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# Message from the Council Leader



Welcome to our summer edition of Inside Halton. In the centre pages we have the full contact details of all your local Halton councillors, which I hope you will find useful if you need to get in touch with us.

We continue our journey through a selection of local companies, looking at some of our commercial gems, which demonstrates just how diverse Halton's businesses community is, from small independent firms to those serving global markets.

Work is underway to transform the area between Runcorn Station and the town centre to create the Station Quarter, and in making a start we need to make some changes to the road system – inside is a timeline for the main parts of that work.

Our health feature this time focuses on the benefits of getting active, and we are also recruiting Time to Change Champions to change the way we all think and act about mental health.

We have a packed events and activity programme at this time of year, including our ever-popular popular vintage rally in September, so I hope you find lots to enjoy in the borough over the next few months.

Cllr Rob Polhill Council Leader

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# Another year of discounted travel is it time to renew your merseyflow pass?

## HOW TO RENEW...

Step 1



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Step 2



Log in to your merseyflow account at [www.merseyflow.co.uk](http://www.merseyflow.co.uk) and click 'renew my plan'

Step 3



Pay your £10 annual fee

Step 4



Upload your **current** documents (driving licence, current council tax bill and V5C vehicle registration certificate)\*

Step 5



You will receive a receipt by email for your payment

\*Please check all documents are valid first. Documents must be less than 5MB. Once your documents have been approved, you will receive confirmation by email that can take around five days.

**If you are one of the 26,000 people whose annual merseyflow pass runs out between now and October you can beat the rush and renew it now for just £10.**

Then you can make as many personal journeys across the river as you like at no further cost for the next year.

In order to make sure everyone can renew their plans in plenty of time, merseyflow is starting the renewal period early for everyone whose plan expires before the end of October.

So, if your plan expires in October, you can renew now and beat any last-minute rush.

You can renew online at [www.merseyflow.co.uk](http://www.merseyflow.co.uk) following merseyflow's simple five-step guide.

Your renewal will take effect from the expiry date of your existing pass, and you will need to upload copies of:

- your 2019/20 council tax bill (property bands A-F only)
- your valid UK driving licence showing your Halton address
- your vehicle's V5C certificate showing your Halton address

**It is also possible for people to renew in person at Merseyflow's walk-in centre at Manor Park in Runcorn (WA7 1SJ).**

**Don't forget or leave it too late - everyone needs to renew their pass every year to qualify for unlimited crossings over the Mersey Gateway Bridge.**

## FASCINATING BRIDGE FACTS!

- The 'on time' payment rate for journeys over the bridge has reached a new record high of 97%.
- There are over two million journeys made across the bridge every month.

## Merseyflow runners raise £1,200 for Halton Haven



Ben Crossley and Janet Cook raised over £600 themselves. Ben did an incredible 63 mile run as part of Chester Ultra 100 and Janet completed the Liverpool Rock 'n' Roll half-marathon. Merseyflow's parent company emovis then doubled the amount they raised themselves, making a whopping £1,200 in total. Great work Ben and Janet!

**Two intrepid runners from merseyflow have teamed up to raise over £1,200 for Halton Haven Hospice.**

Chris Andrews, Senior Fundraising Manager at Halton Haven, said: "What Ben and Janet have done and the generosity of the merseyflow staff and customers in sponsoring them is amazing. Huge thanks to everyone involved!"

## Howzat! merseyflow sponsorship boosts Runcorn Cricket Club

**Runcorn Cricket Club is celebrating the start of the new cricket season with a new sponsorship deal with merseyflow.**



Players and supporters at Runcorn Cricket Club will be able to keep a very close eye on their successful run chases in the Cheshire UK Fast League as the sponsorship deal includes a brand-new electronic scoreboard.

Runcorn Cricket Club is the town's only cricket club and has been running since 1873. It has English Cricket Board Clubmark and Focus Club status. In total it has eleven teams – four seniors and seven junior teams for boys and girls from the age of 6 and upwards.

David Barlow, Chairman of Runcorn Cricket Club, said: "Runcorn Cricket Club relies on voluntary support and we self-generate all our income, so this sponsorship deal makes a massive difference to us. I'd like to say a huge thanks to merseyflow for supporting us in this way."



# Runcorn Station Quarter Road improvements

**In Spring 2019 work began to transform the area between Runcorn Station and Runcorn town centre, known as Runcorn Station Quarter.**

The vision for Runcorn Station Quarter is to create an impressive gateway to Runcorn, Halton and the Liverpool City Region, that welcomes visitors, improves connections and opens up opportunities for new businesses, leisure and housing.

