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to all our readers

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## Council tax exemption for foster carers

Could you become a registered foster carer with Halton Borough Council?

From 1st April 2019, Halton Borough Council will provide 100% discretionary council tax discount for all foster carers resident within the borough who foster Halton children directly with the Council



### Did you know?

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We provide all the equipment you will need including beds, bedroom furniture or prams for example, as well as a generous weekly allowance.

### Feeling inspired?

Come along to our next **Become a Foster Carer Information Session** in your area.

See overleaf for details.

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# Message from the Council Leader



**We have a lot going on in our winter edition, starting with an update on the Silver Jubilee Bridge and the road improvement works in Runcorn.**

Demolition work is underway for the delinking of the Silver Jubilee Bridge and the major refurbishment of the bridge itself is going well with the huge painting job and cable replacement work now complete so we can move on to the next stage.

We have some good news stories from our care homes and adult placement services, important advice about getting your flu jab and staying warm during the winter months, and recycling tips for over the festive season.

We have a great offer of free entry at Norton Priory, and there is our guide to entertainment and activities in the borough over the next few months.

And finally, I would like wish you and your families all the very best for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

**Cllr Rob Polhill** Council Leader

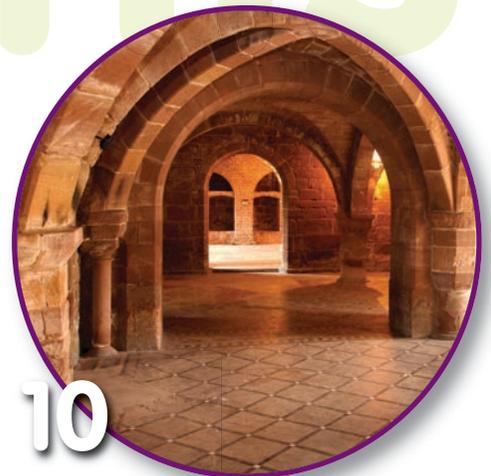
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# Demolition of roads to 'delink' Silver Jubilee Bridge

You may have seen the huge crane in position on the Runcorn side of the Silver Jubilee Bridge as work began on the demolition of the western approach road viaduct and structures including Playground Bridge, Station Road Bridge and Picow Farm Road Bridge.

The demolition involves the crane lifting the bridge beams down to floor level, before being broken down and transported away. The bridge deck will be removed and the piers will be demolished by machines that "munch" the concrete to below ground level.

The work is due to be completed at the end of April 2020.

The road structures being demolished are no longer required because of the reconfiguration of the road network, following the opening of the Mersey Gateway, with traffic travelling through the borough now directed over the new bridge. This means that when the Silver Jubilee Bridge reopens, it will be used primarily by local traffic, cyclists and pedestrians.

When the 'delinking' of the Silver Jubilee Bridge is completed, the landscape around the Runcorn Station area will be completely transformed.

A new roundabout is being created which will make it quicker and easier for drivers to move around and for the first time in decades, the town centre will be visible from Runcorn Station.

The road improvements will also enable exciting opportunities for future developments that could include new leisure facilities, housing and space for businesses.



## Silver Jubilee Bridge soon to be open to pedestrians and cyclists

All of the temporary closures of the footpath crossing the Silver Jubilee Bridge will soon come to an end meaning pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross the bridge at any time of the day.

The part-time weekday closures were put in place to ensure the safety of the public, as essential repairs and repainting of the bridge took place overhead.

The painting of the bridge has on its own been a mammoth effort! Balvac were the contractor appointed by Halton Borough Council to carry out the work.



Before any painting or repairs could start, they had to erect scaffolding to enable the team to begin the painstaking task of removing the various layers of paint to expose the bare steel.

The public will be familiar with the white wrapping that has gradually made its way across the arch of the bridge – underneath, work has been taking place one small section at a time – it has had to be done this way due to the unique, challenging (and often very windy) conditions created by the River Mersey - meaning they had to be extremely careful not to add too much weight to the arch, as it could potentially have risked the integrity of the entire bridge structure.

Specialist paint had to be used designed to withstand harsh weather conditions.

Renewal of the paint system on the arch hasn't been carried out on this scale before and as a result the iconic Silver Jubilee Bridge looks glorious.

Along with completion of the steel arch painting, a project to replace one of the SJB's main deck suspension cables was successfully completed at the beginning of November. This activity has not been undertaken before and is the result of a design and scheme development process that started in 2017. Maintenance work on the bridge will now move on to its next phase, which will include the reconfiguration of the bridge deck, reducing the number of lanes from four to one in each direction while providing a dedicated cycle lane on the carriageway.

It is expected that the bridge will reopen to vehicles in summer/autumn 2020, coinciding with completion of the work to delink the Silver Jubilee Bridge and create a new roundabout on the Bridgewater Expressway in Runcorn.



# Exciting plans for a new decade of leisure and sport in Halton

New and improved leisure centres, swimming pool and football pitches are the highlights of ambitious Halton Borough Council proposals to invest in the borough's recreation facilities.

**Kingsway Leisure Centre will be replaced by a new £20 million leisure 'hub' on Moor Lane, while the popular Brookvale Recreation Centre will get an overhaul as part of an indoor and built facilities strategy. A new leisure centre for Runcorn is also planned to replace Runcorn Pool.**

The strategy sets out the Council's vision for the next ten years. Consultation with users will take place to confirm facility mix, layout and business planning, and progressing other objectives in the strategy's action plan.

The indoor strategy was developed because the Council faces a number of challenges in respect of its indoor sports facilities; primarily that Council-owned swimming pools and sports halls are old and of poor or below average quality.

Studies were undertaken to look at the supply and demand for facilities in the borough, taking into account the quality of the current stock and future requirements. This will ensure residents have the opportunity to be more physically active and healthy by having access to quality facilities and, where appropriate, develop their sporting ambitions within their local community.

Proposals for the new leisure centre in Widnes comprise a 25m x 6 lane swimming pool with a learner pool and seating for 150 people, 100-station health and fitness provision, a 4/6 court sports hall, at least two multi-purpose/ flexible studio spaces, sauna and steam rooms, health consultation rooms and a café/social space.

The Council aims to have the new centre open by the end of 2022.

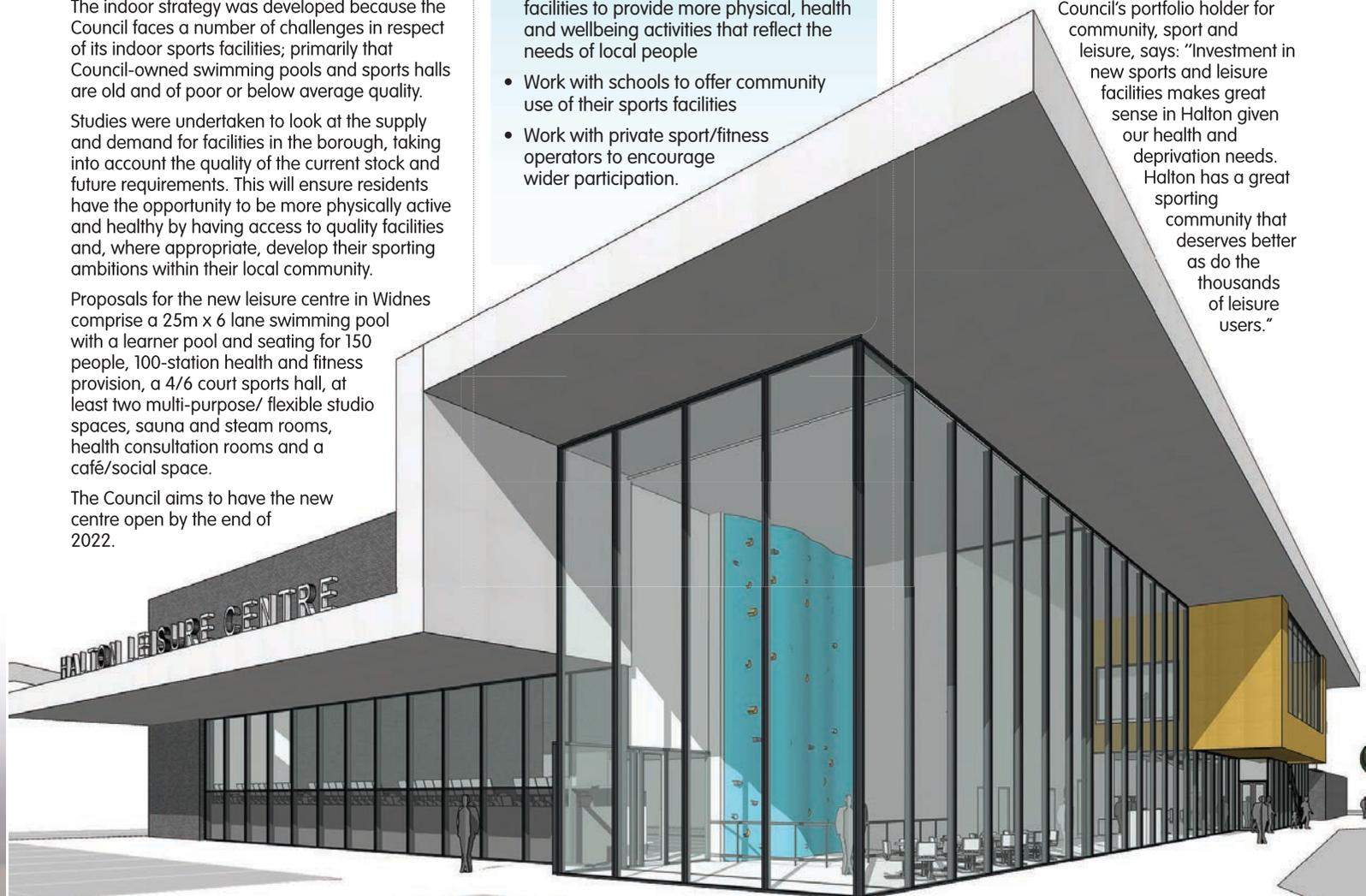
### Other main objectives in the strategy are:

- Brookvale Recreation Centre would be refurbished, including a replacement floor in the sports hall and roofing works
- Runcorn Swimming Pool is no longer fit for purpose and should be replaced on a new site, yet to be identified
- Refurbish Upton Community Centre's sports hall and changing rooms
- Encourage village hall/community facilities to provide more physical, health and wellbeing activities that reflect the needs of local people
- Work with schools to offer community use of their sports facilities
- Work with private sport/fitness operators to encourage wider participation.

