

Annual Town Meeting

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026

**Whiston Town Hall
(Old Colliery Road)
Commencing 7.00pm**

All electors who live in Whiston can attend the meeting and speak on any matters concerning the Township of Whiston.

Updates will also be given on subjects raised at previous Town Council Public Meetings.

Please ensure you view, and adhere to, our Public Forum Protocol

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Whiston Town Council Annual Report 2026

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MULTI USE GAMES AREA



‘Serving the Community’



2025-2026

Whiston Town Mayor

Cllr. Joanne Burke

I am beyond proud to have had the privilege of being the Mayor of Whiston for the past year and I have loved meeting all of the volunteer groups, organisations and members of our community on my journey, and it really has been an impressive list...how amazing is our community with so many people volunteering their time selflessly to support, develop, advocate for and improve the lives of others. Volunteers are the backbone of Whiston and now third sector organisations such as ours are playing a vital role in propping up our society.

I have particularly enjoyed delivering the Local Democracy Programme which I introduced a couple of years ago to this council, but this year as the Mayor, to all of the year 6 children in our Whiston Primary Schools, encouraging them to have a voice, learning about debate and about Whiston Town Council itself and what an amazing, curious, confident, and personality packed group of young people we have.

I feel it is so important to recognise our unsung heroes and in that vein invited a volunteer from many of our local groups to join me in the capacity of consort to each of my functions. I would like to thank all of my consorts who took time away from volunteering duties to come with me to events, they all tell me that they loved their experiences.

I want to thank my family who have lived in the middle of raffle and tombola prizes, and all other fundraising materials imaginable over the past year and who have supported me in raising funds for the Inclusive Accessible Round-About and our local Community Groups.

The George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane

Facilities: Main Hall, Activity Room, Office Space

Name of Club / User Group	Days
Early Years Groups	Weekdays
Hospital to Home Service	Weekdays
Whiston Luncheon Club	Monday
1st Whiston Scout Group, Cubs Beavers & OXO	Tuesday evening
WIKED Dance Group	Wednesday
Halsnead Allotments Luncheon Club	Thursday
Knowsley Labour Council Surgeries	1st Thursday of month
Family Worship	Saturday

The Robert Foulkes Centre, Brook Street

Facilities: Main Hall

Name of Club / User Group	Days
Facing Life and Pain	Monday & Thursday
Breast Mates	Tuesday
The Stroke Association	Thursday (twice monthly)
Whiston Central Ladies Group	Thursday (Monthly)
Willowbrook Chatty Cafe	Thursday (Monthly)

What's On in Whiston?

For further details on Clubs and Activities, please contact the Town Council Office Staff on 0151 430 7200

Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road

Facilities: Main Hall, Council Chamber, Boxing Club and Multi-Use Games Area, Weekend function room.

Name of Club / User Group	Days
Whiston Indoor Bowling Club	Mon, Thurs a.m.
Whiston Over 55's Bingo	Monday afternoon
Breast Mates Dance Class	Monday evening
NHS Pulmonary Exercise Group	Tuesday
Whiston Village Guild	Tuesday (meet monthly)
NHS Wellbeing Group	Wednesday morning
Alzheimers Support Group	Wednesday p.m. Monthly
Slimming World	Wednesday evening
WICH Group	Wednesday (meet monthly)
Whiston Town Council Meetings	Wednesday (meet monthly)
Victoria Dog Club	Thursday evening
NHS Cardiac Nurses Group	Friday
Kokutai Karate Group	Friday evening
HIGHERSIDE BOXING CLUB	WEEKDAY EVENINGS

I am very active in some local community groups and help organise, and deliver many events including free lunch and activity sessions during school holidays at Eaton Street Park where many Whiston families attend. About 3 years ago a mum Zarah brought her little boy Shaylen in his wheelchair to one of these events with her friend and his Nan Tracey. They asked if he could go on the inflatable slide like all the other children. Now Shaylen was in a wheelchair but his Mum and her friend helped him to the top of that slide and when he came down to his Nan waiting at the bottom, he was grinning from ear to ear, he absolutely loved it...