The first step is to make some changes to roads in the area and remove the 'trumpet loop' approach to the Silver Jubilee Bridge, replacing it with a new roundabout that will link the station to the town centre.

Work on these road improvement began at the start of June and are expected to be completed by Spring 2020. Between these dates, the estimated timeframe for the main work is as follows:

## Runcorn roundabout construction

Construction of a new five-arm roundabout will create better connections between the Silver Jubilee Bridge, Runcorn Town Centre and Runcorn Station. The works will take place across a number of areas – while this work takes place, various road and footpath closures will be necessary:

- Shaw Street: April 2019 - September 2019  
*Road rearranged to meet the new access road*
- Greenway Road: August 2019 - September 2019  
*Existing slip road junction rearranged to meet the new access road*
- Bridgewater Expressway: May 2019 - January 2020  
*New roundabout junction constructed to link the Expressway with the new access road and link to the Silver Jubilee Bridge*
- B5155: February 2020 - March 2020.

Following completion of the roundabout, existing Greenway Rd by the canal to be remodelled into additional car parking



## Runcorn Trumpet Loop demolition

The new road layout will make some existing roads and structures redundant. Removing these will free up land for redevelopment as part of the new Runcorn Station Quarter. The work will include removing concrete piers and beams.

- Demolish Runcorn Approach Viaduct West: July 2019 - November 2019
- Demolish East & West retaining walls along Trumpet Loop: August 2019–September 2019
- Demolish Station Road Bridge: September 2019 - October 2019
- Demolish Picow Farm Road Bridge: October 2019 - October 2019
- Demolish Playground Bridge & Abutments: November 2019 - December 2019.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester cut the first sod to officially mark the start of work on the Station Quarter work when he visited Halton to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Runcorn Station.



Keep in touch with progress at [www.halton.gov.uk/runcornstationquarter](http://www.halton.gov.uk/runcornstationquarter)





# Are you cyber savvy?

A survey conducted by Cheshire Police has revealed that residents of Cheshire are not as cyber-savvy as they think they are.

Although the majority of responses showed a basic knowledge of what can be done to keep cyber-safe, the survey did reveal that many people could do more to keep themselves and their devices secure.

Cybercrime is rapidly becoming one of the fastest growing crimes in the UK. Over recent years we have seen crime types change from the more traditional, to online, and Cheshire Police estimates that almost half of all its recorded crime is now cyber-related.

More than 2,500 people responded to the survey, which tested people's knowledge on five key themes that can help you stay safe online: Create; Cover; Confidentiality; Clicking, and Connected.

Three quarters of the respondents needed to improve their password strength. To create stronger passwords, think about using three random words, replacing some of the letters with symbols and numbers and use more than one password. You may consider a phrase for which your password uses the first letter of each word.

Six out of 10 admitted they put off updating devices. It's important to cover vital security updates that help protect devices from hackers, viruses and identity theft. Not keeping software up-to-date can result in serious issues that can affect not only devices but personal security too.

Eight out of 10 respondents were overly-generous with personal information. Confidentiality is key as sharing what might seem like harmless news, such as where you work, when you're going on holiday, pets' names and so on, could help criminals get access to more personal data.

However, it is encouraging to see that three quarters of those who took part were able to recognise a fake website and are thinking before they are clicking on links. Websites are not always what they seem and many look genuine at first glance. Only open attachments or click on links to websites if they are from someone you know and trust.



Three quarters of respondents also revealed they have used public wifi at least once to shop or bank online. It is vital that people are safely connected when carrying out such transactions and that, to ensure that the data that travels between the website and device is encrypted, there should always be a padlock AND https in the address bar, along with checking the website isn't fake.

Vulnerabilities and threats increase as people let more and more technology into their lives. This hasn't gone unnoticed by the criminal fraternity and organised crime groups, who are also adapting how they operate, using this lucrative technology more and more to prey on the vulnerable members of society.

Eight out of 10 of us now use the internet every day. We're all becoming more and more reliant on digital technology both at home and at work so following the 5Cs guide will go a long way to keeping people safe online.

You'll find the 5Cs guide and much more about how to improve your online safety at [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

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Mini Steam Engines  
Model Boat Display  
Birds of prey display  
Fairground  
Show Arena  
Donkey Rides  
Trade Stalls  
And much more!!