Funding for the proposed indoor facilities will be from a mix of sources, including Council, borrowing, and external funding such as Sport England.

It would cost £12 million just to refurbish the existing Kingsway Leisure centre, as opposed to £20 million for a brand new facility and the opportunity for a larger regeneration site on the current Kingsway site, part of the proceeds of which would contribute to the cost of the new leisure centre.

Cllr Phil Harris, Halton Borough Council's portfolio holder for community, sport and leisure, says: "Investment in new sports and leisure facilities makes great sense in Halton given our health and deprivation needs. Halton has a great sporting community that deserves better as do the thousands of leisure users."



# Fresh start for care homes bought by the Council

Two Halton care homes have officially been taken over by Halton Borough Council, and residents, staff and councillors got together to mark the occasion.

**The Council recently purchased St Luke's in Runcorn and St Patrick's in Widnes from Community Integrated Care (CIC).**

To celebrate the new start, Council Leader Cllr Rob Polhill and Cllr Tom McInerney, Portfolio Holder for Social Care, went along to both homes to meet residents, their families and staff.

Due to the ongoing financial challenges faced by the social care sector, CIC has had to provide a significant subsidy to sustain the homes' operating costs over recent years, a situation which could not continue indefinitely.

By transferring the homes into the Council's portfolio of social care services, they can become more sustainable and viable for the future.

Cllr McInerney said: "The Council and CIC felt that the Council buying the homes is the best possible solution for residents, staff and loved ones and will safeguard the future of these services.

"We are grateful to CIC for all the work they have done in supporting Halton residents in these homes over the past 25 years and together we have ensured a smooth transition for the residents. We are excited about the next stage in the development of St Patrick's and St Luke's and look forward to continue to provide them with care of the highest quality."

St Luke's and St Patrick's are both nursing homes for older people and their specialisms include caring for people with dementia. St Luke's provides care for 56 people, and St Patrick's up to 40.

Both homes hold regular activities for residents such as chair exercises, tai chi, bingo, arts and



crafts, cinema events, hand massage, animal petting days and visits from local entertainers. A hairdresser comes in once a week.

St Luke's also boasts themed areas throughout such as garden unit, 50's style kitchen and it has its own cinema.

Sue Carroll, Registered Manager at St Luke's, said: "It is an exciting time for St Luke's as we move forward with Halton Borough Council as our new owners. The staff and residents will work closely with Halton and the local community in making St Luke's a home of excellence for adults with dementia."

Council Leader, Cllr Rob Polhill, added: "I'm really pleased that we were able to buy these two homes to safeguard their future. I am very impressed by the staff, they are fantastic and so dedicated to looking after people who can no longer look after themselves, which is something very close to our hearts."



## Punch and Judy walker is a winner for Bill

Care homes residents across Halton have been taking part in a Pimp My Zimmer competition to decorate their frames and help reduce the number of falls.

Research shows that some residents, particularly those with dementia, sometimes find it hard to recognise their own frame. Zimmer frames are usually grey, making them hard for people with dementia to tell apart or, in some cases, see them clearly. So for the competition, the residents, with the help of staff, had their frames transformed into colourful works of art that mean something to them.

The eventual winner was Bill, 98 years young, who resides in Simonsfield care home, with his Punch and Judy themed design. Bill's zimmer has a traditional seaside show design complete with red and white striped curtain and an old poster of the famous puppets. Second place William, a resident at Croftwood, went with an undersea theme while Lucy in third place loved her Pink Princess Palace idea.

Carers at Simonsfield chose the Punch and Judy theme after Bill recalled seeing the show when he was a child. He said: "I remember it being a real treat to go to the beach as a young boy and watch the show."

Bill received a hamper of sweets and other goodies for his winning walker from competition organiser Zoe McEvoy, from Halton Borough Council. Zoe said: "We loved the Punch and Judy theme and felt it really represented a time in his life when this was very popular and could trigger some happy memories for other residents. Also the fact he is 98 years of age and still moving is fantastic."

The Council continued Pimp My Zimmer in October with a Hallowe'en theme.



# Unsung carers win regional award

Halton Borough Council's Shared Lives carers have won an award in the regional finals of the Great British Care Awards.

The awards are an annual event recognising excellence in social care and this group of Halton carers won the Dementia Carer Award for the North West.

There were nine finalists in the category, with Halton being the only local authority finalist. The team now go to the National final in March.

Eileen Clarke, who manages the Shared Lives Service, was delighted with the carers' success: "In our opinion the carers in Halton are true unsung heroes when it comes to supporting people with dementia.



## EVER WONDERED WHY...?

HALTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

...someone you know controls how you or another adult spends their own money?

...your relative has unnecessary property repairs done?

...the person you care for has bank statements going missing?

...your friend suddenly has little or no money, is getting final demand letters?

If you are worried about an adult at risk of harm and may need support, call:

**0151 907 8306** (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

**0345 050 0148** (Evening/weekend/bank holiday team)

[www.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk](http://www.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk) *Care enough to say something*

"They offer their homes up for day care for a minimal wage and provide the most valuable real life home environment where the person being cared for shares in their everyday family life."

The carers look after people in their own homes, which are inspected to ensure they are Care Quality Commission compliant as they recognise how important it is to keep vulnerable people safe and can offer well-earned respite to the families of the people they support.

One of the things which impressed the judges was the fact that our carers encourage the people they support with dementia to take an active role. They recognise how sedentary people's lives with dementia can become by travelling from one sofa to another.

The people being cared for are engaged in meaningful activity which helps prevent them from becoming distressed. Activities include baking, making crafts and other mindfulness activities supported by their carer, plus going out and doing shopping or leisure pursuits.

Eileen, who is very proud of all the carers, said: "Being a Shared Lives carer can bring with it challenges due to the nature of peoples dementia which our carers overcome with humanity and kindness."

Cllr Tom McInerney, the Council's Executive Board Member for Social Care, says: "This is great news and richly deserved. The carers are so passionate about the care they give. They recognise that the person they are supporting are people with a past and future who had valued social roles, and for that reason alone they command the upmost respect. I am delighted for them and wish them all the best for the national final."

To become a carer in the Shared Lives programme and get paid for the time you spend looking after someone, ring **0151 511 6677** Monday- Friday, 8am - 6pm.



# Halton Health Improvement



**Are you 65 and over, pregnant or have a long-term health condition?**

You are eligible for a free flu jab. Speak to your GP or pharmacist today.

**HELP US HELP YOU**

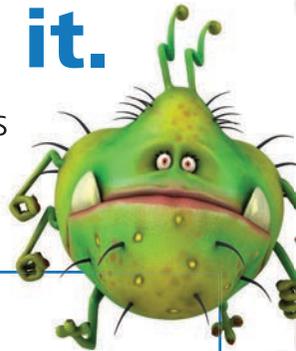
STAY WELL THIS WINTER

[nhs.uk/flu vaccine](http://nhs.uk/flu vaccine)

Richard Pile, GP

## Help us help you this winter by getting your flu vaccination - it's FREE because you need it.

Pregnant women, children aged 2 and 3 years old, people over 65 and adults with underlying health conditions are at particular risk from flu and vaccination is still the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus.



### Who is eligible for the free vaccine?

- Anyone with a long term health condition, such as COPD, bronchitis, emphysema, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease or a chronic neurological disease like multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy.
- Adults age 65 and over.
- Children age 2-3 (available from your GP) and all primary school aged children (vaccine is given in schools).
- If you are pregnant.
- If you care for someone in any of these vulnerable groups, you should get vaccinated to protect yourself and those you care for.

If you don't fall into any of these categories you can pay to get the flu jab at your local pharmacy. If you care for someone in any of these vulnerable groups, you should get vaccinated to protect yourself and those you care for.

Contact your general practice, pharmacist or midwife to get it. Visit [www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine) for more information.

### FLU FACTS

- You can't get the flu from the vaccination!
- People often say they feel ill after the jab. But it's not flu! You might get some side effects – like a raised temperature, aching and your arm might hurt where you had the needle – but that's just the vaccine doing its job.
- It's safe to get vaccinated if you're pregnant
- When you are pregnant your immune system is naturally weakened, so it's important to protect you and your unborn baby from the flu, even if you feel fit and healthy. Catching the flu when pregnant could cause complications for you and your baby.
- If you have a long term condition you need the flu vaccination
- If you have a respiratory illness like COPD (emphysema, bronchitis), asthma or other condition like heart disease or kidney disease, flu could affect you more severely and you are more likely to get complications such as pneumonia or be hospitalised. If you are eligible, your GP will have been in touch to offer you the free jab.



#### FLU CAN BE VERY SERIOUS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Children under 5 and older people are far more likely to be hospitalised if they get flu. This is why all 2 and 3 year olds are offered the vaccine, in a simple nasal spray form. Children can also be 'super spreaders' of flu and may not show symptoms themselves but could infect other members of your family or community, who could suffer serious complications from the flu. The vaccine will help protect everyone around your child.

**EVEN IF YOU FEEL WELL, MAKE SURE YOU TAKE UP THE OFFER.**

If you've been offered the flu vaccine but have any questions or concerns about it, speak to your GP or practice nurse. You can also visit [nhs.uk/flu vaccine](http://nhs.uk/flu vaccine)





**Not sure what to do?**

Go straight to **111**  
Call or go online [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)

**Think you need medical help right now? NHS 111 is available to offer advice on the best course of action.**

NHS 111 provides you with a convenient way to get the right help or advice when you need it. Whether over the phone or online, NHS 111 will ensure that you get the right care, from the right person, as quickly as possible. So, if you think you need urgent medical help, you can now call 111 or go online at [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk).

