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# Welcome to 'Your MAGhull' community magazine.

The newly elected Town Council has set out its business plan. The new business plan focuses on the Town Council's core responsibilities: the parks and our leisure spaces. We have committed to engaging with and providing opportunities for young people in our community. I was delighted to be invited to Maghull High recently and met their incredible student executive team, who were brimming with ideas.

Your Town Council has some experienced individuals and some new to the role. Town Councillors do not receive payment for their work. I want to thank every one of them for being willing to give their time, energy, and expertise to contribute to making Maghull a great place to live, visit and work.

The Maghull Advice Centre is in its infancy, only opening in February 2023. It has supported many residents of Maghull and Lydiate. We are looking to expand the range of services available and will shortly be issuing a survey to residents regarding services they wish to see.

Councillor Chloe Parker leader MTC and the editorial team August 2023

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### **Meet the Chairs of the Council Committees**



Councillor Josh Burns Chair of Amenities Committee



Councillor Ross Ferguson Chair of Community Services Committee



Councillor Matthew Lock Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee



Councillor Ken Hughes Chair of Full Council Committee

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The Business Plan is a working document; it will change and adapt to ensure we meet our obligations to residents.

#### Our vision

- A sustainable and greener Maghull
- High-quality, accessible, bio-diverse green spaces and parks
- An excellent offer for the youth of Maghull
- A great place to live, work and visit

Below is a summary of the sections of the business plan. Annual updates will be published highlighting specific actions and improvements.

| Objectives  | Our 'why' (Summary)  |  |
|---|--|--|
| A sustainable<br>and greener<br>Maghull                                 | We live in a world that is suffering from a climate crisis. The Town<br>Council will explore opportunities for greener and cleaner ways of<br>working. The team will evaluate the green spaces for improved<br>biodiversity alongside intelligent investment and maintenance to<br>adapt to our changing climate.<br>While Maghull Town Council (MTC) has a limited planning remit, we<br>will challenge developers to present plans with more sustainable<br>energy use and green energy production.<br>We will embrace digital approaches to reduce waste while offering<br>access and education to residents needing support in digital access<br>and digital literacy. |  |
| High-quality,<br>accessible,<br>biodiverse<br>green spaces<br>and parks | MTC will explore ways of making our parks more multigenerational in<br>their appeal and usage. MTC will evaluate the accessibility of our<br>parks.<br>MTC will actively develop a strategy for increased biodiversity in our<br>green spaces and their ability to cope with our changing climate.   |  |
| An excellent<br>offer for the<br>youth of<br>Maghull                    | We are fully committed to improving the provision for our young<br>people. We will engage with local schools to enhance active<br>participation in the parks, green space development, maintenance,<br>and local decision-making.<br>In conjunction with local schools, we aim to develop a youth<br>volunteering initiative that will enable children to pursue accreditation<br>for schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh award schemes.   |  |
| A great place<br>to live, work<br>and visit                             | We will work relentlessly to ensure that Maghull is a great place to<br>live, work and visit. We will work with various agencies and<br>organisations to achieve this objective. We have already had<br>confirmation of improvements that are to be made by The Canal and<br>River Trust, funded by Section 106 money.   |  |

# Park Life

Welcome back to the latest edition of 'Your MAGhull'.

### Park Management

As regular readers of this article will know, MTC's Park Improvements Strategy sets out an ambitious programme of improvements to all MTC green spaces and playgrounds in Maghull. This year, our focus has been on the immediate improvements to play areas, parks, and sports facilities. These are important places for our children to have somewhere safe, pleasant, and attractive to play, meet up with friends and be active, and for the whole community to enjoy open space.

Following on from the successful improvement and infrastructure works at KGV, Hall Lane Park, Mersey Avenue Park, Moss Park, Balls Wood, Moorhey Park and Lathom Park, MTC are now carrying out repairs and upgrade works in all our other parks, which also have broken or decaying play equipment. I'm sure those of you who visit the parks on a regular basis will have already noted some of the repairs and improvements works. However, don't worry if we haven't got round to your local park yet, all the defective equipment at each of our parks will be refurbished and repainted on a phased schedule within the next nine months.

