

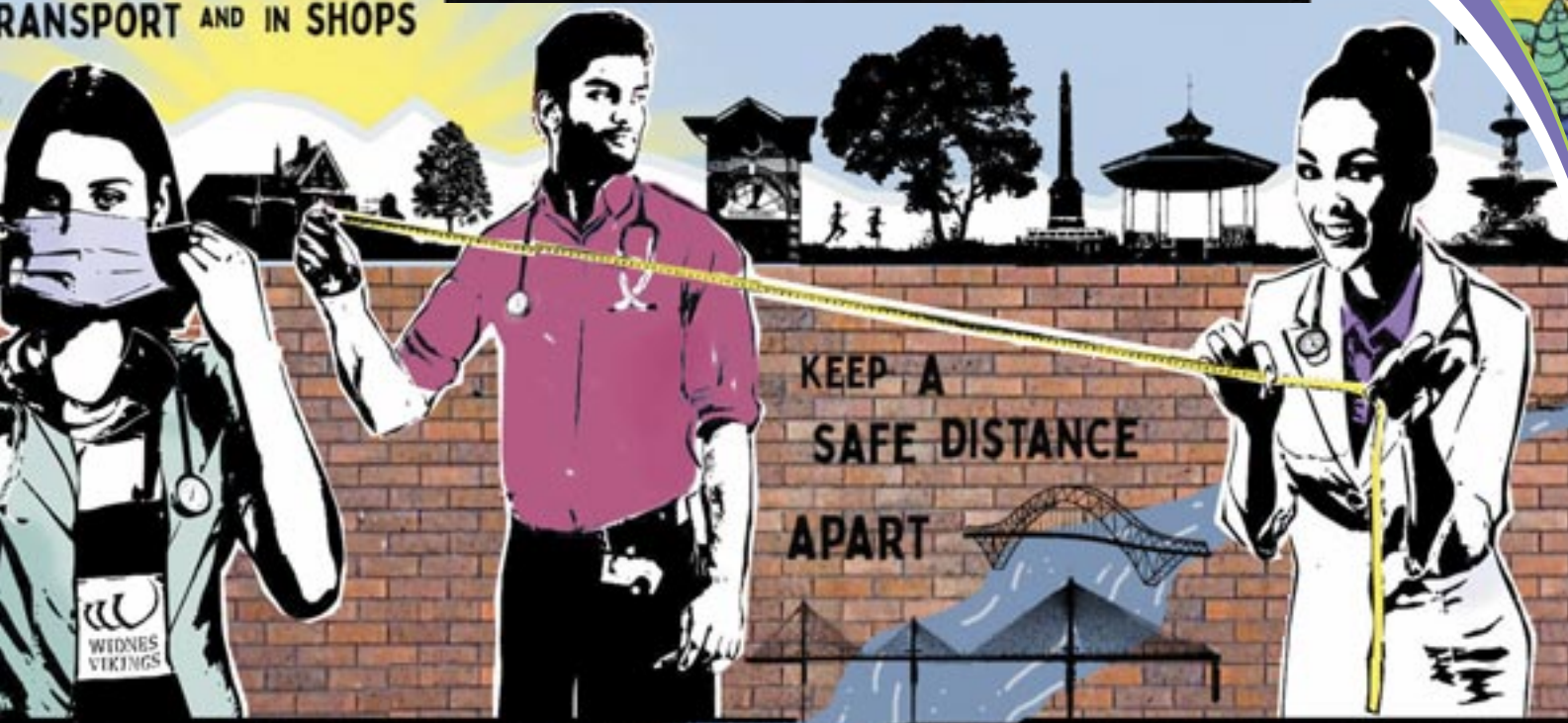
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TRANSPORT AND IN SHOPS

Welcome Back to Widnes



F⁴OSTER

For children. For carers. For support.

Tips for becoming a foster carer with F⁴OSTER

Alex and Andy, foster carers from Widnes, share their experiences having become foster carers on the first day of lockdown last year. Here are their top tips for thriving in the first year.



Alex said: "I'd grown up as part of a fostering household, as my parents have always fostered, so I knew the ins and outs as well as the ups and downs from the start.

"It never put us off, in fact, it gave us total reassurance that fostering was absolutely what we wanted to do.

"We could see how well my parents had been supported and the type of training they'd received, as well as the sheer joy they had got from caring for these children and young people.

"Even though we had so much insight into the role, we went through the usual route of making our enquiry, mulling over the information and writing list after list of questions to ask the team."

FEELING INSPIRED?

VIRTUAL BECOME A FOSTER CARER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Consider fostering – with full training, support and a generous weekly allowance.

Foster4 is running plenty of virtual information sessions this year. Support workers will talk you

through a presentation and answer any questions you have about becoming a foster carer.

Find an upcoming session and book your place at: www.foster4.co.uk/info-sessions
For more information about fostering visit foster4.co.uk or call 01925 444100.

Foster4 recruit foster carers on behalf of three local authorities, Halton Borough Council, Warrington Borough Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council.

TOGETHER FOR ADOPTION VIRTUAL INFORMATION EVENINGS

Are you thinking about adoption? Are you ready to start your adoption journey and want to know more?

Book your place on an upcoming virtual information evening. Find out about the adoption process, the types of children looking for their forever homes, and the excellent support Together for Adoption have in place for adopters.

Find an upcoming session and book your place at:
www.togetherforadoption.co.uk

ALEX & ANDY'S TOP TIPS FOR BECOMING A FOSTER CARER:

- Have an open mind. We'd originally thought we were going to care for one child until a family of three, who desperately needed to be able to live together, came along!
- Don't see children and young people as a number - age really is just that. This is particularly true with children who may have experienced trauma and neglect, who will develop at a different pace.
- Consider each child you are approached for as an individual. The fostering team will have approached you for that specific child or family group for a good reason. They have matching criteria that they will have explored extensively before even picking up the phone to call you. Take confidence from the fact that they think you're up to it.
- Ask lots of questions about specific support for individual children's needs. This will help reassure you that you know exactly what will be provided and asked of you.
- Find out as much as you can about the children's personalities before they come to stay. Do they like certain superheroes? What's their favourite pizza? Children and young people remember the little things that have made them feel welcome, in what is often a very challenging time for them.

Message from the Council Leader



I would like to introduce myself to readers as the new Leader of Halton Borough Council and to sincerely thank my predecessor, Cllr Rob Polhill, for a decade of sterling work and dedication in the role.

I have been a councillor since 2002 representing Hale Village and now the new ward of Ditton, Hale Village and Halebank. Before becoming Leader I was fortunate to be Deputy for 11 years and for 15 years held the Resources portfolio, with responsibility for the Council's budget. I spent my working life in finance.

It is a privilege to be entrusted to lead this Council - I recognise that there are many challenges ahead but I am extremely optimistic that the borough has a great future.

Despite the pandemic, the Council has managed to protect our most vulnerable citizens, and we will continue to support our residents and businesses as restrictions ease and we all hopefully return to some form of normal life.

Part of that return to normality is being able to enjoy cultural events and activities, so in this edition we are looking forward to the great programme put together by our Borough of Culture 2021 team as we come together to 'Celebrate Halton'.

We also take a look at the ways in which the Council is tackling the challenges of climate change with a number of 'green' schemes already underway, and how we are planning for the future.

In the centre pages you will find the contact details for all your local councillors, which I hope you will find useful if you need to get in touch with us.

Cllr Mike Wharton, Council Leader

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Celebrate Halton: Halton's

2021 is Halton's year to celebrate being the Liverpool City Region's Borough of Culture and we are celebrating with style and spectacle.

The programme of activities celebrates the borough's past, present and future through small community-led events to larger-scale spectacle designed to fire the imagination, bring joy and underline what truly makes Halton a great place to live and work.

