Forever families wanted

If you have ever thought about adopting a child, we want to hear from you.

Around 20 children in Knowsley are currently waiting for a stable and loving ‘forever family’. So if you think you have the love and support they need, we can guide you through the adoption process and help make your family complete.

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

Please don’t think we’ll turn you down because you’re over 45, single or don’t own your own home. What we really need are people who can offer a child or sibling group a loving and supportive family for life.

To find out more about adoption, visit the council’s website or ring 443 3958.

Caring for the carers – become a volunteer

Knowsley Carers Centre is on the lookout for volunteers to offer support and advice to carers.

The charity provides a range of information and support for residents who care for a friend or relative. This includes organising short breaks, offering training opportunities and providing one-to-one support.

Knowsley Carers Centre has volunteering opportunities at each of its three centres in the borough - Bewley Drive in Southdene, Kirkby; St John’s Road in Huyton; and The Halewood Centre on Roseheath Drive.

There are a variety of roles you can get involved in, from running coffee morning support groups and training courses, to using your IT skills or driving a minibus.

Volunteering allows you to meet new people, improve your skills and experience, as well as helping others. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Knowsley Carers Centre, please ring Gail on 549 1412.

Home-Start here to help

Do you have children under eight and could do with a bit of help?

Home-Start Knowsley is a voluntary organisation who offer support to local families with children under eight-years-old who may be finding things a bit of a struggle.

They have trained volunteers to provide help and support, and will visit you in your home. Whether you need a helping hand with looking after the children or just a chat with someone who understands, there is a range of help available. They also offer free courses and can help you access other services in your local community.

All of Home-Start’s services are free and everything you say will be treated in confidence.

To find out more, ring Home-Start on 480 3910 for an informal chat, or you can email info@homestartknowsley.org.uk
In focus

Something for everyone at your local centre for learning

Knowsley’s centres for learning are more than schools - they have things going on for the whole community.

The centres are open during the evening, at weekends and throughout the school holidays. They offer everything from zumba sessions to adult education classes.

The centres have a variety of facilities that you can hire, including:

- Activity and fitness studios
- Sports halls
- Grass pitches (large and small)
- All-weather pitches
- Hard surface courts
- Media suites
- Music suites
- Cricket nets
- Athletics track
- Large and small spaces for meetings, courses, lectures and performances

There are also a range of activities going on throughout the week, such as:

- Indoor and outdoor football
- Adult education classes
- Zumba
- Drama
- Dance
- Youth clubs
- Running clubs
- Basketball
- Taekwondo
- Pregnancy yoga
- Netball sessions
- Martial arts
- Circuit training
- Kick boxing
- Local choirs

You can even have your child’s birthday party at a centre for learning with football, inflatables and multi-sport parties on offer. Prices start from £80 and include an hour of activity with a trained member of staff and party food.

Contact your local centre for learning for more details:

- All Saints Centre for Learning
  07919 111 293
- Kirkby Sports College Centre for Learning
  07810 054 100
- Halewood Centre for Learning
  07825 677 159
- Huyton Arts and Sports Centre for Learning
  07825 145 105
- Christ the King Centre for Learning
  07775 221 926
- St Edmund Arrowsmith Centre for Learning
  07500 765 197
- Knowsley Park Centre for Learning
  07810 053 984

Basketball is a popular sport at the centres.

One of the netball classes

A children’s activity at one of the centres

Play bowls at a centre for learning

The centres offer a range of adult learning classes
Benefit changes

A number of major changes to the welfare system are about to take place and could have a big impact on your household finances.

The Government is introducing a series of benefit reforms, some of which come into effect in April this year.

Bedroom Tax

Do you live in a property that is rented from a social landlord?

If this is the case and you are of working age, your housing benefit may be reduced by the Government if the property you are renting is considered too large for your family.

The changes mean that there should be one bedroom for each person or couple living in the home, with children expected to share a room, depending on their age and gender.

This could reduce your benefit by an average of £13 to £22 per week, depending on your circumstances.