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## Be the best you can says award-winning headteacher

An inspirational headteacher who is passionate about his school community and bringing out the best in all his pupils has won the Primary Headteacher of the Year Award from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

**Paul Loughran, Head at St Michael's Catholic Primary School in Widnes, picked up the accolade at the annual awards ceremony, and the school was also runner-up in the Contribution to the Community award. Hundreds of schools entered the awards which celebrate excellence across the Archdiocese.**

Paul was described as an inspirational leader who is always looking for new and innovative ways to improve the school community, and who strives to help students aspire to be the best they can.

Under Paul's leadership the school has achieved outstanding results – St Michael's was in the top 5% in the country last year for Year 6 SATS results, and in the Good Schools Guide is ranked in the top 3%. This is an excellent achievement for a school in an area of high deprivation.

"I felt very privileged to accept the award," said Paul, who was nominated by the school governing body, which includes Halton Cllrs Tony McDermott and Marie Wright.

"I am not into league tables and awards though - every other head is worthy of such an award - it's about giving children the best education you can. We

encourage children to aspire to be the best person they can and believe that if you work hard it's possible to achieve your dreams."

Paul has taught at St Michael's for over 20 years, six of those as head. He has introduced numerous initiatives to provide children with a wide range of opportunities in school and in the community to encourage them to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

'Acts of Kindness' is an annual activity where children and staff tour the community handing out flowers and chocolates to people - they might choose and mum and baby, an older person, health workers, ambulance staff etc.

"The children love doing it and the reaction from the community is lovely," said Paul. "The aim is to share happiness by passing it on to other people."

They have the Daily Mile where all the children run a mile the school grounds every morning before school to promote fitness and healthy living, and to chat before school starts about any issues children may have.

The school has built strong links with community - bringing a wealth of experiences for the children - such as nursing homes, the Royal British Legion, and Halton Haven. And every year a group of children from Chernobyl visit the school, taking part in learning and creative activities, and building friendships.

There are Class of the Week, Golden Tie and Values Awards, all which recognise positive efforts in school, such as good work, manners, kindness and respect, and they have an Equality Tree to learn about how everyone is different but we are all equal.

Paul says: "The children really work hard and continue to demonstrate our core values inside and outside of school - to be a good citizen you have to start off with the right values and this is what we encourage."

## HOUGH GREEN PARK BOWLING GREEN SAVED

Members of a Widnes pensioners' club are celebrating after their bowling green was saved from closure recently.

**The bowling green has been a fixture in Hough Green Park for more than 50 years but the club members were informed that the green's maintenance service was being withdrawn due to austerity.**

The club contacted Cllr Eddie Dourley for help with this and the club members were delighted to hear the news that the funding has been sourced to cover the maintenance costs for the next 12 months which will give the club time to work on a sustainable business plan for the future. Cllr Dourley commented: "It's great news for the club and its members. The age range of club members is a target group in terms of health and wellbeing in Halton and playing bowls not only provides regular exercise but also has great social benefits. It would have been a tragedy to lose this facility which is right at the heart of the community and I'm delighted to have helped the club members to retain it.

"I would also like to add my thanks to Halton Borough Council's Community Development Team and Open Space Service for their help and support which recently included the donation of a de-commissioned lawn mower which is a great asset to our new green's maintenance team."

Hough Green Park Pensioners Club is now focussing on increasing membership, with the aim being to become self-sustaining. Cllr Dourley added: "This a great community facility in a lovely setting. I hope it will be here for many years to come."



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Cllr Eddie Dourley





# The benefits of being active for older adults

Halton's Healthy and Active Ageing Week 2019 is 23-29 September.

Everyone benefits from moving about more and it's never too late to start. Any amount of extra activity makes a difference and can help you to stay mobile and do everyday tasks more easily. It also allows you to keep doing the things you enjoy for longer, such as spending time with family or gardening.

Keeping active helps you to:

- Reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke, diabetes and some cancers
- Manage high blood pressure and angina.
- Stay at a healthy weight
- Strengthen muscles and bones, which reduces the risk of falls and fractures
- Prevent some long-term conditions, such as arthritis, from getting worse
- Maintain bowel health
- Improve your appetite
- Improve sleep quality
- Stay social and reduce the risk of loneliness.

What's good for your body is good for your brain. As well as improving your mood, your mental wellbeing and helping you deal with stress, being active can help protect your thinking skills.

Doing physical activity to improve stamina, strength, flexibility and balance can help you live independently for longer.