An amazing sight, but it made me feel an overwhelming sadness too! Why should children with different abilities have so little equipment in our parks for them to access? It's the 21st century, so I decided then, I would do what I could to change this in our community. So three years ago as Mayor of Prescot I raised funds and got an accessible roundabout at Eaton Street Park, a piece of equipment that children of all abilities can use. I am now delighted to tell you that this year we have generated enough funding to do the same in Henley Park so watch out for that accessible inclusive piece of equipment coming soon. I want to thank Shaylen for being my inspiration and catalyst for getting these inclusive assessable pieces of equipment in our parks.

Ok, so this year, I have invested every bit of energy I had to generate funds for this important project and to raise funds to support the community groups that support our community. Here is a little overview of what I did, supported by my friends, family and our community.

The Mayors Lucky Squares, Whiston Town Council Winter Wonderland Tombola, a May, July, September, Christmas, and Valentine Bingo. An Everton, Liverpool, July, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine, and Easter Raffle, an 80's Night, Christmas Night and St Patricks Night. I also worked with local schools, educating our young people about life's inequalities for people with different abilities and I want to acknowledge the contributions of every child and family from Whiston Willis, Halsnead and St Leo schools who saved their 1ps, 2ps and 5ps for me to help reduce those inequalities in our community.

Thank you to my Crafting Friends Carol Lester, Alma Kosac, Jean Fletcher, Pauline James, Margorie, Eileen, and Moyra Edwards who spent hours knitting fabulous Christmas and Easter Animals and Dolls which made asking people to keep buying raffle tickets so much easier. Your kindness was really appreciated.

Again I want to thank my friend Colette Hampson who spent so much time Crafting Crystal Angels, Bracelets, Christmas, Easter, Halloween themed crafts and then to all of my friends who gave an hour or two of my two twelve hour shifts selling them in Tesco, My sisters Marianne & Libby, Colette, Pat, Margaret, Sheila Rees, Sandra Farrell, Jackie Luckock, Debi, Fran, Cath Golding.

I want to thank the little team of friends who are always in the background helping me set up events, serving food, selling tickets and cleaning up at the end, who have been cheer leaders for as long as they have been in my world, Pat Cook and Margaret Shepherd, Mal Shepherd, Cath, Graham and Liam Golding. Thanks to Clare Duvall who has created all of my bingo, event tickets and posters this year and Jimmy Inglesby, an absolute star in our community who has hosted five bingo nights for me over the year

Thank you to every person who bought a ticket for one of my events, to everyone who bought a crystal angel, craft or raffle ticket and to every one of the business's who have helped me along the way including Britannia Fleet Removals and United Utilities.

Most of all I would like to thank the little boy, Shaylen who inspired me to try and make our Park's more Accessible and Inclusive and all of the Community Groups I have been privileged to meet and learn about during my term of office. And talking of Community Groups, here are the ones I was invited to and how I have supported them.

I had a fabulous evening listening to local school children sing at the **Halewood Academy Annual Carol Concert**. I also visited **Willowbrook Chatty Café** where I had a cuppa, chatted with attendees and was impressed by the staff and volunteers. **The Early Years Centre**, reinforced my respect for colleagues who have chosen this career.

At the **Diwali Celebration** hosted at Whiston Hospital we were entertained by Consultants, Radiographers and Anaesthetists singing, dancing and playing instruments...absolutely amazing. I attended the **Anniversary Celebration Mass at St Leo's**, which was very special, was invited to the newly opened Wilsons Café, Ivys 102nd Birthday Party, Shakespeare North, Knowsley Flower Show, official opening of 'Want that Dress' and the Alzheimers Society Action Day.

Whiston Winter Wonderland

29th November 2025



Father Christmas paid an early visit to Whiston Town Hall on 29th November, bringing festive cheer to children and families at the annual Winter Wonderland event. The day was a fantastic success, providing a fun and memorable experience for all who attended.

The hall was transformed into a festive wonderland, with stalls selling crafts, Christmas gifts, and seasonal treats, giving visitors the chance to find unique presents and enjoy the holiday spirit. Children had a wonderful time with free face painting, games, and entertainment, while also taking part in craft activities with the Forest Ranger, creating keepsakes to take home.