If you are worried about these changes:
- Discuss your options with your landlord
- View properties available for rent at www.propertypoolplus.org.uk or find the type of home you are looking for at www.homeswapper.co.uk
- Ring the Housing Options Service on 0800 694 0280 or visit www.knowsleyhousingoptions.org

The Benefit Cap

The Government is placing a limit on the amount of benefits most people of working age can receive.

Couples (with or without children) and lone parents will not be able to receive more than £500 per week, while single people can get a maximum of £350 per week.

This is expected to be introduced in Knowsley by September this year. If you are likely to be affected by this change, the Department for Work and Pensions will contact you.

Changes to Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

From April this year, DLA will start to be phased out and replaced by a new Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

If you currently receive DLA, the Department for Work and Pensions will contact you to advise and support you through the changes.

Council Tax Benefit

The Government has abolished Council Tax Benefit and we have had to develop a new scheme in Knowsley with £2.5 million less funding.

The new scheme requires everyone under pension age who currently receives Council Tax Benefit to pay at least 20% of their Council Tax bill. Pensioners are not included.

If you haven’t paid Council Tax before, ring us on 443 4476 to set up your payments.

Support and advice

If the Government’s changes affect you, remember you can get free financial advice from organisations including:

Knowsley Citizens Advice Bureau
0845 1221 300

Kirkby Unemployed Centre (KUC) Ltd
548 0001

Consumer Credit Counselling Service
0800 043 40 50

For more information, visit the council’s website and search for ‘financial advice’.

www.knowsley.gov.uk
More than books

Knowsley Library Service is reminding residents that their local library offers a whole lot more than books!

Each library offers free computer and internet access, regular storytelling and activity sessions for children, as well as a range of learning courses and reading groups for adults.

For those interested in researching their family history, every library offers free access to the special library edition of Ancestry.com – a large database of records for those researching their family tree.

There are also regular family history helpdesks in Prescot, Stockbridge Village, Huyton and Kirkby libraries.

Knowsley Library Service also offers a mobile library and a housebound service for residents who find it difficult to get out and about.

Free Wifi is also available in all of the borough’s libraries, so you can access the internet on your laptop or mobile phone. Each library also has photocopying and faxing facilities for you to use.

Don’t forget the extensive range of books our libraries have to offer. If a certain book is not available, our friendly staff will try their best to get hold of it. They can even locate books that are no longer printed!

Joining Knowsley Library Service is quick and easy. Just pop in to your local library with a proof of address and start enjoying the many benefits your library has to offer.

For more information, please visit the council’s website or ring 489 6000 and ask for your local library.

Campaign tackles environmental crime

Knowsley’s new campaign to target people who drop litter or fail to clean up after their dogs is already having a positive impact.

Enforcement teams issued more than 500 fixed penalty notices in the first three months of patrolling the borough.

The teams have the power to issue fines of £75 to people caught littering, dropping cigarette butts or failing to clean up after their dogs.

The teams are made up of Xfor group staff alongside council enforcement officers and Police Community Support and Traffic Officers (PCSTOs).

Cllr Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council, said,

“"The number of fixed penalty notices we have issued shows our commitment to keeping the borough clean and tidy.

It also shows how we have responded to our residents’ needs and concerns. Residents had complained about littering and dog fouling in the borough, so we increased our enforcement activity to tackle the issue.

I’m confident that this campaign is changing people’s behaviour and keeping our borough cleaner and greener for everyone’s benefit. It will also help us to reduce the £1.9 million we currently spend each year cleaning rubbish and dog fouling from our streets."
Tackling benefit fraud

Do you suspect someone you know is claiming benefits they are not entitled to?

If so, contact our fraud hotline anonymously and we will investigate.

Benefit fraud is a serious offence which cheats taxpayers out of money and diverts cash which should be used for the good of the whole community.

Last year, the council’s Counter Fraud team found more than £391,000 was falsely claimed by residents in Knowsley.

Some of those people who committed benefit fraud were arrested and prosecuted and now have criminal records. They were ordered to carry out unpaid work and instructed to repay the money they had claimed, plus court costs.