**'HELP US HELP YOU' KNOW WHAT TO DO.**

## Worried about heating your home this winter?

For many people the onset of winter can mean huge rises in energy bills. For those living on benefits or low incomes this can lead to significant hardship. Living in a cold home increases your risk of becoming ill, particularly if you are older, very young or already suffering from poor health.

But there is help for Halton residents and most are free if you are eligible.

### Save Energy Advice Line - 0800 043 0151

Run by Energy Projects Plus, you can get help and advice on how to get your boiler checked, insulating your home, applying for a warm homes discount and changing your gas or electricity supplier. Home visits are available under the LEAP scheme.

### Cheshire Green Doctor - 0808 168 547

For private renters and home owners, the service can offer a wide range of advice about saving energy. You can also email [cheshire.greendoctor@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:cheshire.greendoctor@groundwork.org.uk)

### Citizens Advice Halton - 0151 257 2449

Provides free advice if you are struggling to pay your bills or would like information about benefits you might be entitled to receive.

### Environmental Protection Team - 0303 333 43



If you rent, your landlord must ensure your heating system is safe and in good working order. The team can help if you have problems with your landlord. You can also email: [environmental.protection@halton.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@halton.gov.uk)

## Cold Callers

Be wary of anyone who contacts you out of the blue saying you qualify for government grant for a boiler, insulation, new windows or other home improvement.

Find out what schemes are in your area by contacting EPP on **0800 043 0151**.

## Halton Health Improvement Team

The Health Improvement Team offers a range of services for residents of all ages to improve their health and wellbeing including:

- Advice and support for new mums on feeding their babies
- Helping families get healthy together



- Exercise classes for people with health conditions like stroke, COPD, cancer and back pain
- NHS Health Checks and blood pressure checks
- The popular 'Fresh Start' weight management course



- Groups, activities and events for the over 55s with Sure Start to Later Life
- Help to quit smoking at our Stop Smoking drop-in clinics across Widnes and Runcorn.

The team also runs campaigns to reduce mental health stigma, tackle loneliness and promote cancer screening programmes, while its workplace health solutions are popular with many local employers.

Call **0300 029 0029** to find out more or visit

[www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk](http://www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk)

If you would like to find out more and speak to someone about your situation, you can complete our online form: [www.halton.me/affordable-warmth](http://www.halton.me/affordable-warmth)



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# Explore 900 years of history on your doorstep



Norton Priory Museum and Gardens is one of Halton's hidden gems.

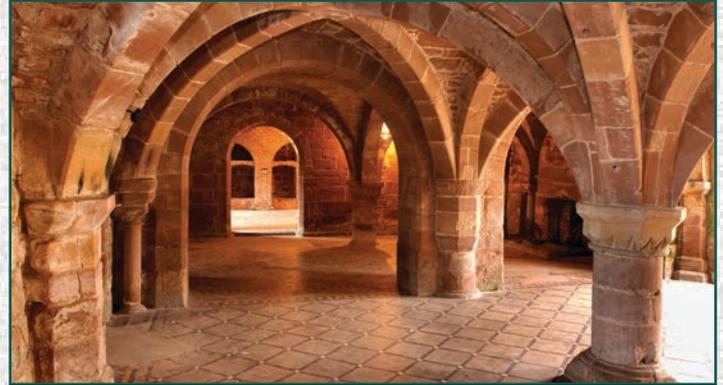
The museum and gardens is operated by Norton Priory Museum Trust Limited, which was established in 1975. Covering 42 acres the site includes the ruins of the medieval priory, which includes the stunning 12th Century Undercroft, a 2.5 acre Georgian Walled Garden and mature woodland with meandering paths linking woodland glades, orchards and artworks.

If you haven't visited Norton Priory before, you're in for a treat. With the festive season approaching, you'll find a range of unusual gifts in the gift shop, and the on-site café offers a range of homemade cakes and tasty light meals to help you make the most of a day out here.

There are often trails for children to complete, and when the weather is warmer, our story walks are great fun, and really interactive.

Since it's Christmas, we have a special voucher for residents of Halton to use any time between 18 January and 31 March 2020.

Please note, Norton Priory is closed for Christmas between 21 December and 1 January. It reopens 2 January to 5 January, before closing for annual site maintenance between 6 January and 17 January.



## **NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS** FREE ENTRY TO HALTON RESIDENTS TO **NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS**



This voucher is for free entry to the museum and gardens for residents of Halton on production of this voucher. Come and experience Norton Priory for yourselves and learn more about the secrets of this incredible site.

Name of people living at address (including children):

Address:

Postcode:

E-mail (for marketing purposes only):

Tick here if you would like to receive updates about news and events from Norton Priory Museum Trust Limited. We do not share data with third parties.

**Terms and Conditions:** Only valid from 18 January to 31 March 2020 (inclusive). Only valid for residents living in Halton borough. No cash value. Not transferable. Voucher must be completed with the name of each visitor, and all named visitors must live at the stated address. This completed voucher must be cut out and presented at the main Museum reception desk to be validated.

# HALTON LIBRARIES

## you said... we did...

Earlier this year, Halton Borough Council ran a survey about its libraries to find out more about the people who use them and what they want from a modern, innovative library service.

We wanted to know why some people don't use our libraries and we asked for suggestions of things we could be providing in order to make us even better!

There were some great responses and suggestions. Looking through the replies it became clear that people were suggesting things that we already offer so we've decided to share the results and shout about the services that Halton Libraries provides!

### You said:

**"I don't visit the library because I owe fines."**

We no longer charge fines on late books. We were the fourth library service in England to do this with more following each month.

**"I read e-books now so I no longer need to use the library."**

Did you know that we provide free e-books and e-audiobooks through a service called Borrowbox? This is available via an app for all phones and tablets. The books are simple to borrow, renew and reserve and there are thousands to choose from. We even offer a free digital magazine and newspaper service through our PressReader app where you can read the latest copy of your favourite magazine or newspaper without having to buy it from the shop. All you need is a library card.

**"I work during the day, so can't get to the library."**

Halton Libraries are open in the evening. We are open Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Widnes and Halton Lea libraries, and Tuesday evening at Ditton and Runcorn libraries. So if you work, you can still get to choose your books or use our computers until 7pm. We also open on Saturdays until 2.30pm. And don't forget that you can access the library service online at any time. You can reserve a book, renew the books you have out, check out e-books and e-audio books, read magazines and newspapers or browse information at any time and in the comfort of your own home.



**"Do you ever have events on in the library?"**

We certainly do! We hold regular events including author talks, local history talks, children's events and regular clubs. Details of all these are produced in our quarterly brochure and Inside Halton. We've recently had a fantastic 'Garry Jotter' murder mystery evening and a Cake and Crime Evening with thriller author Cath Staincliffe, writer of the Scott and Bailey detective novels.

**"Could you run reading groups?"**

The Library service runs six groups across Runcorn and Widnes. They are friendly and relaxing groups for people who like a good chat about books and reading. We provide each group with a different book each month for them to discuss and share opinions. New members are always welcome. Take a look at our website for more information.

**"You could take the library service into the community."**

We love going out into the community to meet people. We take the library out and about in a number of ways through our Community Library service. We offer a free Home Library delivery service to people who can't get to their local libraries, we deliver reminiscence sessions to local groups and care homes, using our extensive collection of memory boxes and local history photos and books and we provide collections of books to places where people are isolated.



## We had some great comments from people who use Halton libraries, here are just a few:

"The staff are excellent - welcoming, friendly and happy to help."

"There's a wide range of books and a free request service, so if the book you want isn't available they can order it from another Halton Library or order it in new."

"We love the free events for children - regular and in the holidays. Also the Summer Reading Challenge promotes children's literacy and love of reading."



You can find out more by visiting your nearest Halton Library or on the libraries' website

[www.halton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.halton.gov.uk/libraries)

*Hope to see you soon!*



## Waste prevention and recycling

### Quick tips .....

- Check online for our list of acceptable materials by wheelie bin type
- Swap wrapping paper for gift bags that can be used over and over again
- Why not send e-cards and save money, time and cut down on waste
- Don't forget to check your refuse and recycling collection dates.

### Shop wisely and save money

Before you go shopping write a list and stick to it! You will be less likely to make impulsive and unnecessary purchases. We all buy and waste too much food over Christmas, so for some money saving tips and tasty left over recipes visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

**Remember to take re-usable bags with you when you shop.**

### Cash in on your old clothes

New winter clothes, boots and coats, plus the January sales, means lots of old clothes to get rid of after the holiday period. Old clothing can be donated to charity, or why not try selling them and put some money in your new coat pocket?

### Make money from your old phone and electronics

If you get new electronic items for Christmas, make sure you recycle your old one. Not only will you be helping the environment but you can also get yourself some money. Check out local stores or look online for your best option.

### Recycle your Christmas tree

There are many different ways to recycle a real Christmas tree, including buying a tree with roots to replant for next year. If you have a garden waste subscription you can place your tree into the bin as long as it is chopped up or it can be recycled at the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres.

### Recycle more

Use your blue bin or box for extra materials generated over the holidays.

- Wrapping paper (no foil or sticky tape)
- Christmas cards (no glitter)
- Cardboard boxes (remove unrecyclable material from inside e.g. polystyrene)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cans and plastic bottles.

**NO BAGS** - Please don't bag your recyclables as this hinders the sorting process.  
*Items should be placed loosely in your blue bin or box.*

*If you are unsure what to do with your waste please check our guide online.*

# Christmas and New Year Holiday Waste & Recycling Collections

The following amendments will be made to refuse and recycling schedules over the Christmas and New Year period. Please make a note of the changes to avoid missed collection.

## If your collection is due on:

## It will take place on:

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December
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All collections will return to normal week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Make sure your black bin doesn't overflow

Check if it's recyclable before you throw it away. Christmas trees, cards, unwanted toys, cardboard boxes, electrical items, all those old batteries, plus many more items, can be recycled at the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres.

**Household Waste Centres** at Picow Farm Road, Runcorn, and Johnson's Lane, Widnes, will be closed on **Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day** but open all other days from 8am until 6pm.