#### **Flooding Issues**

For several years, residents adjoining Roundmeade Park had raised concerns over repeated flooding, particularly during times of heavy rainfall. I'm delighted to report that excavation and associated works on the drainage system at Roundmeade Park have now been carried out. This work was necessary to improve the issues we had with visitors being unable to access the park because of flooding and the damage suffered to play equipment.

Now that the drainage issues have been resolved, we can schedule in the necessary remedial upgrade works, such as: installing a new wet-pour safety flooring by the double swing set, installing additional seating, installing new signage, and general maintenance of the play equipment.

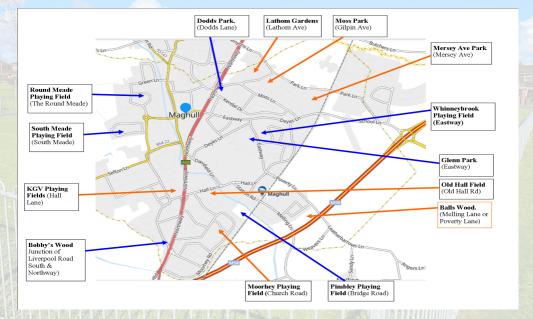
Expect further updates on all MTC parks over the coming months.

#### **Concerns & Complaints**

If residents have any concerns about the parks, play equipment, trees, or open spaces, please contact me at <u>info@maghull-tc.gov.uk</u> and I will get back to you as a matter of urgency.

**Derek Stephens Amenities Manager** 

# **Map of Maghull Parks**



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# Exams

### By Charlotte Freeman

Year 11 Student from Maghull High School

The exam period is possibly the hardest time you will face while in school. It's stressful. It's continuous. It's repetitive. It's inescapable, and no matter how scary that may sound everybody does it. Everybody across the country is in the same position that you are in and that proves that you will be able to do it, whether you get the top grades or not.

The hardest thing for me to overcome when sitting exams was the fear that nobody had the same answers as me when we came out of the exam. It caused me to be so involved in an exam I did in the morning that I couldn't focus properly on my exam in the afternoon. Participating in 'chatter' after an exam is possibly the worst thing you can do, once you come out of that exam it is out of your control so you can not worry about what you put for question 6 or if you used the right terminology in question 12.

It is pointless and futile.

All I ask from you is worry about what you can control; work as hard as you possibly can before the exam and once you hand that paper back in, forget you ever sat the exam (well not literally). To make the whole process easier is to put the hard work in throughout your GCSE years because I assure you it will make the process easier – it gives you a chance in year 11 to revise over subjects you aren't strong on and relax!

You can definitely get through exams, students do it every year. Try your best and use every opportunity you have to listen to advice from teachers, trust me it will make the weight of exams on your shoulders become a little bit lighter.





# **Maghull Radio**

Maghull Radio is Maghull's first and only radio station. All our staff are volunteers from all walks of life and ages, who are passionate about doing something for the community.

We are focussing on fundraising and finding more volunteers to help at the radio station, so that we can continue to provide a high-quality service to the community. So, if you are interested in helping out or could support the radio station with sponsorship, please contact us at <u>studio@maghullradio.co.uk</u> or phone the Town Hall on 0151 526 3705. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

We feel the radio station is a valuable and integral part of our community, which we hope to continue for years to come.







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# Volunteers in Maghull



Councillor Ken Hughes the Mayor of Maghull with volunteers

Maghull Town Council has been working to recruit volunteers to help with supporting a range of activities including the Cosy Club and Maghull Advice Centre. Below are the experiences of two of our volunteers who explain why they chose to volunteer and how this benefits both the community and themselves: -

"There are many advantages to volunteering, and I would always strongly advise people to do so wherever and whenever they can. This is especially so helping out at Maghull Town Council's Cosy Club and the Advice Centre in Maghull Square. I've had nothing but a positive experience, met some great like-minded people and gained confidence too - in all if you are thinking of offering then stop thinking and start doing you won't be disappointed! We all have our own set of skills so whatever yours are I'm sure you will be warmly welcomed and in no time become part of a fantastic team." Jane Nolan

