



# THE BOOK OF KNOWSLEY



# INTRODUCTION

**This is The Book of Knowsley.**  
**This is a guidebook made by children for adults.**

We live across Knowsley, in Cronton and Prescot, Whiston and Kirkby, in Huyton and Halewood and Knowsley Village. The places we live feel safe and warm because the people in our communities are nice and kind.

In Knowsley there are loads of shops and lots of places you can go with your family and have fun with them. There are hills to climb and watch the sunset. Sometimes it can be crowded but it's easy to make friends. We like the animals and the people. We like the big trees and the flowers and the parks near where we live. We like that we're a community and we help each other.

Not a lot of people know about Knowsley, so this guidebook will show you where to go and the best things to do there. We can tell you all about our history and all the different people in different communities. We want to show you what we see and what it's like to live here so you can see this place through our eyes.

We children see places differently than adults. We can see things that adults can't see, and we judge them in a different way that we think might be better. It's like when you give us an ordinary cardboard box and we climb inside it and think it's a massive castle – we know how to use our imaginations more. Because we can imagine more stuff than adults, we know more places to go and more ways to have fun. So if you want a more fun and funny and better experience of Knowsley, read this book and we will soothe your minds.

We recommend you read this book in the library because it's quiet and you won't get distracted. Or you can read it at home in bed or under a tree. Read it in the back garden on a sunny day or in a forest or a park because it's so peaceful. Read it on the train or the bus or read it on the beach.

Do not read this book in a massive hole that you can't get out of. Don't try and read it in your house when your little brother is going crazy throwing sand everywhere and your dad is in the kitchen messing with the pots and pans. Do not read it in the city centre at night or on the roof of Anfield whilst a match is on (just don't). Do not read it in the Year 5 class at Holy Family as it's chaos. Don't read it at the water park as it will get wet or in the safari park as it might get eaten by lions. Do not read it whilst riding a bike and don't read it in a bin.

When you are finished you could donate this guidebook to a library or read it to your dog if your dog likes listening to your voice. Or you could give this book to someone else.

Give it to someone who is new to school or your family members who live in a different country. Give the guidebook to your step-family from Manchester or Ava's grandad who's an author who does lots of art. Give it to your aunty who's coming to Huyton and doesn't know her way around.

Give a copy to Chappell Roan and to King Charles. Give a copy to Molly who's from Knowsley but is moving to a different country so she can remember what it's like here. Give a copy to the Mayor and to any new people who come to visit or stay. Give it to your friends and family and different people from around the world. Pass it on or sell it or just re-read it yourself.

We hope in our guidebook you learn to visit Knowsley and see lots of places here. We hope you learn the way around, the history, fun facts, new knowledge and things you didn't know before. We hope you learn to save the environment and about different people's cultures.

We hope you learn to appreciate Knowsley and the people in it. It's a good place to live and we like it here.

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# FACTS & INFORMATION

- Knowsley is made up of 8 places – Cronton, Halewood, Huyton, Kirkby, Knowsley Village, Prescot, Stockbridge Village and Whiston.
- There are between 20,000 and 200,000 people in Knowsley. There are 5,000 adults and 600 to 50,000 children.
- There are 1,500 dogs and 5,000 cats in Knowsley. There are 10,000 pigeons and over a billion rats (check behind the chippy). There are either 0 or 250 or 1 million ghosts.
- The most common jobs in Knowsley are teacher, doctor, and shop worker. The average adult makes £316.25 per week.
- On a scale of 1-10 the average happiness of people in Knowsley is 7.6.
- The people of Knowsley like to eat fish and chips, pasta bakes, chicken fried rice, noodles, sandwiches, pizza and chicken nuggets.
- For fun they like to do fundraisers, make TikTok videos, go on walks with friends, ride bikes, dance, sing, go to the beach or go to Spaceworld.
- The people of Knowsley like to complain about traffic, money, bills, litter, chip portions being too small, potholes, the government, people running on the farmer's fields and most of all the weather.
- At night they dream about being a footballer, winning the lottery and better weather.
- Some things all the people in Knowsley have in common are that they work hard and they like football, fish and chips and watching telly. They are all part of a community.