You can visit Culture HQ at Runcorn Shopping City for all things Borough of Culture, including exhibitions and workshops. This is an artist-led space, providing opportunities to connect to the creative community of Halton. Open 10am-2pm every Thursday to Saturday.

If you want to get involved, you could apply for a Made In Halton grant to fund your cultural event in Halton this year. You can also upload your event to the Celebrate Halton website and make your activity part of the many community events that make up the exciting and varied programme.

BOROUGH OF
CULTURE 2021

**CELEBRATE
HALTON**

It's an opportunity for us to shout about what's great about Halton, to reconnect communities and, of course, to celebrate our heritage, culture and creativity.

Look out for music events, festivals, workshops, art installations, and lots of opportunities for you to get involved. We've had several great events and activities so far with lots of people taking part.



year as Borough of Culture



Cllr Paul Nolan, the Council's portfolio holder for culture and leisure, says: "The last year or so has been extremely difficult and challenging for us all, so it is with great excitement that, after much hard work by our fantastic Borough Of Culture Team, the Council brings you a calendar full of celebratory activities and events for the whole borough to enjoy."



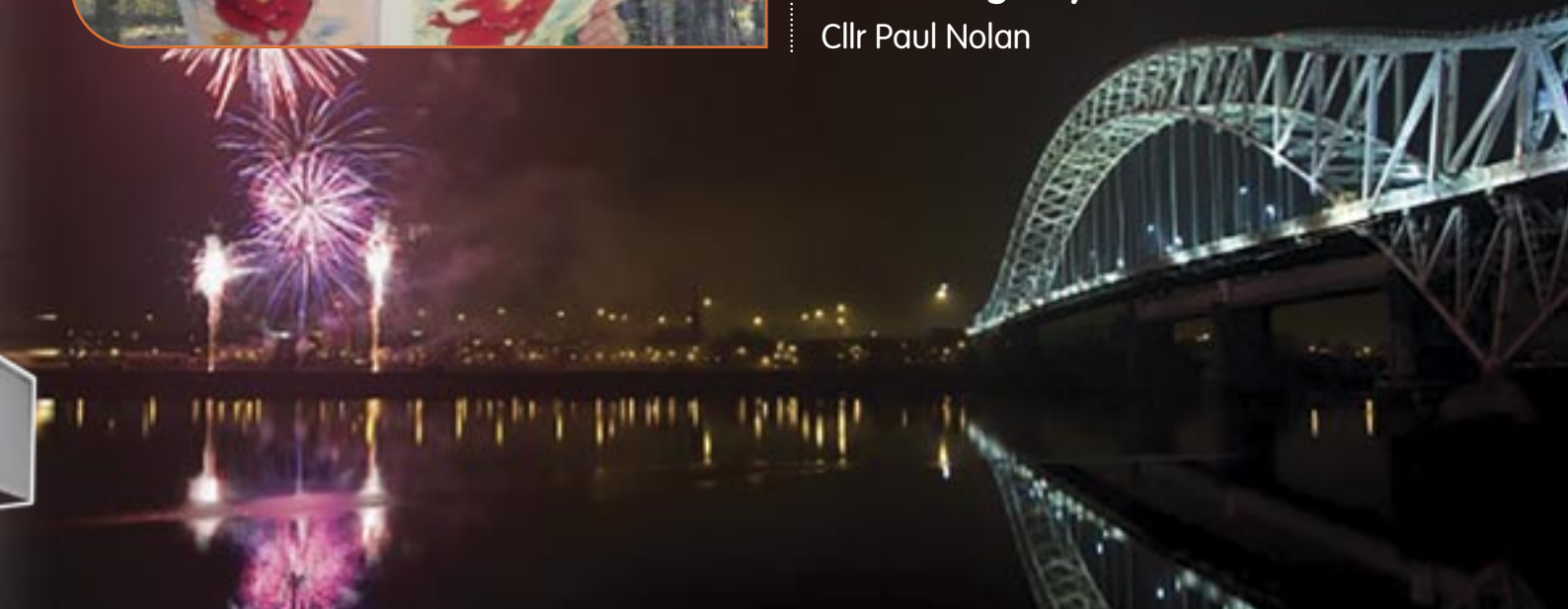
"Large and small, the varied programme recognises and applauds not only our heritage and past, but also the talents of our young people, whose aspirations are key to the future success of our borough."

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Cllr Paul Nolan



For all the latest information and to purchase tickets for events visit:
www.celebratehalton.co.uk Twitter @Halton2021
Instagram @halton2021 and Celebrate Halton on Facebook.

Investing in green growth

Halton Council is ready to tackle the long-term challenges of climate change by setting out its plans to continue reducing carbon emissions and investing in 'green' schemes.

In May new Council Leader Mike Wharton created a new Climate Change portfolio and designated Cllr Phil Harris as the Executive Board member who will focus on delivering the Council's climate change objectives across the Council and with partners.

Cllr Harris will lead the process of developing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, setting out the Council's ambitions, and seeing it implemented.

The Council's target year for delivering net zero carbon emissions from its own operations will be explored over coming months, with the wider Liverpool City Region target year already set at 2040.

Investment in green growth-related jobs and skills and green infrastructure is already underway.

Cllr Harris says: "The Council is determined to ensure Halton continues to adjust to the longer-term challenge of climate change and that we are not left behind in any emerging economic or environmental change resulting from it. Major changes are on their way and we all need to be ready for them and that includes planning for green growth."

Addressing climate change is not new to Halton Borough Council. Since the Council's participation in the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme (2008), the Council has continued to implement a number of actions to reduce its carbon emissions and impact on the environment and at the same time deliver financial savings.

There is now a need to speed up the process of reducing carbon emissions and adapting to change, which was declared by the Council in a motion passed in the autumn of 2019.



Due to a range of schemes aimed at tackling climate change, the Council has now reduced its carbon emission from a baseline in 2008 of 26,338 tonnes of CO2 to 11,354 tonnes for 2019/20. That means the council has already reduced its own emissions by 43% since it started working with the Carbon Trust.

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Drivers - you could live your electric dreams!

The electric vehicle revolution is well underway and Halton Borough Council is getting ahead of the game.

The UK is preparing for a ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 – ten years earlier than originally planned. This news, despite being a major change for most, proves beneficial for drivers. Electric vehicles are not only better for the environment, they are cheaper to run and easier to maintain.

This shift away from polluting vehicles and towards EVs means that the UK needs more publicly available charging points which need to be convenient, reliable and accessible to all people.

Halton Council was awarded funding from the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to install 29 on-street charge points. Connected Kerb have supplied on-street charging points in five streets - Halton Road, Wellington Street, Albert Road North, Appleton Village and Routledge Street.

Cllr Stef Nelson, the Council's portfolio holder for the environment, says: "We have installed the charge points to encourage local residents to think about switching to electric cars, and to help improve air quality. They are in streets where there is a shortage of off-street parking, so that people without driveways have the same opportunity as



those with drives to charge up a car. We will also soon be consulting in other neighbourhoods to confirm locations for Phase 2."

* Halton residents living near the existing five charging sites are now invited to apply to become an EV Ambassador, as part of a trial scheme. Selected residents will be able to book an EV for a month and charge at Connected Kerb sites for free.

A total of six drivers will be chosen for the scheme. Residents can apply at www.connectedkerb.com/evtrial

Paul Rushworth from Widnes is the first to be selected and is looking forward to getting behind the wheel.

Paul knows a bit about cars having been in the motor vehicle trade for over 40 years. He says: "It's something we will all have to embrace and it's important to have the charging points ready. I'm sure as things move forward we will see some good deals and offers on electric cars."