We are always on the lookout for people who could help out and there is plenty of support on offer for those who do want to get involved. If you want to find out more please contact Phil Dillon at MTC on **0151 526 3705** or e-mail **info@maghull-tc.gov.uk** 

"It has been great being involved in this fantastic resource in the community where I have lived for over 30 years. I really enjoy working alongside Emma the advice worker and the other volunteers. It is such a lovely feeling when people have been helped with their benefits claims and come back to tell us their claim was successful and the difference it makes to them. We also signpost people to other sources of help online or on the phone. People tell us they are so grateful to have this help. I am so glad I got involved." **Sue Williams** 



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# **Maghull's Hidden Beauty Spot**

Unbeknownst to most people of Maghull, we have a very historic beauty spot on our doorstep. This beauty spot is a small lake with an island, caves and grotto incorporating a boathouse, plus wonderful trees with nesting boxes. The place is teeming with wildlife and even has a brick built Bat Roost.

So why don't we know about this place? It was enclosed for over 130 years within the grounds of the former Moss Side Hospital, now the location of the 'Poppy Fields' housing estate. It was not accessible to the public until recently. The lake, as it was known, was originally constructed by the Merchant Thomas Harrison in the early



Note the four elegant ladies in their 1800s long white dresses and also the boat in the grotto boathouse

1830s as a 'folly' in the grounds of his family home Moss Side House on Park Lane. Following Mr Harrison's death in 1872, Moss Side House was put up for sale and the rest, as they say, is history! The lake and grotto are the last remaining original part of Moss Side Hospital and Moss Side House.



The lake in November 2022 after local residents, volunteers including Maghull Councillors and Bill Esterson MP carried out a litter-pick

Sadly, since work started on the Poppy Fields housing estate, the lake and grotto have been the subject of neglect, vandalism and has fallen into decay. The housing company plans for the Poppy Fields estate show the lake listed as a 'Public Amenity Pond and Woodland'.

More recently and very worryingly, the water level of the lake has dropped! This needs to be stopped for the safety of the fish and wildlife and to ensure that the historic beauty spot is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Thanks go to family of the late Dr John Rowlands for their kind permission in letting me use photographs and information belonging to Dr Rowlands from his research. Also a big thank you to Stuart Harrison, Moss Side Hospital Historian, for the use of some of his material.

Written by Councillor Ross Ferguson



### The Big Garden Fundraiser

Help us raise funds to support our residents & clients to enjoy gardening & the great outdoors.

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- donate on our website <u>www.parkhaven.org.uk</u>
- drop items off at any of our services
- Volunteer: fill out an application on our website!





### **Maxwell Hodge Solicitors Family Team**

Maxwell Hodge Solicitors have 7 offices on Merseyside and the Wirral. The Family Team, based in Maghull, travel to all offices to see clients. The breakdown of a relationship can be one of the most traumatic times in a person's life. The team offer a Fixed Fee initial appointment, for a reduced fee of £150 plus Vat, to enable clients to consider a way forward. The Family Team assist with divorce, financial issues, children matters, cohabitation and Change of Name.



L-R Sophie Curd, Michael Pratt, Lotus Kimona, Claudia Whittam

Lotus Kimona recently joined the Team, as Paralegal, working with Michael Pratt, our Family Lawyer. Lotus attended the University of Law and previously worked at a specialist family law firm in London.

If you require advice and assistance, please call Sophie Curd on 0151 526 7131 to arrange an appointment. For more information, visit http://www.maxwellhodge.co.uk/family-law-and-divorce/

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#### Cherished Green Space in the Centre of Maghull Needs Your Help

The award-winning Friends of Maghull & District CIC (FOMD) have been consulting and planning over three years, following an invitation from the landowners, to create harmonious green improvements to our much loved green space known locally as The Dell, situated next to the Maghull NHS Health Centre. With your financial and volunteer time donations we want to make subtle changes to prevent any potential building developments, improve biodiversity, maximise engagement to create and maintain an evidence-based place of health and wellness, whilst retaining all its natural qualities that we all value.

