, Stage Two will take the race into North Wales to the stage finish in Llandudno.

Cllr Eddie Connor, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Community & Culture said,

“I’m delighted to welcome back The Tour of Britain. Once again, the world’s top cyclists competing in the UK’s biggest bike race will receive a very warm welcome from thousands of residents and visitors at Knowsley Safari and along the route.

World-class events like this, together with our fantastic cycling programmes and facilities, are encouraging more people to get on their bikes. There really is a cycling buzz in Knowsley and I hope more people will come along and support The Tour when it visits.”

More details regarding the route and the range of community events taking place can be found on the council’s website.
The new campaign highlights the fact that we all need to recycle more plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, glass bottles, jars and cans in our grey bins.

The simple message will appear on posters in town centres and supermarkets, as well as on the sides of bin lorries, taxis and telephone kiosks.

Knowsley residents recycled 34% of their waste during 2013/14 – with varying rates across the borough.

There have been some great improvements in St Bartholomew’s (Huyton) and Northwood (Kirkby), with residents recycling almost 20% more this year than last. Keen recyclers in Prescot West are recycling 37% of their waste – 3% above the borough average.

A big ‘thank you’ to everyone for their ‘Week in, Week out’ recycling efforts. However, we still need to do more if we’re to reach our 40% target for the coming year.

We all need to recycle
That’s the message at the forefront of a new borough-wide campaign encouraging us to recycle more.

Here’s our ward by ward run-down of recycling rates across Knowsley. (If you’re unsure which is your local ward, visit the council’s website)

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Borough Recycling Performance 34%

Green waste recycling

Remember when you’re gardening this summer that most types of garden waste can be recycled in your blue bin.

This includes bark, flowers, grass and hedge cuttings, leaves, plants, small branches, twigs and weeds. Small pet bedding such as sawdust and straw can also go into your blue bin.

Did you know?

• Garden waste makes up 14% of the waste from an average household.
• Last year Knowsley recycled 6,500 tonnes of garden waste – equivalent to 6,500 small cars or 13,000 horses.
• Knowsley’s garden waste is taken to a composting site in Kirkby where it is turned into a nutritious soil conditioner.
Wedding competition to launch

Brides-to-be across Merseyside have been battling for the chance to win a dream wedding at the Venue in Huyton.

Hundreds of feisty fiancés entered the Radio City ‘Bride Wars’ competition hoping to win the top prize of a wedding package including daytime and evening receptions at the Venue, as well as a wedding dress, cake and car supplied by local businesses.

Five finalists were invited onto the breakfast show, with the top two brides going head to head in a live final.

The competition was aimed at helping to raise awareness of the Venue, since it changed its name from the Huyton Suite recently.

To celebrate the re-brand and makeover of the building, the Venue has launched a new website, www.venuehuyton.co.uk featuring the latest offers and events.

There’s also a top line-up of entertainment for the autumn including a Michael Bublé tribute evening, a Soul and Motown night and a debut from top Tom Jones tribute Danny Roman.

Street lighting update

A major programme to replace the majority of Knowsley’s street lighting, traffic signs and bollards with the latest energy efficient technology is pushing ahead.

Since work began in 2011, more than 10,400 lighting columns and 3,219 bollards and signs have been replaced across the borough.

Work has commenced, or is near to completion, in 13 of the 21 electoral wards and is due to be completed in July 2015.

The project is helping to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians at night and CCTV images are clearer, helping in the reduction of crime. Visit the council’s website for further updates.

Healthy homes means happier residents

This summer will see the launch of a new initiative to help improve the living conditions and wellbeing of residents across the borough.

The scheme aims to tackle common issues that residents may be experiencing - such as living in damp conditions, having difficulty managing household bills or disabled residents struggling to get around without adaptations to their home.

All of which can have a significant impact on health and general happiness.

The Knowsley Healthy Homes initiative has been set up to help. It will support eligible residents by identifying potential hazards in the home and providing information around a range of issues including health, employment, wellbeing and money advice.

