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## Council tax exemption for foster carers

100%  
council tax  
discount

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?

As a registered foster carer for Halton Borough Council, you can decide the type of fostering you'd like to do - short term, long term, emergency or respite care, and the age range of children you'd like to care for, or be completely open-minded!

### Did you know?

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



Welcome to our spring edition – I hope you enjoy reading about some of the great things going on in our borough, which can only happen thanks to the dedicated and hard-working people who live, work and volunteer in Halton.

At the time of going to press we were finalising our budget and Council Tax which, once again, proved to be a very tough process due to growing financial pressures. Each year we face a bigger challenge to balance the books while trying to protect services. We have to find more and more savings each year and even though we are restricting spending to the minimum, there are always some casualties in service provision.

Children Services and Adult Social Care budgets continue to feel the pressure but, as always, we do everything we can to protect those people who need our services most.

Fostering is one of our priority projects as we desperately need more people to become foster carers so that children can be cared for here without having to be placed out of the borough. You can read about our latest recruitment campaign inside.

The local elections take place on May 2 and at this time of year we always remind people to make sure they are registered to vote. The deadline is Friday April 12 and you can register quickly and easily by going to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) You can check if you are on the electoral register at one of the Direct Link offices.

Local elections are your chance to have your say, so don't lose your chance to use your vote.

**Cllr Rob Polhill** Council Leader

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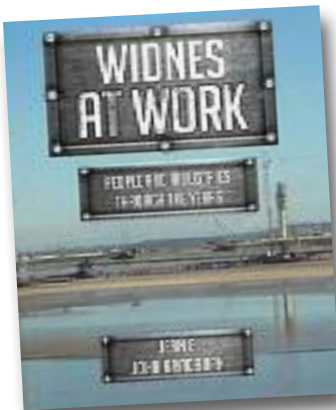
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## Local history talks

Halton Lea and Widnes Library host local history talks on a regular basis.



Coming up soon, Runcorn Historical Society will be sharing their memories of leisure and pleasure in Halton Lea Library on Thursday 23 May. Local historian and author Jean Bradburn will be sharing oral histories she collected while researching her book 'Widnes at Work' in Widnes library on Tuesday 18 June.

Both libraries also have great resources to start your own local history research if our talks inspire you - Runcorn and

Widnes Weekly News archives, census records, electoral registers, maps and much more. Tickets for the talks are free but places must be booked in advance. Tickets are available via the library website or at any library.

## Halton Readathon

How much do you think Halton reads?

Join us throughout the month of July for our readathon and let us know whether you've read for 10 minutes, an hour or more. Just tweet us with the hashtag #HaltonReads to let us know, leave a comment on our Facebook page or let a member of library staff know and your reading time will be added to our tracker. Read at home, in your library or look out for readathons in your community. July is all about celebrating the pleasure of reading in Halton. Let's see if we can top 5,000 hours of reading!



## FREE eAudiobooks

Live up your commute with a talking book to keep you company. You can download free talking books onto your phone with Halton Library Service's audiobook service.

Visit [www.halton.gov.uk/e-audio](http://www.halton.gov.uk/e-audio) to find out more.

There is a great selection of titles to choose from, including modern fiction, biographies, thrillers and children's titles. The books will automatically return themselves after three weeks.

# Planting trees for the future



Halton Council parks staff and Hough Green ward councillors have recently planted trees in an area of Prescott Road Playing Fields in Widnes.

**In total, 45 trees were planted including Beech, Hornbeam and Oak. These species can grow to a height of 20-40m and will slowly reach maturity whilst providing habitats for woodland bird species.**

Trees and woods are crucial - they give homes to wildlife, clean air and water, provide food and fuel, but they're under threat. 60 million trees have already been taken by Dutch elm disease and 126 million trees in British woods are at risk of ash dieback. There are 19 pests and diseases attacking our native trees, six of which have reached epidemic levels and at least 11 more diseases are nearing our borders.

For this planting, the Council used a Targeting Tree Disease pack - these packs are part-funded by the Woodland Trust to help restore existing woodland or hedgerows and regenerate countryside that is threatened by disease.

All trees are UK sourced and grown to minimise the risk of importing and spreading tree pests and diseases. Seeds are collected and stored in the UK.

Cllr Phil Harris commented: "All three Hough Green councillors have pledged to protect and improve local green spaces whenever they can and welcome the new planting underway. We also appreciate the hard-working Council employees who advise, source and plant the trees we are keen to see in the community.

"Our next planting scheme will be in partnership with the Royal British Legion, in creating a landscape feature for remembrance using poppy seeds brought back from France."



Blue Room at Norton Priory is an inclusive arts programme for young people aged 18-30 who enjoy art and have a learning disability.

**Every Friday from 10am - 4pm, members meet at Norton Priory Museum and Gardens to explore this amazing place and make art inspired by its history and natural environment.**

Artist Jess Swainson facilitates the sessions with support from staff from Norton Priory and Community Integrated Care. Jess works for Bluecoat who have been running a similar programme in Liverpool since 2008. Now Blue Room has come to Halton, thanks to a partnership between Norton Priory and Bluecoat, and Lottery funding from Arts Council England.

Blue Room members have been finding out about the history and natural landscape at Norton Priory. They've been experimenting with different ways of making art and have created a range of artworks including sculptures, drawings, paintings, prints and the beautiful felt toadstools pictured.

Susan Brownrigg, Norton Priory Learning Officer, said: "Blue Room is a great place to make new friends and develop new skills and confidence. Members aged 25 and under can work towards their Bronze Arts Award as part of the programme. They can also use their skills, and gain valuable work experience by helping to run art activities for local children and families. Later in the year Blue Room will work with a guest artist in residence and will share the artwork they have made through an exhibition at Norton Priory."

If you are interested in becoming a member and would like to visit one Friday for a free taster session then contact Katrina Shock, Blue Room Coordinator on **0151 702 7781** for a chat or email: [katrina.s@thebluecoat.org.uk](mailto:katrina.s@thebluecoat.org.uk) If you enjoy your time at Blue Room we can work with you to see if you are eligible for a personal budget to cover the ongoing cost of attending.



## Best friends help recruit new foster carers



Two foster carers from Runcorn are using their 15 years of experience of fostering to encourage others to come forward and consider it.

**Angela and Sharon found each other through fostering and between them have looked after more than 35 vulnerable babies, children and teenagers. Shortly after Angela was approved as a foster carer, Sharon started her fostering journey too, and they have been inseparable ever since.**

Angela says: "We both support each other - we really are a family. It's not just us, a lot of our foster families go out of the way to help one another, it will be things like lifts, shopping and homework- the usual everyday family responsibilities."

Angela and Sharon have used every opportunity to train and develop with Halton Council's fostering service, and in 2018 they each completed 18 free training courses, everything from safeguarding to safer sleep. Their next venture is to help the Council find more people who want to become a foster carer in Halton.

Fostering Principal Manager, Gareth Walton, said: "We're thrilled to involve some of our foster carers in recruitment, it means that people at the start of their journey can benefit from authentic, genuine advice straight from the source, and it also means that we can give our foster carers an opportunity to broaden their skillset even further."

Halton's Executive Board member for Children, Education and Social Care, Cllr Tom McInerney, said: "In Halton, there are over 280 children in care and we know that placing them with our own foster carers provides better stability and outcomes for those children. We want to make sure that children have the option stay at their school and remain in the local community - increasing the number of in-house foster carers we have will help us to achieve that."

'Become a Foster Carer' Information Sessions take place each month in Halton, Warrington, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester. At these sessions, prospective foster carers can listen to a presentation, chat with experienced foster carers and ask any questions they may have, before taking the next steps (if they are ready to).

For further information please visit [www.foster4.co.uk/events](http://www.foster4.co.uk/events) or call **0800 195 3175** to speak to the fostering team.

'Become a Foster Carer' Information Session dates:

- **TUESDAY 26 MARCH**  
Halton Stadium, (Box 1), WA8 7DZ | 6pm
- **THURSDAY 25 APRIL**  
Castlefields Community Centre WA7 2ST | 6pm
- **TUESDAY 21 MAY**  
Halton Stadium, (Box 1), WA8 7DZ | 10am
- **THURSDAY 27 JUNE**  
Castlefields Community Centre WA7 2ST | 10am
- **TUESDAY 23 JULY**  
Halton Stadium, (Box 1), WA8 7DZ | 6pm



**WIDNES MARKET**

# What Can I Buy at Widnes Market?

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Crystals & Spiritual Items	Handbags & Luggage	Wigs and Hair Extensions
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Widnes Market, Bradley Way,  
Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 6UE.