With your support we wish to part crowd fund the estimated £60,000 required, to create an accessible seamless perimeter path, a cascading waterfall and two small picnic areas near the medical centre perimeter and gradually introduce compatible woodland themed trees and shrubs over time. Information on how to provide support can be found at <u>www.fomd.co.uk</u> in the following subsections: Projects, Events, Donations press the yellow donate button and specify 'The Dell' when prompted by 'Write a note (optional)'.

Updates will be also available on the Stafford Moreton Way FOMD noticeboard and eventually on a noticeboard at the entrance of the Dell. Many thanks, FOMD.

'Together making Maghull a better place to live'.



Pictured: The Dell in Spring before it became overgrown with weeds.

### Phil Dillon Community Services Manager

As we move in to summer the focus for the Community Services team is to organise MaghullFest and to support the development of a better offer for young people in Maghull working with local organisations and in particular local schools.

MaghullFest will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August on KGV Playing Field and will be bigger and better than ever. Apart from the rides, kids' activities and stalls accompanied by live music, this year will see a show of classic cars from local owners. This has proved to be a popular attraction at summer events and we are sure it will be the same at MaghullFest. There will be plenty for families to enjoy and entrance to the event is free thanks to MTC's support and resourcing. Last year hundreds of people enjoyed the attractions on a baking hot day. Just keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Maghull Town Council is working hard to improve the local offer for youths and one initiative is the newly established Maghull Youth Network (MYAN) Initiated by ClIr Peter Darlington. The first events will take place in the Town Hall's Activity Room and on KGV during the school summer holidays throughout

July and August. The events are hosted by local organisations and potentially include taster sessions on martial arts, boxing, arts, yoga and astronomy. Dates and activities will be announced on social media. Please keep a close eve on MTC's website which will provide more detail and have access to bookings. All activities will be free to local children. Council Leader, Cllr Chloe Parker, has stated that improving engagement with young people is key to the Council's strategy moving forward and further activities will be arranged during the coming months. So please keep an eye out on our website for more news https://maghull-tc.gov.uk/

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The Community Services team will also be working on developing a heritage trail highlighting key parts of the town, in particular our parks and open spaces and historic local figures such as Frank Hornby. This was a project that was disrupted by the pandemic but it is being revisited and driven by the Community Services Committee.

The Council would like to thank the many local organisations that provide such a multitude of support services across the town and it will continue to work with as many as possible for the benefit of our residents. brn

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# aghull in Bloom

Since taking over in February 2022, the new Maghull in Bloom management team have undertaken the repair and refurbishment of all our floral containers.



We have over the last few weeks planted our summer displays around Maghull and have already received many comments and congratulations from the general public.

It is our policy to benefit general well-being by attempting to overcome isolation and loneliness. Compassion and teamwork is the way forward.



**Maghull in Bloom Volunteers** 



**Cllr M Lock with Maghull in Bloom Volunteers** 

Volunteering is a great way of meeting new people, learning new skills and putting spare time to good use. We welcome people from all locations, age groups and backgrounds. Previous experience is not necessary – all that's required is enthusiasm!

In the summer months we are in Maghull Square every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. onwards (and at Maghull Fest on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August) ... so for more information simply ask any of our friendly Volunteers or email: info@maghullinbloom.com website. maghullinbloom.com

It is important to remember 'we can't help everyone but everyone can help someone'.

Councillor Matthew Lock said "with the fantastic work that Maghull in Bloom is doing in our local area and the price of resources increasing Maghull Town Council is delighted to agree a £200 increase in funding for the group to continue, not just it's fantastic work making our town look stunning but also to continue to work to tackle social isolation within our community".



# One hour to make Maghull a better place to live no commitment, just turn up whenever you can

The Friends of Maghull and District (FOMD), recognises that our community lead very busy lives, but might want to 'Help Make Maghull a Place Better Live' but don't want to commit all the time.

You can now dip in and out whenever you want, to any of our regular events with different tasks and venues to suit everyone, and you will always receive a warm welcome.