Being active shouldn't feel like a chore, so find something that you enjoy and that suits your lifestyle – you'll be more likely to stick with it. Popular classes and activities include brisk walking, climbing stairs, swimming, dancing, bowls, golf, yoga, tai chi.

Adopting a healthier lifestyle can seem daunting and the first step can be the hardest. So start small. Lots of everyday activities count as exercise, so look out for simple ways you can begin to move more. Ideas include: Walking to the shops instead of taking the car or bus; using the stairs instead of lifts or escalators; getting off the bus a stop earlier than usual; choosing a parking space a bit further away from the shops; doing the housework or gardening. Always build up your activity levels gradually.

If you're generally fit and have no health conditions that limit your mobility, it's recommended that you aim to do moderate intensity activity for 2 hours 30 minutes, spread throughout the week. Moderate intensity activity will make you warmer, breathe harder and increase your heart rate. It can include: Walking while being able to hold a conversation; mowing the lawn; dancing; chair exercise classes; sports such as walking football or netball, swimming, bowling.

It's important to keep your strength up. Physical activity that helps strengthen your muscles includes heavy gardening or lifting household objects, bags of shopping or weights at the gym

**Get involved with activeMe to improve health, feel better and meet like-minded people**

**Client Comments:**

- "It's great exercise and keeps my old joints moving"  
Janine - short mat bowls
- "It's a fun activity with the added bonus of keeping fit"  
Maureen - hoopla dots
- "I look forward to it every week; I have made so many new friends and have a laugh"  
Lesley - chair exercise
- "I have more energy and feel brighter"  
Brenda - health walks

**The activeMe project has up to 100 weekly activities for adults in Halton including:**

- ✓ gentle chair based exercise classes
- ✓ stay fit exercise classes
- ✓ health walks
- ✓ Tai Chi
- ✓ wicking netball
- ✓ couch to 5k
- ✓ high energy classes
- ✓ and many more

**Get in touch for further information and activity timetables:**  
www.activehalton.co.uk  
paula.parle@halton.gov.uk  
Paula Parle tel: 0131 511 8550

or in an exercise class. Activities such as yoga, pilates and tai chi improve balance, help you to stay supple and reduce your risk of falling.

Speak to your doctor if you want to increase your activity levels but have any health concerns.

For further information about local exercise classes including chair based exercise and health walks, call Paula Parle 0151 511 8550. paula.parle@halton.gov.uk

Visit [www.activehalton.co.uk](http://www.activehalton.co.uk) for further information.

For further information about social activities for older adults in Halton contact sure start to later life: 01928 569498.

For advice for people in later years, fact sheets and booklets contact Age UK 0800 169 6565 [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

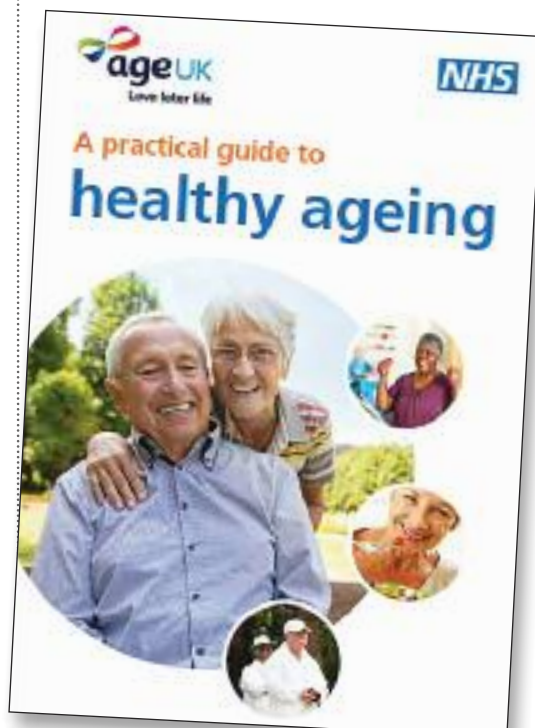
## Keeping active and ageing well

**NHS England and Age UK have published a handy guide with hints and tips for staying well. The Practical Guide to Healthy Ageing aims to help people improve their health and general fitness.**

Topics include exercise, preventing falls, general home safety, and keeping warm and staying well in winter, advice to help older people stay both physically and mentally fit and independent, and

pointers on when to seek medical support and advice. It also signposts people to help and advice from Age UK.

**GPs are being encouraged to stock the guides or you can get it online at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/practical-guide-to-healthy-ageing/>**





# Get active at our leisure centres

Active Halton leisure centres really are a brilliant place to get active, spend time as a family, and work.