Guests were also able to meet Community Police Officers, giving children the opportunity to learn more about their role in keeping Whiston safe. Of course, the highlight for many was visiting Father Christmas in his Grotto, sharing their Christmas wishes and receiving a warm welcome from Santa himself.

Delicious free refreshments, including hot chocolate, were available throughout the day, adding to the festive atmosphere and keeping families cosy. The event was not only about fun and celebration but also about bringing the Whiston community together, creating happy memories and spreading holiday cheer. Looking ahead, the Whiston Winter Wonderland 2026 will take place on Saturday 28th November. Families are encouraged to mark their calendars for another magical day of festive fun, crafts, games, and of course, a visit from Father Christmas.



Whiston Community Recycling Project – Making a Difference for Families and the Environment

The **Whiston Community Recycling Project** has had a fantastic year at **Whiston Town Hall**, helping local families while promoting sustainability. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers:

- **Over 2,000 school uniform items** have been recycled and redistributed to families in need.
- Local residents accessed **pre-loved winter coats**, communion outfits, prom wear, and more.
- Families saved money on essential clothing while ensuring children were ready for school and special occasions.

Environmental Impact:

- Thousands of garments were **diverted from landfill**, reducing waste and pollution.
- Recycling these items helps limit greenhouse gas emissions and supports a cleaner, greener Whiston.

Community Benefits:

- Promotes the values of **reuse and sustainability** across the town.
- Fosters **community spirit** by bringing people together to share resources and support one another.
- Highlights the amazing contribution of volunteers, whose hard work makes this initiative possible.

The **Whiston Community Recycling Project** continues to grow, showing how practical support, environmental responsibility, and local volunteerism can combine to make a real difference for families and the town.

Join us at the next event to recycle, share, and help our community thrive!

At the **Adventist Church** celebration, my heart simply sang, such talent shared in musical performances, kindness and love in that room where they were focussed on raising funds for people in desperate need. I have awarded them £500 toward this.

Higherside Boxing with Alex, impressed me so much! This group offers sessions three times a week and impacts our young people's wellbeing on a psychological and physiological level, accepting everyone regardless of ability into the best kind of 'gang,' where discipline, comradery and fun is key. I have awarded them £1000 toward the boxing ring they desperately need.

Breastmates Dance Class was fabulous. I thought I was fit but these girls gave me a run for my money...so welcoming, and such fun, a great way to divert any negative thoughts or energies and to be supported by others who can truly empathise. I have awarded them £500 worth of logo'd clothing.

Facing life and Pain Group with Lilian, is just what it says. This group welcome and support people with a friendly cuppa, conversation and alternative therapies, all because of dedicated volunteers. I have awarded them £500 to pay for alternative therapies.

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith High School invited me to their Grandparents afternoon with Helen Rigby the Pastoral Care. It felt like 'school of rock' as very talented teachers and students performed and super impressive young people co-ordinated the afternoon.

I have allocated £1000 to **Whiston Community Recycling Group** to support all Whiston families in need.

Whiston Community Recycling Group have worked with the council to create a 'shop' here where families can access free recycled school uniforms, and winter coats. Alongside this they now offer a loan scheme for Prom and Communion Outfits. The group raises funds to try and meet the needs of children we don't have recycle items for and to pay for cleaning of loaned outfits in preparation for the next borrower. I am awarding £1000 toward uniform items for the three local primary schools and SEA.

Whiston over 55's Bingo Club was such fun, eyes down once a week but with a lovely welcoming vibe the Mecca would be envious of. This group is about so much more than bingo. I have awarded them £500 toward their next coach trip.

Enigma Morris Dancing Group with Megan, Georgia & Holly and these girls are so impressive. The group is in its infancy and they are trying desperately to support young people in our community with an offer they can afford, often subsidising out of their own pockets. They bought second hand dresses when they set up, so I have awarded them £500 to subsidise the cost of the new dresses they need to compete.