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THIS IS THE FLAG  
OF KNOWSLEY

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THIS IS THE ANTHEM  
OF KNOWSLEY

*Welcome to Knowsley, all of us live here  
We have loads of cool stuff near  
Come on, give it a cheer!*

*Welcome to Knowsley, listen to us now  
We will show you the Knowsley know-how  
Come on, let us have a bow!*

*Welcome to Knowsley, it's the place for you  
We have a safari park that's true  
Come on, join our crew!*

*Welcome to Knowsley, Knowsley is the best  
You can visit other places  
but we are better than the rest  
Come follow us, you'll be impressed!*

THESE ARE SOME  
COATS OF ARMS FOR  
KNOWSLEY

Kirkby



Cronton



Knowsley  
Village



Halewood



Prescot



Huyton



Whiston



# THE SIGHTS OF KNOWSLEY

## THESE ARE THE FAMOUS SIGHTS OF KNOWSLEY

### Knowsley Safari Park

We really like Knowsley Safari Park as there are lots of animals and rides – you could have lots of fun, also you can make lots of memories. We think it is a very peaceful place that keeps animals safe and lets you see animals you can't see normally. We like it because of the monkeys on the car – they steal your window wipers. It's delightful.

### Huyton Cross

Looks like a water fountain. We think it was built in 1896. We think that a little girl died near this area and now everyone who passes will see the girl in the window made of concrete.



### For Mums

We made this heart statue for our mums because they help us with all our things and we always have a laugh together and sometimes we can't take it, it is that funny.





### For Dads

This is a monument to our dads. We love them for everything they do for us.

### Brave Horse

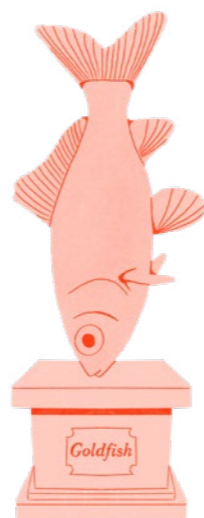
This is a remember statue for a brave horse who was killed in World War II. To help people remember that horse, who was really important to people a long time ago.

### Harold Wilson Statue

This is an elegant small statue located in Huyton Village. We think that he is a CEO of Huyton Village. Whenever we go to the village we say, "Hello, my handsome sir."

### Elephant in a Boat

This is an elephant sculpture in the town centre. It is from the 1700s. It looks like an elephant in a boat. It is for people to play on and stop judging elephants. It is a sign of peace, and to let elephants be happy. We think it is very nice and precious.



### Goldfish

Outside of the pet shop you can see this statue of a goldfish. It is for anyone who has always wanted a goldfish, and it is for the goldfishes.

### For Sick People

This is Whiston Hospital. It takes care of people and helps people with their mental and physical injuries. It saves people's lives. Built in 1958 or 1999. We think it is good for sick people.



### Nana

This statue is for nanas because they never shout and they are always smiling.

### The Big House

We call this one Knowsley Hall or Christmas Hall or The Big House. It is a billionaire's mansion, full of vintage stuff to show people what it was like in the olden days. You can have weddings here, and it's where you vote for the President. It could have been made in the 19th Century. We think it is very fancy, cool and kind of a good building. Whoever bought it is rich.

### Pigeon House

This is Pigeon House or Pigeon Tower. We think it was built in 1939. It is old and rusty and doesn't have a use anymore, but it is close to a shop that is very cheap and has lots of sweets.

### Good, Fine, Scary, Boneless

An amazing skull of a jester, to represent jesters. Also called the skeleton head graveyard. Built in 1984 or 2014. It is next to the health centre near the Tesco. Good, fine, scary, boneless. It's a statue for fun. It might be for a circus.



### Sisters

This is a monument in the shape of a cup. It is in the grass by Cronton primary school. We made this statue for our sisters because they are special to us and they help teach us how to cook. They also help us improve playing football. Whenever we get back from school they have a hot chocolate ready for us.