*If you are considering buying an electric vehicle and would like to know more about grants available for a charge point on your driveway, please visit

www.gov.uk/government/news/update-on-the-infrastructure-grants-schemes



Improving cycling

opportunities to encourage active travel

Halton Borough Council is doing its bit to help achieve the Government's ambition to double cycling activity by 2025.



This strategy also aims to encourage cycling and walking to be the natural choices for shorter journeys in every community. In line with these ambitions the Government requested that Local Cycling and Walking Plans (LCWIPs) be developed.

The long-term strategy is to identify opportunities to change travel behaviours by improving sustainable links. The ambition with this is to address issues of perceived safety, accessibility and associated barriers to increasing cycling and walking for leisure and work.

The Council, in conjunction with the Liverpool City Region, has recently published its LCWIP and is working on identified routes.

The first scheme in Runcorn plans to connect the Runcorn Station Quarter to Sci-Tech Daresbury along a largely traffic-free cycling route. The first phase of this, from Irwell Street to Astmoor Road, is complete and open to the public.

The next phases will see this extend along Longbenton Way, through Sandymoor and connect through to the science park on dedicated, safe paths.

A cycle route is also currently under construction in Widnes, funded by a £1.5m grant from the European Regional Development Fund. This route will provide a safe and, again, largely traffic-free cycle corridor from Sandy Lane at the boundary with Knowsley to the Silver Jubilee Bridge.

The route connects through Victoria Park and Appleton Village, via Widnes town centre, and onward to West Bank connecting to The Hive along Ashley Way. The scheme is due for completion in the Autumn of 2022.

Solar

farm is first phase of eco park

Halton's solar farm, built on former derelict brownfield land in Widnes, has now been running for almost 12 months, producing renewable energy and saving money.

The one megawatt solar farm has more than 3,000 panels and will generate approximately 850,000kwh of electricity a year. It is connected via a private wire to the DCBL Stadium which will use around 45% of the energy generated, with the remainder exported to the grid.

Reduced energy use at the stadium will help bring down the Council's carbon footprint, saving around 120 tonnes of CO2 per year, and more than 3,000 tonnes of CO2 over the lifetime of the project. The electricity used at the stadium will help to reduce the venue's energy bills.



To date the solar farm has generated approximately 650,000kwh per year and is on target to exceed its annual target. Given the pandemic and the closure of the stadium for much of 2020 and early 2021, more energy had been exported than originally planned, but this is expected to change in the second year. To date the stadium has used about 20% of the energy, resulting in reduced running costs of approximately £14,000.

The Council is considering the feasibility of extending the solar farm and connecting it to other council buildings.

The project was part-funded from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Council provided the remainder of the cost.

Two rangers have been funded to look after the maintenance of the site's solar field and work to support the ecological assets that have developed after being left to nature for many years.

Cllr Phil Harris, the Council's portfolio holder for climate change, says: "The work to create an emerging eco park on what was a former brownfield site is a wider benefit of the solar farm scheme. The project is a clear demonstration of the Council's ongoing ambitions to reduce our carbon footprint, improve the environment and reduce council energy use."



Following long periods of time when non-essential shops, salons, traders and hospitality venues were forced to close to customers, the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and reopening offered a much needed boost to our local high streets.

Funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Reopening High Streets Safely Fund, enabled the Council to put in place practical safety measures throughout the high street and also develop a public information and reassurance campaign to welcome the community back safely and encourage more people to shop local, using #HaltonHighStreets as the campaign hashtag.

A comprehensive toolkit was created to support independent, small and medium-sized local businesses on the high street to keep Covid-19 secure - with information on relevant Covid-19 guidance, signage and marketing assets for them to use in their venue and suggestions on how to promote their business to existing and potential customers.

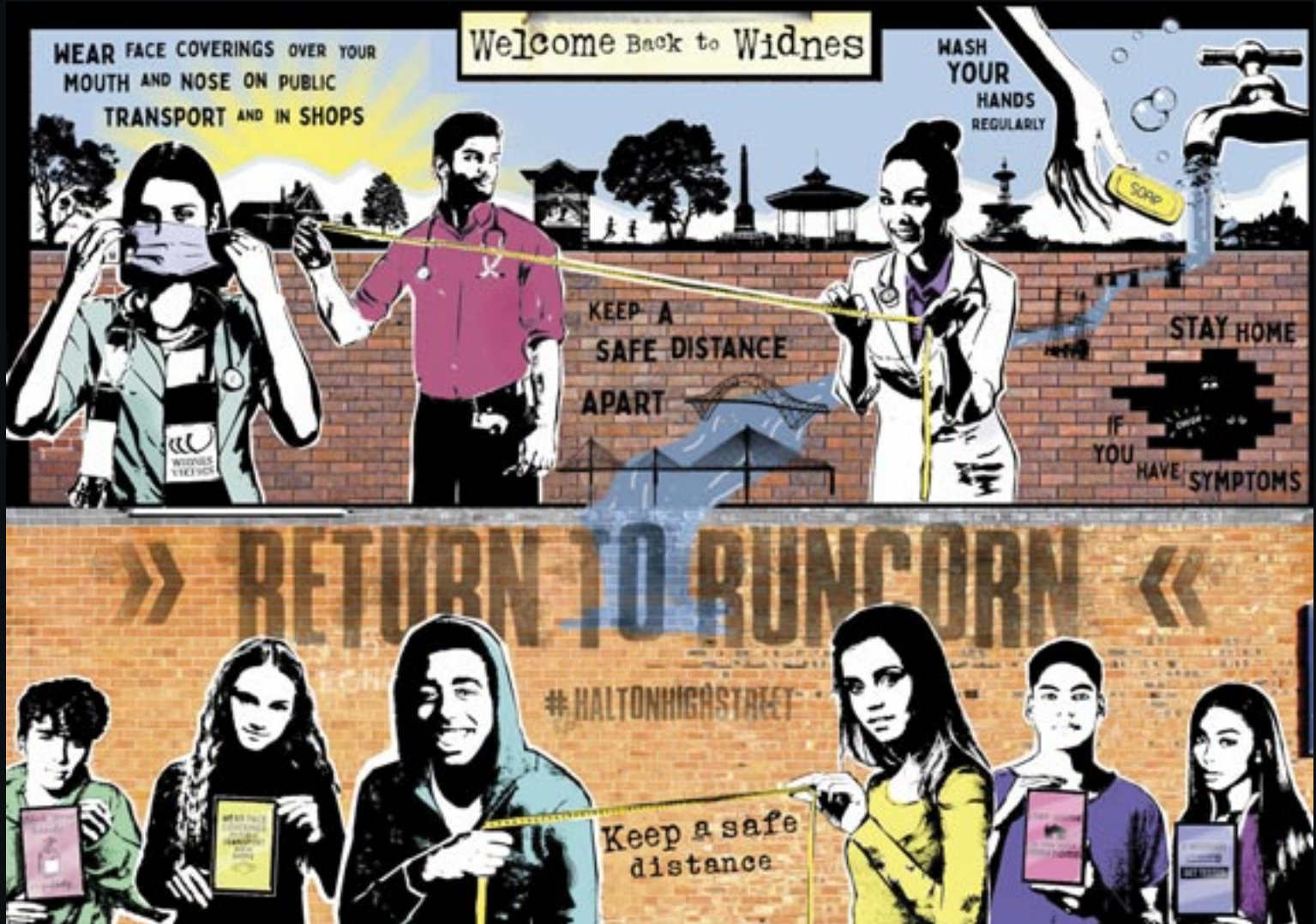
Large-scale, eye catching murals were created for Widnes town centre, Runcorn town centre and Runcorn Shopping City by Joseph Venning, a contemporary local artist. The murals reminded people to keep their distance, wash their hands, and stay at home if unwell.



