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Environmental Sustainability Service



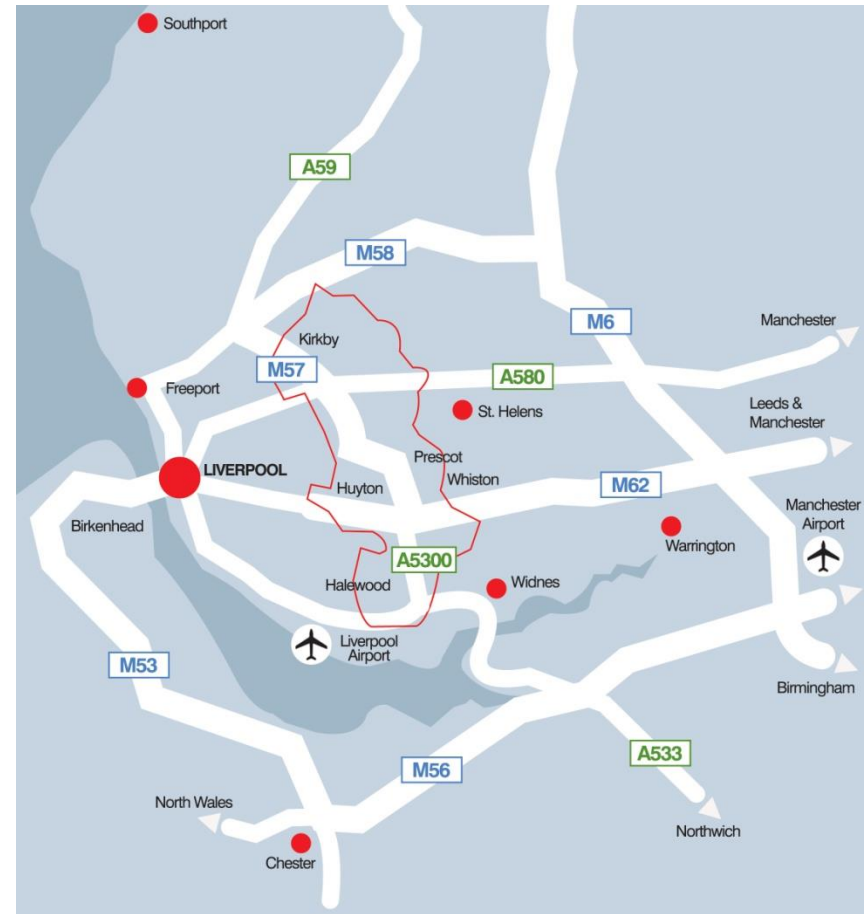
Knowsley Council



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Setting the scene

- Population of 146,000 residents within 65,000 households
- Significant reduction in Central Government funding resulting in a six year savings requirement of £81.6m
 - £56.0m (2011/12 – 2014/15)
 - £25.6m (2015/16 – 2016/17)
- Green Space Service:
 - In-house Grounds Maintenance service
 - Green Space Ranger Service
 - 18 Green Flags
 - 8 million visits per annum to parks
 - 70,000 attended parks events and activities during 2017/18
 - Cemetery Services
 - Sports Facilities.



My Responsibilities

- Management and maintenance of 68 Parks, including woodlands and 18 Green Flag Parks
- Cemetery Services. 2 open cemeteries and 3 closed church yards.
- 7 CFL Schools
- Golf Course
- Cricket Club
- Infrastructure
- 28 Sports pitches
- 5 Bowling Greens
- 5 Borough War Memorials
- 35 Staff
- Friends and Community Groups



Volunteer/Friends Groups

- 55 FOG / Community Groups
- 20,131 Volunteer Hours per year
- 1 Heritage Group





St Marys Church Yard 2012



The Challenge

- Only spend 10k and find that from your own budgets.
- Don't ask the Church for any money(they have none!)
- Raise public awareness.
- Create, encourage and manage a volunteer/friends group to support your staff.
- Re-develop and design to reduce future maintenance costs
- Design out Vandalism and prevent future miss use.
- Deliver a long term business plan that will fund future maintenance.
- Encourage residents to take pride in the green space and create a culture of ownership and responsibility.
- Solve Brexit.

My Perception of Volunteers



Reasons to be a Member of a Friends Group

- Make a difference and encourage ownership
- Find purpose and achieve your goal
- Connect with your community
- Feel involved
- Contribute to a cause that you care about and is important to where you live
- Use your skills in a productive way
- Develop new skills
- Meet new people
- Explore new areas of interest
- Impress your mum
- Impress yourself
- Expand your horizons
- Get out of the house
- Make new friends
- Strengthen your resume
- Feel better about yourself





The Friends of Prescot and St Marys Church Yard



Time Team Phase



BICC War Memorial



Baby Memorials Garden



Sensory Garden



Plants Shrubs and Trees



Repairing the Fencing



A Walk Through History



Events



Green Flag Award 2015/16



St Mary's Today



Prescot Market Place Winning Design Announced