### Love

This is a statue in the shape of a paw print. It is for our dogs because they bring love into our lives.

### Famous Forest

This is a quarry and a famous forest in Cronton. Built in 1895. It used to be a waterfall and people jumped down it, but people stopped because the water evaporated. People rock climb here and there is a swing. There are rabbits, squirrels and lots of rare birds. We have been there and there's loads of nettles. It is a good place to walk your dog and people do.

### Mossy Rock Thing

This is Cronton Cross or Moss Henge. It is a mossy rock thing. We think this is interesting and historical. It could have been built in the Medieval times. It was used for resting when people carried coffins to the church. It is a place to reflect, maybe have a little cry and a moment to look back at some memories.



### Brothers

This is a statue we made for our brothers because they are really special people and they are always there for us and protecting us.



### BFFs

We made this statue for our best friends. They are always kind and caring and they always put a smile on our face, even on our worst days. We are so thankful for our best friends. We put this statue in the park so we can see it every day.

## THESE ARE THE LESS FAMOUS SIGHTS OF KNOWSLEY

### The Super Peaceful Pond

There is a secret pond by my house and it is super peaceful. It is surrounded by thick bushes and nettles and then you have to go down a ditch to see the super peaceful pond. I would not have found out about it, were it not for my 13-year-old neighbour. Unfortunately it is filled with leaves and rubbish.

### The Toppo

I always have known about The Toppo. It is like a calm place. Most people don't know about it because it is well hidden. A little group of people go there when it snows. It is sketchy but fun.

### The Peaceful Tree

I really like this tree because I can see it from my window and on cold days it turns yellow. I also love using my telescope on it so I can see the leaves and animals that live in it.

### **The Locked Tunnel**

Once I was walking to my nan's old house and I saw this tunnel. It was covered in leaves, rocks and thorns. It has always been locked. Nobody really knows what's inside of it. My mum says nobody has been inside it for years. I think it leads to a secret area.

### **The Bramble Field**

I found out about this place because my grandad worked there when he was a little boy. A long time ago it was an old horse's home. My grandad's uncle worked with cart horses and owned stables. I am the only one, that I know of, that cares for the bramble field. I don't think anyone knows about the history of the field because 1) it was a family-run business and 2) it was a long time ago.

### **The Overgrown Forest**

Outside my house there is a forest that is overgrown and nobody looks after it. We play in it and there are a lot of animals in it like great spotted woodpeckers, jay birds, hedgehogs, squirrels and foxes. We leave food out for them to try and keep them alive.

### **The Wetlands**

By the skate park there is a forest that people go to for peace and quiet but there is rarely anyone there because there is nothing there. You could just go for a walk or flower picking and even on a picnic! My nan told me about this place. This place is called the wetlands.

### **The Reading Place**

I walked past this place once and it looked so old and worn out. I think it would be a great place to hide and it's quiet so you can hear the birds chirp. Nobody knows about it because it is next to the cemetery and it's creepy too, but you can read there if you like horror!



### **The Awesome Field**

A place that no one knows is the big field behind my school. It's between the house and our school so that's probably why no one knows about it. I found out about this place from practising cross country. We don't really use it that often. I think it's kind of awesome though.

### **The Little Den**

In the park next to my home there is a little den which I found when I went to the park. I like it because it is very mysterious. No one ever except me has found it because no one goes to the part of the park it is in.

### **The Muddy Path**

I like to go to Stadt Moers and go around the lake. No one normally is there in the winter. There is a secret way to go to the other side of the lake. You have to go through a gap through the trees and follow the path which is made of mud.

### **The Charity Shop**

A charity shop has opened recently in Huyton Village. Not many people go there. One time my dad bought a 1966 England badge for £20 and it was worth £30k. People in Huyton underestimate charity shops.



# THE ORDINARY STREETS OF KNOWSLEY

All across Knowsley – in Cronton, Prescot and Halewood, in Huyton and Whiston and Kirkby, in Knowsley Village and Stockbridge Village – you will find ordinary streets like the streets near our schools where we live.

