

THE MAYOR'S FUND

Nightstop Communities North West

Nightstop Communities Northwest CIC (NCNW) is an embedded local non-profit organisation with over ten years' experience providing safe and secure emergency accommodation for vulnerable homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless. They offer host and supported accommodation. All residents are supported with life skills, through their sixteen-unit accredited Property Pathway Programme. NCNW also offer a bespoke mental health support service, inclusive to all, for up to ten weeks. At NCNW they pride themselves in being the largest provider of mental health support services in the area. The services on offer include: Counselling, Anger Management, Mediation, Family Therapy, Group Therapy, Ladies First support group, Funda-MEN-tals support group and Online Counselling and Advice. NCNW has proven capacity to deliver effective and innovative services. It has a unique position as a hub for combined homelessness and mental health support for vulnerable people and an ability to bring real change to the lives of people, their families and the wider local community.

The Lets Go Stroke Club

The Lets Go Stroke Club was established in 1997 by a handful of stroke survivors, who never realised it would become one of the largest independent stroke clubs in the UK. A registered Charity, they work throughout Halton and aim to combat the social isolation suffered by stroke patients, and offer support and advice to affected individuals, their families and carers. They are proud to say that they are run by volunteers and have no paid employees. Five people a week in Halton have a stroke. The Club's aim is to reach out to them and offer a reason to leave their home environment. They can leave their problems and responsibilities behind for a while at one of the Club meetings, held monthly in Widnes and Runcorn. The Club organise days out every month and three holidays a year. A large focus of the Club's activities is centred on their families and carers who are often forgotten and need relief from the relentless stress of caring for their loved ones. By meeting with like minded individuals, all of whom have some experience of stroke, they can share their stories, and realise they are not alone but part of a caring community, where they can make new friends and begin to enjoy life again. Life after a stroke is essential!



The Worshipful the Mayor of Halton 2019 - 2020

Councillor Margaret Horabin

THE MAYOR AND CONSORT OF HALTON 2019 - 2020

(Councillor Margaret Horabin and Mr Carl Horabin)

The Mayor and Consort of Halton, Councillor Margaret Horabin and Mr Carl Horabin, live in Widnes in the Kingsway Ward, where Margaret is one of three Ward Members. The Mayor was born in Widnes and has eight brothers and two sisters. Her Consort and husband, Carl, was born in West Bank, and moved to Mottershead Road in the Kingsway Estate, Widnes when he was a few months old. Carl has one brother and one sister. Margaret and Carl have been married for over thirty years and still live in the Kingsway Ward.

Margaret and Carl look after one of their grandsons, who they say at thirteen years old brings a definite touch of the “active teen” to their home!

They have three grown-up children; Colin, Suz and Carl. Between them they have gifted Margaret and Carl with six amazing grandchildren –Terrilouise, Johnathon, Tonileigh, Connah, Christina and Shay. They are the life and soul of Margaret and Carl’s lives, as are their four beautiful great grandchildren – Domanic, Cole, Noah and Dillon.

The Mayor, having been employed by the Open University working as a Community Development Officer within Halton, took time off to have her youngest son Carl before qualifying as a hairdresser. As a mature student, Margaret returned to learning and university where she found her passion for teaching in the SEN sector. Although she has been retired for five years, Margaret’s students and colleagues still stay in touch.

The Mayor has served on several school governing bodies and completed many Regulation 44 Visits to Children’s Respite Homes. Margaret has been a member of Halton Borough Council’s Appeals Panel; Schools Development Panel; Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board; Health Policy and Performance Board, as well as supporting officers when monitoring Care Homes. Along with a fellow Ward Member, Margaret has walked the

Kingsway Ward each month undertaking a mobile advice surgery as well as a monthly surgery. The Mayoral year will be the last year in office for Margaret, as she will retire from Council life in 2020.

Carl Horabin has had three long term employers. Following school, Carl’s first twenty-six years were spent at Albright and Wilson, which, after changing to Tessengerlo, closed to make way for the new Tesco Warehouse. After Carl was made redundant, like most parents he sought employment elsewhere and after a few weeks Carl found a position at British Salt. He stayed there for six years until finding employment nearer to home and returning to the chemical industry at Ineos Chlor where he currently works.

The Mayor and Consort have chosen ‘The Lets Go Stroke Club’ and ‘Nightstop Communities Northwest’ as the two local Organisations they would like to support during their year in office. They hope that with the help of colleagues and friends they might raise enough funds to benefit both Organisations.

It is an honour for Margaret and Carl as Mayor and Consort to represent the Borough of Halton. They promise to do their best to promote the Borough and its communities.