Make the most of a membership that can be flexible to suit your needs, access all three locations in the borough, use high quality gym equipment, take part in swimming activities, lessons and public access, a wide-range of timetabled classes, health suite, court hire, birthday parties and more. An all-inclusive single membership is £26 and a family membership from £46.

Here's what some of our Active Halton members and customers had to say:

## Gym members:

"Everything under one roof, local location and motivational fitness instructors"

**John Darlington**

(John has also lost 3st in 4 months which is a huge weight loss!)

"£26 for everything, can't complain"

**Jessica-Louise Smith**

## Aquacise customer:

"Aquacise gets me ready for the day ahead and keeps me motivated, I love it!"

**May Fallon**

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# Teenagers starting university or college should make sure they are up to date with vaccinations.

In the first three months of 2019, there were 795 cases of mumps in England, compared to 1031 in the whole of 2018. In the same period, there were 231 confirmed cases of measles. The number of European cases of measles reached an eight-year high in 2018.

The World Health Organization says we are in the middle of a global measles crisis.

Cases in the UK are largely within communities with low-vaccination rates and are linked to travel to other countries with outbreaks.



Most mumps cases are linked to teenagers mixing when they go to university. You can easily protect yourself against mumps, as the MMR vaccination can stop you catching mumps, and make it much less serious if you are unlucky enough to still come across it.

However, many of the students now starting university were born at the peak of the MMR-autism scare around the turn of the century, when vaccination rates dropped. The autism link, made by disgraced doctor Andrew Wakefield, has since been completely disproved.

Public Health England also recommends students should check they are up to date with the MenACWY vaccine – which protects against meningitis – before the start of term.

Colleges and universities can be 'hotspots' for the spread of these diseases. First-year students especially are at increased risk of meningococcal infection if they are unvaccinated, as they often spend large amounts of time with new people in confined environments such as university halls.

Students should check with their GP that they are up to date with their MMR and MenACWY vaccinations before term starts – it's never too late to protect yourselves and your friends from these highly infectious and very serious diseases.





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# Champions

We are Time to Change, the growing social movement changing how we all think and act about mental health.

## Champions

Time to Change Community Champions use their own experience of mental health problems to change the way people think and act about mental health.

**"My Champion Journey has been an amazing one and it has been incredibly cathartic. I have grown in confidence with each activity we hold"** Champion

## Time to Change Hubs

Our Hubs are local partnerships working to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination locally, in schools, workplaces and the community.

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## What we offer

- FREE training sessions on speaking out and campaigning
- Opportunities to attend Time to Change activities
- FREE resources and tips to help you change the way we all think and act about mental health
- Access to Time to Change E-learning
- Access to free resources from the Time to Change website, including ready to run session plans, videos and blogs.
- Support for Champions, local councils and organisations on running long term anti-stigma work in their community.

For more information email us at: [champions@time-to-change.org.uk](mailto:champions@time-to-change.org.uk)

To sign up as a Champion: [www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved)

To connect with your local Hub:

Contact [vicki@mindhalton.org.uk](mailto:vicki@mindhalton.org.uk)

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# Foster Care Fortnight success

Foster Care Fortnight 2019 saw recruitment messages about becoming a local authority foster carer promoted across the UK media.

The campaign theme for the fortnight, led by UK charity The Fostering Network, was #changeafuture. Halton Borough Council staff and foster carers promoted the campaign locally and regionally as part of the Foster4 partnership with Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington Councils.

To promote the campaign, Foster4 spoke with eight care leavers and gave them a platform to tell their story. Halton young people Ryan, Jessica, Alice and Sean were four of the eight who spoke about the positive differences their Halton Borough Council foster carers had made to their futures. If you didn't catch them in the local media, you can read their stories on the Foster4 website [www.foster4.co.uk/blogs](http://www.foster4.co.uk/blogs)

To further spread the message that Halton Borough Council is actively recruiting more foster carers, a large-scale ad van toured the region throughout the fortnight, enabling passing traffic and residents to clearly see the recruitment message.