On our streets you can find shops and cafés and huge fields and lovely green hills that make our day. There is a chippy across the road and a big stadium where people play football. We love the tall trees and how all the leaves fall down in autumn and also the Tesco. At Halloween and Christmas people decorate their houses and it's very beautiful and on bonfire night we all go to the field and we do a big fire.

We like it when our friends live nearby and there are lots of kids to play with and lots of grass to play on. We play kerby with our mates or we go to the duck pond and walk around. It

is peaceful and everyone is nice and friendly. We can ride our bikes and do cartwheels on the grass. Sometimes it is so quiet. There is no noise at all.

On our streets the people are nice and welcoming and if you need help they will help you. There is John who lives opposite and is very sweet. Bob makes lots of things from wood and he looks after old furniture and cars. There is Sean Hessey who was a footballer and our neighbour who is a scout for Everton. There is our neighbour who sings in the shower and our other neighbour who gave us a football which was a bit random. Our friend's neighbour catches mice and sings strange songs and our other neighbour doesn't talk but his brother doesn't stop talking. The people in number 8 are interesting people. There is Shelley who has a lot of pets and Sian who knows a lot more than we do. There is Albert who sadly passed away.

There's a pigeon who lives on our street. There are bulls, sheep, horses and foxes. There are cats and dogs. A tortoise, a guinea pig, a rabbit, squirrels and a hedgehog that comes into our front garden every night. When we play out our neighbours look after us. It's a very nice place to live in.

Some of our streets are very quiet and hardly ever become overwhelming, but on some of them we are not allowed to play out because of the cars. Sometimes there are lots of motorbikes and everyone parks on the path. We wish there were painted football lines and a new and bigger pavement. We wish there were less cars and a cleaner field. We want new telephone poles with less fungus growing on them and a small greenhouse for everyone to come and grow flowers. We want the swans to move.



There is a scary bungalow at the end of the street and a loud dog and when the bin men come it makes all the streets stink. Sometimes there's screaming and sometimes people set fires in the wood. People throw litter boxes over the fence and all the leaves fall off the trees and mess the up the front of the houses. There are flowers on the field and when we play football we trample them.

We don't like the hotel that has parties when we go to bed. We don't like the fireworks that go off at night and we don't like the amount of dog/cat business. We don't like the fact that things keep breaking like windows and elevators. We don't like the holes in the road and when the kids act hard. We wish there were more people to play with. Maybe we could have a waterpark on the hill opposite us. Maybe there could be a bicycle and scooter lane. Maybe we could get more leaves in the autumn. Maybe everything could be a tiny bit bigger.

But we remember the firework show where there were barbecues and the huge party for the Queen's Jubilee. We remember when a water fight broke out randomly and when we built an ant village and when two ice cream trucks came at the same time.







rock-climbing wall and a bench where people can sit and rest if they have a sore back. There's a ball pit and soft play. There's a big kid area and there is a bouncy castle for anyone to enjoy and a rollercoaster. There is hopscotch and a dance floor and the biggest trampoline ever. There's a magic slide and a slide with a secret room inside the slide, and a giant washing machine especially for shoes.

There are toy cars and a motorbike racing track and a petting zoo and a dog lake. A pet shop with a puppy section and kitten section. There's a bughouse and horse riding stable so we can practice horse riding whenever we want. There's a bunny rabbit field and a forest and animal reserve to encourage more wildlife into the area. At Christmas there's a Christmas tree for everyone to enjoy.

There's a minifridge for drinks and a hot dog machine and other food vending machines for late night food when the shops are closed. There's a free ice cream van and a chocolate and marshmallow stand and a lemonade stand and there's also a coffee machine for parents. A cleaner robot that tells jokes goes around the park every day and makes everybody happy

Next to the park there are football pitches with the grass cut nicely and a basketball pitch, a baseball pitch and a running track. There's a netball court and a Chick-fil-A. There's a waterpark with a swimming pool and an ultimate water slide and a diving board, and a free fair for adults and kids where anyone can come and have fun every day after school and on the weekends. There's an ultra-mega treehouse which we made for £0.00 from fallen down trees and old rope, with a telescope and a zipline and another tree where you can write your good memories on a piece of paper and hang them on the tree. We made this because we won't be able to relive all the good memories and we want to remember each one.



