



KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

{The Annual Report summarises the activities of Knowsley  
Town Council during the year 2025/2026}

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# THE MAYOR'S OVERVIEW

The Annual Report provides a summary of Knowsley Town Council's activities and achievements over the past year.

As Mayor of Knowsley Town Council, I am pleased to report that £1,060 was raised through various fundraising activities during my mayoral year, with all proceeds being donated to my chosen charities.

It has been a true honour and privilege to serve as Mayor during 2025/26. Throughout the year, I have had the pleasure of representing Knowsley Town Council at a wide range of events across the township. There have been many memorable occasions, far too many to mention individually, but I am delighted to share some of the highlights from the year.

One of my first duties as Mayor was the honour of presenting remembrance books to the volunteers from Safari Kids Club, in recognition of the group receiving the King's Award for Voluntary Service. This was a proud moment and a fitting tribute to the dedication and commitment shown by local volunteers.

I was also pleased to present three grant awards, ranging from £250 to £500, to Craig's Garden, Friends of Knowsley Village Recreation and Green Spaces, and Craizwayz. These grants help to support local groups that enrich community life, encourage participation, and promote inclusion across the township.

Knowsley has every reason to be proud of its strong and vibrant network of volunteers, community groups and local organisations. As Mayor, it has been a privilege to work alongside elected members and the Town Clerk to strengthen these valued partnerships and support the development of new community initiatives.

Knowsley Town Council was once again proud to sponsor the Annual Knowsley Flower Show. The Council's sponsorship helped to fund a free shuttle bus across the township, making the event more accessible and ensuring that residents from across the area could enjoy this much-loved community occasion.

During the Christmas period, I was pleased to support several festive fundraising and community events within the Township. Selection boxes were donated to the Hillside Neighbourhood Centre's Christmas Santa Sleigh, helping to bring festive cheer to local children. Additional selection boxes were distributed to children at Meadow Park School, residents of Jacksons Gardens Residential Home, and to residents attending the Town Council's Christmas tree lights switch-on at the Community Orchard, Meadow Park School, Stockbridge Village.

As part of my mayoral charity fundraising, I was also proud to provide funding towards the Christmas Day meal for residents of Jacksons Gardens. This was a very special occasion, and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to the staff who generously gave up their own time on Christmas Day to make the event possible. Their kindness, commitment and community spirit helped ensure that residents could enjoy a warm, welcoming and memorable Christmas celebration.

The Town Council also donated two meat vouchers to Jacksons Gardens Residential Home to support the residents' Christmas raffle.

I also had the pleasure of switching on the Christmas tree lights at the Community Orchard at Meadow Park School. This was the second year that the event had been organised by Knowsley Town Council, which also proudly supplied the Christmas tree. The event was a great success, bringing festive cheer to residents and celebrating the spirit of togetherness. It is hoped that this will continue

to grow and become a cherished annual tradition for the local community. Knowsley Town Council remains committed to supporting families and residents across the township during the festive season and throughout the year.

Knowsley Town Council continues to support a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community by delivering high-quality services and maintaining well-equipped community facilities. The Bob Whiley Community Centre in Knowsley Village and the Community Pavilion in Stockbridge Village continue to serve as important community hubs, supporting a wide range of activities, organisations and local events. These facilities reflect the Council's ongoing commitment to community engagement, wellbeing and local pride.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Town Clerk and all the dedicated staff of Knowsley Town Council. Their professionalism, support and sound advice have been invaluable to me throughout my year as Mayor.

Finally, the role of Mayor is only possible with the support and encouragement of colleagues. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Lee Tomlinson, and to all my fellow elected members for their collaboration, encouragement and shared commitment to serving the residents of Knowsley Township.

This Annual Report provides just a snapshot of the work delivered by Knowsley Town Council over the past year. I hope you find it both informative and a positive reflection of the impact we continue to make together.

Best wishes to all residents of the township.

*Cllr Dennis Baum*

Mayor of Knowsley Town Council

## SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Below are some of the activities and events that went on during the Town Council Year 2025/2026.