In many cases, the prosecutions were brought about thanks to information provided by callers to the fraud hotline. Those tip-offs helped us to identify £73,000 in false claims.

If you suspect that someone is falsely claiming benefits they are not entitled to, you should ring the hotline anonymously on 0800 0730 532.

If you receive benefits but have had a change in your circumstances which may affect your entitlement, please let us know straight away.

Illegal tobacco – Keep it out

Illegal tobacco makes it easier for children to start smoking and is a bigger problem than you may think.

Research suggests that:

• Illegal tobacco accounts for up to 50% of the tobacco bought by underage smokers
• One in four young smokers regularly gets offered illegal tobacco
• One in seven young smokers have gone to a private address (sometimes known as a ‘fag house’) to buy illegal cigarettes

Illegal tobacco is a major problem that is affecting the lives of children and young people across the borough. It also helps to fund levels of organised crime.

The council’s illegal tobacco bus will be at local events over the coming months, so jump on board to find out more.

If you know of anyone selling illegal tobacco, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Visit www.keep-it-out.co.uk for more information on the dangers of illegal tobacco.
Despite yet another tough year for local businesses, we were once again overwhelmed with the stories of innovation, personal success and contribution to the economy from businesses and entrepreneurs in Knowsley.

The ceremony was held in a grand marquee in the grounds of Knowsley Safari Park, and was funded by the event’s 13 sponsors.

Almost 600 guests attended the glittering awards ceremony, as they celebrated the milestone anniversary of the event.

The Business of the Year Awards went to Refuel Energy, Blends Ltd and Clarke Energy. Jaguar Land Rover Halewood was highly commended in the same category.

Knowsley Housing Trust (in partnership with Bramall Construction) and Neptune Developments were named Regeneration Award winners, with Wetherby Building Systems Ltd and British Gas highly commended.

Other winners included Kirkby-based QVC who picked up the Corporate Social Responsibility Award; Knowsley Safari Park who were awarded Visitor Economy Business of the Year; and Total Glass Ltd, who scooped the Green Award.

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

“Despite yet another tough year for local businesses, we were once again overwhelmed with the stories of innovation, personal success and contribution to the economy from businesses and entrepreneurs in Knowsley.”

Other awards on the night include:

- **Innovation Award**
  MJ Quinn Integrated Services

- **Contractor of the Year**
  Lockwoods Group

- **Best Housing Scheme of the Year**
  Plus Dane Group

- **Employee of the Year**
  Lisa Simpson, Simpson Board Enterprises Ltd

- **Judges Choice Award for Business**
  Jaguar Land Rover Halewood (for their sustained contribution to the borough of Knowsley)

- **Judges Choice Award for Regeneration**
  Stockbridge Village Regeneration Programme: British Gas, Morgan Sindall Plc, Villages Housing Association & Knowsley Council

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive of Knowsley Council (far left), Cllr Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council (fifth from right), and Cllr Dave Lonergan (far right) with winners of the Judges Choice Award for Regeneration.
South Huyton

Huyton park hosts stargazing event

More than 300 local stargazers gathered at a Huyton park to witness the wonders of the night sky.

The event was held at Court Hey Park following the popularity of the BBC’s Stargazing Live programmes.

The evening included an illustrated talk about the solar system, followed by stargazing using powerful telescopes.

The early part of the evening was clear enough to allow sight of the planet Jupiter.

The event was a joint initiative between Liverpool Astronomical Society, Knowsley Council’s Green Space Ranger Service, The National Wildflower Centre and the Friends of Court Hey Park.

Fundraising appeal

Young people from churches across South Huyton are fundraising to help them embark on a life-changing visit to America.

Twenty three teenagers from a number of churches will travel to Virginia in August. So far, they have raised £23,000 for the trip, but still need to raise £7,000 to make their dreams a reality.

They will have the chance to volunteer with local groups during their trip to America. Last year, a group from Virginia visited St Gabriel’s, St Bartholomew’s and St Michael’s churches and took part in a range of community projects.