### Our Schools

One of the most important parts of Knowsley is our schools.

Our schools are nice and beautiful and have a big heart.

Our teachers are kind and caring. We get to go on school trips, have parties and sometimes watch drama plays in the hall. And whilst we do love being at school, one of the best things about school is home time.

The hardest thing about our school is the learning and the writing. We learn so much that our hands hurt. Plus, handwriting is hard. Another hard thing about school is bullying. It is hard at the start when you are new and you have to make friends. But the main hard thing is maths, 100%. And the work gets harder the older you get!

Our favourite places in the whole school are: the library because we love reading; the quiet club because it is relaxing; the big tree because you can climb on it, and that bit near the playground door because when the teachers are not looking you can do gymnastics.

There are lots of interesting people in our schools like Mr Tunstall because he can play a lot of musical instruments. Other interesting people are: Faith because she is a good dancer; Lyra because she has so many pets; Alissa and Evelyn because they draw like 21 year olds at age 10; and Ethan because he eats rulers. But the most interesting people of all are our besties, because they help us and make us laugh. We just love their personalities! We also find ourselves really interesting because we are funny and cool and good at games.

If we could change one thing about our schools, we would make home time 2 hours earlier. We would also make lunchtime longer because our current break feels like one second. We would make a bigger playground so that we can have more fun. We would build a pool out there with a waterslide. We would play football all day and only do a bit of work. We would get rid of bullying and stop people having arguments about random things. We would bring back the big pencils and get more art supplies because it would boost our creativity. We would have more celebrations and go on school trips every day. But also, we wouldn't change anything.





## A MAP OF HUYTON, PRESCOT, & WHISTON

1. The most exciting place is Knowsley Safari Park as it is full of animals and family fun.
2. The best place to land an aeroplane is Prescott Cables Football Ground because it's huge.
3. The best place for amazing food is The Big Chippy as the food there is lovely.
4. The kindest place is the Charity Shop as it helps people in need.
5. The best place to find out about the 1980s is Prescott Museum as you can find out about old things there.
6. The best place to hide a dinosaur is the garden centre as they would be camouflaged.
7. The best place for fishing and camping is Carr Lane Woods.
8. The happiest place is Spaceworld Soft Play as it is fun for all and a good place to meet up and play with friends.
9. The best place to relax is the nail salon where you can get pampered.
10. The best place for a water fight is the Fire Station as it has lots of water.
11. The busiest place is Whiston Hospital's waiting room because they look after people and lots of us were born here.
12. The best place for walks is Stadt Moers Park as it is a great safe open area and there is a playground.
13. The best place for fun times and memories is playing on Whiston Juniors football pitch.
14. The calmest place is Huyton Library because you can read and do crafts there.





## A MAP OF KIRKBY & KNOWSLEY VILLAGE

1. The happiest place in the neighbourhood is the Northwood Chapel where we go to youth club.
2. The tastiest place is Quarry Café. The best sausage barms ever.
3. The best place is the Liverpool FC training ground because you can see Liverpool players.
4. The best place to meet friends is at The Elephant sculpture in town.
5. The best places to eat are McDonald's, KFC and Wendy's.
6. The most interesting place is Saint Mary's Church as it is full of old carvings, stained glass and pictures.
7. The best place to hide treasure is the woods at the end of Sugar Lane as they have lots of nooks to hide things.
8. The best place to hide is Syder's Grove as there are lots of trees.
9. The place in the neighbourhood to get peace and quiet is the woods near the football field.
10. The best place to eat is the fish and chip shop on Sugar Lane.