For more information or to find out if you might be eligible call 0151 489 6000.
That’s the question posed by a new campaign encouraging us to get out and about this summer.

Posters and adverts on buses and taxis highlighting the health benefits of visiting Knowsley’s parks and open spaces will be appearing over the summer months. The campaign features residents of all ages getting active in parks, including families playing together, older people cycling and children playing in woodland.

Research has shown that use of parks can help to promote healthier lifestyles, helping to keep you fit and healthy. There’s also evidence that getting out and about in open spaces can improve mental health.

And there’s no shortage of high quality green spaces in the borough. Knowsley now boasts 12 Green Flag parks – and we hope this figure will increase after judges visit the borough this summer.

The national award, handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country. A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to visitors that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Knowsley’s great green spaces have also been showcased at a major conference held at the National Wildflower Centre recently. The event brought together people from a variety of organisations across the region to hear from national experts talking about the links between providing green spaces and improving health and wellbeing.

There were also presentations around how the innovative use of parks can help boost educational attainment and encourage community empowerment.

Find out more about parks in Knowsley, and for the latest information about events provided by Knowsley’s park rangers visit www.knowsley.gov.uk

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority was formally established on 1 April 2014.

It brings together the Leaders of Halton, Knowsley, St.Helens, Sefton and Wirral Councils along with the Elected Mayor of Liverpool and the Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The Combined Authority does not mean that local authorities will merge or create a ‘super council’. It simply means that the parties involved will work much closer together on a strategic level to support and encourage growth in the city region – particularly around economic development, transport and employment and skills.

Further information about the Combined Authority, including agendas and minutes of meetings, can be found on the council’s website.
As we move into the summer months, many of you will be looking forward to a holiday or just making the most of the great outdoors. Whatever your motivation, there’s no better time to get into shape.

Knowsley has some fantastic facilities to help you get the most out of the summer and if you sign up to an individual Active Fitness Direct Debit membership before 15 July you will receive two months FREE - saving £24 on a swim membership, £46 on a silver or one card membership, or £58 on a gold membership.

This offer is available to all new customers and also pay as you go monthly members who commit to a 12 month Direct Debit membership.

A silver membership starts from £23 and gives you off-peak access to any of our centres. With a gold membership you can use all of our centres at any time for just £29 per month. Fitness classes and off peak racket sports are included in the price.

Swim memberships are £12 and give unlimited use of four pools during adult and public sessions.

Other offers are available. For more information, visit www.activeknowsley.com, call 0151 443 2200 or ask one of our advisors.

Tip-offs from residents are helping the council to hit irresponsible dog owners in the pocket.

Enforcement officers are issuing fixed penalty notices in areas identified by residents as dog fouling hot spots.

The team has carried out a series of targeted operations, based on information provided by the community.

If you have witnessed an irresponsible owner failing to clear up after their dog, you can ring 0151 443 4712 to report it.

Our officers are on patrol across the borough every day and issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and a range of other environmental offences.

Opponents face fines of £75 and prosecution for failing to clean up after their dogs.
Business people flock to the region

Liverpool City Region is currently playing host to thousands of visitors attending the International Festival for Business.

The 50-day festival is expected to attract visitors from over 100 countries, with more than 200 business events taking place.

Many Knowsley businesses and attractions are getting involved, developing new business links to boost the local economy.

Here is just a snapshot of some of the things happening in our area.

• Knowsley Hall will host the UKTI Business of Food and Drink event, where business leaders from across the globe will discuss the science of food and food safety.
• The National Wildflower Centre and Landlife will hold an event focused on exporting wildflower seeds across the globe, with a particular focus on China.
• Getrag Ford are hosting an automotive event.
• MJ Quinn will be delivering a seminar about low energy lighting.
• The Leather Satchel Company will host a site visit to demonstrate their traditional leather crafts production in action.

Free business event
As part of its work to deliver the Liverpool City Region Business Support Programme, Knowsley Council will also be hosting a business event on 26 June.

The event, which is free for businesses across the Liverpool City Region to attend. As well as supporting businesses to make closer links with each other, there will be presentations from successful Knowsley businesses and a Q and A panel. Businesses will also be able to find out more about the services and support available through the Liverpool City Region Business Support Programme.