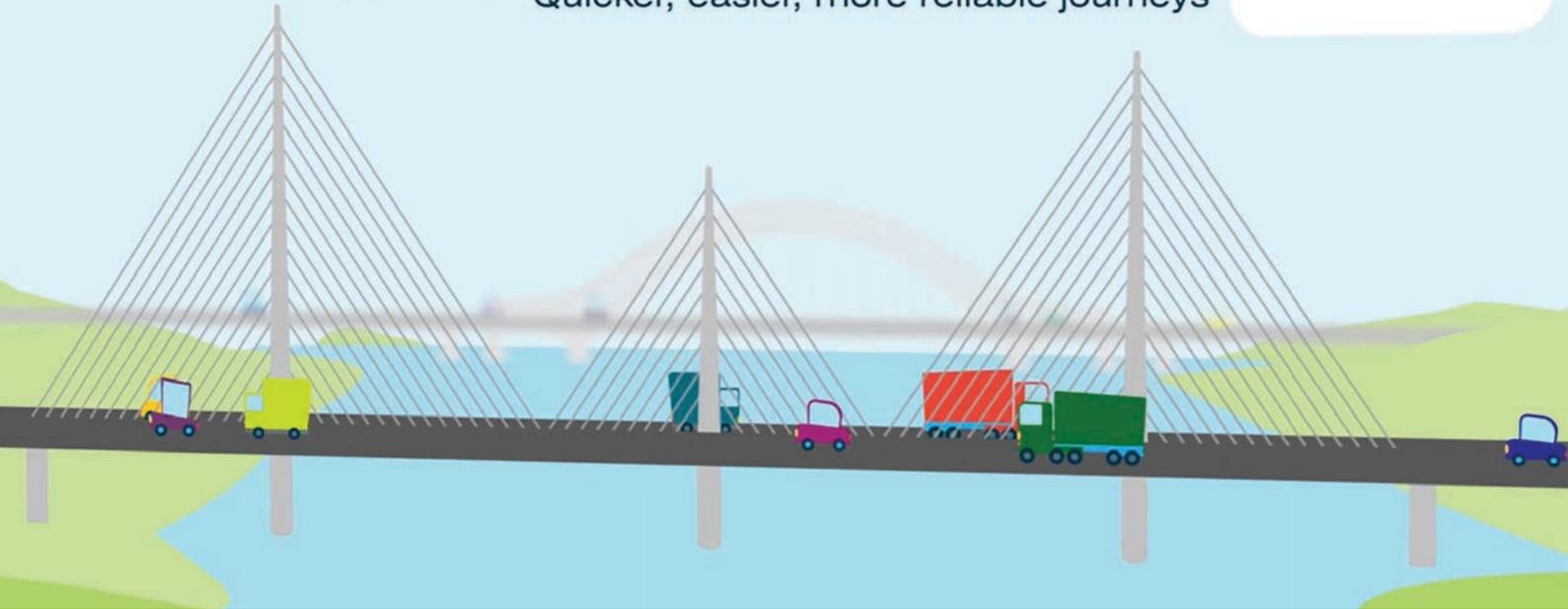
**Remember** if you are a resident and want to take waste from your house in a van or large trailer you will require a permit. The Council's Halton Direct Link shops will be closed from the end of normal working hours on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December so please allow plenty of time to apply for and collect your permit.

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# Busy time for Mersey Gateway team

Community projects, record traffic levels and a Christmas charity appeal are making this a busy time for the Mersey Gateway

## Best quarter recorded

**The most recent Mersey Gateway figures (July – September 2019) show an 18.5% drop in the number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued compared to the same period in 2018. They also showed the highest ever payment on time rate and record traffic levels using the Mersey Gateway Bridge between Runcorn and Widnes.**

This comes at a time when traffic levels using the bridge are at their highest ever recorded, with 6.25 million journeys being made across the River Mersey in Halton in July.

Neil Conway, Chief Executive of merseyflow, said: "These statistics show that we are achieving our key objectives, improving the pay on time rates for the users of the bridge, and as a consequence of that reducing the number of Penalty Charge Notices issued. The work we do to encourage people to register with us and pay on time is working, and we will continue to look at new ways to make it quicker and easier for users of the bridge to either register with us, or to pay their charge on time,

as we want to see the trend of reducing PCN numbers and increasing traffic levels continue."

## Community engagement top of the agenda

**As well as the best quarter yet for bridge crossings, the team is also celebrating a fantastic year of engaging with the local community through its Time Bank programme.**

Time Bank is a way for merseyflow and merseylink to demonstrate their commitment to the local area and provide practical help and support to schools, colleges, charities, and community groups. The team has taken the programme in its stride, working with LOOSE charity, Widnes, Westfield Community Playgroup and Halton Hospital's charity among others to provide hundreds of hours and over 50 volunteers throughout 2019.

The merseyflow team has also been continuing its ongoing support of its chosen charity, Halton Haven. Employees of

merseyflow have carried out a variety of fundraising events for the charity, which provides palliative care through a range of services to individuals and support for their families in Widnes, Runcorn and surrounding areas. At the end of the year, merseyflow matches the amount staff have raised throughout 2019 for the hospice to double the overall sum raised. This means that in total, the merseyflow team has raised an amazing £14,500 for the Halton Haven, and will be presenting a cheque to the hospice later this month.

*LOOSE charity celebrating its new space with the Mersey Gateway team*





The Mersey Gateway team volunteering with Westfield Community Playgroup

## Christmas toy appeal proving a big hit

In addition to a successful year for Time Bank and Halton Haven, merseyflow is proud to be supporting Halton Christmas Toy Appeal once again in 2019.



Nicky Woodward, Halton Christmas Toy Appeal with Helen Williams, Marketing Manager and Janet Cook, Finance Assistant at merseyflow

Now in its fifth year, the team is excited to welcome donations to its annual Christmas Toy appeal. Around 300 local children aged from 0 to 18 have benefited from the Halton

Christmas Toy Appeal since it was first launched. The team is predicting that 2019 will be its most successful collection yet, with a £200 donation from merseyflow kick-starting the appeal.

The inspirational woman behind the Halton Christmas Toy Appeal is Widnes-based Nicky Woodward. The self-employed mum of four takes five weeks off work in the run-up to Christmas every year to run the charity.

Nicky said: "All of the toys and every penny of any money collected will go to help make Christmas special for less fortunate children here in Halton who otherwise might not have very much to celebrate. I'd like to thank everyone who is supporting the appeal – it really will make a difference."

**ANY TOYS DONATED NEED TO BE NEW AND UNOPENED.**

You can donate at merseyflow's Walk-in Centre, 9 Howard Court, Manor Park, Runcorn, WAs 1SJ until Thursday 12 December between 9am to 7pm Mon to Fri and 9am to 6pm Sat and Sun.



The Mersey Gateway team working on improving gardens at Halton Hospital



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### CALL CENTRE

Tuesday 24 Dec	8am-5pm
Wednesday 24 Dec	Closed
Thursday 26 Dec	9am-4pm
Friday 27 Dec	8am-8pm
Saturday 28 Dec	9am-6pm
Sunday 29 Dec	9am-6pm
Monday 30 Dec	8am-8pm
Tuesday 31 Dec	8am-5pm
Wednesday 1 Jan	Closed

### WALK-IN CENTRE

Tuesday 24 Dec	9am-4pm
Wednesday 25 Dec	Closed
Thursday 26 Dec	Closed
Friday 27 Dec	9am-7pm
Saturday 28 Dec	9am-6pm
Sunday 29 Dec	9am-6pm
Monday 30 Dec	9am-7pm
Tuesday 31 Dec	8.9am-5pm
Wednesday 1 Jan	Closed

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WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER	OPEN
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER	OPEN
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER	OPEN
SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER	OPEN
SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER	OPEN
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER	OPEN
TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER	OPEN
WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER	OPEN
SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER	OPEN
SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER	CLOSED

## 2020

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY	CLOSED
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# Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to panto we go!

## Which is the fairest panto of them all? The one at The Brindley Theatre of course!

This year's festive production is **Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs**, from **Wednesday 11 December to Sunday 12 January**.

Starring Brindley panto favourites Rebecca Lake as Snow White, Andrew Curphey as Muddles, Charlie Griffiths as Fairy, Chris Pym as the Prince, and Matt Dallen as the panto dame, Sarah the Cook.

Star of stage, screen and TV shows such as Brookside, Coronation Street and The Royal, Michael Starke is the Huntsman and Lynne Francis is the Wicked Queen.

It's sure to have the usual spectacular scenery, dazzling costumes, hilarious jokes, singalong songs and fun for all the family. So don't delay, book today!

Show times vary and tickets are from £18. There is a British Sign Language performance on Sunday 29 December at 5pm, and a relaxed performance on Sunday 5 January at 1pm.

There is a Uniformed Voluntary Groups ticket offer of £13 per ticket, a saving of £4 on the group ticket price, with a maximum booking fee of £10. (This offer price isn't available on Christmas Eve and Sunday 12 January).



For full panto details see [www.thebrindley.org.uk](http://www.thebrindley.org.uk) or call the box office on 0151 907 8360.





# Have you got the area's most welcoming front door? The search is on!

**Does the colour of your door make your neighbours stop and smile, is it all dressed up for Christmas, or does your doormat say something special?**

As part of their new winter campaign, Foster4, Cheshire's local authority foster carer recruitment service, has launched a competition to find the region's most welcoming front door.

The 'Could you open your door?' campaign aims to encourage local people to think about opening their doors to local children by becoming foster carers. A one minute digital advert has been produced to promote both the campaign and competition. The competition, that will encourage residents to engage with the campaign, will see one lucky winner being crowned as having Cheshire's most welcoming front door. They will also receive a £500 B&Q voucher, donated by local organisation, Weee Charity.

The competition will be open for entries from until Friday 3 January. The winner will be decided by a panel of children in care and announced on Tuesday 7 January.

Residents and businesses living or based in the four Cheshire local authorities - Halton, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, and Warrington - are encouraged to get involved by uploading

photos of their front doors to the Foster4 website or Facebook page using #frontdoorsofcheshire

At the same time, it highlights the importance of ensuring that our children receive a positive first impression when they arrive at a foster carer's house. Our foster carers do a phenomenal job in welcoming and settling children into their home to live as part of their families, for as long as they need to be, and we need more people to open their doors.