## A MAP OF CRONTON

1. The best place to ride your bike is Pex Hill because it is a large open area.
2. The best place to play with friends is The Pasture because it has equipment to play on and holds a summer gala.
3. The best place in the neighbourhood for fish and chips is Crossroads Chippy as it is famous for them.
4. The best place to hide treasure is the Unicorn Inn because there are loads of bushes and everyone is scared to go in them.
5. The best place to eat Pringles in a tree is here in this tree.



## A MAP OF HALEWOOD

1. The best place to walk a dog is Halewood Park Triangle because it is quiet, has a large area and lots of pathways.
2. The best place to use public transport is Halewood Train Station as it provides good links to many different areas.
3. The happiest place is the New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre because it hosts fun events such as crafts, activities and bouncy castles.
4. The best place to shop for essentials is Halewood Shopping Centre as it has a large car park and many shops.



# SOME INTERESTING WALKS

## A Knowsley Village Walk

On this walk you can hear the leaves floating to the ground and the birds gliding through the sky! There are all different colours on the leaves and the horses are so cute and you can play with their hair. The nettles are really spiky but you will be safe. And when you smell something like a chippy and when you walk left then right, right then there is McDonald's. If you haven't tried, please try it. It is so good and amazing. You will love it if you are a quiet person because when the kids are in school it will be really quiet - it will be like a library! Thank you for the journey of Knowsley Village!

## A Penguin Walk

Start at Tesco Extra in Prescot. Walk like a penguin past The Range and head to Pets at Home to buy a penguin. Then go to Next for clothes and JD for penguin shoes. Then get some food suitable for penguins from Marks and Spencer's. Head to Sweet and Sugar on the A57 to buy some ice cream.

## A Wetlands Walks

Today you should go on a walk to the wetlands to look at the nature! You will see trees! You will see grass! You will see flowers! You will see benches! You will see water puddles too!

## The Secret Walk to Stadt Moers

Welcome to a secret walk to Stadt Moers. To start, you will go out of Manorwood Drive to Lickers Lane. You will hear birds starting their chorus and little wasps buzzing around the place. As you go on, you'll reach windy Arbor Road where the shops are. After the shops you'll spot Village Hotel which you go to and then keep going straight. You will go past a big red building and find a sign. You enter at the sign and you will be in Stadt Moers Park in no time.

## A Walk Around Cronton

On a walk around Cronton you will enjoy how peaceful the village is. The walk might be tiring so make sure you have some water or juice and something to eat while you are walking if you wish. You will smell greens and hear people talking. Make sure you see the Cronton Cross. The cross was used for the people to rest carrying the coffins. And the chippy is the best place to have fish and chips. Oooh and the SCARY bushes in The Unicorn's pub beer garden. The reason it is scary is because they are big and creepy and it must be the best place to hide treasure.



## A Walk Where You Can Have It All

There is a park near Willow Rise. You might not want to go there because it is so boring. Instead of going to that park there is another park near the swimming pool and it is so good. You will enjoy it so much. There are so many trees and flowers. You will have it all! After you are done going to the park you just have to walk forward. Keep going forward until you get to the townie. You just have to go past Taco Bell and Morrisons, then you are in McDonald's. Also when you are crossing the road be careful because there are lots of cars.

## The Townie Walk

Start at the townie. You can hear kids playing, you can smell McDonald's, you see cars and people. Turn right to see the beautiful Old Rough Park, then keep walking to the garage. You can hear the birds singing. At the gas station they sell lovely cheap sweets. You love the smell of the chippy. Keep going forward to the lovely Quarry Cafe and shops and the barber.

### **The Football Walk**

Start at St Luke's School. Walk to Subway at the end of Shaw Lane and grab a sandwich. Walk up Dragon Lane to the traffic lights, turn left and walk along Warrington Road. At the Soccer Centre, find a ball and dribble it to the Retail Park. Do keepy-ups through Prescott town centre, cross the road and through the gates to Prescott Cables Football Club. Practice scoring goals and pretend you are a football star. Listen to the crowd roar as you score a goal.