If you wish to help with fundraising for the group, please ring Rev Malcolm at St Gabriel’s Church on 489 4120.

Celebrating 50 years of community spirit

A mosaic has been unveiled that celebrates 50 years of a community coming together.

Swanside Community Centre opened in 1962 and provides a range of activities - many run by local volunteers.

To mark the centre’s golden anniversary, children and volunteers at the Malvern Mums after-school club created a mosaic.

It took 18 months to complete and was unveiled by local councillors Ron Round, Leader of Knowsley Council, and Graham Wright, Knowsley Council’s Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services.

Jan Owens, Swanside Community Centre Manager, said,

“The mosaic looks beautiful and has made a real difference to the outside of the building.

Our centre really is the core of our community and it’s wonderful to see people coming together and making a difference.”

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Telephone: 443 3047
North Huyton

Stockbridge music group on Songs of Praise

A Stockbridge Village music group has featured on the BBC TV classic, Songs of Praise.

En-Chord is a group of young musicians and singers who came together as part of the council’s Leisure and Culture Project in the area.

After spotting news of the group in a local newspaper, researchers from Songs of Praise visited one of the group’s rehearsal sessions, and returned a few weeks later with a camera crew and presenter/musician - David Grant. The group were featured on the programme in February.

If you would like to get involved with En-chord or to find out more, ring Eliza Brittles on 443 5619.

Loan shark campaign comes to Stockbridge

A campaign to stop loan sharks targeting residents was held in Stockbridge Village recently.

During a week-long series of events, residents found out how to avoid illegal money lenders and how to access affordable credit. School children also had the chance to meet the campaign’s mascot ‘Sharky’.

The event was organised by Knowsley Council, Villages Housing, Enterprise Credit Union and the Illegal Money Lending team.

If you have information about loan sharks operating in Knowsley or have fallen victim to a loan shark, ring the ‘Shop a Shark’ hotline anonymously on 282 1122 or 0300 555 2222. Lines are open 24 hours a day. You can also email stoploansharks@knowsley.gov.uk

New Neighbourhood Inspector

Stockbridge Village has a new Neighbourhood Inspector - Maria Hoogendyk.

She will work between Huyton Police Station and the Police Access Point in the Stockbridge Village Neighbourhood Centre. Inspector Hoogendyk can be contacted through email, Maria.J.Hoogendyk@merseyside.police.uk

Revive Housing Programme update

The partners leading the Revive Housing Programme have confirmed that the clearance work is now complete.

The programme is aimed at rebuilding over 1,450 new homes across Page Moss, Stockbridge and Longview.

Since 2008, developers Keepmoat Plc and Gleeson Plc have built and sold over 220 new homes in the first phase of the development on the Hillside estate.

The partnership, made up of Knowsley Council, Knowsley Housing Trust and North Huyton New Communities Future, is now working with the community to ensure the vacant land is maintained, and are consulting with local residents on plans for future developments.

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Royal appointment at carers centre

A local carers centre welcomed a VIP guest to help them mark 10 years of service to the community.

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, visited Knowsley Carers Centre on Bewley Drive, where she met with carers, centre staff and local dignitaries. During her visit, she unveiled a commemorative plaque and heard about the many services provided at the centre, including therapies and courses offered to carers.

The Princess Royal meets the Mayor of Knowsley, Cllr Norman Hogg and Mayoress Wendy Hogg

Housing with a bit extra

A new sheltered housing development has opened its doors in Kirkby.

Bailey Court Extra Care Housing at James Holt Avenue is home to 34 people with housing and support needs, including those with disabilities and mental health issues. The Kirkby base is the latest of four Extra Care developments across Knowsley, which are run in partnership with housing providers including Knowsley Housing Trust and Cosmopolitan Housing Association.

Designed to be a home for life, Extra Care Housing offers self-contained accommodation, 24-hour flexible care, as well as the opportunity to socialise with staff, residents and guests.

To find out more about Extra Care Housing, ring Steph Hollingsworth on 443 5828.