[www.widnesmarket.com](http://www.widnesmarket.com)



**WIDNES MARKET**



# Care and support by sharing lives

A scheme to help young people or adults who need support or a place to live is being set up by Halton Council.

Called Shared Lives, it is a new approach to the current Adult Placement Service. The young person or adult moves in with, or regularly visits, an approved Shared Lives carer, after they have been matched up and got to know each other.

The scheme can be used by people with learning disabilities, people with mental health problems, older people, care leavers, young disabled adults, parents with learning disabilities and their children.

The person would share the daily life of a trained carer by living in their home as part of the family – or in some cases the carer would live in the adult's home.

As well as providing an alternative approach to care it helps tackle loneliness because they share activities and experiences.

Shared Lives is dependent on a pool of registered carers, with new and innovative ways of increasing the number of carers available put in place. The same safeguarding checks would be in place as those in children's care homes and nursing homes, and all carers would be required to have DBS checks.

Shared Lives carers who provide long-term accommodation and support will be fairly remunerated to ensure service sustainability.

It is hoped the scheme will give people more choice over their care and support by putting a personalised, community-based approach at the centre of social care.

## £40m of transport schemes underway

A number of flagship transport schemes are underway or committed to in the borough thanks to £40 million in funding secured by Halton Council through Liverpool City Region.

Approximately £30m has been secured through LCR with additional £10m from other funding sources such as the Department for Transport.

Examples of the schemes include:

- The Halton Curve rail link providing additional rail services between Liverpool and North Wales
- Major maintenance funding for the Silver Jubilee Bridge connecting the two towns
- Improvements at the Widnes Gyratory to reduce congestion and improve air quality
- Borough-wide improvements to public transport infrastructure, including quality bus corridors, real-time passenger information, and new parking facilities at Runcorn East Station

- 10 km of new and improved cycle ways making travel easier within and between the towns, and improving accessibility to employment and recreation areas
- Investment in alternative technologies to reduce transport related carbon emissions - for example electric charging points.

The schemes will be completed over the coming year.

The Council's Executive Board member for Transportation, Cllr Stan Hill, says: "This new infrastructure will provide everyone with better access to opportunities for work and leisure. The public transport improvements encourage active travel and these have benefits for both air quality and health and well-being."





# Free cholesterol & diabetes check

Thousands of people across Halton may be unknowingly living with high blood pressure, cholesterol or are at risk of developing diabetes. Left unchecked these can lead to serious health issues.

If you're aged between 40 and 74 you could be eligible for a FREE NHS Health Check that could save your life. You may have no symptoms, but the NHS Health Check can tell you if you are at risk of developing diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke and dementia. If there are any warning signs, you'll be given help and advice on what you can do to improve your health. The check should take about 30 minutes and is based on straightforward questions and measurements such as age, gender, family history, height, weight and blood pressure. You will also be given a simple blood test to measure your cholesterol and blood sugar. You should receive an invitation from your GP every five years to attend a free health check at your surgery. If you'd like to find out more, speak to your GP to find out if they can offer you a health check. They will also be able to tell you more about our lifestyle services such as Fresh Start, our Stop Smoking Service or our exercise programmes. Also keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of local 'Healthy Halton' events organised by the Halton Health Improvement Team. They will be at various events and venues, including local businesses, throughout the year offering free BP and lung age checks as well as full NHS Health Checks for eligible people and advice on improving your health and wellbeing.

## Help us put a Halt On Loneliness

Last month, over 150 people from local organisations, the voluntary and faith sectors, community groups and members of the public came together in Widnes to discuss how we can tackle loneliness in our communities.

Loneliness and isolation can be as harmful to your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It's estimated there are nine million people in England who are lonely. It's often assumed that it is something that only affects older people, but a recent survey of 16 – 24 year olds showed that over 40% of these young people felt lonely and isolated.



Changes in society, how communities are built and used and technology have all helped to make it harder for people to look out for each other or engage in conversation. Bereavement, moving to a new area, bullying and redundancy are just a few examples of how a person can find themselves isolated.

### So what can we do in Halton?

There are already lots of services available to help people of all ages – teams like Health Improvement, Age UK Mid Mersey, Community Connectors and Sure Start to Later Life offer help, advice and support for anyone who is lonely. But many can't or won't take part in these kinds of activities. Access may be an issue for the disabled, opening times a problem for those who work, while others may lack the confidence to even admit they are lonely. The people who came to our conference are committed to changing this. And you can be a part of our movement too. Why not share how you think you can make your community a better place to live? Make your pledge, share it on social media and help us to put a #HaltOnLoneliness!







## Keep your kids entertained and healthy during school holidays!



**Do you have children or grandchildren aged four to 11? Do you often get stuck for ideas for activities during the school holidays? Why not come along to one of our popular Fit 4 Life camps?**

They run every school holiday except Christmas and are a great way for both adults and kids to get active and have fun. Each camp takes place over three days, for two hours a day we have activities to

help the whole family learn how to keep healthy and active in a fun, engaging way. Dates for the Easter Holidays and May Half-Term are:  
**2nd - 4th April 10am - 12 noon**  
 Community Hub, Upper Level, The Square, Runcorn Shopping City, WA7 2GZ  
**28th - 30th May 10am - 12 noon**  
 Moon Meadow, Farnworth Street, Widnes, WA8 9LH  
 Places must be pre-booked, so call **0300 029 0029** for details and to reserve your place.



More camps will take place during the summer holidays and October half term, dates and venues will be announced in due course. This is what people have had to say about the camps:  
 "We are becoming a healthy family. I'm more aware and making more changes for me and the kids."  
 "Fab group – very informative. Fab for kids to help keep active."

## Make a sugar swap with Change 4 Life!

**Children in England are having around 2,800 sugar cubes more than they should each year - more than double the maximum recommended amount.**

Too much sugar is bad for children's health as it can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we can't see. This fat can cause weight gain



and serious diseases like type 2 diabetes, which people are getting younger than ever before, and heart disease and some cancers. Too much sugar can also cause painful tooth decay. Most of the sugar children are having comes from sugary drinks, confectionery, biscuits, cakes, desserts, higher-sugar breakfast cereals and higher-sugar yoghurts.

**Change4Life** is showing families how easy it is to cut back on sugar by making a few simple swaps to their everyday food and drinks. Lots of partners will also be highlighting healthier options in-store and in their own advertising and many will be using a new Change4Life 'good choice' badge to make it even easier for families to make healthier choices. Primary school age children should have received a free take-home pack from school in mid-January. The pack takes children on an 'Adventure in Sugar Smart World' and features fun games and stickers to get children to spot the higher-sugar food and drinks and choose healthier swaps. It also provides easy tips on everyday sugar swaps for the whole family. Make a swap when you next shop. Sign up to **Change4Life** today for great prizes, easy tips and meal ideas. Search **Change4Life**.

## Get a Fresh Start for Summer!

**Thousands of people have already changed their lives through our Fresh Start weight management and exercise programme – why not join them this year?**

It's completely free and for six months you'll get personalised support and advice on healthy eating, portion sizes, how to get more active and making changes to your life that will have real long term benefits. There are lots of diet plans out there offering quick fixes but Fresh Start is different. Fresh Start is life changing and most people who complete the 6 months keep the weight off and maintain their new healthier, active lifestyle.

### This is one of our client's stories:

"Things came to a head a few years ago when I was diagnosed with a sleep disorder and had to give up my driving job. My doctor suggested losing weight could help though. After spending 10 weeks on the Fresh Start programme, I'd lost almost two stone and learned a lot about healthy eating. Two years on, I still keep up with the exercise classes I started after Fresh start and am keeping the weight off. "  
 If you want to change your life for the better, give the Health Improvement Team a call on **0300 029 0029**.