We've already got a fantastic community of local carers over 75 in Halton, made up of families, single people and couples who foster with the Foster4 local authorities.

So if the campaign and competition has inspired you to think about fostering, request an information pack by contacting the team today.

To be in with a chance of taking home the title of having 'Cheshire's most welcoming front door' and winning a £500 B&Q voucher.

**Find out more, watch the advert and upload a photo of your door at: [www.foster4.co.uk](http://www.foster4.co.uk) or on our Facebook page [foster4cheshire](https://www.facebook.com/foster4cheshire).**



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# Young people tour airport and learn about career opportunities

Children and students from Halton schools have been finding out more about Liverpool John Lennon Airport and its links with the local community.

**More than 50,000 people from Runcorn and Widnes travelled through the airport this year - that's nearly a quarter of Halton's population! But it's not just the destinations on offer that attracts people - it also plays an important role in the local economy for many Halton residents.**

Robin Tudor, Liverpool Airport's Head of PR and Communications, who was born and bred in Runcorn, talks about a careers event attended by airport colleagues recently at Heath School in Runcorn.

"The airport is constantly expanding, so we are always on the lookout for new, local talent," he said.

"This is the second year running we've attended this event and it's great to see such enthusiasm! We've had many young people ask about all nature of jobs at the airport - from roles in hospitality and security to air traffic controllers, firefighters and pilots."

As well as school visits and career fairs, Mr Tudor also welcomes visits from a diverse mix of local Halton community groups, including Cubs and Brownies, for tours of the airport.

"We want to continue supporting the surrounding communities - we are a local airport catering for the local market," he said.

The 3rd Widnes Kingsway Brownies was one of these groups to visit the airport recently to see and hear all about the workings of the airport and help the Brownies gain their aviation badge.

Brownie Leader Reanna Johnson, said: "Prior to the visit, many of our girls hadn't visited an airport before, so this trip was a fun and interactive way for them to experience an airport, which was great with LJLA being on our doorstep. The whole visit throughout was fun, educational, inspiring and informative and had many of the girls asking lots of questions in following weeks leading into them gaining their aviation badge."



## Liverpool John Lennon

For more information, visit  
[www.liverpoolairport.com/about-ljla/airport-tours](http://www.liverpoolairport.com/about-ljla/airport-tours)

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# the studio

## music, theatre, arts, you...

Free or low-cost, high-quality, creative activities and events for all ages, from award-winning non-profit organisation LOOSE at The Studio, Lacey Street, Widnes.

In 2020 it will be ten years since LOOSE re-opened The Studio as a community-led creative arts centre. They are now collecting photos and YOUR memories for a book which will be published by local non-profit group Feedback. So what does The Studio mean to you, and why? Whatever your distant memories are or however recently you got involved, please e-mail Feedback530@gmail.com and share your thoughts.

The Studio building is 140 years old. Before it became the Queens Hall Studio around 1980, it was a small clothing factory for many years. Do you know anyone who worked there?

This year, National Lottery Communities programme funding has helped The Studio to stay open, and enabled more people in Halton of all ages and abilities to get involved in creative activities, and also in volunteering.

You can come on your own, feel welcome, make new friends and find new interests, and they also support local groups to put on their own events.

It's been a busy year – as well as live music events and theatre productions, The Studio held its first Theatre Festival, there were Comic Cons, the Dead All Day Slumberjack Horror Film Fest, and 'Half The Man' was a great success – Michael Livesley brought his mix of stand-up and story-telling to his hometown of Widnes, honed to imperfection over 25 nights at the Edinburgh Festival.

June saw a collaboration on a Great Get-Together weekend of events in memory of Jo Cox MP.

Following this was a songwriting project created by local musician Anthony Brandreth reflecting the 'More In Common' message inspired by Jo Cox.

The annual August Carnival benefitted from having garden used for the first time. As it has been cleared, planted, and part-paved. Thanks to Mersey Gateway volunteers for their help.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm there's an informal open meeting with free refreshments. People of any age can drop in.

On the 1st Saturday of each month anyone with a couple of hours to spare can drop in and help out as volunteers from 11am-2pm. Jobs include painting, tidying up and gardening. Free tea and toast.

New for 2020 is Youth Theatre for 7-11s and 12-18s, in partnership with community company The Arts Project on Tuesday evenings. The Studio is also teaming up with the National Youth Theatre and their Audition Access Fund programme to become a partner venue.

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**FRIDAY 6TH:** Stand Up At The Studio. Six comedians. Doors & Bar 7.30pm. £3.

**SATURDAY 7TH:** Wreath-making Workshop in partnership with Victoria Park Environment Team. 12.30pm. £8. All materials provided. Plus 11am-12.30pm regular FREE activities will have a festive feel: Tambourine Tots for Under 5s, Vocalise for Under 16s, ArtSpace for Under 12s, Creative Writing for 7-11s.

**SUNDAY 8TH:** Festive Bazaar & Record Fair. 11am - 3pm. Free entry. Stalls and performances. Book a stall or Breakfast with Santa! (11am £3).

**TUESDAY 10TH:** Hula Hula Fun Christmas Party. 6.30pm-9.30pm. £2. Circus skills, hula hooping, facepainting, yoga, stalls etc. Families welcome.

**FRIDAY 13TH:** Band Night. Doors & Bar 7.30pm. £3.

**SUNDAY 15TH:** Just Fabulous Wrestling. 2pm.

**WEDNESDAY 18TH:** Twisted Christmas Tales told by Gav Cross. £5 Adults, £3 Children, Family £14.

**FRIDAY 20TH:** Acoustic night plus festive snacks. Doors & Bar 7.30pm.

**SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH:**

Open Day. FREE. All ages welcome. Exhibition, performances, taster sessions and more. Starts 11am.



**Events and information:** [www.thestudiowidnes.org.uk](http://www.thestudiowidnes.org.uk) and on Facebook and Twitter.  
**Queries/Bookings:** Email [info@thestudiowidnes.org.uk](mailto:info@thestudiowidnes.org.uk) Telephone: 0151 420 8997.

# All aboard the Danny!

It's been quite a year for the Danny steamship with Halton schools, youth and community groups coming on board to enjoy finding about our local waterways.

The Daniel Adamson, a 1903 steam tugboat and passenger ship from the Manchester Ship Canal fleet, has always had a special connection with Halton. The tug base at Old Quay, Runcorn was her home for 60 years, the ship's mate who tied her up for the last time in 1984 was a native of Runcorn, and that same man cast her off as she was towed into Liverpool to begin the long journey to restoration. And it was a Widnes man who persuaded the Manchester Ship Canal to part with the Danny for £1, and who worked for 12 years towards seeing her restored and 4 years towards establishing her in her new life.

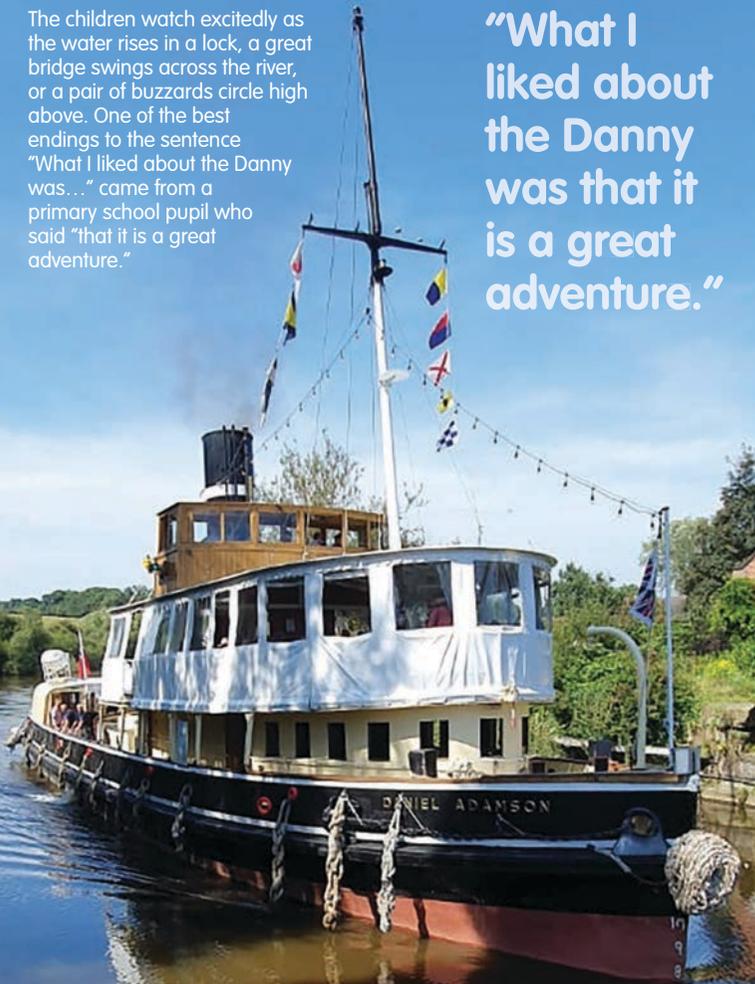
The support from Halton has ensured the Danny survived, and it has been a mission for the volunteers to bring the Danny home for future generations to enjoy, benefit and learn from this historic vessel.

They have forged connections with the community, bringing children on board and introducing them to the importance of their local area and waterways. The Danny has hosted family days, music events, talks, tours, learning projects and volunteering days, supporting charities for the elderly and youth organisations and, in turn, getting their support.

Volunteers have enjoyed hosting scouting, guiding and cadet groups, and lead schoolchildren in activities in art, science, history and geography. Children have loved learning in such a different environment and returned to school with lots of questions about design, world trade, the environment, and the value of history.

The children watch excitedly as the water rises in a lock, a great bridge swings across the river, or a pair of buzzards circle high above. One of the best endings to the sentence "What I liked about the Danny was..." came from a primary school pupil who said "that it is a great adventure."

**"What I liked about the Danny was that it is a great adventure."**



Highlights of these adventures include an exhibition by children from six primary schools at The Brindley in 2018, and this year's exhibition with Cronton College which launched last month on board the Danny.