YEAR	ACTIVITY
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Town Meeting</li> <li>• Councils Annual General Meeting</li> <li>• Cllr Dennis Baum (Labour, Stockbridge) elected Mayor of the Town Council.</li> <li>• Cllr Lee Tomlinson (Labour, Stockbridge) elected Deputy Mayor of the Town Council.</li> <li>• Approved Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ended 31 March 2025.</li> <li>• Approval of the Annual Governance Statement for year ending March 2025.</li> <li>• Approval of Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2025</li> <li>• Approval of Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2025.</li> <li>• Consideration of the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Parish Council Allowances.</li> <li>• Considered the naming of the recipient of the Maureen Clunan Memorial Award 2025.</li> <li>• Finance and General Purposes Committee received a presentation from Friends of Knowsley Rec &amp; Green Spaces.</li> <li>• Approval of Adoption of the General Power of Competence</li> <li>• Re-Statement of the Asset Register</li> </ul>
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council Meeting.</li> <li>• Approval of the Town Council Investment Strategy 2025/26</li> <li>• Approval of the Town Council Treasury Management 2025/26</li> <li>• Events Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Sponsorship Award – Knowsley Flower Show 2025- £600.</li> </ul>
JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance and General Purposes Committee</li> <li>• Town Council Meeting.</li> <li>• Town Council Meeting - Mayor presented remembrance books to the volunteers from Safari Kids Club, commemorating the groups receipt of the King's Award for Voluntary Service.</li> <li>• Mayoral Celebration.</li> <li>• Grant Presentation – Craigs Garden.</li> </ul>
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council and Committees in recess.</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council Meeting.</li> <li>• Approval of Town Council Risk Assessment for 2026/2025</li> <li>• Review Of Knowsley Town Council's Health and Safety Policy</li> <li>• A Review of the Effectiveness of the Systems Of Internal Financial Controls</li> <li>• Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Beating of the Bounds</li> </ul>
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council appointed representatives to attend Remembrance Sunday Service.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council considered report of the External Auditors.</li> </ul>
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembrance Sunday wreaths laid on behalf of Knowsley Town Council at the War Memorial in Knowsley Village and the memorial situated in the Central Area of Stockbridge Village</li> <li>• Grant Presentation – Friends of Knowsley Rec and Green Spaces.</li> <li>• Donation – Hillside Initiatives for Youth Activities (Santa sleigh) £900 towards selection boxes.</li> <li>• Donation – Jackson Garden Residential Home- 24 Selection Boxes.</li> <li>• Donation – Jackson Garden Residential Home – x 2 Meat Vouchers</li> </ul>
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council in recess.</li> <li>• Mayors Charity- Donated £226 towards Christmas Day Meal for residents of Jackson Garden Residential Home.</li> <li>• Donation – 150 Selection Boxes - Meadow Park School.</li> <li>• Donation - 50 Selection Boxes gifted to residents during the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On.</li> <li>• Christmas Tree light Swich -On, Community Orchard, Meadow Park School.</li> </ul>
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Council Meeting</li> <li>• Grant Presentation – Craigzwayz.</li> </ul>
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Finance and General Purposes Committee considered the sponsorship of the Knowsley Flower Show 2026.</li> </ul>
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget and Precept set for new financial year (2026/2027)</li> <li>• A Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit (2025/26)</li> <li>• Donation – 40 Easter Eggs to the children of Stocky Whizz Kidz.</li> </ul>

# TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Council comprises twelve elected members. Elections take place every four years when all twelve of the Town Council seats will be available for contest. The next elections will be in May 2027.

The twelve members below were members of the Town Council on 31 March 2023. During the year, the Town Council met according to the schedule of meetings which was displayed on Town Council notice boards and on the website.

The political composition of the Town Council is:

## KNOWSLEY PARK (NORTH) WARD:

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Income

31/03/2026

Administration	£ 344,867
Bob Whiley Community Centre	£8,450
Community Pavilion	£17,995

£371,312

## Expenditure

31/03/2026

Staffing	£157,768
Administration	£ 76,211
Bob Whiley Community Centre	£ 15,151
Community Pavilion	£ 24,627

£273,757

(The account statement for 2025/26 is subject to external audit and may be modified)

# CONTACT DETAILS

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## Town Council Buildings

### Bob Whiley Community Centre

Shop Road, Knowsley Village,

Merseyside, L34 0HD

### Community Pavilion

Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village,

Merseyside, L28 4EP

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