### Wait, we're not just about weight management!

The Halton Health Improvement Team has even more to offer – from help for new mums on feeding their baby, helping families get healthy together, exercise classes for people with health conditions like stroke, COPD, cancer and back pain, to reducing mental health stigma, tackling loneliness, promoting cancer screening programmes and training for local employers. Call **0300 029 0029** to find out more or visit [www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk](http://www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk)



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**HELP US  
HELP YOU**

**BEFORE IT GETS WORSE**

# Pass it on and be a good neighbour

A new project is starting in Halton to celebrate good neighbours who make a difference in your community.



**Halton is a borough that has always been a welcoming and inclusive place to live and work. It is also becoming a more diverse community, and the 'Pass it on' project wants to recognise this.**

It is your chance to share those good news stories of people who are good neighbours - those local heroes in your street, community, school, college or organisation whose acts of kindness really set them apart and helps make Halton the place it is.

Good neighbours look out for each other, they are sociable and friendly, offer practical help and are kind, caring and respectful. They keep an eye out for people - noticing things that are not usual and passing this on any concerns where needed.

In this project we are looking for people who are welcoming and inclusive to others in our communities who may have care and support needs, or are more vulnerable, for example because of ill health - mental or physical ill health, disability, poverty, homelessness, abuse, isolation, cultural differences, or sexuality.



There will be an awards ceremony for all finalists in July, and a special award for children and young people given at the Halton Healthy Schools event in June.

For more details of how to get involved, ideas on being a good neighbour and a nomination form please go to [www.adult.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk](http://www.adult.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk)

# New look for Crow Wood Park

Work is continuing to give a Widnes park a much-needed £470,000 revamp



**Halton Council is carrying out a programme of improvements at Crow Wood Park in Widnes which began with new gates at the Barnes Road and Bongs entrances.**

Demolition of the old changing room building and the construction of a new pavilion which will include public toilets and a 'park room'.



The glazed park room is for visitors to use. The design also includes a reflective wall to reflect the planting in the ornamental garden. The idea is to create a welcoming hub area within the park where, for example, parents can gather while their children are in the play areas.

The building will also serve as the base for the park gardener and maintenance teams.

# Take the four week challenge



**Volunteer for just four weeks and be amazed at the difference you'll make.**

- Week 1** See what we get up to
- Week 2** Start to help out
- Week 3** Get a little more involved
- Week 4** You'll know if Scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible roles either supporting young people or behind the scenes. Any help is truly amazing.

**Interested?**

Contact us on 01928 352 120  
or email [membership.enquiries@merseyweaverscouts.org.uk](mailto:membership.enquiries@merseyweaverscouts.org.uk)

[mwscouts.org/join](http://mwscouts.org/join)  
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Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. There are all sorts of roles to suit you.

We cater for young people between the ages of 6 - 25 and cover Widnes, Runcorn, Frodsham, Helsby, Elton, Norley, Kingsley, Moore and surrounding villages. We are actively looking for volunteer leaders, assistants, managers, mentors, supporters, skills instructors, campsite wardens, quartermasters, trustees, administrators and much more!

Got a passion or skill you'd be willing to share? Give young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.



**Scouts**  
Mersey Weaver

# Your waste - your duty

Householders are being advised of their legal responsibilities which mean that if you pass on waste to someone else to dispose of, you must make sure they have a licence

**The Householders Duty of Care legislation aims to help cut down on illegal fly-tipping.**

If you are passing on waste from your property you are required to take reasonable measures to ensure that it is passed on to someone authorised - the local authority or a registered waste carrier.

Examples of reasonable measures you should take:

- Ask the waste carrier to provide you with their full address and telephone number
- Make a note of the vehicle registration number
- Always ask to see their Waste Carrier Licence - if they don't have one, don't use them
- Check where your waste will be going - it must be a licensed waste disposal site
- Ask for a proper invoice/receipt
- If in doubt, check their details by visiting the Environment Agency website [www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers](http://www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers)
- Never accept unsolicited offers to have your waste taken away by someone who cold calls you.

A reputable collector will happily provide you with this information.

Those found breaching their duty of care obligations face being issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. You could also be prosecuted if your waste is found fly-tipped and traced back to your address.



Duty of care regulations are not there to 'scare people' - they are an extra weapon in the armoury to eliminate fly-tipping. They are all about householders working with the council to combat the blight of fly-tipping and make sure rubbish is dealt with properly and responsibly.

Every year, the Council spends thousands of pounds clearing up household rubbish that is dumped by people posing as legitimate waste carriers.

So, if you are having a clear out, or have waste to dispose of following home improvements, you have a legal duty to ensure it is dealt with responsibly.

## Don't let it end up dumped!

Do not forget that all household waste can be disposed of at one of the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres free of charge. Or, you can use the bulky waste collection service. See the Council website for details [www.halton.gov.uk](http://www.halton.gov.uk)

Remember, if we cut the waste available to the fly-tippers, we cut out their business.

A drop-in public consultation event takes place this week on proposals for the five year Masterplan that will guide the regeneration of Astmoor Industrial Estate, Runcorn.

**It is held on Tuesday 19 March, 3pm -7pm, at Castlefields Community Centre. Members of the project team will be there to answer questions, and you can leave your feedback.**

Astmoor has been identified as one of eight locations in Halton where the Mersey Gateway bridge and the reconfigured road network have the potential to open up land, stimulate new development and reposition an area for growth.

A vision and objectives for the regeneration of Astmoor will seek to help existing businesses prosper and stimulate job creation, as well as attracting new investment. The new Masterplan identifies key strengths and weaknesses of the estate and considers issues such as how to attract new development and investment into Astmoor, and what happens to the land being handed back to Council now that the bridge is open. It will also seek to identify improvement projects such as car parking, landscaping, street lighting and signage.

# A vision for Astmoor





## Get in quick to secure Time Bank support

Community groups in Halton can access free support and labour thanks to the re-introduction of the Mersey Gateway's Time Bank initiative.

Local groups and charities have until 29 March to submit applications to the scheme, which provides help and support to groups, charities and organisations in Halton, by emailing [info@merseylink.com](mailto:info@merseylink.com)



Time Bank offers an innovative way of matching the skills of the Merseylink and merseyflow teams with local needs to provide long-lasting benefits to community life in Halton.

Since the scheme was launched in May 2014, the Time Bank has gifted over 20,000 hours of support with £121,000 worth of community benefits delivered locally across 18 projects in Runcorn and Widnes.

One of those to benefit is Brunswick House, which provides supported accommodation for older people.

Brunswick House Secretary Ann Burns said: "After we approached Mersey Gateway Time Bank our project went from strength to strength. If we had had to pay for the work ourselves it would have taken all of the funding we had raised and more. Our new garden is beyond our wildest dreams. We really cannot thank Mersey Gateway Time Bank enough for helping us to complete our project."



Merseylink provided a landscape architect to design the outdoor space, and four general construction apprentices helped to physically create the garden. Brunswick House Secretary Ann Burns said: "After we approached Mersey Gateway Time Bank our project went from strength to strength. If we had had to pay for the work ourselves it would have taken all of the funding we had raised and more. Our new garden is beyond our wildest dreams. We really cannot thank Mersey Gateway Time Bank enough for helping us to complete our project."



## Halton Haven receives £2,500 boost from merseyflow

A Halton charity has been given a £2,500 boost thanks to fundraising by merseyflow staff and customers.

Halton Haven Hospice is using the money to help fund the essential support and care it provides to its residents 365 days a year.

Sponsored walks, runs, dress-down days and raffles all contributed to the impressive total. The Mersey Gateway Bridge was also lit up purple in support of the charity and team member Janet Cook took part in two half marathons to help raise money.



Merseyflow raised £1,250 over the year – an amount which was then doubled by their parent company emovis. The merseyflow team is going to continue to raise funds for Halton Haven as its adopted charity throughout 2019.

Mia Barnby, HR Manager with merseyflow, "I'd like to thank all of our staff and customers who have helped us reach this target. We're pleased to be supporting Halton Haven Hospice again in 2019 because the work they do is so important.

Faye O'Neill, a fundraiser at Halton Haven, said: "We're really grateful for the support of local people and companies like merseyflow because donations like this enable us to care for people when they really need some support."

## Bridge traffic reaches record-breaking levels

Latest Mersey Gateway figures reveal record-breaking months for journeys over the new toll bridge that links Runcorn and Widnes.