### **A Walk Around Halewood**

*You will see:*

- Birds that will make you feel happy
- The Post Office that will make you feel calm
- People that will make me you feel welcome
- Go Local Extra which will make you feel wealthy
- The Park that will make you feel playful
- The Care Home that will make you feel kind.

*You will hear:*

Birds chirping. Trees waving. People talking. People saying hello to you.

### **Another Walk Around Cronton**

On this walk people should notice animals and wildlife. The most difficult thing will be to walk past the haunted house. You might hear or see the dog that sticks its head under the gate and barks. Keep going and you will find Parklands Sports Club which has also got a cafe in the building. Then you will come across Upton Rocks Park where you can have a play. Coming near the end you will see the cenotaph where you can have a look at the stocks. Finally, you cross the road to get to Crossroads Chippy to end the day and have some tea. The end.

### **An Active Walk**

Start at Sandstone Drive. Turn left onto Delph Lane. Take a right and enter Henley Park. Go to the play area to climb and slide. Then have a game of tag and do a workout on the gym equipment. Exit the park onto Warrington Road and turn left. Stop at the shop for a cherry cola to recover. Remember to do all this with ice cubes in your shoes.

*When you are on your walks you should try and photograph all of these things:*

- St Ann's Well
- Pex Hill with a sunset
- Whiston Hospital
- Flowers
- Insects
- Rain droplets
- Random noises
- The elephant in the townie in Kirkby (which we like to play on it)
- The Pasture
- A germ on a sink
- A blade of grass on Stadt Moers
- The stars
- Fish and chips
- Dogs
- A fuzzy bumblebee on a flower
- A lamppost
- A really thin book that nobody likes
- A broken mug
- Ants
- A stick man
- Christmas pyjamas and a Christmas tree
- A speck of dirt on a window
- A stone
- Shakespeare North theatre
- The witch's grave in St Chad's graveyard (if you stand on it you get cursed)

- The bushes behind the Unicorn pub (there are clowns or a snake in there)
- Crows
- A jumping spider
- Pavement
- A phone charger
- A very dark room
- A tissue
- Robins
- A lotus seed pod
- A mini bath bomb
- Knowsley Hall
- The word boring (written down on a piece of paper)
- A fly flying
- A cup
- A baboon escaping from the safari park
- A pen lid
- Rocko the staffy
- A pole
- A tree
- Us running around when we've drunk too much Coca Cola
- Nothing



# SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

*Before we go, we have a few questions to ask you:*

- Where are you reading this book?
  - Why are you reading this book?
  - Are you enjoying it?
  - What are the pros and cons of this guidebook?
  - Do you like Knowsley right now?
  - Do you think it is a good place to be?
  - How old are you?
  - What job are you doing?
  - What is your dream job?
  - Have you learnt anything new about Knowsley?
  - Did you enjoy seeing things from a child's point of view?
  - Would you recommend this book and who would recommend it to?
  - Would you like this guidebook to be published around the world?
  - Would you read any other of the guidebooks in this series?
- What is your favourite place in Knowsley?
  - What's your favourite book?
  - What's your favourite movie?
  - Rats or mice?
  - Dogs or cats?
  - Liverpool or Everton?
  - What's your favourite chocolate?
  - Are you mean?
  - Why do you do your job?
  - Why did you choose our book?
  - What is your favourite car brand?
  - Have you watched Bondi Rescue?
  - Will Elon Musk take over the world?
  - Is it hard to do a bungee jump?
  - Do you love cardboard?
  - Would you rather have a lot of money or a good community?
  - Have you ever seen a place you lived as a kid being knocked down?
  - Have you ever felt like you didn't really like Knowsley?

- How many goldfish have jumped out of your tank?
- Could you do anything to change Knowsley?
- Where is the funniest place you could read this book?
- What are your hopes and dreams for Knowsley?
- Do you think the future is going to be good or not?
- Will you sell this book or keep it?





Thank you for reading our guidebook to Knowsley. It's a peaceful place and we like living here. Despite the litter and the dog droppings, there are nice places to visit, it feels safe, people help each other and look after each other, lots of people play out, there are shops and chip shops and the food is good.