Local children also got creative, with over 300 entries received as part of an art competition aimed at young people to encourage them to express their ideas around the importance of local high streets and shopping safely.

The Reopening the High Streets Safely fund is £50million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) available to councils across England to support the safe reopening of high streets following lockdowns and coping with Covid restrictions.

Welcoming people safely back to #HALTONHIGHSTREETS



Don't forget to get your **second jab** to get maximum protection

From the middle of June, everyone over the age of 18 has been eligible to get their Covid-19 vaccination.

Getting everyone vaccinated is the key to getting out of the pandemic. Vaccines are the best way to protect people from coronavirus and have saved thousands of lives.

Vaccinated people are far less likely to get Covid-19 with symptoms, are even more unlikely to get serious Covid-19, to be admitted to hospital, or die from it – and there is growing evidence that vaccinated people are less likely to pass the virus to others.

In Halton, data at the end of June showed that nearly 150,000 doses (first and second doses) had been given. Take up of the first vaccination has been extremely high across all age groups in the borough, which is great news.

The first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech, Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine offer good levels of protection, but to get maximum protection everyone needs to get a second dose.

Recent analysis by Public Health England (PHE) shows that COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against hospitalisation from the Delta (B.1.61.2) variant. The analysis suggests the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is 96%

effective and the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is 92% effective against hospitalisation after both doses.

Those who experienced side effects after their first jab, shouldn't be put off getting their second dose. While not everyone has side effects, a painful arm, headache, joint pain, chills or feeling tired are common. They usually go away within a few days. Rest and paracetamol will help if you do have side effects.

All adults aged 18 and over are receiving texts inviting them to book appointments. You can either book via the national booking service at www.nhs.uk, where you will be given a choice between a vaccination centre or a pharmacy service.

If you cannot go online, you can phone 119 free of charge. You can ask someone else to do this for you if you prefer.

At times, the phone line might get very busy and this may mean waiting to speak to someone. The phone line is open from 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week. You may choose to ring later in the day when it is less busy. Interpreters will be available on request.

In Halton, the vaccination programme is being delivered from the DCBL Stadium, Appleton Village Pharmacy, Superdrug (Runcorn Shopping City), Manor Pharmacy and at the mass vaccination centre located at the Totally Wicked St Helens Rugby League Stadium.

You may also be able to drop by at one of the vaccination clinics taking place at the DCBL Stadium, keep an eye out on

www.halton.gov.uk

for new dates being added.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINATION,
INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, GO TO**

www.nhs.uk or www.haltonwarringtonccg.nhs.uk



Keep moving you'll feel better for it!

Staying active is a vital part of a healthy lifestyle as it's great for wellbeing and happiness, as well as your physical health.



It's important to keep moving at any age, but you don't have to go to the gym to work out – Halton Borough Council's Active Halton programme has lots of classes, groups and walks.

Some of our gentle exercise classes are back up and running, with limited numbers, while other coaches are still teaching classes online. If national restrictions are lifted it is hoped more community classes will resume as soon as possible, but check the website or ring to see what's available.

For an opportunity to chat and exercise outdoors without your mask, why not try one of our organised health walks? Or just take yourself off on your own walk in one of Halton's lovely green spaces.

For more information and advice on staying active, ring Paula Parle on 0151 511 8550 or visit the website www.activehalton.co.uk/getactive

Let's talk about loneliness

Even before Covid-19, loneliness was recognised as a growing problem – it was estimated that there were more than nine million people in the UK affected by loneliness.

Over the past 18 months, lockdown restrictions, social distancing and shielding has led to many more people becoming lonely. Loneliness poses a risk to our physical and mental health.

Restrictions may now be easing but many people will still feel lonely and isolated.

Here are a few simple actions you could take:

- **Keep in touch with those around you** - some people will be keen to get together in person, others might be more cautious, but you can still chat on the phone
- **Join a group** - being part of a shared interest group is a great way to make connections
- **Get in touch** - organisations can offer support. To find the right one for you visit our Mental Health Info Point for details of local and national organisations offering help and advice www.halton.gov.uk/mhinfo
- **Help out through volunteering** - a great way to meet new people and find a new interest.

WWW.HALTON.GOV.UK/MHINFOPOINT

Anyone can feel lonely so it's important to check in with family and friends, even after lockdown ends.

www.letstalkloneliness.co.uk for more information on how you can get involved in the campaign to end loneliness as well as some handy tips and suggestions to help yourselves and others.

Help us to put a HaltOnLoneliness!

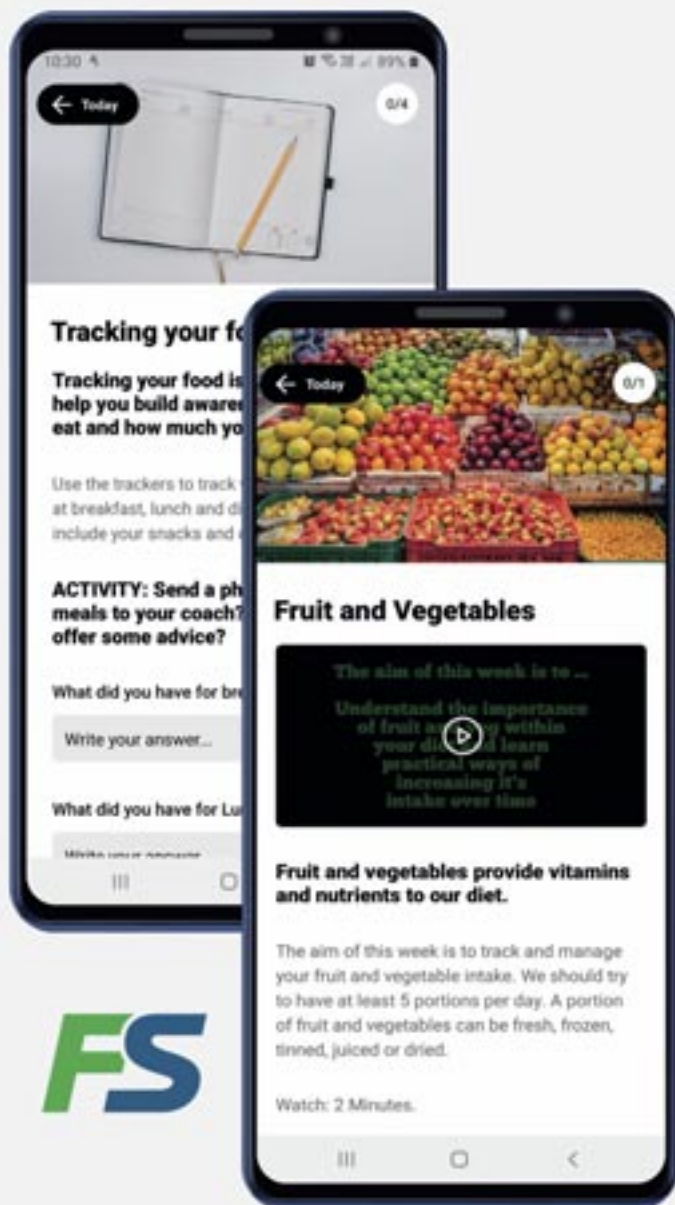
Are you worried about your mental health,
or someone you know?



Scan the code using your device's camera app to visit our website for details of local and national mental health support and advice

www/halton.gov.uk/mhinfo

Lose weight for good with Fresh Start



If you're fed up of fad diets that don't work, counting calories and missing your favourite foods, then **Fresh Start** is for you.

Through our brand new app, the **FREE** 12 week plan is easy to follow and can help you start making healthier eating habits, be more active and start losing weight.