The newly-released figures show that between October and December 2018:

- Six million journeys were made across the Mersey Gateway Bridge.
- More than 96% of journeys were paid for before the payment deadline of midnight the day after crossing.
- October was a record month with the most journeys ever (2,120,000) over the new bridge.
- Average daily traffic levels in October and November were the highest ever recorded.
- The number of journeys resulting in a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN), and the percentage of revenue generated through PCNs, has fallen.

Neil Conway, the newly-appointed Chief Executive of merseyflow, said: "It's important for us to provide our customers with an opportunity to review how the bridge is performing and show just how much traffic benefits from using the crossing.

"We are nearly at a 97% rate of customers paying their toll on time, which when you compare to other schemes around the world is an excellent payment rate, but we're still working closely with the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board to look at new ways to minimise the number of PCNs we issue."

### EASTER OPENING HOURS



merseyflow's opening hours for both our Walk-in Centre and Call Centre over the Easter holidays are:

Friday 19 April: 9am-6pm  
 Saturday 20 April: 9am-6pm  
 Sunday 21 April: 9am-6pm  
 Monday 22 April: 9am-6pm



# A cool idea at community café



A warm-hearted café owner at Grangeway Community Centre started a 'community fridge' which is proving a lifeline to those left out in the cold by financial pressures.

**Community fridges are designed to support communities to reduce food wastage and support those who are in need to give them access to a good food source.**



It runs on the premise of 'give when you can, take when you need'. The fridge is for retail businesses, restaurants and individual people to share perfectly good food that is edible and would otherwise go to waste or works on the generosity of the local community.

Operators of community fridges are tasked to ensure they make sure that the fridge is a safe environment for food sharing, mainly in regards to Food Hygiene standards but they cannot take responsibility for the condition of the contents of this fridge.

Mandi McDonald from Macy's Café set up the fridge and also a cupboard for people to donate toiletries and other necessities.

Mandi said: "Everyone who puts food into this fridge is responsible for the safety of the food and will follow the guidelines provided. By taking food from the community fridge you commit to making your own judgement as to whether or not the contents you take are suitable for your own use."

"It works on a no questions asked basis, people access the fridge and take what they need."

# Plan your big day at wedding fayre

This weekend Halton Stadium is inviting soon-to-be brides and grooms, their friends and families to the 2019 Wedding and Partnership Fayre.



**This free event is on Sunday 24 March, 12 noon to 4pm, at the Stadium on Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes and has the added attraction of a prize draw for couples attending.**

Entry to the draw means they have the chance to win £1,000 off a new full-day wedding booking.

Guests can tour the various impressive suites and will have the opportunity to discuss with the staff all their requirements for their big day.

There will be a huge variety of products and services to cater to lots of different wedding and partnership needs. Exhibitors include caterers, entertainers, florists, event planners, hair and beauty, jewellers, licensed venues, photographers, transport and wedding wear. Plus there will be lots of original ideas, to give your wedding a special flavour.

There will be lots of giveaways on the day, a £5 one-course carvery and parking is free. For more information visit: [www.haltonstadium.co.uk](http://www.haltonstadium.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/haltonstadium](https://www.facebook.com/haltonstadium) or call 0151 510 6020.



# Town centre garden is **blooming lovely!**

Community art and garden project Old Town Bloom has been flourishing since the first seeds were planted in Runcorn Town Centre five years ago.

The project is a winner of 'Outstanding' awards from North West and Britain in Bloom and is continually expanding. In 2014, 'Old Town in Bloom' was a project pitched to Runcorn Town Team to bring together the community and create a temporary display of flowers, using upcycled tin cans, decorated in many different ways, by local schools and other community involvement.

Originally the plan was to have the tins all over the town, but that wouldn't have worked, due to watering and other issues, so the garden seemed like the ideal place to trial a pop-up garden space and the project began to bloom!

Two years later the project received 'Tesco Bags of Help' funding, which led to installation of a storytelling circle, raised bed and book tree. This established the garden as a more permanent project, in comparison to the previous temporary installations.

In 2017 Old Town Bloom was set up as an affiliated RHS Community Gardening Group, the book tree became an official 'Little Free Library' and received an award for being a library of distinction, because of the unique design and community usage. They entered Britain in Bloom and won their first Outstanding award in the small 'It's your neighbourhood' category.

Last year after expanding their edible section of the garden, they became part of the Incredible Edible network, and are now home to Incredible Edible Runcorn.



The project was judged 'Outstanding' again in the 'It's your neighbourhood' category for the regional North West in Bloom competition and received a special National Certificate of Distinction Britain in Bloom award.

Plans for this year include expanding the Incredible Edible section, setting up a wormery, designing signage so that the garden has more sensory elements and working towards a new theme for the garden. Also they will be working with other local community groups and schools to develop more growing spaces.

**Volunteering:** The group meets every Friday 10-12, to weed, water, dead head etc during the growing months, and to plan for the months ahead and do craft projects during winter.. Volunteering can be a regular thing, or just a few times a year, no pressure! And if Friday doesn't suit, there are lots of other opportunities to help out, either just by popping into the garden yourself with some water and secateurs or by joining in on one of the community event days.

Website: [www.oldtownbloomers.com](http://www.oldtownbloomers.com)

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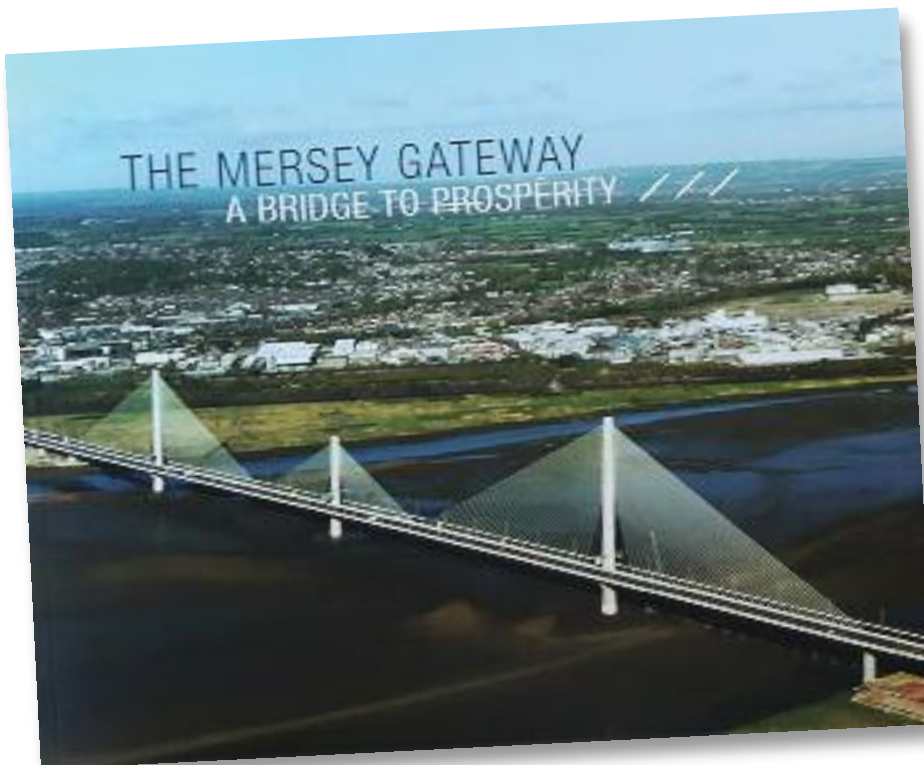
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# New book celebrates the Mersey Gateway

A new commemorative book has been released which tells the story of the Mersey Gateway's 20-year journey of challenge and ultimate triumph.



The Mersey Gateway Bridge opened to vehicles at midnight on Saturday 14 October 2017. It was officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 14 June 2017.

Including some incredible photography, the new book offers a unique insight into this once in a generation project, shining a light on some of the unique and fascinating aspects of this epic feat of engineering, the people involved and the impact of the Mersey Gateway across the community.

The book has been produced by Halton Borough Council and the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board, together with Merseylink and with the support of DLA Piper; Jacobs; Macquarie Capital and Ramboll.

A limited edition, the book can be purchased for £9.99 (+P&P) from Halton Direct Links; Halton Libraries; Merseyflow; The Curiosity Bookshop, Runcorn.