One of the most rewarding connections has been with CHAPS (Cheshire Autism Practical Support). A visit by secondary school pupils who were receiving support for social and mental health challenges demonstrated that the Danny was a great environment for people who suffered anxiety and those who do things differently. This led to half-term sessions to families with children with autism. The calm of the environment and the interest in the vessel as well as the kindness, acceptance and encouragement of the volunteers made the families feel welcome, relaxed and engaged.

Volunteers are pleased to see children who came for school workshops or cruises return to the Danny with their families for community fun days. They're also grateful for the support of the Runcorn cadets in running these events, as well as Runcorn Folk Club and Community Choir and Palacefields Ukulele Group, among others, who have brought the Danny to life with their performances.



As well as community and learning events, people book cruises or hire the Danny to celebrate special birthdays, family occasions and even weddings. It's been a great year for the Danny steamboat, and it's been great to support and be supported by the people of Halton.

## Why not join in the fun?

To book a workshop, visit or cruise for your school or youth group, visit [www.thedanny.co.uk](http://www.thedanny.co.uk) or contact [Cathriona.bourke@danieladamson.co.uk](mailto:Cathriona.bourke@danieladamson.co.uk). To book cruise tickets, enquire about hiring the Danny, or find out about volunteering, visit the website to contact us, or come along for Christmas mulled wine on board at Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge WA7 3EQ on Sunday December 15, 12 noon to 4pm to meet the crew and see the Danny for yourself.



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# DECEMBER

## FRIDAY 6

**CHRISTMAS IN RUNCORN** | 3-7PM  
 Christmas arrives in Runcorn with a special evening of entertainment. Based around the plaza outside Runcorn Library, Halton Community Radio will host an event to get the town into the Christmas spirit. A free Santa's Grotto inside the library will be open 3pm-6pm and the stars of this year's Brindley pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, will be on hand to entertain the crowds. Outside will be wandering characters, musical entertainment and small children's rides. Inside, there will be a face painter and elf school where the little ones can learn how to become a 'good elf'. Visitors will also be able to make Christmas lanterns at a special workshop as we build towards the night's main attraction. At 6.30 Santa will lead a parade around Runcorn old town accompanied by Christmas choir, reindeer and pantomime cast. Join the crowds along High Street, Church Street and Regent Street as the festive season truly begins.

## SATURDAY 7

**A MERRY DIGITAL CHRISTMAS**  
**HALTON LEA AND WIDNES LIBRARIES** | 10.30-12.30PM  
 Free, book online via the library website or at any Halton Library.  
 Come to our digital Christmas make and take session. Design and create your very own festive LED Christmas card and then try your hand at The Grinch Hour of Code activity.

## WEDNESDAY 11 - SUNDAY 12 JANUARY

**SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS**  
**BRINDLEY** | SHOW TIMES VARY | THEATRE | TICKETS FROM £18  
**PERFORMANCE WITH BSL - SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER AT 5PM. RELAXED PERFORMANCE - SUNDAY 5 JANUARY AT 1PM.**  
 Full details on Page 7. Don't delay, book today!

## FRIDAY 13 - TUESDAY 17

**SANTA'S CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN**  
**BRINDLEY** | 11AM, 1.30PM & 4PM FRIDAY, 11AM, 1.30PM & 3.30PM SATURDAY, 1PM & 3PM SUNDAY, 11AM & 1.30PM MONDAY & TUESDAY | STUDIO | £13  
 The show where every child gets a present from Santa. Bring your Christmas letter to post in Santa's special post box. A 45-minute, interactive family show, particularly suitable for 2-7 year olds.

## SATURDAY 14

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING**  
**NORTON PRIORY** | 4PM  
 Join the Runcorn Community Choir in the atmospheric mediaeval undercroft at Norton Priory for some family friendly carol singing. Tickets must be purchased in advance and include a drink and mince pie. £5 per person. Call 01928 569 895.

## SUNDAY 15

**CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY BAND**  
**NORTON PRIORY** | 7PM  
 The Band and Drums of Cheshire Constabulary invite you to join them for a spectacular evening of brass band music. There will be a varied programme from traditional Christmas carols to well-known toe tapping



songs. A festive evening of music for all the family to enjoy. Tickets include a drink and mince pie. Tickets must be purchased in advance and include a drink and mince pie. £7 per person. Call the museum on 01928 569 895 or buy online at [www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org)

## MONDAY 16

**THE RAT PACK SWINGING CHRISTMAS SHOW**  
**BRINDLEY** | 8PM | THEATRE | £24.50, £22  
 The official UK number one tribute show, direct from London's Leicester Square.

## WEDNESDAY 18

**CHRISTMAS GOSPEL CONCERT - SING OUT GOSPEL CHOIR**  
**BRINDLEY** | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.50, £22  
 For more information visit: [www.singoutmusic.org](http://www.singoutmusic.org)

## THURSDAY 19

**BECOME A FOSTER CARER INFORMATION SESSIONS IN HALTON**  
**CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE WA7 2ST** | 6PM  
 Looking for a rewarding, home-based, flexible role that uses your skills with children?  
 Come along and find out more, listen to our presentation and meet our friendly team of experienced foster carers and supervising social workers. No need to book, just turn up!  
 Visit [foster4.co.uk](http://foster4.co.uk) or call 0800 195 3175 for more details.

## FRIDAY 20

**TAKE PHAT & CHRISTMAS PARTY!**  
**BRINDLEY** | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18.50  
 This year the proceeds will be donated to the Halton Haven Hospice. Early booking is advised. This event has been kindly sponsored by UK Screening Solutions.

## FRIDAY 20

**DIE HARD (1988) - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 8PM | STUDIO | £8

## SATURDAY 21

**THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (1993) - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 6PM | STUDIO | £8

## SUNDAY 22

**SANTA CLAUS: THE MOVIE (1985) - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 2PM | STUDIO | £8

## MONDAY 23

**GREMLINS (1984) - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £8

## TUESDAY 24

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 2PM | STUDIO | £13 (including seasonal refreshments)

# JANUARY

## THURSDAY 2

**PAINT A PICTURE**  
**HALTON LEA LIBRARY AND WIDNES LIBRARY** | 10.30-12PM

Come along and share some of the fun things you have been doing over the holidays or some of the great presents you received for Christmas by painting a picture of them. Halton Libraries will then share them with residents in local care homes or you can take your paintings home if you prefer. FREE. Drop in. Recommended age: All ages.

## SATURDAY 4

**ANDRE RIEU - 70 YEARS YOUNG - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 7PM & SUNDAY 5 3PM | STUDIO | £20, £18

## THURSDAY 16

**SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (1952) - FILM SCREENING**  
**BRINDLEY** | 1.30PM | STUDIO | £8, OPTIONAL CREAM TEA AN ADDITIONAL £4.50



## FRIDAY 17

**ELO AGAIN**  
**BRINDLEY** | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25  
 ELO AGAIN are back with their stunning 'Re-Discovery Tour'.

## FRIDAY 17

**THE SOUNDS OF SIMON**  
**BRINDLEY** | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17  
 A tribute to the wonderful music of Simon and Garfunkel.

# what's on

**SATURDAY 18**

**RETRO 80S**

BRINDLEY | 3PM & 7.30PM | THEATRE | £14

Andrew Curphey Theatre Company return in their 11th year to the Brindley Theatre Stage with their latest show 'Retro 80s'.

**MONDAY 20**

**SINDERELLA - ADULT PANTOMIME**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £25.50, £23.50

With glittering sets, sparkling costumes and more innuendo than you ever thought possible.



**TUESDAY 21**

**DIRTY DUSTING**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26

Treat yourself to an evening of pure theatrical viagra when Dirty Dusting returns to the stage in 2020 after five sell out UK tours.

**TUESDAY 21 - SATURDAY 25**

**EVERY BRILLIANT THING**

Presented by First Act Theatre Company.

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £10

You're seven years old. Mum's in hospital. Dad says she's 'done something stupid'. She finds it hard to be happy. (Hire)

**FRIDAY 24**

**LENNON RETROSPECTIVE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23

Lennon Retrospective aims to take the audience on a journey through John Lennon's best loved songs. (Hire)

**SUNDAY 26**

**FRUIT TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY 10AM - 1PM

An introductory workshop on pruning fruit trees. Learn the basics with expert tuition and then have a go on the Norton Priory orchard trees. Places must be booked in advance. £25 per person. Call the Museum on 01928 569 895.

**SATURDAY 25**

**THE CHRISTIANS**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £25

The classic Liverpool band are renowned for an endless string of soulful yet socially aware hits.

**THURSDAY 30**

**GONE WITH THE WIND (1939) - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 1.30PM | STUDIO | £8, (OPTIONAL CREAM TEA AN ADDITIONAL £4.50)

**THURSDAY 30**

**ROY CHUBBY BROWN**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26

Contains adult content. Suitable for 18 plus years.

**FRIDAY 31**

**BARRY STEELE + FRIENDS THE ROY ORBISON STORY**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.50

An upbeat night of solid gold 60s hits and 80s contemporary.

**FEBRUARY**

**SUNDAY 1**

**RHYTHM IS A DANCER -**

**ALEXANDRA JANE SCHOOL OF DANCE**

BRINDLEY | 1.30PM & 5.30PM | THEATRE | £13.50

(Hire)

**SUNDAY 2**

**GET READY! THE ULTIMATE MOTOWN & SOUL PARTY!**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £28

Take a trip back to 1960s Detroit with the brand-new, celebrated stage show.

**TUESDAY 3**

**RUNCORN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENT:**

**HOW WE KEPT THE VIKINGS OUT**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 6-7.30PM

Runcorn & District Historical Society take you on an historical journey following Ethelfleda's efforts to protect the northern frontier of her kingdom of Mercia from Viking invasion in 915. Learn how she did this by building a fort on Castle Rock overlooking the River Mersey at Runcorn Gap. A fascinating talk. FREE. Book online via the library website or at any Halton Library. Recommended age: Adults.



**THURSDAY 6**

**CROONERS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25

The show plays homage to some of the greatest crooners of all time.

