



**CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Community Governance Review of Town and Parish Councils**

**T**he Boundary Commission requires principal authorities to undertake a governance review of its town and parish councils every 10 to 15 years. Knowsley Council is now undertaking such a review.

The forthcoming changes to town council wards provides an ideal time for Knowsley Council to carry out such a review and to give the community an opportunity to give their views.

This review may result in further changes to be made to the parish/town councils, if considered beneficial.

The review will focus on the electoral arrangements of the existing parish and town councils within the borough of Knowsley. In this context, "**electoral arrangements**" means all of the following:

1. the year in which ordinary elections of councillors are to be held;
2. the number of councillors to be elected to each council;
3. the division (or not) of the parish into wards for the purpose of electing councillors;
4. the number and boundaries of any such wards;
5. the number of councillors to be elected for any such ward; and,
6. the name of any such ward.

Cronton unlike the other parish and town councils sits wholly within one borough ward ( Whiston South) so is unlikely to see any changes to its electoral boundaries.

In addition to the above the review will consider if there are any areas where changes can lead to improvement in governance of the councils including abolition of a town or parish council but this is considered highly unlikely.

**A consultation period is now under way and will close on 10 November. All households in Knowsley will be leafleted with details of how to take part in the consultation.**

**C**ronton Parish Council is the lowest level of local government. All councillors must live in Cronton or in special circumstances within 1 mile of the Cronton boundary. This means that the parish council is best equipped to deal with matters relating to issues within Cronton. There is no doubt that should the parish council be abolished the services it provides would not be taken over by Knowsley Council, these include:

- Maintenance of the pasture
- Giving of financial grants to local community groups
- Organising the annual service of remembrance
- Purchase of the Christmas tree and organising of the annual Christmas service
- The use at no charge of the council office by community groups

In addition to the above, abolition would no longer give the Cronton community a strong voice on important issues like planning, protection of the green belt, environmental improvement, policing and highway improvements.

**Cronton Parish Council members urge you to take part in the consultation with the hope that you will express support for your Parish Council.**

*Cllr Shaun Cooper, Vice-Chair*

## Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 12th November 2017

At 10.45 am

War Memorial, Cronton

Come and support this Remembrance Service which commemorates the ultimate sacrifice of those who gave their lives for us.



## OPERATION BROOKDALE



**D**uring the summer Merseyside Police conducted a force wide operation targeting the illegal and nuisance use of road bikes. Over an eight week period 171 motorbikes were seized, many of which had been stolen. There were a total of 35 arrests in connection with the use of such bikes including charges for theft in some cases.

Merseyside Police recognise the nuisance, dangers and distress caused by those without any thought for the community riding illegal motorbikes and quads. Many of the illegally owned bikes are crushed after being

seized thus reducing the number of calls to the police and reducing the nuisance to residents.

There has been a reduction in the number of incidents of off road usage in the Cronton area but **residents are asked to call 101** if you have any information about anyone owning and using an illegal motorbike or quad.

Cllr Shaun Cooper

## DOG FOULING

After an appeal in our last newsletter about dog fouling in the village with good results, sadly in the last two months it is on the increase again.

This is criminal offence and also a danger to children.



Can all dog walkers please clean up any mess that is made by their dogs.

Let us keep Cronton a clean and safe environment.

Cllr John Foran



MERSEYSIDE  
**POLICE**

**There are a number of ways you can contact Merseyside Police**

**999 For emergency only**



Direct Message to @MerPolCC on Twitter

**101 For all non-emergencies**

**Facebook**

non-emergency instances only  
send a message to  
[Merseyside Police CC](#) on Facebook

**ONLINE For all non-emergencies**  
[commcen@merseyside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:commcen@merseyside.pnn.police.uk)

**Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111**

# CRONTON GALA 2017

Ian Watson

Cronton held its very much loved annual village Gala on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, that's Gala number eleven after it was revived back in 2007, and it was yet another roaring success.



We introduced a 1940's theme and some people joined into the spirit by dressing up in uniforms, etc., hopefully next year we can encourage more people to join in the fun with whatever theme we decide on.

The weather was kind to us and the sun was cracking the flags, attendance was good and a great carnival atmosphere was enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

We had a few minor hiccups with equipment failures and missing stalls, so income was down a bit, but we soldiered on and it all came together anyway with plenty to amuse everyone young and not so young.

Widnes WI were a significant help this year providing refreshments and generally helping both on the day and with the planning.

There were some excellent entries in the scarecrow competition and judging was difficult, many thanks to those who made an effort and who supported this annual feature in the week leading up to the Gala.

Next year's Gala is pencilled in for 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and anyone wishing to get involved and join our small but happy band of volunteers should contact Ian on 07770395599 or email [ian@linian.com](mailto:ian@linian.com)

## KNOWSLEY COUNCIL - AWARDS

Ian Watson and Irene McGreary attended the Knowsley Council 'Sports and Cultural Awards' evening in support of Cronton Gala Committee and it turned out to be really entertaining with some very inspirational people and some great success stories.

We were very proud to be awarded 'Third Place' in the "Community Cultural Activity of the Year" award against some stiff competition from some very worthy groups.

We don't look for recognition of course, but it is nice to get it. Many thanks to all involved.



## Cronton Ecumenical Carol Service

**Tuesday 12 December 2017**

7.00 pm - Tree Lighting (Coronation Gardens)

7.30 pm - Carol Service (Holy Family Church)

8.00 pm - Reception (Holy Family Club)

*(Tea, coffee, juice and mince pies will be served)*



**Volunteers needed for Reception  
Please contact Councillors**

# CRONTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Chris Birtwistle



We have a variety of events going on in the Centre:

During the Winter months there is indoor bowling available on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm. Just turn up and ask for Bernadette.

Tuesday mornings baby and toddler group. Afternoon is lace making and karate at 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm.

Exercise class on a Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm.

Pilates on a Thursday evening 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm.



Weightwatchers on a Sunday morning 9.00 am - 11.30 am.

Theatre Drama group for children of all ages runs on a number of days and evenings and all day Saturday. Natalie will be there to advise you.



Thursday afternoon meet up for coffee/cake/biscuits from 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. If you would like to play cards, dominoes, beetle drive then come along for a good chat.

The Lounge Bar is open on a Wednesday evening from 9.00 pm where you can enjoy good company and drinks at a very reasonable price.

If you have a few hours to spare, we are looking for volunteers to help maintain the Centre by way of painting/decorating and tidying up the surrounding garden areas.

## Monday Morning Drop-In...Open Door

Unless it is a bank holiday we open the Parish Council office

Monday mornings – 9.00 until 12.00

Please call in

Lesley Wright



**We also take donations for FOODBANK – everything is gratefully received. A big thank you to our regular contributors.**

## WEDNESDAY MORNING THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE CRAFT GROUP

There is a craft group meeting from 10.00 am - 12 noon. You can bring along your knitting, embroidery, crocheting or any other craft. Help and advice is always available. Tea/coffee and biscuits available.



### Coming Council Meetings

At Cronton Parish Council Office, commencing at 7.00 pm

Monday 30 October 2017

General Purposes & Environment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

Monday 27 November 2017

Council Meeting

Monday 11 December 2017

General Purposes & Environment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

Monday 8 January 2018

Council Meeting

Monday 22 January 2018

General Purposes & Environment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

Monday 19 February 2018

Council Meeting

Monday 5 March 2018

General Purposes & Environment Committee

Finance and Policy Committee



### WARD COUNCILLORS

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**The press and public are welcome to attend all Council meetings and will be invited to speak at the public participation session.**