Soccer sessions are a hit

Young people have been sharpening their soccer skills thanks to football coaching sessions at Westvale Community Centre.

Since its launch in January, the coaching has gone from strength to strength, with more than 20 young people regularly attending every Monday night. The coaching sessions are a partnership between Liverpool Housing Trust (LHT), Everton in the Community and Kirkby Neighbourhood team.

LHT is working with Knowsley Council and community groups to identify further funding to enable the project to continue.

Improvements at Webster Park

Local children and parents have helped design a new-look toddlers’ play area at Webster Park.

Around 80 children from St Laurence’s Catholic Primary School and families from the local area have helped with the facelift. The £68,000 project is expected to be completed in April. It will include a refurbished play area with a roundabout, climbing frame, swings, seesaw and natural play boulders.

The project has been led by the Friends of Webster Park in partnership with Knowsley Council. The council also helped to provide funding for the project, along with Ibstock Cory and the Big Lottery Community Spaces Fund.

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Telephone: 443 4166
**Fun dance sessions for tots and parents have come to Tower Hill.**

The ‘mini movers’ sessions, run by Sure Start, are held at Tower Hill Community Centre every Monday afternoon, starting at 1.30pm.

Mums, dads and tots enjoy an hour of music, song and dance. The sessions are a great way to improve the physical development, health and wellbeing of toddlers.

Similar sessions are also held at Southdene Community Centre. For more information, ring 433 5666 or 443 5657.

A major tidy-up campaign has transformed parts of Tower Hill.

Over the winter months, council grounds maintenance teams have cut back shrubbery from footpaths throughout the area.

This was in response to requests from residents who said that many of the areas had become overgrown litter traps. The dense shrubbery had also blocked light from footpaths.

**The Mayor’s Magic Fund**

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Young people across North Kirkby are invited to get involved with the Mayor’s Magic Fund. For more information about how to get involved, ring the neighbourhood team on 443 4345.

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**Northwood residents visit Buckingham Palace**

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**A group of residents working to make Northwood an even better place to live has taken its vision for the future to the House of Commons in London.**

The residents are involved in the Big Lottery Fund’s Big Local programme, which has given a £1 million funding boost to the area to help local people develop community improvement projects.

Before the trip, the Northwood group identified community strengths, skills and projects that would make a difference to local people.

Artists illustrated these discussions with some of the images appearing on mugs, tea towels and t-shirts, to show delegates at the London meeting.

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**Tower Hill transformed**

One of the areas before and after the tidy-up campaign

Just one of Tower Hill’s ‘mini movers’

Artists illustrate the discussions at the Big Local meeting

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School celebrates 50th birthday

Pupils, staff and the local community came together to celebrate the 50th birthday of Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Halewood.

The school, which opened its doors in 1962, held a week of celebrations to mark the anniversary.

In the run-up to the celebrations, pupils studied what life was like in the 1960s when the school opened, and each year group then learned about a particular decade from the 1960s through to modern day.

Parents and locals were invited to attend open mornings to see the children’s work, which was showcased in the school’s new library.

Pupils also dressed up in the style of the different eras and performed some iconic songs and dances from the various decades.

Karen cleans up with award

Halewood mum Karen Clifton has proved she can clean up when it comes to studying.

Karen, a cleaner at Halewood Park Visitors’ Centre, has been named West Cheshire College Cleaning and Support Services Student of the Year.

She was the first of more than 400 council cleaning and catering staff completing the NVQ level 2 qualification.

Britain’s super-heavyweight Olympic gold medallist Anthony Joshua presented Karen with a plaque, certificate and £30 at an awards ceremony at the college.

Describing Karen as an ‘enthusiastic, dedicated and hard working student’, her college tutor added,

“"She has worked hard on her qualification and completed it well ahead of time. Karen fully deserves the recognition in receiving this award."”

Keeping active at Halewood Leisure Centre

Tiny tots to pre-school children are joining gymnastics sessions at Halewood Leisure Centre.