The events, are posted a week in advance on the 'events' section of our **website**<sup>1</sup> <u>www.fomd.co.uk</u> and our new **FOMD noticeboard**<sup>2</sup> on Stafford Moreton Way, near our rhinoceros. Check the 'projects' tab to see what we do. <sup>1</sup> FOMD Website created by www.abbeytech.net

<sup>2</sup> FOMD Crownfunded Noticeboard installed for free, by <u>www.spacecare.co.uk</u>



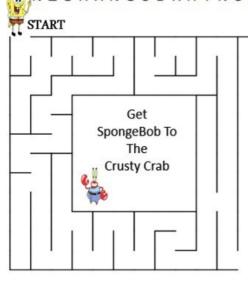
Pictured: Brilliant FOMD volunteers - Joan, Chris and Joanne weeded the border in one hour at Woodend Community Woodland project to rediscover our family of reindeer!

Together we can make a difference!



### Maghull Word Search

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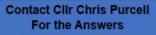




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- Maghull Had WW1 Hospital
- Maghull is a town of 21,000 inhabitants located 8 miles north east of Liverpool
- Maghull had an inventor called Frank Hornby



# Coronation Award for a Friends of Maghull & District Volunteers

Dr Frank Sharp - the chair of the Friends of Maghull and District (FOMD) has been recognised as an outstanding volunteer from 5000 national nominees by Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort as part of the official Coronation celebrations in conjunction with Royal Voluntary Service. The Royal Voluntary Service is one of Britain's largest volunteering charities with volunteers supporting the NHS and thousands of vulnerable people in the community. Astoundingly, the award follows recent awards from Maghull Town Council, Sefton Council, a Royal Tree presentation, and BBC environmental award win!

Frank impressed judges with his environmental and social welfare achievements in galvanising and engaging the community to raise nearly a £100,000 to make countless transformative environmental improvements, planted 15,000 trees, obtained significant funding for a warm space, digital support for an advice centre for the vulnerable and inspired and supports an essential community magazine, and instrumental in establishing community artworks. (www.fomd.co.uk).

All Coronation Champions, including Frank, have been invited to attend one of the official Coronation celebrations, such as the Windsor Castle Coronation Concert or a Coronation Garden Party. They will also receive a specially designed, official Coronation Champions pin and a certificate signed by Their Majesties.

Dr Frank Sharp said: "It's an honour to be named a Coronation Champion. The FOMD all work hard to make a difference in our environment and community, it's heart-warming to have my volunteering efforts recognised alongside all our amazing



Bobby's Wood at Woodend. Main picture: the neighbouring Bumbles Nursery celebrating on the new Coronation picnic area. Insert: (L) Ben Greenaway (invaluable Mersey Forest Senior Project Officer), (R) Frank – (contemplating posh new boiler suit for Windsor Castle!). next to a tree donated from the 'Tree of Trees' (late Queen's art installation) from Buckingham Palace.

supportive Maghull Friends.

New Coronation Picnic Area. The Coronation coincided with the installation of one of the final component of FOMD's Woodend Community Woodland Project comprising of an enchanting Coronation picnic area (pictured), which included some surplus block paving kindly donated by Cllr June Burns (Mayor of Sefton), a recycled plastic picnic table made from 2000 bottles. two storytelling thrones made from upcycled wooden pallets, installed at a discount by Nuttall Landscapes, with the £3,200 costs and a boulevard of 11 standard trees (£2000) brilliantly funded by Sefton Council supported by local Cllr Marion Atkinson. It has really captured everyone's imagination and an absolute joy to see being used daily by the community including - children in fancy dress, teenage and family picnics, managers meetings, all age groups reading or taking a break, dog walkers and others posing for a picture.

Hi. My name is Councillor Ken Hughes. I was very honoured and privileged to be voted in by my fellow councillors as your new mayor. The outgoing mayor, Councillor Josh Burns is a hard act to follow. As he has in his terms of office represented the town, through some of our most turbulent and very sad times of late. However, we move on in life and have many new councillors bringing with them vitality, and enthusiasm especially our dynamic new leader of the council-Councillor Chloe Parker. All to bring a better and brighter future for Maghull.

My chosen charity for this year is - veterans in Sefton. co.uk All charities are important especially in this present economic climate, but I had to pick one and ask you to kindly donate what you can afford. Once again it is an honour to be your Mayor, so please come and say hello at the Maghullfest on Saturday 12th August 2023.