**FRIDAY 7**

**IAN MCNABB (SOLO SHOW)**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £18.50

Ian formed The Icicle Works in 1981. They became part of the Liverpool renaissance movement of the eighties, achieving top 40 placings in the UK for all four of their albums.



**SATURDAY 8**

**WELL READING: ACTIVITIES AND COLLECTION LAUNCH**

HALTON LEA AND WIDNES LIBRARIES | 11-1PM

A new booklist to support the mental health and wellbeing of children has been developed. The titles provide children and their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries, daily life and getting through a tough time. Join us for the Well Reading launch where we will be hosting a number of fun activities for children. Free. Drop in. Recommended age: Under 11.



**SATURDAY 8**

**FARMER MICHAEL & KATHLEEN: WE'LL NEVER GET ON THE TELE TOUR**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25

Viral comedy sensations Farmer Michael and Kathleen arrive in Runcorn for the first time.

**SATURDAY 8**

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (1977) - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £8

**TUESDAY 11**

**SAFER INTERNET DAY**

WIDNES LIBRARY | 10.30-12PM

FREE, DROP IN

RECOMMENDED AGE: ADULTS

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally today with the theme: Together for a Better Internet. Natwest Bank will be sharing information and resources about Internet safety and will be on hand to offer advice about how to keep safe online.



**TUESDAY 11**

**BEAUTY & THE BEAST**

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £14, £12, GROUPS 10 PLUS -

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Allegrodance present their interpretation of the classic tale.

**WEDNESDAY 12**

**JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH'S BACK!**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20, £18

John returns to regale audiences with an evening of his classic songs

**THURSDAY 13 - SATURDAY 15**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**

BRINDLEY | 7PM, 2PM & 7PM SAT ONLY | THEATRE | £14

A fabulous cast to bring this iconic and well-loved piece of theatre to life! 'A Handbag' anyone? (HIRE)

**THURSDAY 13**

**THE COUNTRY SUPERSTARS EXPERIENCE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22

Hosted by Sarah Jayne, Europe's leading tribute to the Queen of Country - Dolly Parton, also includes The Tennessee Allstar Band.

**Search online...**



You'll find information about a whole host of events and things for young people to do in the borough online at [board.halton.me/](http://board.halton.me/) which is updated regularly. Remember you can also follow us on Twitter @HaltonBC and Facebook (search for Halton Borough Council).

**FRIDAY 14**

**THE GEORGE MICHAEL LEGACY FEATURING WAYNE DILKS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26.50  
International tribute artiste Wayne Dilks and his band pay tribute to the late George Michael.

**SATURDAY 15**

**KILLER RHAPSODY - THE QUEEN EXPERIENCE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22, £18, £68 GROUP OF 4  
Hot, riveting tribute to Freddie Mercury and Queen performing a spectacular show of more than two hours. (HIRE)

**SUNDAY 16**

**LET'S DANCE 2020**

BRINDLEY | 2PM & 5.30PM | THEATRE | £14  
Dance show by Ceri Ellen School of Dance. (HIRE)

**MONDAY 17**

**THE SNOW QUEEN**

BRINDLEY | 1.30PM & 5PM | THEATRE | £16, £14.50, £53 FAMILY  
When Kay is abducted to the Snow Queen's frozen palace, his best friend Gerda sets out to rescue him... but will she reach the Snow Queen before it's too late? Suitable for age 5 plus.

**TUESDAY 18**

**THE OWEN MCVEIGH FOUNDATION CHARITY SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £14, £12  
Charity dance show in aid of the Owen McVeigh Foundation. (HIRE)

**MONDAY 17 & TUESDAY 18**

**MONSTER HUNTERS!**

NORTON PRIORY | 10AM - 4PM  
Family fun craft activities and trails including a story walk and hunt through the Norton Priory woodland to find a Yeti! Drop-in activities, no need to book. Normal admission prices apply.

**THURSDAY 20**

**BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S (1961) - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 1.30PM | STUDIO | £8  
OPTIONAL CREAM TEA AN ADDITIONAL £4.50

**FRIDAY 21**

**THE LOST BOYS (1987) - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £8

**SATURDAY 22**

**THE CROW (1994) - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £8  
Rated: 18

**SATURDAY 22**

**HALTON MAKEFEST**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 10 - 4PM  
Halton Lea Library is being taken over by Halton MakeFest - the first ever family-friendly festival of STEAM, digital and creative activities in Halton! The library will be filled with dozens of activities that will be fun, hands-on and will encourage learning and play. It will include lots of digital making and creating with some techy gadgets on top! Try something new during this unforgettable day. You don't need tickets, just come along and get involved. Keep up to date with announcements and what will be happening during this amazing day by following #HaltonMakeFest on Twitter. FREE. Drop in. Recommended age: All ages.

**SATURDAY 22 & SUNDAY 23**

**HALF A SIXPENCE**

Presented by **ELLA PERFORMANCE GROUP**  
BRINDLEY | SAT 7PM, SUN 2PM & 7PM | THEATRE | £16 (HIRE)

**SUNDAY 23**

**THE PRINCESS BRIDE (1987) - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 2.30PM | STUDIO | £8

**SUNDAY 23**

**FRUIT TREE GRAFTING WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY | 10AM - 1PM  
An introductory workshop on grafting your own fruit trees with expert tuition and using root stock from Norton Priory. Places must be booked in advance. £25 per person. Call 01928 569 895.



**SUNDAY 23**

**GET IT LOUD IN LIBRARIES: LIZ LAWRENCE**

WIDNES LIBRARY | 2.30PM  
TICKETS £7 BOOK ONLINE AT [GETITLOUDINLIBRARIES.COM](http://GETITLOUDINLIBRARIES.COM)

Get It Loud in Libraries is hosting a live music gig at Widnes Library!. Liz Lawrence will be performing in this 1 matinee show as part of her UK tour. Liz is an English singer-songwriter and guitarist, known for her solo work and for being half of electro-pop duo Cash+David. She has toured with Bombay Bicycle Club, and supported Black, Scouting for Girls, and Ani DiFranco, amongst others. Recommended age: All ages.

**THURSDAY 27**

**LIBRARY OF SCREAMS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12  
Presented by Don't Go Into the Cellar Theatre Company.



**THURSDAY 27**

**CLINTON BAPTISTE IN THE PARANORMALIST RETURNS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20  
Join paranormal sensation Clinton Baptiste as he takes you on a hilarious yet touching journey through his life. As seen in Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights.

**FRIDAY 28**

**LET'S HANG ON**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £27  
The world's first and longest-running tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons.

**FRIDAY 28**

**MY FAMILY AND OTHER EXAGGERATIONS - ROB MITCHELL**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £8.50  
Multi award-winning comedian Rob Mitchell presents a night of comedy in aid of Warrington & Halton Hospital's charity. Suitable for 16 plus years. (HIRE)

**MARCH**

**WEDNESDAY 4 - SATURDAY 7**

**THE BATTLE OF BOAT!**

Presented by **CODYS Productions**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2.30PM & 7.30PM SAT ONLY | THEATRE | £15, £13  
A courageous tale of a group of children trying to find their place in a world at war in 1916. (HIRE)

VENUE	ADDRESS
Catalyst Museum	Mersey Road, Widnes
Hale Park	High Street, Hale, Liverpool
Hough Green Park	Royal Avenue, Widnes
Norton Priory Museum & Gardens	Tudor Road, Manor Park, Runcorn
Phoenix Park	Castlefields Ave East, Runcorn
Pickerings Pasture	Mersey View Road, Widnes
Rock Park	Union Street, Runcorn
Runcorn Hill	Highlands Road, Runcorn
Spike Island	Upper Mersey Road, Widnes
Halton Stadium	Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes
The Brindley	High Street, Runcorn
Town Park	Stockham Lane, Runcorn
Victoria Park	Fairfield Road, Widnes
Victoria Promenade	West Bank, Widnes
Wigg Island	Astmoor Road, Runcorn



**FRIDAY 6**

**BARNUM-THE UNTOLD STORY**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £15  
P.T. Barnum has been immortalized in Barnum the musical, and the more recent award-winning film.



**MAKE MUSIC AND FRIENDS**

Palacefields Ukulele Group are welcoming new members to join them. This community band of ukulele players meet every Wednesday at Palacefields Community Centre, 2.30pm-4.30pm, to practise their playing, make new friends and have a good sing song. New members are more than welcome at any skill level. So if you would like to learn to play and make some new friends the PUG might be the group for you. And their PUG mascot may be one of the cutest in Halton at the moment! Find out more on Facebook - Palacefields Ukulele Group or contact Gail on 07941 973048, e-mail: [gailhampsonbale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gailhampsonbale@yahoo.co.uk)



**BRINDLEY TERRACE CAFÉ**

The Café is located on the first floor with views of the boats and wildlife of the picturesque Bridgewater Canal. Relax in the café which serves delicious fresh homemade food, cakes and speciality coffees with FREE Wi-Fi. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Opens one hour before show time and in the interval for most theatre shows. Free parking at The Brindley at all times.

**CONTACTING THE BRINDLEY...**  
Telephone: 0151 907 8360 [www.thebrindley.org.uk](http://www.thebrindley.org.uk)



# Council Meetings



DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
<b>DECEMBER 2019</b>			
02	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building
12	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
18	6.30pm	Council	Runcorn Town Hall
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>			
06	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
08	6.30pm	Business Efficiency Board	Runcorn Town Hall
15	2.00pm	Health & Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
15	4.00pm	Schools Forum	Municipal Building
15	6.30pm	Regulatory Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
16	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
27	6.30pm	Children Young People and Families PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
28	6.30pm	Corporate PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
<b>FEBRUARY 2020</b>			
03	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building
10	6.30pm	Employment Learning & Skills and Community PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
11	6.30pm	Safer PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
12	10.00am	Mayoral Committee	Municipal Building
12	2.00pm	Standards Committee	Municipal Building
25	6.30pm	Health PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
26	4.00pm	Schools Forum	Runcorn Town Hall
26	6.30pm	Environment PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
27	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
<b>MARCH 2020</b>			
03	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
04	6.30pm	Council	Runcorn Town Hall
11	6.30pm	Regulatory Committee	Municipal Building
19	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
25	2.00pm	Health and Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
25	6.30pm	Business Efficiency Board	Runcorn Town Hall
<b>APRIL 2020</b>			
06	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building
09	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building

## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND POLICY PERFORMANCE BOARDS

The Executive Board is the main decision making body of the Council and usually meets every month. The Policy & Performance Boards do not have decision making powers but are responsible for initiating new policy proposals, monitoring and commenting on policy proposals, and reviewing and recommending changes to existing policies. All the above meetings are open to the public and the Policy & Performance Boards include a 30 minute 'Question Time' at the start of each one. To be sure of receiving an answer at the meeting, you are advised to send your question in writing to Committee Services, Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF before 4pm of the working day before your chosen meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda.