Individuality Youth are a performing arts group, teaching drama and dance alongside prop and set building. This group facilitates improved confidence and self-esteem, inclusion, making friends and enjoying life. I have been to several of their performances this year and highly recommend them, having made me laugh, cry, and gasp in equal measure. I am awarding them £500 to assist the continuance of this amazing resource for our community.

Lickers Lane Luncheon Club Wow what fabulous ladies, some of whom have been volunteering there for thirty years, just let that sink in for a minute and what a fabulous fun group of girls they are, they even came and helped me run my tombola at Christmas and have been such a tremendous support and friend to me. I am awarding the group £500 for them to use in whatever way they see fit, but my special gift to the eight volunteers who 'wait on' our senior citizens week in week out is that I have booked you into the Ivy in Liverpool for Lunch, to be waited on yourselves, because you absolutely deserve it!

St Leo and Southmede, Halsnead and Whiston Willis Primary Schools all readily engaged in learning about inequalities and working with me to raise funds for the Inclusive Accessible Roundabout. I have awarded £1000 to Whiston Community Recycling Group to support families with children in need of Whiston school uniform items and £200 to each School for their School Councils and/or Choir.

Kokutai Karate Club was very impressive and the commitment of the staff and young people was evident from the moment we arrived. I have awarded a gift voucher for medals and cups that I hope will be used to encourage children to do their best.

Whiston Village Guild – I am hoping for an invitation today to find out more about this group but in the meantime I am awarding them a Luxury Refreshment Hamper.

A YEAR OF EVENTS 2025-26

Summer 2025 - Family Fun Day at Whiston Town Hall

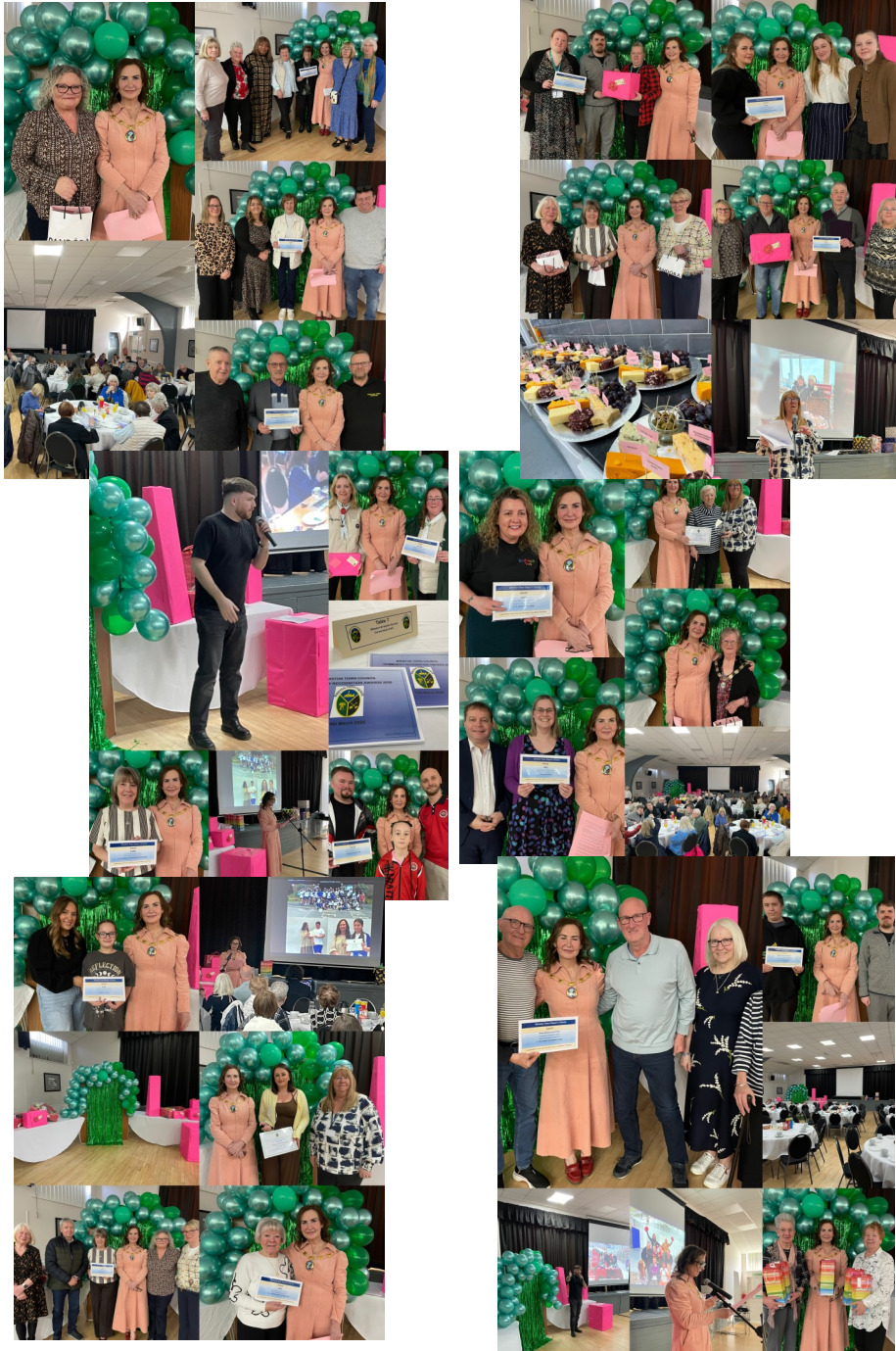
Whiston Town Council held their annual Family Fun Day on Saturday 26th July, and fortunately, the weather was perfect for a day of outdoor fun. Many families from across the town attended to enjoy the free event and take part in a wide variety of activities organised by local stallholders and volunteers.