Councillor Ken Hughes Mayor of Maghull

### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

National Gas Emergency Service to report a gas or carbon monoxide emergency, or if a pipeline is struck (even if no gas leak has occurred) call **0800 111 999** - 24 hrs a day.

**Electricity North West** Please call **105** to report a power cut, damage to the network or a dangerous situation.

United Utilities Leak helpline 0800 330 033

NHS If you become unwell and the GP Surgery and pharmacy is closed, consider calling NHS 111. You can get an emergency supply of regularly prescribed medicine from 111 online



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# **High School Admissions**

We are approaching that time of year when the new Year 6 pupils and their parents will be looking to select their preference of high school for September 2024. Navigating all the information can be complex, so we have brought together some advice from a parent who has experienced the process to any parents in our community wondering what to look for.

#### 1) Do your background research but remember it is all historic

Read the school's OFSTED report. Ensure you check the date; a lot can change in a school in a relatively short time. You will have no doubt seen in the news how the school of Ruth Perry was judged inadequate, which sadly resulted in her taking her own life, and was upgraded to Good at the next inspection only months later.

#### Check out the performance data:

(https://www.find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk/#SearchSchools) Once you have found the schools you wish to look at, explore their Progress 8 score. This score shows pupils' progress in eight qualifications between the end of Key Stage 2 (Y6 SATS) and Key Stage 4 (GCSEs). The average score is '0'. Anything below zero means pupils in that year did not do as well as other pupils nationally, with the same SATS results. Using Progress 8 data comes with a health warning; you will be looking at 2021/2022 data, and the North West was impacted more than other regions by Covid lockdowns.

### 2) Open Evenings

These evenings can be tiring for parents and children; they are busy, so plan to be at the school for at least a couple of hours. Schools put a lot of effort into organising their open events; you should see them at their best. Speak to the teachers; do they seem warm and welcoming? Are they passionate about their subject? Speak to pupils; this is important as they are often the best advocates for their school. Usually, the Headteacher will offer a speech, so make sure you attend one of the sessions. The Headteacher is the person that leads the culture of the school; does what they say match what you are looking for as a parent?

#### 3) Social Media

Check out the school's social media accounts; what extra activities do they offer pupils? What clubs and activities are promoted, and do these match the interests of your child?

#### 4) SEND

If your child has additional needs, ensure you have met with your primary SENDCO; this is especially important if your child has an EHCP. The primary school and Sefton will support you through the transition process.

When you visit the high schools, speak to the SENDCO and ask about the provision for your child's specific needs.

#### 5) Admissions Criteria

Check the school's **Admissions Criteria** (it should be on their website). Ask any questions about the criteria at the open evening. Some faith schools ask for a specific faith form to be submitted and evidence of baptism; make sure you submit these to the school by the deadline and get a receipt.

Once you have decided on your preferences as a family, fill in the Sefton form. The primary schools will send out advice, and there is full advice on Sefton's website: <u>https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-admissions/</u>

Hopefully, you are allocated a place at one of your three preferences (Only putting one preference doesn't help you gain a place at your first choice). You may wish to appeal if you are not allocated a school of your preference. We hope to have a 'Parent to Parent' article in the next edition on the appeals process.

All the information parents need about applying for a school place for Year 7 & Reception entry for Sept 2024 will be available on Sefton Council website www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

# Life Changing Support for the Children at Hudson Primary School

Persimmon Homes presented an amazing £5,000 cheque, from their community fund, to gratefully boost the remarkable fundraising undertaken by the parents of Hudson Primary School, to provide dedicated Speech and Language therapists for their non-verbal children in the school's Cherry Tree Autism Centre.

Niki Craddock (Head Teacher) said 'The fundraising parents have done incredibly well and have so far raised £18,000 without any signs of stopping in their quest to provide life changing treatment for the children who have difficulties with speaking and communicating. Our parents have dedicated their time to running the London Marathon, organising a Race Night, competing in a Boxing Match and have been fortunate to get match funding off a number of organisations. One of those kind and generous organisations is Persimmon Homes, who are currently developing the Summerhill Park site, who donated £5,000 to the fundraising efforts, which was presented at our July school fair to our immensely grateful team'.