The centre is part of the British Gymnastics Leisure Centre Scheme aimed at encouraging gymnastics amongst children aged 18 months to five years. There will also be new pop dance sessions for five to 11-year-olds coming soon to the centre.

For more information, ring Halewood Leisure Centre on 443 2127.

Knowsley Foodbank comes to Halewood

A new Knowsley Foodbank has opened its doors in Halewood to give emergency food to those in need.

The foodbank is based at St Mary’s Church on Leathers Lane and is open every Saturday from 11am to 2.30pm, where volunteers distribute three days’ emergency food to residents.

Contact us

You can call in to 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
Family Voices celebration day

Volunteers and local dignitaries gathered to celebrate two years of success at Family Voices.

The event was held at Southmead Children’s Centre and paid tribute to the work of volunteers and the difference they have made to the lives of local families since Family Voices started in 2010.

Those involved in the project spoke of what volunteering means to them and the benefits it has brought to their lives.

Guests from Merseyside Police, Prescot and Whiston town councils, Knowsley Council, local businesses and schools heard how Family Voices is now delivering vital services for local children and families, has secured funding, and has won several community awards.

The group has also won a contract to develop a parents and carers forum and provide benefits advice.

You can contact Family Voices on 443 4562. For volunteering opportunities, ring Knowsley Council for Voluntary Services (KCVS) on 489 1222 or visit kcvs@knowsleycvs.org

Elizabethan Fayre returns to Prescot

The Elizabethan Fayre returns to Prescot town centre on Saturday 4 May.

The event will celebrate the town’s heritage by transporting visitors back to the 14th Century. They can enjoy traditional crafts such as candle and basket making, bell tower tours and donkey rides.

There will be lots of activities for children including face painting, circus skills workshops, birds of prey displays and small fairground rides.

The event will take place in and around Prescot Parish Church in Church Street. If you would like to get involved, ring 443 5749 or visit the council’s website for more details.

The monthly Producers’ Market, which showcases the best produce from local farmers, bakeries and businesses, will take place in nearby Eccleston Street on the same day.

A helping hand with family history

Residents wanting to research their family history can now go to Prescot Library for help and advice.

Knowsley Library Service’s popular family history helpdesk drop-in sessions are now held in the library every fourth Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon, where an experienced family history expert will be on-hand to offer support.

Every Knowsley library offers residents free access to a special library edition of Ancestry.com – a popular tool used to access records and other information when researching your family tree.

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Events

Tuesday 2 April and Wednesday 3 April
Easter fun
Tuesday, Jubilee Pavilion, 10am to 12 noon
Tuesday, McGoldrick Park, 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday, KGV Playing Fields, 10am to 12 noon
Wednesday, Court Hey Park, 1pm to 3pm
Easter fun for all the family. McGoldrick Park offering prizes for best fancy dress.
Contact: Jubilee Pavilion & KGV Playing Fields 07766 205541; McGoldrick Park & Court Hey Park 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Wednesday 3 April and Thursday 4 April
Easter egg hunt
Wednesday, Webster Park, 1pm to 3pm
Thursday, Northwood Forest Hills, 1pm to 3pm
Thursday, Stadt Moers Park, 10.30am to 12 noon
Thursday, Eaton Street Park, 1.30pm to 3pm
Thursday, Court Farm Woods, 2pm to 4pm
Have fun hunting for the clues to collect your Easter reward.
Contact: Forest Hills & Webster Park 07810 054159; Stadt Moers Park & Eaton Street Park 489 1239; Court Farm Woods 488 6151

Wednesday 3 April
Introduction to bush craft
Cronton Pasture
1pm to 3pm
Learn to survive in the wild. Put up survival shelters with natural materials and quick release knots. All materials and equipment provided.
Contact: Ranger 489 1239

Thursday 4 April and Friday 5 April
Easter fun
Thursday, Sawpit Park, 10am to 12 noon
Thursday, Ten Acre Pits, 1pm to 3pm
Friday, Alt Park, 10am to 12 noon
Take part in the exciting Easter egg hunt, crafts and face painting. Prizes for those who complete the Easter egg hunt.
Contact: Sawpit Park & Ten Acre Pits 443 3114 or 07771 550843; Alt Park 07766 205541