You can also buy the book online at [www.halton.gov.uk](http://www.halton.gov.uk) just go to the 'pay for it' section.

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# From Couch to 5k - and beyond

**Andy Stockdale:  
Couch to 5k  
and parkrun  
Case study with  
Paula Parle  
Halton Borough  
Council  
September 2018**



delivers a Couch to 5K programme, so we both decided to give it a go. It was quite daunting to turn up for the first time, signing-in etc. I knew I was so unfit yet there I was at a running club!

You get assigned a person to support you at the running club and that really helped me, it motivated me to keep trying my best. I was determined not to give up, even though it was tough, I would go back the next time, I needed to lose weight!

### Achievements:

I completed the Couch to 5K program with support from the running club and got my medal at the end - medals do motivate me to achieve my goal! The combination of Slimming World, Running the

Couch to 5K programme and sheer determination brought my weight down to 16.5 stone and has strengthened my ankles.

Encouraged again by the running club, I joined parkrun in March last year at Phoenix Park Runcorn. My first run was awful, I thought I would faint: it took me 41 minutes 39 seconds to complete. By September I could run it in just over 33 minutes. The parkrun community are so supportive and have both fast and slow runners, everybody is welcome. I have also become a Couch to 5K leader with Sandymoor running club to support other people get the same kind of enjoyment as I do from taking part. I can now run 10ks and continue to improve myself by taking part in other running challenges, as well as supporting other people to take part and realise the benefits.

### What was your starting point?

When I moved to Sandymoor in 2017 I was over 19 stone and walking up the stairs was starting to become a task. I used to run and play football when I was a little younger; I ran a half marathon when I was 18. I stopped taking part in sport when I was in the TA, I was always getting injured, usually my ankles.

### Actions taken:

I tried a gym, but that didn't work, I felt people were looking at me, judging me. My wife knew of a running club called Run Sandymoor which also



For further information about getting more physically active in Halton contact Paula Parle **0151 511 8550** or [paula.parle@halton.gov.uk](mailto:paula.parle@halton.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.activehalton.co.uk](http://www.activehalton.co.uk)



**"When people see me running I hope they think "If that guy can do it, I'll give it a go..."**

## Second anniversary for

A charity set up with the aim of turning unused urban spaces into community growing and allotments is set to complete its first site.

# green space charity

**Widnes Growing Together (WGT), set up by Halton Councillor Andrea Wall, is nearing its two year anniversary. Cllr Wall says: "This project has been a lot of hard work and a steep learning curve in how quickly you can actually achieve your aims. However, I am pleased that two years after discovering the derelict site, it is in use.**

"I'm very happy that it is a mixture of community groups and people who would not otherwise have access to a garden that are the plot holders. I would like to thank everybody that has helped along the way and in particular Cllr Phil Harris for his help and for believing in WGT from the start."

The WGT site has seen improvements in the last 12 months including the addition of a polytunnel, of a pergola and seating area by the community orchard, some more fencing, a shed, and rainwater collection systems

Widnes Guides have added a shed to their plot with a rainwater collection system, and the Men's Shed project has started work on the base for its own workshop and composting bays. The Brooker Centre plot has also seen increased usage and improvements.

The site polytunnel is shortly due to act as a temporary home for plants from the Butterfly House in Victoria Park, while improvement works are undertaken there.

Further improvements are due in the spring. All the plots on the site are let - as well as those above, Widnes Women's Institute has one, and there are two individual plot holders.

There are plans for further WGT allotment and community growing spaces, with the Hanley Close site being the prototype and was the first growing spot of its kind in Widnes.

If you would like more information contact Cllr Andrea Wall by calling **07795390979** e-mailing [andrea.wall@halton.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.wall@halton.gov.uk) or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CllrAndreaWall/](https://www.facebook.com/CllrAndreaWall/)



# Halton meets home targets

Halton is one of only three councils in the North West meeting targets for the number of affordable homes they should have in the borough.

**BBC analysis shows that the number of affordable homes built across the North West since 2015 is less than a third of what is needed – 14,000 were built across the region, but council forecasts say more than 42,600 are required.**

National figures show there are only three areas in the north-west where the affordable homes target has been met Halton, Liverpool and Wigan.

Affordable housing is:

- Social housing, owned by councils or housing associations. The rent is controlled by the government and is linked to average local incomes and the value and size of the property.
- 'Affordable rent', owned by private landlords with a 20% discount off the market rent.



- 'Affordable home ownership', homes sold with a 20% discount off the market value.
- 'Shared ownership', in which occupiers own a pay a mortgage on a portion of the property's value, whilst paying rent to a landlord who owns the rest.

Councils in England are obliged to compile Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMA) that calculate the number of affordable homes their area needs each year.

Since April 2015 Halton has provided a total of 634 affordable homes, against its target of 552.

Halton has achieved this by working closely with developers, housing associations and Homes England to deliver a range of high quality homes on primarily brownfield sites.

**ONE SMALL STEP,  
ONE GIANT  
CELEBRATION**

Join Catalyst Science Discovery Centre to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing

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*This is an ideal opportunity for those who want to make a difference to older peoples lives and would like to meet new people too!*

*We are looking for people from all backgrounds who are aged 50+ .*

**Contact: Clare Lightfoot (Older Peoples Forum Officer)**  
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## Fire Service climbs the ladder to number three in Stonewall's Top 100

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is moving closer to the top of LGBT charity Stonewall's prestigious Top 100 Employers list for 2019.

The Service has jumped another place from their 2018 fourth place to number three on the list and is the highest performing public sector organisation in the UK. CFRS is also the best performing emergency service in the UK due to its efforts to engage lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) staff, volunteers and communities.

Cllr Bob Rudd, Chair of Cheshire Fire Authority, said the achievement was testament to the organisation's consistent and continued work around equality. He commented: "Residents can be assured that the services we provide, be it emergency response, safe and well visits or youth work, are delivered in a way that's inclusive of the wonderfully diverse communities we serve. No one from the LGBT community should hesitate to engage with our staff or volunteers and the Service's third position on the Stonewall Top 100 list provides that reassurance."



The Service was recognised in particular for its focus on the organisation's LGBT network, Firepride, conference held in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire West and Chester Council. Community engagement and youth work was also highlighted.

Chief Fire Officer, Mark Cashin said: "Last year, Stonewall released research that revealed more than a third of LGBT staff, wherever they work, have hidden they are LGBT and almost one in five LGBT employees in workplaces across the country have been the target of negative comments from colleagues because of their identity.

"It is important that anyone joining our workforce knows that they can be themselves at work so they can fully commit to the important work they do for our communities."

## Courageous action award for Halton firefighters

A team of firefighters and staff who helped save a mum and baby from their burning house in Runcorn have been recognised for their courageous action.



Last August the Service received a 999 call from Carmel Bradley, who was stuck upstairs in her house with her six-month-old baby, Avery, after a fire had taken hold at the bottom of the stairs.

Runcorn and Widnes Red Watches were deployed and Paula Craig was the control operator dealing with the call at North West Fire Control.

Runcorn were first in attendance and rescued the mother and baby while Widnes arrived and tackled the blaze. Paula gave advice to Carmel and also relayed information to the crews which was used by the crews for the rescue.

Without the calmness and professionalism shown it is likely there would have been fatalities as no smoke detectors were present and only the popping and banging of the short-circuited electricity supply awoke the occupants.

All involved were presented with the Courageous Action Success, Talent, Achievement and Recognition (STAR) Award to recognise and honour those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Carmel, aged 31, attended the event and said: "I can't believe a group of strangers made me feel so safe at a time that I felt so vulnerable. I can't explain the feeling of relief when the firefighters arrived, and the lady on the call was incredible too. It's lovely to be able to meet the crew and it's really hit home that they saved me and Avery."

Runcorn firefighter Rich Macmillan added: "I can't thank the team enough for their expertise and the fantastic job they did in helping Carmel and Avery. It was a really special night and important to get the feedback from Carmel at the awards."

Fifty per cent of people who accidentally drown in the UK never intended to enter the water. Latest statistics show that, in 2015, 321 people died after tripping, falling or simply underestimating the risks associated with being near water.