To find out more call 0151 477 4000 or email business@knowsley.gov.uk

Supporting business growth

This investment is being spent on a wide range of projects including environmental enhancements, new CCTV and improvements to gateway routes onto the parks.

A key element of the work is focussing on providing support to existing businesses on site to encourage growth, expansion and job creation.

This includes supporting businesses in accessing additional funding - most recently following the announcement that £10 million has been allocated for businesses in the region via Business Growth Grants and the Regional Growth Fund.

In the last year alone, the council has supported 12 businesses on site with projects totalling £52 million.

This significant private sector investment to the area has in turn led to more than 200 jobs being safeguarded and a further 400 being created – which is great news for the park, the economy and local residents!
You have three local councillors serving your ward in Knowsley.

If you need to get in touch with your councillor, please use their contact details on these pages.
Huyton pupils have transformed their school playing field into a vibrant oasis for outdoor learning.

Children from Malvern Primary School have been busy planting hundreds of mixed woodland trees to create a forest area. Spring bulbs and sapling fruit trees were also planted, with the aim of creating a beautiful orchard. The impressive plans will see the school’s vast field developed into an exciting natural space boasting a wildflower meadow, turf labyrinth, science shack and an allotment for each year group.

The children will also be able to enjoy pond-dipping, bug hunts and bird spotting from the hide.

Gala event celebrates anniversary

The Society of the Friends of Bowring Park holds its 25th anniversary Celebration Gala on Saturday, 29 June.

Highlights of the event, which gets underway at 11am, will include a dog show, interactive circus skills, birds of prey and craft demonstrations.

There’s also a chance to have your say on the future of Bowring Park, with a consultation on plans for the park on the day.

Pavilion project underway

The summer months will see the arrival of the new cricket pavilion at Court Hey Park.

The new pavilion will feature a community room, kitchen, changing facilities, wheelchair ramp and a viewing and seating area overlooking the cricket grounds.

Your local community centres are now community-run

For more information or centre bookings please contact:

**Swanside**
Jan Owens
0151 489 2370, or email janpowens@hotmail.co.uk

**Mosscroft and Roby**
Frank Reppion
0151 480 7691/482 6655, or email francis.reppion@ageukkwm.org.uk

**Infozone**
Brian O’Hare
0151 489 7929, or email brian.o’hare@knowsley.gov.uk

You can drop into the Huyton 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 the One Stop Shop, Municipal Buildings, Archway Road, Huyton L36 9YU

Telephone: 0151 443 3047
Kirkby

Cycling to good health

Residents in Kirkby are getting on their bikes and enjoying the benefits of community cycle rides.

The new Southdene Community cycle hub is now open and trained volunteers are leading regular group cycle rides for all ages and abilities.

The cycle hub is based at Southdene Community Centre with bikes and helmets available to hire for a small charge (suggested donation of £1).

Pedal Away community bike rides will run from the centre every Thursday and Sunday mornings and additional rides will be supported by trained volunteers. Residents can call Kirkby Ranger, Kevin Bushell on 07810 054 159 to get involved.

Historic anvil goes to local school

A piece of Kirkby history has found a new home at St Michael and All Angels Primary School.

A 19th century anvil has been donated to the school by Kirkby Library to help spark pupils’ imagination about local history.

The anvil originally came from Woods blacksmith’s shop on Turnpike Road – now Glover’s Brow – dating back to 1790. For the last 45 years the anvil has been housed at various locations symbolising the old and new Kirkby.

Woodland haven

The newly transformed woodland at Field Lane has been renamed Lime Tree Woods.

Named after the lime tree plantation on the site, the woodland haven now features new paths, signage and improved entrances, making it the ideal place to enjoy a walk in the woods.

Northwood Community event a success

Hundreds of local people supported the community event held at Northwood Community Centre in May.

The event featured activities and workshops, and provided an opportunity for residents to pick up useful information from a range of local agencies and services.