Fresh Start offers:

- 1-1 support from a local coach
- support from other users
- flexible plans to fit around work and family commitments
- integration with wearable activity trackers (FitBit, Garmin, Apple, etc.)
- advice and information about health and wellbeing
- progress tracking, meal plans, and much more!

The Fresh Start app is free to download and there are no hidden costs!

Call **0300 029 0029** or email **HIT@halton.gov.uk** to get a Fresh Start today!

For more information call the team on:

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Council Meetings

DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
AUGUST			
02	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
SEPTEMBER			
06	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
07	6.30PM	Corporate Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
13	6.30PM	Children Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
14	6.30PM	Safer Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
16	2.00PM	Executive Board	Runcorn Town Hall
20	6.30PM	Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
22	6.30PM	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
28	6.30PM	Health Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
29	6.30PM	Audit and Governance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
OCTOBER			
04	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
06	2.00PM	Health and Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
06	6.30PM	Regulatory Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
13	6.30PM	Council	Halton Stadium
13	4.00PM	Schools Forum	Held remotely
14	2.00PM	Executive Board	Runcorn Town Hall
NOVEMBER			
01	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
02	6.30PM	Corporate Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
08	6.30PM	Children Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
09	6.30PM	Safer Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
17	6.30PM	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
18	2.00PM	Executive Board	Runcorn Town Hall
23	6.30PM	Health Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
24	6.30PM	Audit and Governance Board	Runcorn Town Hall

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 and 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 and 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



Couples vote Halton top of the table for weddings

Congratulations to Halton Borough Council's Registration Service for being nominated as Best Wedding Ceremony Provider in the North West!

The North West Wedding Awards, run by County Brides Magazine, invites nominations from people who want to tell others about the best wedding services they have experienced.

There are 35 categories in which people can nominate a provider of a wedding service and Halton Registration Service, based at Runcorn Town Hall, has been nominated in the Best Ceremony Provider category.

There's still time to add your vote – if you have had a ceremony provided by Halton Registration Service between 1 September 2021 up to the closing date of 31 August 2021, go to www.countybrides.com/cast-your-votes-2021

Andrew Lucas, Superintendent Registrar, said: "There are over 30 Register Offices in the North West, plus countless other venues which can host wedding services. We are very proud that people have taken the time to nominate us as one of the best, and this testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and those who look after our fantastic venue."

Need financial help? Welfare Rights is there for you

Halton Borough Council's Welfare Rights Service has helped hundreds of residents who have either lost benefits, or did not know what they could claim - and they can help you.

The team has been able to help with numerous benefit appeals, and last year they had a 95% success rate. They have also been able to obtain £900,000 for those assisted by the Macmillan benefits service.

Personal Independence Payments and Attendance Allowances are where most of the increased payments have been gained, with a total of over £2.1 million in extra payments so far for users of the service.

The Welfare Benefits team has also been able to negotiate debt payments of nearly £164,000, enabling relief for those who owed money to lenders.

The team comprises three sections. One of these deals with Welfare Rights which includes form completion, advice and representation at appeals tribunals if refused benefit or the award is believed to be too low.

The second part of the service deals with Macmillan Cancer support, which enables specialist welfare rights advisors linked into local hospitals and the community focusing on those touched by cancer or others who have a palliative diagnosis. A smaller section of the service deals with debt advice.

You can contact the Welfare Rights team by calling **0151 511 8930** or by email - welfare.rights@halton.gov.uk



The stage is set...

A Halton theatre school is looking forward to its 20th production this year, and the door is open for new members to join.

Halton Entertainment Art Regional Theatre School (HEARTS) will be performing Cinderella in December with performances scheduled to reach 1,200 members of the public and 250 schoolchildren.

It is a very friendly group and new members are always welcome. If you like to build your child's confidence, start new friendships within a safe environment, develop a great hobby, then why not take them along to join in the fun? As a bonus, their first session is free.

HEARTS' history goes back to 1999 when the joint churches of St Basil's RC and All Saints C of E were looking to raise funds for a millennium Garden of Remembrance, and HEARTS' founder, Louis Neeves, was asked to write a pantomime. This production, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, raised substantial funds which led to the group being asked to produce a show annually.

The group is now well-respected in the borough, recognised by being chosen three times as the Mayor of Halton's charity.

Over the years, the group's numbers have grown to such an extent that on their busiest day, Saturday, it has classes running simultaneously at CRMZ Central on Kingsway in all styles of dance and musical theatre.

Students start from age three right up to young adults, and the group is a member of both the Youth Theatre Association and the Youth



Federation. Students have taken exams in dance and performed in competitions in various UK venues, including London's West End, and even in Disneyland Paris!

As well as the annual pantomime, they perform at least twice a year at the Brindley Theatre.

Their next milestone will be a 20th anniversary Masquerade Ball, which had to be postponed last year.



You can contact the group via: **0151 424 4007** or **07734 055287**, or through its Facebook page www.facebook.com/HEARTSDanceAndTheatre

Visit the website at www.HeartsTheatreSchool.co.uk

It's all aboard the learning bus!

A double-decker bus converted into a learning hub is the centrepiece of an exciting community project at St Michael's Catholic Primary School in Widnes.

The newly opened Learning Hub and Garden of Health and Wellbeing is used by pupils, staff, families and the local community.

The bus, donated by Widnes Coaches, has been transformed into a great place for the children to work and socialise with each other and their families. It is available for members of the community to access various organisations and information, such as Halton Healthy Schools, Adult Learning, and mental health.

Features of the Garden of Health and Wellbeing include wicker sculptures, bird houses, spaces for relaxation and reflection, and a fitness trail.



We now have an exciting and innovative learning environment that we're extremely proud of.

Paul Loughran
Head Teacher, St Michael's Catholic Primary School

The project was planned, designed and implemented in partnership with multi-national construction company, Laing O'Rourke and Everton in the Community, with help from a number of other local businesses and organisations. Mick O'Carroll, Construction Manager at Laing O'Rourke and a parent of a St Michael's pupil, co-ordinated the whole project.

Funding included grants from Halton Borough Council's Local Area Forum and the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

The project took three years to complete, work continued during the pandemic, and many volunteer hours were given by the partners.

Headteacher, Paul Loughran, says: "We are so grateful for the help, support and dedication from our contributors without whom we could not have achieved this amazing addition to our school.

"We now have an exciting and innovative learning environment that we're extremely proud of. It brings the school and community together and provides a lasting legacy for many more children in the future."



One Halton

Working better together

For a number of years now, One Halton has existed as a local partnership between the Council, NHS organisations, voluntary sector and others, all working closely together to try to join up health and social care services, to help Halton people live longer, healthier and happier lives.

Now, the Government has set out proposals that it hopes to put into law, which will see more formal arrangements between NHS bodies, Councils, and other organisations involved in delivering health and care services.

In the proposals 'Integrated Care Systems' (ICS) will be created across England - with the Cheshire and Merseyside Health & Care Partnership becoming an ICS. In addition, Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) will work at a much more local level - with One Halton becoming an Integrated Care Partnership. The plan, subject to legislation being passed in Parliament, is for this new way of working to start in April 2022.

Through One Halton, there are already very strong local relationships in place and lots of work is already happening jointly at a local level. The pandemic has demonstrated just how effectively our 'system' can work together to keep our community safe and well. We are already well placed to become an Integrated Care Partnership.

Integrated care is about giving people the support they need, joined up across local councils, the NHS, and other partners. It removes traditional divisions between hospitals and family doctors, between

One Halton where everyone lives longer, happier and healthier lives



We all need to think and do things differently than we have done before.

We are going to work much more closely together to get the whole health and care 'system' working better for people.

At the same time we are asking you to make the right choices about the food you eat, drink less alcohol, stop smoking and do more exercise.