Children were kept entertained with a range of exciting activities including outdoor games, crazy golf, bouncy castles, and face painting. The Community Police and Fire Service also joined the fun, giving children of all ages the unique opportunity to explore their emergency vehicles and learn more about their important work in the community.

Council staff, together with several Whiston councillors, worked hard to make sure the event ran smoothly, welcoming visitors and helping families enjoy the day.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy a free afternoon out, and make lasting memories. Another **Family Fun Day** is planned for **Saturday 4th July 2026**, and residents are warmly invited to join in for another afternoon of games, activities, and community fun.





Prescot Mission Christmas Dinner Group was set up in 2019 and currently provided Christmas Dinner in a Bag to over 200 families each year, it is a massive initiative and the group need to raise £11,000 every year to do this. Approximately a third of the recipients are Whiston residents and so I am awarding £1000 toward the Christmas Bags for 2026.

The Stroke Association Group blew me away, the resilience and comradery of this group of people shone out, supported by the Amazing Volunteer Katy. I listened to them and I have awarded them a Bingo Machine and Prizes worth around £500.

Spectrum Connect work to empower adults with autism to connect with others to reduce isolation, build confidence, and self-esteem and to look at what matters to them as individuals. I listened to what they needed and have awarded them two high specification (reconditioned and Office 365 set up) Laptops.

Cornerstone Café are relatively new to our community, they are a not for profit organisation who have big plans for the café in Henley Park. I have awarded them £500 toward the Electricity Box they need.

The Scouts are run by a group of volunteers including Kathy Orford who are committed to developing our young people into being the best versions of themselves, when I visited I was super impressed by the enthusiasm and energy which was commensurate with the respect and order in the room. I have awarded them an iPad as this is what they told me they needed!

Fayes Forever is a group full of hope and optimism built out of the devastation of the loss of Faye Holden who died unexpectedly at the age of one. The family fundraise themselves to help people in the community and so I am awarding them £100 to buy plants and flowers for the beautiful play area surrounding 'Fayes bench' at Foxshaw Close.

Knowsley Knerds is a group created by Leslie to reduce social isolation, and forge friendships through the medium of board games. I have awarded them £500 worth of 3D Printing Filaments.

Coming Together Group is based in Prescot Guild Hall but accommodates many Whiston residents. The brainchild of Jim Inglesby, providing a resource for anyone feeling isolated, alone or who is suffering with a long term illness such a Dementia or Parkinsons disease. This is now a home from home for many, such is the welcome received there. I am awarding the group £500.