Most of your local centres are now community-run

For more information or centre bookings please contact:

Southdene
Southdene Community Association
0151 443 4376

Northwood
Home-Start Knowsley
0151 480 3910

Westvale
Knowsley Youth Mutual
0151 443 4466

Tower Hill
Knowsley Council
0151 443 5053

Awards evening

The achievements of more than 250 young people from Kirkby have been recognised at an awards evening at All Saints Catholic High School.

Young people who successfully completed the Mayor’s Award, Duke of Edinburgh and ASDAN awards picked up their accolades from former Mayor Clr Brian O’Hare at the event hosted by Radio City presenter Simon Greening. Guests were also treated to performances from a number of the talented award winners.

Contact us

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

Telephone: 0151 443 4166

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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: 0151 443 2175

Credit on your doorstep

Enterprise Credit Union is now open every Tuesday at Halewood One Stop Shop on Leathers Lane. The union offers instant affordable loans, safe savings accounts and lots more.

For information about an instant starter loan, or any other product, please drop in, call 0151 482 0177 or visit www.enterprisecreditunion.org/

Residents can also save and borrow with the volunteer-run Halewood Community Credit Union.

Also based at the One Stop Shop, the credit union opens weekdays from 10am to 12.30pm. Members save for 12 weeks, after which they can apply for a loan with a 1% interest rate.

Healthy meals on a budget

Families in Halewood can join free cooking sessions during the summer holidays – helping them to cook healthy meals on a budget.

A recent demonstration at Oak Tree Children’s Centre on Lichfield Road attracted more than 60 parents and children who enjoyed making healthy pizzas and homemade fish fingers.

Everyone is welcome to come along and the events – part of the ‘Pass the Book’ campaign – which will lead to the creation of a Knowsley themed cook book, including recipes from local cafés, schools and food producers.

The events are being organised jointly by KHT, Happy Go Cooking, the 5 Boroughs Partnership, Knowsley Council and the Big Help Project.

So far this year 300 local families have attended from across Knowsley.

For details of local event, contact Laura McCumiskey on 0151 290 7109.

Join our FREE weight-loss programme

Do you want to lose weight, improve your fitness and make positive changes to your lifestyle? Then the answer could be on your doorstep.

Free weight-loss advice sessions are happening at community venues across Halewood.

To find out about your nearest class, telephone the Healthy Lifestyle Hub on freephone 0800 0731 202.

Foodbank appeal

Knowsley Foodbank helped out around 200 Halewood residents last year and is always on the lookout for donations.

Foodstuffs like coffee, pasta, tinned items, and UHT milk can be dropped off at the foodbank at St Mary’s Church, Hillingden Avenue between 11.30am and 2pm on Saturdays.

Summer Spectacular

The annual Halewood Summer Spectacular will take place on Saturday, 30 August, 11am-5pm at Hollies Field, Hollies Road, Halewood.

More information about the event, which is entirely community led, funded and volunteer run, can be found at www.halewoodcommunityspirit.com
Arts festival celebrates 10th year

Prescot Festival of Music and the Arts is celebrating its tenth year.

Since its creation in 2005, the festival has gone from strength to strength and will celebrate its anniversary from Friday 20 to Sunday 29 June with an impressive line-up of music and the arts.

Highlights will include performances from organist Professor Dr Ian Tracey, Dr Jazz and the Cheshire Cats, and the award-winning Foden’s Brass Band. Songs from the shows, the Young Instrumentalist of Prescot competition and the traditional Proms-style finale are also regular features returning this year.

Full details of this year’s festival line-up are available at www.prescotfestival.co.uk

Scrambler bikes seized

The nuisance caused by scrambler bikes in local parks has resulted in three bikes, believed to have been used at Stadt Moers Park, being seized and confiscated.

A warning was also issued to a local man for anti-social behaviour after he was seen riding a scrambler bike at Eaton Street Park. Merseyside Police will continue to take action and residents should ring 101 to report any problems in their area.

New Town Hall

Prescot’s new town hall has officially opened its doors.