Pictured: Hudson Primary School's Head Teacher (in blue, rear centre) - Nicki Craddock's funding super heroes receiving the cheque from Persimmon, were joined by Bill Esterson (MP) and new Maghull Borough and Town Councillors. Josh burns, Chloe Parker, and Phil Hart.

# Maghull Advice Centre Timetable



21 Leighton Avenue, Maghull, L31 OAH

| Weekday   | Morning<br>10.00am to 12.45pm   | Afternoon<br>1.00am to 4pm  |
|-----------|---|---|
| Monday    | <b>Cme in the community.</b> Providing support for children's mental health and well-being                          | <b>Big Help</b> . Debt management , fuel poverty and freeing people from food poverty           |
| Tuesday   | <b>Big Help</b> . Debt management , fuel poverty and freeing people from food poverty                               | <b>Sefton CVS</b> . Community Connector tackling social isolation and loneliness                |
| Wednesday | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month Bell<br>Lamb and Joynson solicitors. Free<br>advice on basic family law issues | MTC Digital hub. Support in access-<br>ing digital services and enabling use<br>of the internet |
| Thursday  | Vauxhall Law Centre. Advice and<br>support with benefit applications<br>and appeals                                 | Vauxhall Law Centre. Advice and<br>support with benefit applications<br>and appeals             |
| Friday    | Vauxhall Law Centre. Advice and support with benefit applications and appeals                                       | Vauxhall Law Centre. Advice and support with benefit applications and appeals                   |

Initial advice cand be obtained via walk in but more detailed advice will involve arranging an appointment with a specific service provider at the advice centre.



### Keep an eye out for your

next set of FREE Youth

Events at Maghull Town Hall

These will be on our website

www.maghull-tc.gov.uk or on our social media

All places will be bookable and on a first come first served basis.

Did you know Maghull Town Council has tennis courts available for public to use all year round! No need to book, just come and play. Located behind the Maghull Town Hall L31 7BB. TOWN COUNCIL



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### <u>August</u>

Saturday 12th August - MaghullFest 11pm-4pm at KGV playing field

Monday 14th & 21st August - Cosy club 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August - Youth Activity - American Football 10am-12pm under 10's, 2pm-4pm Age 10 & above at King George playing fields

#### **September**

Monday 4th September - Cosy club 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

Wednesday 6th September - Full Council meeting 6:30pm at Maghull Town Hall

Monday 11th September - Cosy club 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

Wednesday 13th September Community services committee meeting 6:30pm at Maghull Town Hall Monday 18th September - Cosy club 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

Wednesday 20th September Amenities committee meeting 6:30pm at Maghull Town Hall

Monday 25th September - Cosy club 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

Wednesday 27th September - Finance & General purposes committee meeting 6:30pm at Maghull Town Hall

#### **October**

Monday 2nd October - Cosy club 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

Wednesday 17th October - Full Council meeting 6:30pm at Maghull Town Hall

Monday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October-Cosy club, 1pm at Maghull Town Hall

# YOUR LOCAL LAWN TREATMENT SERVICE FREEPHONE 0800 612 4432

**FAMILY FUN** 

**FREE ENTRY** 

# MAGHULLFES KGV PLAYING FIELD

### SATURDAY 12th August 2023 11am to 4pm

### Maghull Town Council Presents MaghullFest LIVE MUSIC from Merseycats, Classic car show, Kids Rides, Mr Stix Childrens Entertainer,

face painting, balloons, prize draws, tombola, coffee & cakes, free bowls, Schofields lemonade wagon, The Venue Food/Drinks Bar, Ibox party bus, Meet your local community organisations and volunteers

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# The Willow Centre Parkhaven Trust

Liverpool Road South, Maghull, Merseyside, L31 8BR Day Centre for people living with Dementia

We offer a home-from-home day centre for people with dementia. We provide the highest standards of specialist care and support for families.

There is always plenty going on at The Willow Centre from yoga to gardening, singing and hair and beauty to name but a few. All set in our beautiful purpose-built centre surrounded by our historic woodlands.

Get in touch or pop in & meet the team Call us on 0151 527 1848 www.parkhaven.org.uk

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