By getting it right together,

we will prevent more people becoming unwell; keep people living longer and healthier lives in their own homes; see less people spending time in hospital; and by doing these things, make money go further towards providing the right services in the right places for those who really need them.



physical and mental health, and between NHS and council services. In the past, these divisions have meant that too many people experienced disjointed care and as a result have 'fallen through the cracks'.

Integrated care systems (ICSs)

are partnerships between the organisations that meet health and care needs across an area. Under the new proposals, all areas of England will be part of an ICS, with Halton part of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership ICS.

In an ICS, NHS bodies, local authorities and third-sector providers each take collective responsibility for the management of resources, delivering NHS standards and improving the health of the population they serve.

With an overview of the issues that affect the health and care of local people right across Cheshire and Merseyside, the Health and Care Partnership will be in a position to take action to address health inequalities that arise because of the conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age. All of these things influence our opportunities for good health and how we think, feel and act, and this shapes our mental health, physical health and wellbeing.

Addressing issues that are common to the whole area 'at scale' will achieve efficiencies, freeing up resources for other services.

These priorities are:

- **Children and Young People:** improved levels of early child development
- **Generally Well:** increased levels of physical activity and healthy eating and reduction in harm from alcohol
- **Long-term Conditions:** reduction in levels of heart disease and stroke
- **Mental Health:** improved prevention, early detection and treatment
- **Cancer:** reduced level of premature death
- **Older People:** improved quality of life.

What happens next?

Much of the work going on at the moment is happening behind the scenes to make sure that One Halton is ready to move to these

new arrangements by April 2022, when legislation is passed. Services will not change as a result of the legislation.

This includes forming a new One Halton ICP Board; putting the right Governance in place so that decisions always put Halton people first; and the various organisation involved that work as part of One Halton, formally committing to this partnership way of working. One Halton recognises the need to shift more services into the community and we will do this through local engagement with our communities.

There is still a lot of work to do between now and April 2022 but as plans develop further, more information will be shared and opportunities will be available for the community to ask questions about ICSs, ICPs, One Halton and the work it will do in the future.

In the meantime, you can find out more about One Halton by visiting www.onehalton.uk

Our priorities are your priorities

Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs)

One Halton will be the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) for our local 'place'. All of our efforts will be on improving the health and lives of our community. Decisions about how services are arranged will be made as closely as possible with those who use them. A new One Halton ICP Board will oversee activity and ensure local people and their needs are put first.

One Halton will continue its work to deliver against the priorities set out in Halton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy following extensive consultation with local people.



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Cancer:

Reduced level of premature death



Older People:

Improved quality of life



from  Edsential
Community Interest Company

Free nutritious food and activities for children this summer

Halton Borough Council and Edsential are excited to announce the launch of the Holiday Activity Fund for summer 2021.

Families across Halton will be able to enjoy free nutritious food and activities at a wide range of exciting holiday clubs over the summer holidays, at a time when such provision for young people and their families is needed more than ever.

Edsential and their local partners will support and provide funding for community, voluntary and faith sector organisations, along with schools, to support children across Halton with:

- Healthy meals and snacks along with family cooking sessions.
- A variety of physical activities such as dance, Yoga, HIIT and adventure play, making the most of our outdoor spaces.
- Diverse enrichment activities including arts and crafts, pottery making, forest school, gardening clubs and much more.

A full list of the clubs taking place over the summer holidays will be available on the Edsential website soon:

www.edsential.com/holidayactivityfund2021

Runcorn swimming pool is open!

To the delight of many local swimmers, Runcorn swimming pool reopened in June on a phased return after been closed since the start of the pandemic.

Maintenance works have been carried out which delayed the pool reopening but, after the installation of new radiators and water pipes, the pool is looking better than ever and the team are delighted to welcome back many happy customers.

www.runcornpool.activehalton.co.uk



RE-OPENING

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7am - 11am Swim & Gym 12pm - 12.45pm Swim & Gym	7am - 12pm Swim & Aqua Shape 09.30-10.15	7am - 11am Swim & Gym 12pm - 12.45pm Swim & Gym

Due to covid-19 safety measure all Swim and Gym sessions will need to be pre-booked

phone: 01928 572 114 or
online: <https://runcornpool.activehalton.co.uk/>

Children learn vital lifesaving skills

Hundreds of children and young people who swim in Halton are being equipped with vital water safety skills that could help save lives.

On average, each week, more than 700 children attend school swimming lessons with Active Halton and around 800 children and young people are part of its 'Learn to Swim' programme.

Active Halton supported The Royal Lifesaving Society UK's recent Drowning Prevention Week by focusing swimming lessons on water safety.

From the youngest 'ducklings' who are just learning to swim, to the most advanced swimmers, everyone attending Active Halton lessons received vital information that could prevent them from getting into trouble in the water.

They learned crucial new skills so they are aware of how to act if they do find themselves in difficulty. These included safe entry and exits, floating and sculling, fall-in entry, treading water and shout and signal rescues.

Cllr Paul Nolan, Halton Borough Council's portfolio holder for leisure services, says: "Sadly, we are aware of the statistics which estimate that around one million children in the UK could leave primary school in the next five years unable to swim to the minimum standard required under the national curriculum.

"That is why we are continuing to develop and enhance our Active Halton aquatics offer to babies, pre-school children, children and adults with special educational needs, teenagers and adults."

Active Halton has signed up to the Swim England School Swimming and Water Safety Charter. This means through the Active Halton School Swimming Programme the Council will be equipping local children and young people with water safety and core aquatic skills that could help save lives.

Cllr Nolan added: "We will be encouraging as many schools as possible to get involved, which will also give them access to a range of resources to help plan and deliver school swimming lessons, classroom resources and worksheets, water safety presentation and template letters to parents."

Schools who are looking to get involved should contact the Aquatics Manager.

For details of Active Halton swimming lessons go to www.activehalton.co.uk or call Kingsway Leisure Centre/Brookvale Recreation Centre on **0151 495 2200 / 01928 712 051**.



New classes added to the timetable!

Yoga has return to both Brookvale and Kingsway Leisure Centres, as well as Zumba, Zumba step, Pilates and many more classes to suit all fitness levels.

All sessions can now be pre-booked on the new online booking system! Visit your local centre's website

www.brookvale.activehalton.co.uk www.kingsway.activehalton.co.uk

New piazza taking shape at Runcorn Station Quarter

These latest photos show just how much progress is being made in transforming the area in front of Runcorn Station.

The removal of the 'trumpet loop', as part of creating the new road network around the Runcorn Station Quarter area, has completely opened up the view from Runcorn Station. Instead of being greeted by concrete, passengers leaving the station now have views right through to Runcorn town centre and The Brindley.

With work progressing at pace, the final design as seen in the artist's impression, is clearly taking shape, with the outline walls of the planters now visible, new seating and new paving starting to be installed.

The construction of the new piazza outside the station will create a much better passenger experience for the station, but will also be a space for the local community and will facilitate the development of the surrounding sites. Improvements to walking and cycling links between the station and town centre will also be made.

Work on the piazza is expected to be completed around the end of 2021, with other works continuing in the area.



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TALK!

Halton

A team of early years specialists are working together to ensure all young children in Halton are given the chance to reach their potential in speech, language and communication.

Halton Borough Council's TALK Halton team, made up of speech and language therapists, early years practitioners and the 0-19 health team, supports children and their families in developing communication skills.

The Council received funding from the Department for Education's Early Outcomes Fund to tackle communication difficulties at a young age and equip children with the language skills needed to thrive at school. The difficulties children can face include mispronunciation, missing speech sounds, difficulties forming sentences, lack of communication skills and social skills.

Much of the funding was used to introduce a national screening toolkit and train early years staff to use it, with the aims of identifying and supporting children earlier and reducing the numbers needing referrals to speech and language services.