Firefighters are encouraging people to follow their water safety advice:

- ONLY SWIM AS PART OF AN ORGANISED GROUP
- NEVER GO SWIMMING ALONE
- NEVER DRINK ALCOHOL AROUND WATER
- KNOW YOUR LIMITS – THE COLD CAN KILL.
- DON'T IGNORE THE SAFETY SIGNS – IT COULD COST YOU YOUR LIFE.

For key safety information please visit our website

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# Stay safe near water

# MARCH

**THURSDAY 21**

**RICKY TOMLINSON AND HIS SPECIAL GUESTS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17, £15

Join Ricky on an entertaining journey through his hugely successful career. There is a chance to have a photo taken with him or send in a question. Plus special guests.

www.thebrindley.org.uk | 0151 907 836



**THURSDAY 21**

**SUPERSONIC SOUNDS: SONIC ART WORKSHOP**

WIDNES LIBRARY | 4.30-6PM | FREE, DROP-IN

Halton Libraries, in collaboration with local digital music artist, Wendy Smith, offer a programme of interactive sonic art workshops aimed at engaging children and young people with creative coding and sound art. Join us to have hands-on experience of this cutting edge and rapidly evolving area of music. Participants will produce a piece of digital music of their own composition and will have access to expert knowledge in this new artistic context. Our Supersonic Sounds workshops will be full of creative energy, a must for those wanting to experience interactive creative coding!



**FRIDAY 22**

**STARS OF LES MISERABLES LIVE IN CONCERT -**

**FEATURING THE BARRICADE BOYS**

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



**FRIDAY 22**

**DAVID FORD**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £18.50

Award-winning songwriter David Ford returns to tour his new album, Animal Spirits.

**SATURDAY 23**

**QUENTIN CRISP - NAKED HOPE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £17, £15

Gaining global notoriety via The Naked Civil Servant, Quentin Crisp was an extraordinary raconteur and wit.

**TUESDAY 26 - SATURDAY 30**

**OUR DAY OUT**

Presented by First Act: Drama Tuition

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2PM & 7PM SAT ONLY | STUDIO £12

Mrs Kay's unruly progress class is unleashed from the classroom for a day to pile into a bus for a one-off school trip.

**TUESDAY 26 - SATURDAY 30**

**SPAMALOT**

Presented by The Zodiac

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE TUES - THURS £16. 50, £14. 50, FRI & SAT £18

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail.



**SUNDAY 31**

**THE SOOTY SHOW - LAUGH OUT LOUD MAGIC SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 11AM & 2.30PM | THEATRE | £14, £12

Join Sooty for his brand new show, direct from their hit ITV series. Sooty, Sweep and Soo and TV's Richard Cadell will amaze you with impossible tricks and side splitting jokes!

# APRIL

**MONDAY 1 - FRIDAY 5**

**MONDAY 8 - FRIDAY 12**

**EASTER ACTIVITIES**

CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE

**HELP HIM HOP HIGHER** workshops at 11am and 2pm  
Can you make your Easter Bunny hop the highest in our hands-on workshop?

**THE CHOCOLATE SHOW** at 12 noon and 3pm

Come and enjoy our family show and find out more about one of our favourite Easter treats. You may even get to taste some! 0151 420 1121 www.catalyst.org.uk

**TUESDAY 2 & WEDNESDAY 3**

**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 4PM

Family fun activities, crafts and trails including a story walk. Normal admission prices apply. Drop-in activities, no need to book.



**TUESDAY 2**

**SING-A-LONG-A THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**

Presented by Singalonga Productions

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £17, £14

From the producers of Singalonga Sound of Music and Singalonga GREASE

Fancy dress is strongly encouraged and full audience participation essential. Please note this is a screening of the movie not a live stage show.

**WEDNESDAY 3**

**MINISTRY OF SCIENCE**

BRINDLEY | 12PM & 3.30 PM | THEATRE | £17, £15.50

WARNING! WARNING! 100% Educational. 200% Entertaining. 300% Explosive. 400% Fun.

This amazing new production takes an anarchic approach to science. Join the super talented presenters, using brilliantly designed demonstrations. www.ministryofscience.org

**THURSDAY 4**

**ROCK AND ROLL REVOLUTION**

BRINDLEY | 7.30 PM | THEATRE | £22, £20

Award-winning band The Bluejays (featuring stars of Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story)

**THURSDAY 4**

**THE NEWGRASS CUTTERS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £18

A four piece progressive 'NewGrass' band who play arrangements of some of the greatest contemporary and classic songs.

**FRIDAY 5**

**BOTH SIDES OF PHIL COLLINS - THE GREATEST HITS OF PHIL COLLINS & GENESIS**

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

**FRIDAY 5**

**BON GIOVI**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO STANDING | £18

**SATURDAY 6**

**HANNAH SANDERS & BEN SAVAGE**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £16

A unique and intimate show of American roots and English folk music.

**SATURDAY 6**

**THE LINDISFARNE STORY - A TWIST IN THE TALE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22

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# what's on

**SUNDAY 7****SEED SOWING AND PROPAGATION WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 1PM

This workshop covers seed sowing techniques using small, medium and large seeds. It is suitable for anyone who would like to improve their success rates and grow on their seeds at home. All materials, tea and coffee provided. Please wear suitable clothes and footwear and let us know of any relevant allergies.

£15 per person. Please book places in advance by calling 01928 569 895 or online at [www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org)

**MONDAY 8 - TUESDAY 9****THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Presented by Joseph Purdy Productions

BRINDLEY | MONDAY 1PM &amp; 5PM, TUESDAY 11AM &amp; 3PM | THEATRE £18.50, £17.50 FAMILY TICKET AVAILABLE

Join us this Easter for this shrimply fabulous, feelgood, family musical as the story of the Little Mermaid is re-told.

**MONDAY 8 & TUESDAY 9****HANSEL & GRETEL**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 4PM

Family fun activities, crafts and trails including a story walk. Normal admission prices apply. Drop-in activities, no need to book.

**WEDNESDAY 10****ONE NIGHT ONLY**

Performed by Ella Performance Group

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £12

**FRIDAY 12 – SUNDAY 14****ROMEO & JULIET**

Presented by Kate Simmons Productions

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £15.50, £13.50

This production promises a spectacular evening of dance, showcasing different styles including Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, Flamenco, Street and Musical Theatre.

**SATURDAY 13 & SUNDAY 14****FLOWER FAIRIES OF THE GARDEN**

Presented by Kate Simmons Productions

BRINDLEY | 3PM | THEATRE | £15.50, £13.50

A charming children's ballet depicting Flower Fairies of the Garden, preceded by a colourful display of Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and Modern Dance.

**MONDAY 15 & TUESDAY 16****THE ILLEGAL EAGLES**

BRINDLEY | 7.30 PM | THEATRE | £27

**THURSDAY 18****DO YOU THINK THAT'S WISE? THE LIFE & TIMES OF JOHN LE MESURIER**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £16

Affectionate tribute to one of Britain's best-loved comedy stars, with leading impressionist Julian Dutton.

**THURSDAY 18****BILLY AND WALLY'S HOLD YOUR PLUMS & STYLISTICS SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £23

**GOOD FRIDAY 19 AND SATURDAY 20****EASTER ACTIVITIES AT WIDNES MARKET**

EASTER EGG HUNT: Prizes are Easter eggs.

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE EASTER EGG

GUESS THE QUANTITY OF EGGS IN THE JAR:

Prize is the jar and contents

FREE FACE PAINTING

EGG PAINTING COMPETITION:

Judged 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

**SATURDAY 20****ECLIPSE – THE PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18, £16

Including a complete performance of Pink Floyd's epoch-making album

**SATURDAY 20****MATT RICHARDSON - SLASH**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £14

"An explosive show that left people with bellies aching from laughter" Voice Magazine

**THURSDAY 25 - SATURDAY 27****THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**

Presented by Encore Productions

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2.30PM &amp; 7.30PM SAT. ONLY | THEATRE | £18, £16

**THURSDAY 25****HANCOCK AND CO.**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £16, £14

Celebrating over 60 years of Hancock's Half Hour

**FRIDAY 26****THE BRASSWORKS QUARTET**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14

The Quartet will perform a variety of popular brass pieces to suit all tastes

**SATURDAY 27****ADAM'S BROKEN RIB**

Presented by Minimum Wage Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12, £10

A multi-media exploration of the perception of females through poetry, film, song, monologue and drama.