Friday 5 April
Easter egg hunt
Halewood Park, 2pm to 4pm
Mill Dam, 1pm to 3pm
Henley Park, 1pm to 3pm
Use your map to hunt down the clues, solve the puzzle and claim your Easter surprise.
Contact: Halewood Park 488 6151; Mill Dam 07810 054159; Henley Park 489 1239

Thursday 11 April, Saturday 11 May and Thursday 30 May
Forest school
Halewood Park
Thursday 11 April, 1pm to 3pm
Saturday 11 May, 2pm to 4pm
Thursday 30 May, 1pm to 3pm
Come along and learn some new practical skills in the great outdoors. Suitable for families. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear, and book your place in advance.
Contact: To book a place and for more details ring 488 6151

Saturday 13 April
Roller disco
Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park
2pm to 4pm (all ages); 5pm to 7pm (all ages);
7.30pm to 9.30pm (over 18s)
A fun and funky roller disco with the latest music. Ticket price includes hire of roller skates - personal roller skates not permitted. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Licensed bar available for over 18s session.
Tickets: £6 adult/child
Contact: For tickets and more details ring 443 5749

Saturday 20 April
Conservation task day
Stadt Moers Park
10am to 12 noon
Help the friends of Stadt Moers improve your local park.
Contact: Ranger 489 1239

Saturday 20 April
Spring nature walk
Stadt Moers Park
1pm to 3pm
Take a stroll with the rangers around your park and enjoy the local wildlife.
Contact: Ranger 489 1239

Sunday 21 April and Sunday 2 June
Health walk
Halewood Park
10am to 12 noon
Join us on a two to three-mile walk through the local countryside at a steady pace. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.
Contact: Ranger 488 6151

Saturday 27 April
St George’s family fun day
McGoldrick Park
12 noon to 4pm
Come and join the St Gabriels Network for an afternoon of family fun with a dog display team, fairground rides, circus skills, information stalls and more.
Contact: Ranger 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Sunday 28 April
Nest box making
Webster Park
1pm to 3pm
Help support our bird population and provide them with a ready-made nest box. All materials provided.
Contact: Ranger 07810 054159

Saturday 11 May
Minibeast hunt
Littlewood, Stockbridge Village, 10am to 12 noon
Halewood Park, 2pm to 4pm
Discover which creatures live in the local natural environment. All equipment provided.
Contact: Littlewood 07810 054159; Halewood Park 488 6151

Saturday 18 May
Henley Park Good Neighbours Day
Henley Park
12 noon to 4pm
A family fun day with lots of free activities including a climbing wall and birds of prey display. Please note that some activities incur a small cost.
Contact: Ranger 489 1239

Saturday 18 May
Unusual tree walk
Court Hey Park
Starts at 1pm
Come and see what unusual trees are living in Court Hey Park.
Contact: Ranger 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Saturday 18 May
Discover wildflowers
Woolfall Heath Meadows
10am to 12 noon
Discover the wildflowers of Woolfall Heath and have a go at our quiz.
Contact: Ranger 07766 205541

Sunday 19 May
Tea dance
Sawpit Park
1pm to 3pm
Come along for an afternoon of song and music provided by the Norman Roy Orchestra.
Contact: Ranger 443 3114 or 07771 550843

Meetings in Knowsley

Council
Wednesday 27 March, 6pm
Friday 17 May, 3pm (AGM)

Cabinet
Wednesday 27 March, 2pm
Tuesday 14 May, 1pm (special meeting)

