

Prescot Hockey Club Statement – May 2013

Prescot Hockey Club members have voted unanimously to leave Knowsley and move to Sutton Leisure Centre in St Helens.

St Helens have offered a complete Sports Development package including school / club links, satellite training sessions, coaching & umpiring course and a lot of additional support to the Club.

Prescot Hockey Club have played at Warrington Road for over 50 years and more recently had two seasons at Sutton whilst the current pitch was re-laid. However, with the Leisure Centre being demolished and no parking or changing facilities being available the hockey teams have been playing at Edmund Arrowsmith School. Sadly, the building of new facilities at Prescot Leisure centre has taken over 18 months+ and the Hockey Club have never been consulted or informed about these changes, delays and added cage facilities. This has had a severe impact on members leaving, retiring or drifting away.

The final straw came when it was announced that a 5 aside 'Cage' is being built on one pitch meaning the club could no longer host tournaments or expand on one site. At no time did Knowsley consult about this and the impact it would have on Prescot Hockey Club.

St Helens Sports Development have offered Sutton plus up to another three venues for training and have been thoroughly professional and helpful with their offer of support to Prescot Hockey Club.

It's an exciting new era for Prescot Hockey Club as Champions of Greater Manchester for both ladies teams, new opportunities to get new members from Prescot and St Helens and a solid foundation at Sutton backed by the St Helens Sport Development team.

There's even an over 40s Mens team and plans to expand the clubs juniors too.

The move will be made officially from June 1st 2013.