The training was given to staff working in pre-schools, day nurseries, children's centres and maintained nursery schools, plus health professionals such as health visitors.

"Early years settings and the health service are working with the toolkit which means they have the same 'language' with which to discuss children's speech, language and communication," says project lead, Claire Smith.

They also use a 'Big Book of Ideas', a collection of more than 1,000 play-based activities for practitioners and parents to carry out with the children.

"Through training we shared how to use the toolkit along with basic language intervention activities that we had written to support children's listening, early language skills and understanding. We wanted to reassure practitioners that they already understood what to do, we were just joining the dots, said Claire."

Social media has also been used successfully to offer support to parents, with an average reach of 1,225 people per post. Initial assessment results showed that half of children tested had a significant or moderate speech, language and communication difficulty - much higher than the 20 per cent norm for areas of deprivation - but just a few months later there was an improvement.

Says Claire: "Halton's Children's Centres have reviewed all groups to make them more communication-friendly as a result of TALK Halton. All teams refocused their work on supporting children's speech, language and communication as a priority, which is amazing!"



AUGUST

21 AUGUST TO 5 SEPTEMBER

BEE DISCOVERY WORKSHOPS
CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM

Come and learn about one of nature's best scientists - the honeybee.

DESTINATION SPACE SHOW

Visit our family show to discover all about UK Spaceports and space launchers.
www.catalyst.org.uk

HALTON'S GOT TALENT

A 10 YEARS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 21

HALTON'S GOT TALENT - A 10 YEARS CELEBRATION

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £TBC
Previous winners and runners-up take part in a spectacular Grand Finale, as part of the Celebrate Halton – Borough of Culture 2021 celebrations.

WEDNESDAY 25

FRANCIS ROSSI - I TALK TOO MUCH
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £30, SUPER VIP £75, VIP £40

The founder, lead singer and lead guitarist of Status Quo will talk about his mishaps and adventures of life on the road with one of the biggest and most loved bands. He will be joined on stage by award-winning writer and broadcaster Mick Wall, who has sold more than a million books.

THURSDAY 26 & FRIDAY 27

THE ILLEGAL EAGLES
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £28

The world's official No.1 tribute to The Eagles return for more stunning vocals, tight harmonies and awesome guitar riffs!

FRIDAY 27

SIOBHAN PHILLIPS: LIVE AND UNHINGED
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £18.50

This new show has variety at its core and features the smash hit songs along with more daft ditties, comedy and the chance to experience Siobhan's breath taking vocals.

SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 29

DESPERATE SCOUSEWIVES
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £19.50, £18

The Scouse wives are back! This hilarious hit comedy play written by and starring Lynne Fitzgerald tells the tale of four ordinary scouse women living in four terraced houses in the back streets of Liverpool.

SUNDAY 29

THE JUNGLE BOOK
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 5.30PM |
ADULT £16, CONCESSION £12, CHILD £11,
FAMILY (2+2 OR 1+3) £47
A new musical adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling family favourite. The perfect treat for the whole family! Tickets:
www.nortonpriory.org

TUESDAY 31

DAVE SPIKEY: A FUNNY THING HAPPENED (I SHOT DEREK RIGBY)
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22
Dave's comedy radar has always instinctively drawn him to small out-of-the-ordinary events.

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 1

THE NIGHT TITANIC SANK
Presented by Don't Go Into the Cellar Theatre Company
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
Based on the real-life testimonies of those who survived.



WEDNESDAY 1

THE FOUNDATIONS
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25
Build Me Up Buttercup, Baby Now That I've Found You, and more.

THURSDAY 2

OH! WHAT A NIGHT
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25
A musical journey through the incredible career of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons now immortalised in the multi-award winning show Jersey Boys.

FRIDAY 3

AN EVENING WITH GREG OLDFIELD
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12
The popular Widnes born singer-songwriter returns to the Brindley Studio after a successful show in 2018.



SATURDAY 4

STIPE - THE R.E.M. TRIBUTE BAND
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £15
One set will be a live rehearsal and the songs will be chosen by you, the ticket holders. Once you have purchased your ticket, you can place your song request direct with the band here:
<http://bit.ly/STIPEBRINDLEYREQUESTS>
The most requested songs will be performed on the night!

SATURDAY 4

THE LUST & LAUGHTER SHOW
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE |
£23, £33 VIP MEET & GREET
Raunchy, action-packed top male revue act, headed by top international artist, Black Stallion, Conrad Brissett, as seen on Britain's Got Talent and Got to Dance.

FRIDAY 10

AN EVENING WITH IAN PROWSE PLUS THE SOUTHBOUND ATTIC BAND
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £17
Merseyside legend Ian Prowse is a singer/songwriter, plays guitar and is frontman of Amsterdam, previously of indie cult band Pele.

SATURDAY 11

AN EVENING WITH JENNY COLQUITT PLUS SUPPORT
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12
After the success of her debut EP the Quiet Kind, Jenny is back to show how her music has matured.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM

Will be open free on 11, 12, 18 and 19 September as part of the national Heritage Open Days events.

SOAP SUDS WORKSHOPS

Crush some soap noodles, add a colour and a fragrance and make your very own bar of soap to take home!

ELEMENTS IN ACTION WORKSHOPS

Come and join this hands-on workshop celebrating elements from the periodic table.
www.catalyst.org.uk

SUNDAY 12

A VISION OF ELVIS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £28, £26

Starring Rob Kingsley – the UK's No1 official Elvis show and male tribute.

TUESDAY 14

MARK RADCLIFFE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £16

Original songs and stories of loss from the radio star, broadcaster, musician and author. Having lost six months to, thankfully successful, cancer treatment and with a new perspective on life, Mark takes stock of friends, relatives, and lost time.



WEDNESDAY 15

THE BILLY FURY YEARS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26

Fantastic audio, video effects and various costume changes depicting the ever-changing Fury phenomenon.

WEDNESDAY 15 – SATURDAY 18

THE SECRET LIVES OF HENRY AND ALICE

Presented by Centenary Theatre Company
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12

For Henry Smith, life was rarely dull. For Alice Smith, housewife, life was rarely anything else. (Hire)

FRIDAY 17

ROY ORBISON AND THE TRAVELING WILBURYS TRIBUTE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £27, £25

The show features Big Screen Projection throughout.



SATURDAY 18

PETTY CRIMINALS – A TRIBUTE TO TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22

An evening of classic rock in the shape of an iconic American band.

SUNDAY 19

NORTHERN LIVE - DO I LOVE YOU

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26

Keeping the faith to the original sounds of Northern Soul.



TUESDAY 21

THE UNREMARKABLE DEATH OF MARILYN MONROE

Presented by Dyad Productions

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £17, £15

Monroe as we have never seen her before.

WEDNESDAY 22

PRINCE OF DARKNESS

Presented by Don't Go Into the Cellar Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12

Famed Edwardian actor Vincent Griswold prepares to perform as Edgar Allan Poe in a stage-play based on the author's life.

THURSDAY 23

THE MUSIC OF YUSUF - CAT STEVENS – UNICEF CONCERT: KEITH JAMES

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £18

Keith James is a well-respected singer/songwriter who specialises in performing intimate, carefully researched biographic style concerts. (Hire)

FRIDAY 24

CHARLOTTE DACIA

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12

Acclaimed local vocalist Charlotte Dacia with an intimate evening of live music.

SUNDAY 26

BIG BAND BONANZA

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £16, £14

One of the North West's top big bands with a sparkling evening of swing jazz.

MONDAY 27

GRACE PETRIE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17

Grace Petrie's unique take on life, love, and politics, performed with warmth and wit.

TUESDAY 28

EDDI READER – 40 YEARS LIVE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23

Eddi Reader is perhaps Scotland's greatest living female voice. Her band Fairground Attraction had huge international success.