**SUNDAY 28****DOLLY & THE MOONSHINE RUNNERS - DOLLY PARTON TRIBUTE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.55, £21.55

**MONDAY 29****YOU'RE MY WORLD - A CELEBRATION OF CILLA BLACK & THE BEATLES**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17, £14

**TUESDAY 30****MOORE MOSS RUTTER**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £16

Widely regarded as three of the best players of traditional folk around.

**TUESDAY 30****MEMORY LANE**

BRINDLEY | 2PM &amp; 7PM | THEATRE | £17, £15

A fast moving, roller coaster of a journey through some of the greatest songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's.

# MAY

**WEDNESDAY 1****CANNON & BALL**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22, £20

Cannon and Ball bring their own magical and unique brand of humour to the Brindley Theatre.

**THURSDAY 2****HUMAN LEAGUE VS OMD TRIBUTE SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £17

**THURSDAY 2****JUST LIKE THAT! THE TOMMY COOPER SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12

**FRIDAY 3****DRESSED TO KILL - A TRIBUTE TO KISS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17

**SATURDAY 4 & SUNDAY 5****ROOM ON THE BROOM**

Presented by Tall Stories

BRINDLEY | SATURDAY 1.30PM, SUNDAY 10.30AM &amp; 1.30PM | THEATRE | £14

**SATURDAY 4 & SUNDAY 5****LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL (JUNIOR)**

Presented by Andrew Curphey Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | SAT. 6PM, SUN. 2PM &amp; 6PM | STUDIO | £14

Legally Blonde the Musical JR. is a fabulously fun journey of self-empowerment and expanding horizons. What are you waiting for? Book now!

**SUNDAY 5****WEAVE A FREESTYLE WALL-HANGING WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 3PM

A perfect introduction in how to use a Rigid Heddle Loom. We have all the materials and expert tuition you need to create your own unique wall hanging from scratch. Learn how to combine colours, textures and thicknesses of yarn to create a stunning piece of handmade art! More suitable for adults, younger participants please get in touch.

£50 per person. Please book places in advance by calling 01928 569 895 or online at [www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org)

**BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY 6****DASTARDLY DRAGONS!**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 4PM

Family fun activities, crafts and trails with a story walk to find the dragon. Normal admission prices apply. Drop-in activities, no need to book.

**WEDNESDAY 8****OPERA BOYS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23, £21

**WEDNESDAY 8****AUTHOR TALK AND SCREENING WITH LIZ HOWARD**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 6-7.30PM

TICKETS £2 | £1 FOR LIBRARY

MEMBERS

Book online via the library website or at your local library. Join us for an evening with local author and owner of the Curiosity Bookshop, Liz Howard, who will talk about her novels and we will be showing a BBC film that documents her writing.

**THURSDAY 9****THE WITCHING HOUR**

Presented by Don't Go Into the

Cellar Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12

**THURSDAY 9****THE GIGGLE SHACK XL**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £18.50, £16.50

Hosted by local comedian Colin Havery

**FRIDAY 10****TURN BACK TIME - A TRIBUTE TO CHER**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22, £20

**FRIDAY 10****KEVIN PRECIOUS - UNHOLIER THAN THOU**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £16, £14

Kevin Precious is a former religious studies teacher turned stand-up comedian

**SATURDAY 11****LABYRINTH - FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 10.30AM | STUDIO | £8

**SUNDAY 12****HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 1PM

Make and create your own design using the materials and resources available at Norton Priory. Understand which plants to use and what form they will take. Find out about how to pair different plant and colourways and create floral art to dazzle your neighbours. It is recommended you wear suitable clothes and footwear and let us know any relevant allergies.

£20 per person. Please book in advance by calling

01928 569 895 or online at

[www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org)



**WEDNESDAY 15 - SATURDAY 18**

**STRICTLY MUSICALS**

Presented by Centenary Theatre Company  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £19, £18  
Featuring a large cast and on-stage orchestra, packed with hits from the most loved and biggest musicals from the West End & Broadway.

**FRIDAY 17**

**JACK THE RIPPER: THE REAL TRUTH**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £15  
Presented by Trevor Marriott, retired murder squad detective and leading Ripper expert. Audio-visual show featuring original photographs from 1888. Contains some images of a graphic and disturbing nature. Under 16s must be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

**SATURDAY 18**

**AN AUDIENCE WITH RICARDO BENIG**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12  
Solo concert from the creator of last year's Into The Spotlight show.

**WEDNESDAY 22**

**DAVID STARKEY - CHURCHILL: WRITING HIS WAY TO POWER**

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £18, £16  
Lecture on Churchill's writing during his so-called Wilderness Years, 1929-1939.

**THURSDAY 23**

**LOCAL HISTORY TALK: THE GOOD OLD DAYS - LEISURE AND PLEASURE**

Presented by Runcorn Historical Society  
HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 6-7.30PM  
FREE - book online or at your local library  
As part of dementia action week, take a walk down memory lane with Runcorn Historical Society who will be sharing their memories of leisure and pleasure in Runcorn.

**THURSDAY 23**

**TONY STOCKWELL**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22  
The compelling, humorous and popular star of TV's Street Psychic.

**THURSDAY 23**

**PATRICK MONAHAN - #GOALS!**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £16, £14  
Stand up show from the award-winning and Edinburgh Fringe favourite.

**FRIDAY 24**

**DEATH AND THE MAIDEN by Ariel Dorfman**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £16, £14  
Gripping thriller performed by Baroque Theatre Company. Suitable for ages 16 and over due to mature themes and graphic/offensive language.

**FRIDAY 24**

**ROY G HEMMINGS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24  
Roy is a great showman and dynamic singer.

**SATURDAY 25 MAY**  
**ALIEN - FILM SCREENING**  
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £8

**SATURDAY 25**  
**A TRIBUTE TO DIRE STRAITS**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20



**SUNDAY 26**  
**CARPENTERS GOLD**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, £23

**HALF TERM, MAY 27 - 31**  
**CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE**  
**DESERT ISLAND SURVIVAL WORKSHOPS**

11am and 2pm. Can you use science to survive on a desert island?  
**EXPLORE YOUR UNIVERSE** shows at 12 noon and 3pm.  
Join our highly charged family show that might even make your hair stand on end! 0151 420 1121  
www.catalyst.org.uk

**WEDNESDAY 29 - SATURDAY 1 JUNE**

**ONE SMALL STEP**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £12  
Annual charity dance event for North West Cancer Research featuring local dance schools.

**THURSDAY 30**  
**FAMILY BRAIDING WITH BEE**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM

Using a small braiding disc and your choice from the wool provided, come and use traditional braiding techniques to create a cord for bracelets, necklaces, shoelaces and multitude of other ideas. You even get to take this disc home so you can carry on experimenting. Great for children and adults. £15 per person. Please book places in advance by calling 01928 569 895 or online at www.nortonpriory.org

**JUNE**

**SUNDAY 2**  
**BLACK MAGIC - THE LITTLE MIX SHOW**  
BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £16, £13

**TUESDAY 4**  
**SIMPLY THE BEST - THE TINA TURNER SHOW**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25



**SATURDAY 8**  
**SHOWADDYWADDY**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22  
Europe's most successful exponents of retro-inspired rock and roll.

**SATURDAY 8**  
**WHITESNAKE UK**  
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO STANDING | £16

**SUNDAY 9**  
**PLANT FAIR**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 4PM  
A plant sale of interesting and unusual plants from specialist nurseries including (but not limited to) perennials, grasses, herbs, alpines, woodland plants, and bee/wildlife friendly plants. Also, hand crafted plant supports and hand-thrown terracotta. Free entry to the Plant Fair outside the garden. Normal admission prices apply to the Museum.

**MONDAY 10**  
**THE SIXTIES INVASION**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £29.50, £24.50  
Starring Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich supported by The Foundations, Cupid's Inspiration, Marmalade and The Tornados. These are not tribute bands!

**TUESDAY 11**  
**MARGOT FONTEYN - CENTENARY CELEBRATION**  
Presented by Ballet Theatre UK  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17, £15  
A celebration of the great Margot Fonteyn from her first steps in the ballet studio to her final curtain call.