Planning Committee
Thursday 11 April, 6pm

Appeals Committee
Tuesday 26 March, 10am

Governance and Audit Committee
Tuesday 16 April, 4pm

Area Partnership Board Co-ordinating Meeting
Monday 8 April, 2pm

Overview and Scrutiny Board
Monday 22 April, 5pm

Health and Wellbeing Board
Thursday 13 June, 1.30pm

Please note that at the time of going to print, not all meetings had been finalised. A complete timetable of meetings will be available on the council’s website from late May. Alternatively, you can ring 443 3500.
Tuesday 28 May
**Treasure hunt**
Court Farm Woods, 10am to 12 noon
Halewood Park, 2pm to 4pm
Use your map to hunt down the clues, solve the puzzle and claim your prize.
Contact: Ranger 488 6151

**Friday 31 May**
**Mini beast hunt**
Acornfield Local Nature Reserve, Kirkby
10am to 12 noon
Discover which creatures live in the local natural environment. All equipment provided.
Contact: Ranger 07810 054159; Halewood Park 488 6151

**Kite making**
Webster Park
1pm to 3pm
Have a go at building your own kite to fly in the park. All materials provided.
Contact: Ranger 07810 054159

**Wednesday 29 May**
**Nature art**
Wednesday, Stadt Moers Park, 1pm to 3pm
Thursday, Eaton Street Park, 1pm to 3pm
Wednesday, Ten Acre Pits, 1pm to 3pm
Come along and make your own miniature scarecrows. All materials provided.
Contact: Court Hey Park & McGoldrick Park 443 3114 or 07771 550843; Jubilee Park & Ten Acre Pits 07766 205541

**Monday 17 June**
**Shoreline & Watershed: British Landscape and Contemporary Woodcut Printing’ exhibition**
Huyton Gallery
A collection of woodcut prints, watercolours and sketch books reflecting a lifelong passion for the British landscape.
Contact: Tina Ball 443 5617 or email tina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk

**Thursday 30 May and Friday 31 May**
**Pond dipping**
Thursday, Acornfield Local Nature Reserve, Kirkby
10am to 12 noon
Friday, Halewood Park, 2pm to 4pm
What weird and wonderful creatures lurk in the depths of the pond? Let’s get dipping to find out. All equipment provided.
Contact: Acornfield 07810 054159; Halewood Park 488 6151

**Saturday 15 June**
**Cronton gala**
Cronton Pasture
12 noon to 4pm
A family fun day in the park with lots of activities. Please note that some activities incur a small cost.
Contact: Ranger 489 1239

**Friday 14 June**
**Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Concert**
Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park
7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)
The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra returns to Knowsley for a spectacular evening of wonderful classical music.
Tickets: Adults £12, Concessions £10 (over 60s and under 16s)
Contact: Carla Simkin 443 5749

**Sunday 16 June**
**Bird watching walk**
Acornfield Local Nature Reserve, Kirkby
10am to 1pm
Join the ranger on a pleasant countryside walk to spot some of our resident birds.
Contact: Ranger 07810 054159

**Wednesday 29 May**
**Thursday, 30 May and Friday 31 May**
**Nature art**
Wednesday, Stadt Moers Park, 1pm to 3pm
Thursday, Eaton Street Park, 1pm to 3pm
Friday, Henley Park, 1pm to 3pm
Be creative and produce art using natural materials from the local environment.
Contact: Ranger 489 1239

**Tuesday 28 May**
**Scarecrow making**
Tuesday, Jubilee Park, 10am to 12 noon
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**Friday 31 May**
**Knowsley! Live**
Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park
Shows at 1.30pm and 4pm
Starring favourites including Little Princess and Scruff, Noddy and Tessel Bear, Roary and Big Chris, Fifi and Bumble and B1 & B2 - the Bananas in Pyjamass.
Tickets: Adults £12, Children £10, family £40 (2 adults & 2 children)
Contact: Carla Simkin 443 5749

**Saturday 8 June**
**Bowls taster session**
McGoldrick Park, 10am to 12 noon
Court Hey Park, 1pm to 3pm
Compete against your friends and family, or just have a go yourself. Crown green bowling is a fantastic and easy sport for young and old. All equipment provided.
Contact: Ranger 443 3114 or 07771 550843

**Wednesday 29 May**
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Tel: 443 2580
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