

# PRESCOT & RAINHILL

## Community group milestone

**THE official opening of a community space in Prescott is the culmination of six years' hard work by the Bryer Environmental Group (BEG).**

The group was formed with the aim of tackling issues of anti-social behaviour, improving areas of local land and providing facilities for young people. To date they have created a young children's play area and more recently a community garden and outdoor classroom, which was

officially opened by the Mayor of Knowsley, Councillor Joan Quilliam.

The classroom and garden space, next to Bryer Road Community Centre, was made possible through BIG Lottery funding and money from Ibstock Cory Landfill Tax distributors, secured on behalf of BEG by Groundwork.

The launch event attracted visitors from the local community, as well as three mayors and an MP.

Councillor Quilliam officially opened the site, supported by the Mayor of Prescott, Councillor Mike Wynn and the Mayor of Whiston, Mike Lane. She said: "BEG are to be congratulated on what they have achieved. They have transformed this area of land. Their hard work and commitment has provided a great community facility that will help to combat anti-social behaviour in a positive way.

Knowsley South MP, Eddie O'Hara also negotiated travel chaos from London, following Thursday's storms, to show his support for the project.

All 150 pupils from nearby St Mary & St Paul's Church of England Primary School attended during the course of the day, to help enhance the planting in the garden, as well as take part in all the other activities provided inside the community centre as part of the celebrations.

## Youngsters land 'jumbo' sponsorship deal

A NEWLY-formed junior football team have landed a 'jumbo' sponsorship deal from one of the region's top attractions.

Prescot Cables under-10s have received a new kit courtesy of nearby Knowsley Safari Park.

The team, coached by Paul Wardale, currently plays in the Walton and Kirkdale Junior League in which Wayne Rooney first made his name.

Prescot Cables FC, who play in the Unibond Premier Division, are running under-10 and under-11 teams for the first time this season, building on the achievements of their youth section over the past couple of years.

Tony Zevarona, chairman of the Valerie Park club, said: "It makes you feel proud when these youngsters run out onto the pitch and the lads themselves are really proud to be part of the Prescot Cables family."

Following the success of the two new sides, the club is now in the process of creating teams at under-6 and under-7s.



Prescot Cables are currently playing at the highest level in the history of the club which dates back to 1884. Club patron is Lord Derby, owner of the safari park and Knowsley Hall.

The under-10s visited Knowsley Safari Park to collect their new kit and coach Paul Wardale commented: "I am delighted that we have managed to land this sponsorship deal at such an early stage in our devel-

opment. It's a real boost for a great bunch of lads."

David Ross, general manager of Knowsley Safari Park, added: "We're very pleased to be able to support this young team. The park is currently enjoying its best spell for more than 30 years and we hope that some of that success rubs off on them."

● **ABOVE:** Prescot Cables under-10s with their kit sponsored by Knowsley Safari Park.

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