The Over 55's Indoor Bowling are a fabulous group and I thoroughly enjoyed having a go when I met them, though I don't think I was much cop as I wasn't asked to join the team! I have bought them six Jacks, white boards and matts that were on their 'wish list' at a cost of £520.

Prescot Festival, founded in 2005 by local composer, musician and teacher Dr Robert Howard, with a group of fabulous volunteers, promote, organise and deliver arts, culture and entertainment to our community that are accessible, affordable and all-embracing. You haven't lived until you have been to their yearly barn dance. I have awarded them £500 to help subsidise the cost of this amazing resource for our community.

Wiked Dance, Julie and Co, had a fabulous vibe and another group set up to be inclusive and accessible. I loved the optimism and dedication of the volunteers and am awarding them £500.

Victoria Dog Training Club, are a group of volunteers who deliver not for profit training for dogs at Whiston Town Hall. They are currently not looking for funding, but I can highly recommend their professionalism and welcomeness.

St Nicholas Churchyard Group are a group of local volunteers who take care of the cemetery and grounds to make visiting there a more pleasurable experience for our community. I have it on good authority they needed a new fancy pants lawnmower and I have added a strimmer to this to make life a little easier in their quest to maintain the site.

Halsnead Allotments Social Supermarket are a group of volunteers who provide a social supermarket once a week to our community. I tried to think about how best to support them and came to the conclusion that most families watching the pennies would not be using their income to buy goodies. With Easter around the corner I made 70 Easter Goody Hampers with a value of £11 each for the customers and gave them out last week. The feedback was amazing and I think the offer landed just right(except for someone who thought I was trying to buy his vote) who did change his tune when informed I am not even up for election!

St Nicholas Church Coffee and Film Club are a group of volunteers who show films and deliver coffee afternoons at the church and after meeting them recently I was invited and I enjoyed visiting them. I am awarding them a Luxury Refreshment Hamper.

Community Recognition Award Group Winner 2026

HIGHERSIDE AMATUER

BOXING CLUB



This volunteer-led, not-for-profit boxing club goes far beyond sport. Their mission is simple but powerful: everyone is welcome, regardless of their ability to pay. Sessions cost £3, but no one is turned away for financial reasons — it's about participation, belonging and opportunity.

In our community, where options are limited and often costly, Higherside ABC provides more than training. It offers safety, routine, and a sense of belonging. Within their sessions, discipline is expected, respect is non-negotiable, and camaraderie is real. Young people grow not only physically but also in confidence, character, and resilience thanks to the countless hours volunteers dedicate, giving up evenings and weekends to ensure the club runs smoothly, the equipment is ready, and the atmosphere is right.

This club consistently gives, supports, and creates opportunities for those who might otherwise be left out. They are shaping lives with patience, care, and structure, and that is exactly what "Community Group of the Year" should celebrate. Higherside ABC is not just running activities — they are changing lives.

Community Recognition Award Individual Winner 2026

KATE JONES - THE STROKE SOCIETY

Kate has been a dedicated volunteer with The Stroke Association Peer Support Group in Knowsley for over 12 years. Drawing on her own experience as a stroke survivor, she provides vital support, reassurance, and encouragement to fellow members.



Kate plays a central role in the group, welcoming new members, organising refreshments, bingo, and the WhatsApp group, and ensuring important information is shared promptly. She established a thriving bi-monthly lunch meeting, coordinates the annual Christmas lunch, and independently arranges collections and flowers for unwell members, regularly checking in with older members by phone. She is also quick to alert coordinators if someone is struggling.

Widely regarded as a trusted, dependable, and compassionate figure, Kate combines leadership with genuine care. Despite managing her own health challenges, she consistently shows resilience, enthusiasm, and selflessness. Her commitment and positivity make her an invaluable member of the Knowsley team and a truly deserving winner of the individual recognition award.