WEDNESDAY 29

THE KING OF POP STARRING NAVI

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE |

£24. £35 VIP MEET & GREET

Starring the world's leading Michael Jackson tribute artist, Navi. *Meet & Greet tickets include a VIP lanyard and access to the post-show Meet and Greet with the stars.

THURSDAY 30

BEYOND THE BARRICADE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE |

£26. GROUP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Past principal performers from Les Miserables deliver over two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End.

THURSDAY 30

FIRE & RAIN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £17

Andante return with more songs of peace, protest and love. The wonderful vocal harmonies and all 16 instruments are back - plus a couple of new surprises!

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 1

THANK ABBA FOR THE MUSIC

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, £23

A journey back in time, a two-hour spectacular, a 7-piece live band, interactive video projection - this is the ultimate feel-good party show.

FRIDAY 1 – SUNDAY 31

MUSEUM OF THE MOON @ NORTON PRIORY

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR TIMES AND TICKET PRICES

Museum of the Moon is a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram.

The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition.

The event is part of 'Celebrate Halton', Borough of Culture 2021. More details and tickets will be released soon.

www.nortonpriory.org



SUNDAY 3

POWER 2 PERFORM

Presented by Hayward Performing Arts

BRINDLEY | 3PM | THEATRE | £19, £15.50 CHILD,

£17.50 SENIOR

High energy performance.

(Hire)

MONDAY 4

DIRTY DUSTING

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26

Starring Vicki Michelle ('Allo 'Allo!) and Vicky Entwistle (Coronation Street). Leah Bell completes the threesome of cleaning ladies.

TUESDAY 5

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

BRINDLEY | 2PM & 7PM | THEATRE | £16, £14,

GROUPS 10 PLUS – DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

From the producers of Memory Lane. A musical journey through the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

WEDNESDAY 6

LEE MEAD – MY BAND & ME

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £27

Lee Mead and his band perform songs from his five hit albums.

**THURSDAY 7
CHINA CRISIS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24
China Crisis found major success in the UK with five Top 40 singles, ten Top 50 singles and 3 Top 40 albums.

**FRIDAY 8
THE DRIFTERS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £31, £29
A brand-new show performing all their classic hits from the last six decades.

**SATURDAY 9
THE NAUGHTY CORNER**

Plus Gareth Heesom
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12
They have now made the transition from acoustic duo to five-piece rock band.



OCTOBER
13th

**WEDNESDAY 13 – SATURDAY 16
SHREK THE MUSICAL**

Presented by D&S Productions
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2PM & 7.30PM SAT. ONLY |
THEATRE | £23 ADULT, £20 CHILD
There will be an opportunity to meet and greet the characters at the Saturday Matinee. (Hire)

**WEDNESDAY 13
WEIRD DALES**

Presented by Don't Go Into the Cellar Theatre Company
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
What unspeakable horrors lurk in the depths of the sylvan countryside?

**THURSDAY 14
IGNACIO LOPEZ**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £12

A relentlessly funny show about holidays, food and childhood. An armada of sarcasm, silliness and songs!

OCTOBER
14th



**TUESDAY 19
HEIDI TALBOT & BOO HEWERDINE**

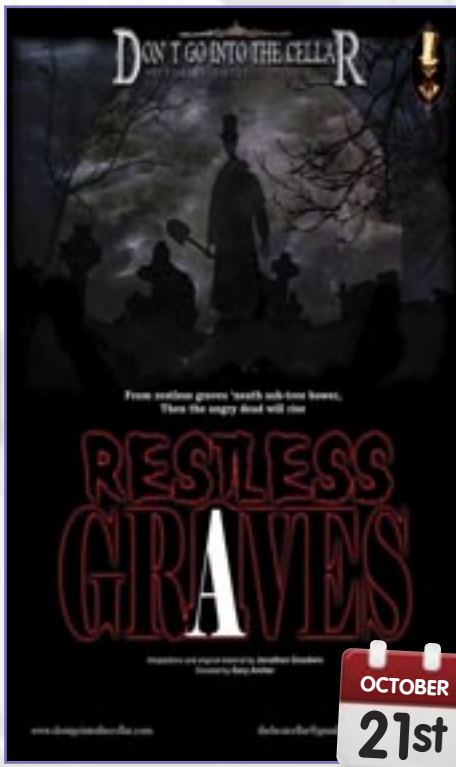
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20
Joining Heidi will be long-time collaborator and Ivor Novello award nominated singer-songwriter Boo Hewerdine.

**WEDNESDAY 20
JIMEOIN – TURN IT UP**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18.50
A brilliant evening of comedy from the Irishman celebrated as one of live stand-up's true masters.

**THURSDAY 21
RESTLESS GRAVES**

Presented by Don't Go Into The Cellar Theatre Company
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
Acclaimed actor Jonathan Goodwin once more performs as M.R. James, in a show scripted by himself.



OCTOBER
21st

**THURSDAY 21
BUDDY HOLLY & THE CRICKETERS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24, £22
A show guaranteed to have everyone singing and dancing in the aisles.

**FRIDAY 22
THE QUEEN EXPERIENCE**

Performed by Killer Rhapsody
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE |
£22, £80 GROUP OF 4
One of the most genuine and authentic Queen and Freddie Mercury experiences. (Hire)

**FRIDAY 22
ZEN BASEBALLBAT plus PETE BENTHAM & THE DINNER LADIES**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO STANDING | £10
Halton's two most successful bands on the UK underground scene on one big line up.
NOTE: THIS IS A STANDING STUDIO SHOW



OCTOBER
23rd

**OCTOBER HALF TERM 23 – 31
CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE AND MUSEUM**

EXPLORE YOUR UNIVERSE

Join us for a highly charged show looking at the technology used in space exploration.

WE ARE ALIENS – PLANETARIUM SHOW

Join us in our new inflatable planetarium for an exciting journey into space, narrated by Rupert Grint!
www.catalyst.org.uk

**MONDAY 25
RAPUNZEL – THE ADULT PANTOMIME**

Presented by Joe Purdy Productions
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £30.50, £45.50
VIP Meet and Greet
A naughty little tale featuring an all star drag cast icon. Suitable for 13 plus years. (Hire)

**TUESDAY 26
WHISTLE AND I'LL COME TO YOU!**

Presented by Rumpus Theatre Company
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £16, £14
A spine-tingling new play based on M.R. James classic ghost story.

**TUESDAY 26
SWAN LAKE**

Presented by the Russian National Ballet
BRINDLEY | 2.30PM & 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, £23
The greatest of all romantic ballets. A wonderful evening out.

**THURSDAY 28 – SATURDAY 30
WEST SIDE STORY**

Presented by A Place For Us Theatre Company
BRINDLEY | 7PM, 2PM & 7PM SAT. ONLY |
THEATRE | £17, £15
You will be transported to the fateful world of The Jets and The Sharks. (Hire)

**FRIDAY 29 & SATURDAY 30
TWISTED TALES FOR TERRIBLE CHILDREN**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM
CHECK WEBSITE FOR TIMES AND TICKET PRICES
Gav Cross: Storyteller; Show Off and Chief Idiocy Wrangler brings these old fables to life again vividly.
Tickets: www.nortonpriory.org

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What does a Supported Lodgings Provider do? The role of a registered provider focusses on practical and emotional support. Providers need be able to offer accommodation, support and mentoring.

How long will they stay? A minimum of six months and anything up to five years (depending on individual circumstances).

What support can I expect? Our Providers are well supported and benefit from:

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- A professional fee
- Support Groups

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How long will the process take? The assessment process takes around 6 weeks in total.

Halton Borough Council is recruiting Supported Lodgings Providers in Runcorn and Widnes.

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