**WEDNESDAY 12 & THURSDAY 13**  
**DESPERATE SCOUSEWIVES 4** by Lynne Fitzgerald.  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £19.50, £18  
The next instalment of the hit comedy about four ordinary women living in the back streets of Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY 12**  
**SKETCH SHOW 2 - THE SECOND COMING!**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14  
The return of the Victoria Music Group sketch show gang.

**FRIDAY 14**  
**THANK ABBA FOR THE MUSIC**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26, £24

**FRIDAY 14 - SATURDAY 15**  
**CURTAIN CALL**  
Presented by DJ Entertainments  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2.30PM & 7.30PM SATURDAY ONLY | £14, £12  
A variety night full of comedy, drama and song.

**TUESDAY 18**  
**INTO THE SPOTLIGHT**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM THEATRE | £14  
Concert featuring decades of hits from the likes of Whitney Houston, Stevie Wonder and Prince, in aid of Halton Haven Hospice.

**TUESDAY 18**  
**LOCAL HISTORY TALK: WIDNES AT WORK WITH JEAN BRADBURN**  
WIDNES LIBRARY | 6-7.30PM  
FREE, book online or in person at your library. Join us at Widnes library for a fascinating evening with local historian Jean Bradburn.



**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/ which is updated regularly. Remember you can also follow us on Twitter @HaltonBC and Facebook (search for Halton Borough Council).



Jean worked as the local studies librarian in Halton libraries and following her retirement has pursued this interest and published books about Widnes and Runcorn. This talk will focus on her book 'Widnes at Work' which covers the varied industries in Widnes throughout the years.

**WEDNESDAY 19**

**NAT KING COLE-CENTENARY SONGBOOK 2019**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.50



**THURSDAY 20**

**CLOUDBUSTING - THE MUSIC OF KATE BUSH**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22

**FRIDAY 21**

**ONLY FOOLS: THE (CUSHTY) DINING EXPERIENCE**  
HALTON STADIUM | 7PM | £47 TABLE OF 10.  
CONTACT THE BRINDLEY BOX OFFICE.  
All tickets include a three-course meal. If you require a vegetarian meal, please advise the Brindley box office on 0151 907 8360 or [thebrindley@halton.gov.uk](mailto:thebrindley@halton.gov.uk)  
Please note: This event is at the HALTON STADIUM, Widnes.



**FRIDAY 21**

**THE BOHEMIANS - A NIGHT OF QUEEN**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24, £22

**FRIDAY 21**

**GREAT GET TOGETHER QUIZ NIGHT**  
HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 7-8.30PM  
£1 per person, teams of 2-5, book via library website or in person at a library.  
Join us for an evening of fun to bring together the community and celebrate the life of Jo Cox MP. Our quiz will have rounds for everyone, from testing your local knowledge to your book-related wisdom and everything in between. Small prizes for the winning teams - but it's the taking part that counts!



**SATURDAY 22**

**LIMEHOUSE LIZZY - TRIBUTE TO THIN LIZZY - 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20

**SATURDAY 22**

**THE LOOKING GLASS BURLESQUE**  
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £16  
Join Suzie Sequin and friends for an evening of vintage-style burlesque and cabaret.

**WEDNESDAY 26 - SATURDAY 29**

**ANIMAL FARM**  
Presented by First Act: Advance Class  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12



**THURSDAY 27**

**DUSTY & THE SHADES OF THE 60S**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23, £21

**JULY**

**FRIDAY 5**

**MANILOW: A CELEBRATION OF BARRY MANILOW**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20, £18

**FRIDAY 5**

**TIMES ARE A - CHANGIN'**  
Songs of Peace, Protest and Love  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £17  
Andante perform songs of the 60s and 70, revisiting the era of peace, protest and love.

**SATURDAY 6**

**ON BROADWAY**  
Presented by Andrew Curphey Theatre Company  
BRINDLEY | 3PM & 7.30PM | THEATRE | £13  
A new production celebrating the best of Broadway musical theatre, featuring an ensemble of 160 children and young people.

**THURSDAY 11**

**BE BOP A LULA**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26, £24  
Hit West End show featuring the music of rock and roll giants Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Billy Fury, Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison.

**SATURDAY 20**

**SARAH MUNRO - ANGEL ROAD TOUR**  
BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £17, £14  
Exploring themes of escapism and with an ethereal, filmic sound, Sarah performs her latest album

**SATURDAY 20**

**ONE SMALL STEP, ONE GIANT CELEBRATION!**  
CATALYST SCIENCE DISCOVERY CENTRE | 10AM - 5PM  
Join Catalyst to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Real moon rocks, planetarium, code-a-drone, community exhibition and performances, Lego, Meet trainee astronaut Dr Jackie Bell, hands-on science and more.  
FREE entry - booking required. 0151 420 1121  
[www.catalyst.org.uk](http://www.catalyst.org.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 24**

**THE CAROLE KING SONGBOOK**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26, £23

**PALACEFIELDS UKULELE GROUP**

If you are over 18 and would like to play the ukulele at local venues, Palacefields Ukulele Group are looking for new members.  
They are also on the look-out for events/venues to perform at. It could be a local charity event, care home, Christening, Wedding - just about anything. All they ask is a donation.  
The group meets every Wednesday, 2.30pm-3.30pm at Palacefields Community Centre, The Uplands, Runcorn WA7 2UA. It costs £3 per session.  
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)

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

**VENUE LOCATIONS**



**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, Sat 10am-2pm, Closed Sun. Open one hour before show time and in the interval for most theatre shows. FREE parking at The Brindley at all times.



**FIXTURES AT THE HALTON STADIUM, WIDNES, 2019**

**WIDNES VIKINGS**

Leigh Centurions	Friday 19 April	KO 15:00
Dewsbury Rams	Sunday 28 April	KO 15:00
York City Knights	Sunday 26 May	KO 15:00
Barrow Raiders	Sunday 09 June	KO 15:00
Batley Bulldogs	Sunday 23 June	KO 15:00
Rochdale Hornets	Sunday 07 July	KO 15:00
Toronto Wolfpack	Sunday 21 July	KO 15:00

**WIDNES FOOTBALL CLUB**

Atherton Collieries	Saturday 06 April	KO 15:00
Colne	Saturday 20 April	KO 15:00
Kendal Town	Saturday 27 April	KO 15:00

**HALTON SPARTANS**

Furness Phantoms	Sunday 05 May
Knottingley Raiders	Sunday 12 May
Leeds Bobcats	Sunday 19 May



# Council Meetings



DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
<b>MARCH</b>			
20	4.00pm	Schools Forum	Runcorn Town Hall
27	2.00pm	Health and Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
27	6.30pm	Business Efficiency Board	Runcorn Town Hall
<b>APRIL</b>			
08	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building
11	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
<b>MAY *</b>			
13	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
14	2.00pm	Executive Board (Selection Committee)	Municipal Building
17	6.30pm	Annual Council	Runcorn Town Hall
<b>JUNE *</b>			
03	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building
04	6.30pm	Corporate PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
10	6.30pm	Children Young People and Families PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
11	6.30pm	Safer PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
12	4.00pm	Schools Forum	Municipal Building
13	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
18	6.30pm	Health PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
24	6.30pm	Employment, Learning and Skills and Community PPB	Municipal Building
26	6.30pm	Environment PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
<b>JULY *</b>			
01	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
03	6.30pm	Regulatory Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
10	2.00pm	Health and Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
10	6.30pm	Council	Runcorn Town Hall
18	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
24	6.30pm	Business Efficiency Board	Runcorn Town Hall

\* all subject to confirmation

## 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 WA7 2ST. Tel: 0151 511 7474

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

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

**Murdishaw Community Centre**  
Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn 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 566561 / 01928 565881

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 Thursday in each month 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Except May, August and December)  
Halebanks 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 and C Rowe (Liberal Democrat)  
The third Saturday in each month (Except December)  
10.00am - 11.30am  
Eposito Café, Runcorn Hill Park

## Cllr Charlotte Gerrard (Labour)

The Saturday following the fourth Friday in each month (except August and December)  
10.00am - 12 noon at Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn.  
The fourth Monday in each month (except August and December) 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
West Runcorn Youth Centre, Russell Road, Runcorn

## 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 Zygadlo (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 - Ditton Community Centre.  
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)

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