## Community Centres in the borough

**Castlefields Community Centre**  
Village Square, Castlefields, Runcorn,  
Cheshire WA7 2ST. Tel: 0151 511 7474

**Churchill Hall Community Centre**  
Cooper Street, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 1DN.

**Grangeway Community Centre**  
Grangeway, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5HA  
Tel: 0151 511 8610

**Murdishaw Community Centre**  
Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 6EP  
Tel: 0151 511 7910

**Beechwood Community Centre**  
Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn,  
Cheshire WA7 3HB.  
Tel: 01928 565014

**Brookvale Community Centre**  
Northwich Road, Brookvale, Runcorn,  
Cheshire WA7 6PE  
Tel: 01928 751699 / 01928 795171  
Email: rgates@arena-housing.com

**Halton Brook Community Centre**  
Meadway, Halton Brook, Runcorn,  
Cheshire WA7 2DY. Tel: 01928 563441

**Palacefields Community Centre**  
The Uplands, Palace Fields, Runcorn,  
Cheshire WA7 2UA. Tel: 01928 796235

**Ditton Community Centre**  
Dundalk Road, Widnes WA8 8DF  
Tel: 0151 511 8210

**Upton Community Centre**  
Hough Green Road, Widnes,  
Cheshire WA8 4PF. Tel: 0151 511 6161

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

For Council services between 8am and 6pm  
Mon-Fri dial 0303 333 4300  
For emergencies outside these hours dial  
0333 000 4300

(Local call rate from any landline or mobile.  
Counts as inclusive minutes on mobile packages)

### POLICE

Emergencies dial 999. Non-emergencies 101.  
Contact your local neighbourhood officers via  
e-mail:  
Widnes - widnes.pu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk  
Runcorn - runcorn.pu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk  
To report a crime anonymously call Crimestoppers  
on 0800 555 111.

### FIRE

In emergencies dial 999  
Runcorn 01928 572811  
Widnes 0151 424 3091

### AMBULANCE

In emergencies dial 999

### EMERGENCY SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

(Daytime number is 0151 907 8306 for Adults and  
0151 907 8305 for Children) 0345 050 0148  
From 5pm Monday - Thursday and 4.30pm  
Friday, closing at 9am.  
24 hours Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

### DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

Support Services 0300 1111247

### HOSPITALS

Halton General 01928 714567  
Warrington General 01925 635911  
Whiston 0151 426 1600

### NHS

24-hour telephone no: 111

### PHARMACIES

To find your local pharmacy please visit  
[www.nhs.co.uk/service-search](http://www.nhs.co.uk/service-search)

### HALTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Runcorn Town Hall 01928 593479

### HEALTH CENTRES AND CLINICS

#### Runcorn:

Hallwood 01928 718182  
Murdishaw Health Centre 01928 712061  
Grove House Practice 01928 566561  
Tower House Practice 01928 567404  
Weavervale Practice 01928 711911  
Brookvale Practice 01928 718182  
Castlefields Health Centre 01928 566671

#### Widnes:

Upton Rocks Surgery 0151 511 5730  
Peelhouse Medical Plaza 0151 424 6221  
Oaks Place Surgery 0151 495 5140  
Newtown Health Care Centre 0151 495 5100  
Hough Green Health Park 0151 511 5805  
Beeches Medical Centre 0151 424 3101  
Bevan Group Practice 0151 424 3986  
Appleton Village Surgery 0151 423 2990  
Chapelfield Clinic 0151 495 5200  
Woodview Child Development Centre  
0151 495 5400

### URGENT CARE CENTRE

Entrance 2, Halton General Hospital  
Hospital Way, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 2DA  
01928 714567  
Walk in Centre, Widnes Health Care Resource  
Centre, Caldwell Road 0151 495 5000  
Open 7am - 10pm 7 days a week





# Councillors' Surgeries

## APPLETON WARD

Cllrs E Jones, G Philbin and A Teeling (Labour). The first Saturday in each month 11.00am - 12 noon  
The Cafe, Victoria Park, Widnes

## BEECHWOOD WARD

Cllrs Chris Loftus and G Logan (Labour). The second Tuesday in each month 6.30pm - 7.30pm,  
Beechwood Community Centre, Runcorn

## BIRCHFIELD WARD

Cllrs M Fry, S Baker and B Woolfall (Labour)  
The first Tuesday in each month  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
Birchfield Social Club, Birchfield Road, Widnes

## BROADHEATH WARD

Cllrs R Gilligan, T McDermott and K Morley (Labour). The first Tuesday in each month  
5.00pm - 6.00pm (Except August)  
Ashley School, Cawfield Avenue, Widnes

## DARESBURY WARD

Cllrs J Bradshaw and Mrs M Bradshaw (Conservative) will be happy to call on residents to discuss their concerns at their request throughout the ward. Please contact them on 01928 561813 or e-mail [john.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk](mailto:john.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk) and [marjorie.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk](mailto:marjorie.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk)

## DITTON WARD

Cllrs E Dourley, Mrs M Wright, and Joe Roberts (Labour). The first Monday in each month 6.00pm - 7.00pm (Except May, August and December)  
Halebank Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes  
The first Friday in each month  
10.30am - 11.30am (Except August and December)  
Halton Direct Link (Within Ditton Library) Queens Avenue, Widnes

## FARNWORTH WARD

Cllrs A MacManus, Mrs V Hill and Mrs A McInerney (Labour)  
The first Tuesday in each month (Except August)  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
Birchfield Social Club, Birchfield Road, Widnes

## GRANGE WARD

Cllrs J Abbott, M Dennett and Mrs J Lowe (Labour)  
The Saturday, following the fourth Friday in each month 10.00am - 12 noon  
Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn

## HALE WARD

Cllr M Wharton (Labour)  
The Saturday, following the fourth Friday in each month  
9.30am - 10.00am  
Hale Youth Centre,  
High Street, Hale Village

## HALTON BROOK WARD

Cllrs S Nelson, Mrs C Plumpton Walsh and John Stockton (Labour)  
The Saturday, following the fourth Friday in each month (Except August and December)  
10.00am - 12 noon  
Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn.

## HALTON CASTLE WARD

Cllrs Mrs E Cargill, C Carlin and H Howard (Labour)  
Second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday in each month (except August for both dates). The fourth Thursday is not held in December)  
7.00pm - 8.00pm  
Castlefields Community Centre, Runcorn

## HALTON LEA WARD

Cllrs Mrs K Loftus, A Lowe and D Thompson (Labour).  
The 'Drop by' surgery is on the first Saturday morning of each month from 10am to 11am at Halton Lea Direct Link, Runcorn. Personal appointments at Halton Direct Link can be arranged for other times by contacting Halton Lea ward Councillors.

## HALTON VIEW WARD

Cllrs T McInerney, R Polhill and L Whitley (Labour)  
The fourth Thursday in each month (Except August and December)  
6.30pm - 7.30pm  
St. Ambrose Church Hall, Widnes

## HEATH WARD

Cllrs Gareth Stockton, C Rowe and M Ratcliffe (Liberal Democrat)  
The third Saturday in each month (Except December)  
10.00am - 11.30am  
Eposito Café, Runcorn Hill Park

## HOUGH GREEN WARD

Cllrs P Harris, P Nolan and K Wainwright (Labour)  
The third Thursday in each month  
7.30pm - 8.30pm  
Upton Community Centre, Widnes

## KINGSWAY WARD

Cllrs Mrs M Horabin and Mrs June Roberts (Labour)  
The first Thursday in each month  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

## Cllr Mrs A Wall (Labour)

For Kingsway residents convenience I operate an as and when needed surgery appointment system in order to avoid delays for residents. Please contact me on 07795 390979 or email: [andrea.wall@halton.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.wall@halton.gov.uk) to arrange a time and place convenient for you. In addition, the third Wednesday of each month 12.00pm-1.00pm  
St Paul's Community Centre, Vicarage Road, Widnes

## MERSEY WARD

Cllrs R Leck, N Plumpton Walsh And P Sinnott (Labour)  
The fourth Saturday in each month (Except August and December)  
10.00am - 12.00 noon  
Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn

## NORTON NORTH WARD

Cllrs L Cassidy, P Lloyd Jones and G Zygadllo (Labour) Every Thursday - 7.00pm - 7.30pm (Except August)  
Murdishaw Community Centre  
Barnfield Ave, Runcorn  
First Thursday of each month 6.15pm - 7.00pm (Except August)  
Brookvale Community Centre, Higher House (Rota basis with Norton South ward members)

## NORTON SOUTH WARD

Cllrs D Cargill, R Hignett and Mrs M Lloyd Jones (Labour)  
Every Thursday 7.00pm - 7.30pm (except August)  
Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Ave, Runcorn  
First Thursday of each month, 6.15pm-7.00pm (except August)  
Brookvale Community Centre, Higher House (Rota basis with Norton North ward members)

## RIVERSIDE WARD

Cllrs S Hill and Mrs P Wallace (Labour)  
The first Tuesday in each month (Except August)  
4.00pm - 5.00 pm  
The Studio, Lacey Street, Widnes  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

## WINDMILL HILL WARD

Cllr P Hignett (Labour)  
The third Thursday in each month in rotation at two venues:  
2.30pm - 3.30pm  
Windmill Hill Children's Centre  
Norton Hill, Windmill Hill, Runcorn (July, September, November)  
2.30pm-3.30pm Priory View, Southwood Avenue, Windmill Hill, Runcorn (July, August, October)



# RUNCORN TOWN HALL



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