SANDRA MAYERS TOWN CLERK



Having served Whiston Town Council since 1982, I have been privileged to contribute to and witness the sustained growth, development, and well-being of our community over more than four decades. As I now approach a period of flexible retirement, my commitment to the residents of Whiston remains steadfast and unwavering. Serving this town has consistently been my highest priority, and I take considerable pride in the positive and lasting impact of the Council's work on the people, services, and environment that define our community.

It has been particularly rewarding to observe the progress achieved through the collective efforts of the Council over the years, and to have played a part in shaping initiatives that continue to benefit residents today. The sense of purpose that comes from public service at a local level is both unique and deeply fulfilling.

Equally, I am continually inspired by the dedication, professionalism, and commitment demonstrated by both elected Members and staff. The 12 Council Members, alongside our hardworking employees, consistently go above and beyond in the performance of their duties. Their shared commitment to public service, combined with their energy, resilience, and teamwork, ensures that the Council is able to respond effectively and responsibly to the needs of the community.

It is a privilege to work alongside such dedicated individuals, whose collective efforts ensure that Whiston remains a vibrant, welcoming, and well-served town. Their ongoing contribution is central to the Council's success and to the continued confidence placed in us by residents.

Sandra Mayers

Town Clerk

Whiston Town Council Finances 2025/2026

The Town Council's accounts are prepared each year by the Town Clerk. These accounts are then audited by appointed internal and external auditors.

Calculation of Income	2025/2026
Balance b/f 01/04/2025	£ 415,411.29
Precept	£ 317,198.41
Ins Comm / Refunds	£ 2,173.14
Whiston Town Hall	£ 50,444.31
George Howard Centre	£ 52,335.49
Robert Foulkes Centre	£ 3,990.50
Multi Use Area	£ 23,737.00
Feed In Tariff	£ 1,961.45
Bank Interest	£ 12,879.05
Vat - Repayment	£ 14,189.61
	£ 894,320.25

A summary of the unaudited accounts for 2025/2026 have been produced for residents' information.

Residents can obtain a copy of these accounts, and inspect audited accounts from previous years at:-

Whiston Town Council
Town Council Office
Whiston Town Hall
Old Colliery Road
Whiston

Calculation of Expenditure	2025/2026
Administration	£ 30,755.90
Whiston Town Hall	£ 44,682.34
George Howard Centre	£ 31,262.97
Robert Foulkes Centre	£ 9,580.24
Muga / Open Spaces	£ 45,356.29
Repairs	£ 6,178.50
Section 137 payment	£ 4,960.00
Salaries	£ 272,276.37
Vat	£ 20,755.99
Balance c/f 31/03/2026	£ 428,511.65
	£ 894,320.25

WHISTON COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS 2025-2026

Whiston Community Recognition Awards – March 2026

On Saturday 14th March 2026, the staff and members of Whiston Town Council welcomed over 100 guests for a heartwarming afternoon celebrating the Whiston Community Recognition Awards and honouring the town's dedicated volunteers.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Jo Burke, presented monetary donations or gifts from funds raised during her municipal year, helping local groups continue the fantastic work they do.

Alongside Councillor Tracey Murray, Chair of the Events Committee, Jo presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Kate Jones from the Stroke Association, and the Volunteer Group of the Year Award to Higherside Boxing Club. Both were selected from a number of nominations from the public.

The afternoon was filled with gratitude, laughter, and appreciation for those who selflessly give their time to the community. Volunteers enjoyed refreshments, shared stories, and were recognised for their invaluable contributions. The event truly reflected the spirit of Whiston, bringing people together to celebrate kindness, dedication, and community pride.



JUNIOR DEMOCRACY AT WHISTON TOWN HALL

Whiston Town Council Hosts Democracy Days

Once again, Whiston Town Council held three Democracy Days this year, welcoming Year Six pupils from all three of Whiston's primary schools – St Leo's, Whiston Willis, and Halsnead. For the day, all pupils became councillors!

The Town Clerk, Sandra Mayers, greeted the children and gave them an insight into the Town Council's responsibilities, how it is elected, and how it is funded. Local councillors encouraged the pupils to share their thoughts on life in Whiston and suggest ideas for improving the area.