The redevelopment of the former Fusilier pub provides a modern base for the town council alongside community facilities. For more information about how to book the facilities visit Prescot Town Council website at www.prescot-tc.gov.uk

Allotment plots available

Halsnead Allotment has recently expanded and now has a small number of allotments available to local residents on a first come, first served basis.

The site now includes beehives, raised flower beds and poly tunnels, to allow all year round growing. For further information pop down to the site (located at the back of Tesco in Whiston village) and speak to Bernie or email steve.gowland@knowsley.gov.uk

Prescot Carnival and Mayor’s Parade

This year’s Mayor’s Parade and Prescot Carnival will be held on Sunday, 22 June, starting at 12pm from Eccleston Street.

The carnival at Brown’s Field, Wood Lane will include a fun fair, a bird of prey display and a full programme of entertainment, as well as information stalls. For more information on how to get involved visit Prescot Town Council website at www.prescot-tc.gov.uk

Contact us

You can ring the neighbourhood line to tell us about incidents of anti-social behaviour, litter problems or anything else you think we could help sort out.

Telephone: 0151 443 5208
**Events**

**Mondays**

**Health Walks for beginners**
Halewood Park
11am to 12 noon
Short distance, slow to moderate walks for those new to walking as a regular activity.
Contact: Halewood Ranger on 0151 488 6151

**Weekly during term-time**

**After school craft club**
Prescot Library, Mondays 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Halewood Library, Mondays 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Stockbridge Library, Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.30pm
Huyton Library, Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Kirkby Library, Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Story and craft sessions for 7 to 12 year olds.
Contact: Local library for further information

**Ongoing until 26 July**

**Looking Back at Liverpool: the Photographs of E Chambré**
Kirkby Gallery, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Kirkby Library, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Kirkby Gallery, Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 1pm
Kirkby Library, Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 1pm
On loan from the National Trust, the photographic exhibition captures the changing face of the Liverpool landscape and people over the last 60 years.
Contact: Kirkby Library on 0151 443 5617 or email galleries@knowsley.gov.uk

**Saturday 28 June**

**Willowbrook Hospice Summer Fayre & Afternoon Tea**
Our Lady of Portico Church, Prescot
1pm to 4pm
Come along with the kids and grab yourself a bargain at one of the many stalls, win a prize playing one of the many games, or simply come down for tea and cakes.
Free entry.
Contact: Willowbrook Hospice fundraising office on 01744 453798

**Wednesday**

**Environmental Task Days**
Halewood Park
10am to 12 noon
Various practical activities in the great outdoors, including tree and wildflower planting, woodland and pond management and habitat creation.
Contact: Halewood Ranger on 0151 488 6151

**Every first Saturday of the month**

**Family First Saturdays**
Prescot Centre Activity Room, Prescot Centre
12.30pm to 3pm
Fun, free drop-in art workshops led by Prescot Museum staff.
Contact: Prescot Museum on 0151 443 5617 or email galleries@knowsley.gov.uk

**Weekly during term-time**

**Words & pictures**
Halewood Library, Wednesdays
10.30am to 11.30am
Stockbridge Library, Wednesdays 2pm to 3pm
Huyton Library, Thursdays 9.30am to 10.30am
Prescot Library, Fridays 10am to 11am
Kirkby Library, Fridays 2pm to 3pm
Story and rhyme sessions for pre-school children.
Contact: Local library for further information

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**Meetings in Knowsley**

Please check our website for details of forthcoming meetings.

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**www.knowsley.gov.uk**
Wednesday 18 August
Mini beast hunt
Acornfield Plantation
10am to 12pm
Come and see what lurks beneath the water. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Contact: Kirkby Ranger on 07810 054159

Thursday 27 August
Pond dip
Acornfield Plantation
10am to 12pm
Contact: Kirkby Ranger on 07810 054159

Friday 29 August
Archery Session
Court Hey Park
12pm to 3pm
Come and have an archery lesson with Bridgefield Archers. Meet just past the playground in Court Hey Park.
Contact: South Huyton Ranger on 07810 054159

For a full list of upcoming events across Knowsley, please visit the council’s website.

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