We think in the future it may be more futuristic with flying cars but we worry that people won't care very much about animals and plants. We worry technology will ruin Knowsley. Maybe everyone will just be inside not doing anything because of all the new electronics instead of going out to play. We worry our friends won't want to be our friends any more. We worry everyone will move away and we'll lose our nice memories. We worry there might be a robot apocalypse coming. We worry about Elon Musk taking over the world.

You don't know what's going to happen in the future, you don't know where you'll end up or how you're going to die.

We hope there won't be cars to pollute the air and kill all the plants. We hope people don't waste their time with AI. We don't want arguments and war. We hope things keep getting better and better and as time moves on we learn from the past.

We hope some things don't change as we like them the way they are. We hope our houses are still there in the future. We hope our schools don't disappear as most of our families went there. It would be sad to see places being knocked down and replaced over time. The townie in Kirkby, the Cronton Chippy, Knowsley Hall, the park, St Mary's Church. We hope the people in the community don't change as they're lovely. We hope our hair stays the same.

But we're still looking forward to our futures and seeing who we meet in the future. We're looking forward to going places we haven't been before, going out with family and friends and having a really fresh year. We're looking forward to getting older. We're looking forward to being 17.

In the future we might be multimillionaires or architects or chefs or professional rugby players. We might become doctors and have a very successful life. We might be in Greece or Spain where there are loads of geckos. We might be on Bondi Beach with the lifeguards. We might be in St Lucia or Ireland. We might be in Manchester with our family or Canada or Costa Rica. Or we might still be here where we know everyone and everything is much easier. We would miss Knowsley if we moved.

Wherever we are, remember us, and remember what we showed you. This is a memento from a moment in time. This is what it was like to live in Knowsley in 2025.

The Book of Knowsley was created by Year 5 children from Cronton Church of England Primary School, Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Halewood, Knowsley Village Primary School, St Leo's and Southmead RC Primary School in Whiston, St Luke's Catholic Primary School in Prescott, St Marie's Catholic Primary School in Kirkby, Willow Tree Primary School in Huyton.

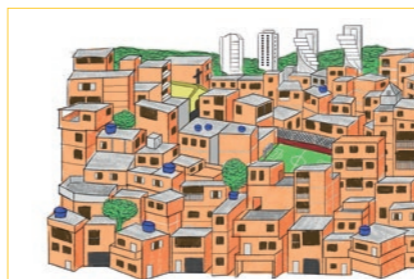
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## THE BOOK OF PARAISÓPOLIS

**If you enjoyed *The Book of Knowsley*, you might also like *The Book of Paraisópolis*.**

Paraisópolis is a place in Brazil where lots of people live. There are lots of houses and lots of cars and lots of cats and dogs and pigeons. Knowsley also has lots of houses and cats and dogs and pigeons but there are no monkeys, snakes or vultures on the streets here like there are in Paraisópolis.

In Paraisópolis there are nice places to eat like Bom Prato restaurant and the Sorocaba Bakery and we also have nice places to eat like chip shops and ice cream vans and Antonio's that does really nice chicken goujons. We don't cook on the streets and we don't have people playing drums in the street usually, but in Knowsley and in

Paraisópolis the pavements are bad and there are smokers and talkers and gossips. We both have influencers too.

In Paraisópolis and in Knowsley there are lots of hairdressers and special holidays and cars parked on the pavement. We celebrated the Jubilee and the coronation of the King and Cronton Gala and in Paraisópolis they celebrated having a World Cup but in Knowsley there has never been a World Cup in our lifetime. At Christmas in Paraisópolis and Knowsley Father Christmas comes round to meet the children. At Christmas we have a live nativity called Heaven Sent but they don't do this in Paraisópolis.

In Paraisópolis and in Knowsley there are lots of yummy treats and our families live close by. Sometimes they are peaceful and sometimes they are noisy. We all have spider webs and loud music and problems with litter. You can hear church bells in Knowsley and you can hear church bells in Paraisópolis.

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