The main hall was set up as a council chamber, where pupils elected representatives and put forward their own proposals for consideration.

At the end of each day, the Town Mayor, Councillor Jo Burke, presented every child with a certificate in recognition of their contribution. The events were very well received by both the children and school staff, leaving everyone impressed with the enthusiasm and ideas shared.

WHISTON WILLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

pictured after a busy day at
Whiston Town Council.



Whiston Town Council Members serve the residents of the area on a voluntary basis.

(**) In addition to serving as your local Councillors, 6 of our Members are also Borough Councillors.

Elected May 2023, your Councillors are listed below.

Updates will appear on Whiston Town Council website as required.

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**Councillor J. Burke	Joanne.burke@knowsley.gov.uk	07384900812
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Councillor N. Murray	neilmurray@rocketmail.com	07561157404
**Councillor G. Wickens	grahamcwickens@gmail.com	07575011049
WHISTON SOUTH		
**Councillor D. Allen	Denise.Allen@knowsley.gov.uk	07775681125
**Councillor T. Byron	Terry.Byron@knowsley.gov.uk	07557849407
**Councillor R. Gaffney	ron.gaffney@knowsley.gov.uk	0151 426 4883
Councillor S. Henry	Stephen.Henry1949@btinternet.com	07973361267
Councillor J. Mimmagh	c/o town.clerk@whiston-tc.gov.uk	c/o 0151 430 7200
Councillor C. Powell	c/o town.clerk@whiston-tc.gov.uk	c/o 0151 430 7200
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Councillor S. Rees	sheila.rees@live.co.uk	0151 493 2208

Whiston Town Council

Below is a list of the facilities and open spaces which Whiston Town Council maintain for the benefit of our community:

Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Road, Whiston

George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane, Whiston

Robert Foulkes Centre, Brook Street, Whiston

Foxshaw Close Play Area, Foxshaw Close, Whiston

Multi Use Games Area, Old Colliery Road, Whiston

Whiston Town Council also lease the undermentioned Public Open Spaces from the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley, and we pay an annual amount of £14,187.93 to have these areas maintained.

<u>Acres</u>	<u>Expiry</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.2	2066	Nelson Place/Fisher Place
4.64	2063	North Westerly Side , Dragon Lane
1.18	2059	Willis Lane / Paradise Lane
1.36	2076	George Howard Centre
0.93	2057	Easterly Side Gilbert Road
1.5	2060	Willow Avenue
0.83	2057	Foxshaw Close play area
0.20	2084	Robert Foulkes Centre

ASHTON'S CHARITY

Ashton's Charity is a charitable organisation established to support individuals and families in need within the Whiston area.

A Committee of five Trustees meets regularly to consider applications for financial assistance on an individual basis. Grants may be awarded to support needs relating to health, education, or general welfare.

All applications and information received are treated in the strictest confidence.

If you think you, or someone you know, could benefit from assistance from Ashton's Charity, apply in writing to: Town Clerk, Whiston Town Council, Old Colliery Road, Whiston L35 3QX

Whiston Town Council

Calendar of Events 2026—2027 at Whiston Town Hall

SUMMER FUN DAY - SATURDAY 4h July 2026 12.00 - 4.00pm

A great afternoon out for all the family!

WHISTON WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY 28th November 2026 12.00 - 4.00 pm

Festive fun, crafts and a visit from Father Christmas!

MINCE PIE & MUSIC

THURSDAY 3rd December 2026 1.00 pm — 4.00 pm

An afternoon of music, refreshments and bingo for the over 55's!

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026?

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Update – Whiston Town Hall

Early in 2025, the Town Council successfully applied for a grant from the Football Foundation to help fund the replacement of the very old and worn artificial surface on the Multi-Use Games Area at Whiston Town Hall.

Work took place in late January 2026, during which the old surface was removed, the groundworks improved, and a higher-quality surface was installed. Regular users of the pitch should notice a significant improvement in playing conditions.

During school holidays, the pitch is available free of charge for children on week-days until 5:00 p.m.

For more details or to make a booking, please telephone the office on **0151 430 7200**.