The Foster4 radio campaign will be broadcast on Wire FM throughout 2019. Foster carer Angela also spoke to Wire FM on-air about her experiences. The Foster4 team attended the acclaimed family festival, Geronimo! – dubbed 'Glastonbury for kids', at Arley Hall and Gardens in Nantwich, Cheshire, and all fostering families being provided with complimentary tickets to the event, kindly donated by the organisers. It was a great opportunity for fostering families to spend some quality time together, create some lasting memories and enjoy the unique experience of attending a large-scale festival. Activities ranged from zip wires to den building, performances from Cbeebies stars – including presenter Katy Ashworth and Cook and Line from Swashbuckle, to a full-scale circus in a big top and even a silent-disco. A memorable time was had by our young people of all ages.

To find out more about the success of the #changeafuture campaign and Foster Care Fortnight visit [www.foster4.co.uk](http://www.foster4.co.uk)

If you're feeling inspired to become part of our local community of foster carers, are great with children and have a spare bedroom, we'd love to hear from you. You can request an information pack via the enquiry form



on the website or call the team on 01925 444100 for a friendly, informal chat.

Become a Foster Carer Information Sessions take place each month. Come along and meet our friendly staff and experienced foster carers, listen to the presentation and ask questions. At the end of the session, if you're ready, you can fill in an Expression of Interest form to take the next step.

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### BECOME A FOSTER CARER INFORMATION SESSIONS:

- THURSDAY 29 AUGUST  
CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE WA7 2ST, 6PM.
- TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER  
HALTON STADIUM, (BOX 1), WA8 7DZ, 10AM.
- THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER  
CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, WA7 2ST, 10AM.

# Electronic key safes provide a more secure option for social care

Halton Borough Council's Telehealthcare Service provides a community alarm with response for vulnerable people who may need the safety net of an emergency system to help them maintain their independence in their own homes.

To this end, for many years they have offered a police-approved manual key safe to enable Telehealthcare Response Officers and other authorised users to enter the property in an emergency or for regular care.

Always looking to improve their offer, the Telehealthcare Service has recently begun to provide an alternative electronic key safe system (SentriKey Lockbox - [www.keyneticsltd.co.uk/sentrikey-lockbox/](http://www.keyneticsltd.co.uk/sentrikey-lockbox/) - which is the most secure key safe in the UK, and has many other advantages over the manual key safe:

- Only authorised users can open the key safe with their own unique PIN code from an app on their smartphone. This means if you want to block a specific user, you only have to ask us to cancel that individual's access, and all other users can carry on as normal. (This is far better



than the manual key safe, where anybody could gain entry if they found out the shared code.)

- A temporary access code can be easily given to emergency services and cancelled a short time afterwards.
- Up to five family and friends can opt to be automatically notified via text and/or email as to who has used the key safe and when.

If you would like to find out more, please call **0151 907 8306**, and the Council can arrange for someone to visit you and explain the benefits of the electronic key safes in more detail.





# Halton - a great place

In a previous edition we highlighted some of the fantastic businesses operating in Halton and the great products and services they provide to the UK and international markets. We promised further coverage highlighting the great work of local businesses and how unique the borough is.

## valuechain

We have market-leading industries either directly in manufacturing or supporting manufacturing in the local area. One example of this is valuechain. Based at Sci-Tech Daresbury they are an award-winning technology business that provides smart software solutions to enable manufacturing organisations to connect, collaborate and improve competitiveness. They work with manufacturing businesses including Airbus and Bentley, helping them grow through production control, business improvement and supply chain intelligence solutions – a world class company in a world-class borough.

There is a possibility that if you or a relative receives medical care at home, Fresenius Kabi at Manor Park in Runcorn (in part) provides that care. As a business supporting the NHS, they dispense prescription and vital nutrition to tens of thousands of patients in the UK – the health service would virtually grind to a halt without this excellent local business. What stands out about them is that most of the staff working there are from Halton and they recruit and train local people to work in this growing industry.



Most of us own a mobile phone and we all use electricity. Making that happen is Hutchinson Engineering who are an engineering company specialising in manufacturing engineering structures and who have an international reputation for producing mobile phone masts and towers to support turbines for the wind power renewable energy sector. Growing at a fast pace they are consolidating their position with a new permanent base in Widnes.



Halton's prosperity, great numbers of jobs and its national and international reputation, was built on the chemical industry. The chemical industry in the UK as a whole posts a more-than-annual £5 billion trade export surplus. Halton remains at the

centre of chemical industry. INOVYN, Vynova and Mexichem (to name only three businesses based in Halton) are a key wealth generator and provider of jobs and have had a strong presence in the borough.

In celebration of the chemical industry and situated in Widnes is Catalyst Science Discovery Centre - the only museum in the UK which explores the science and technology behind the chemical industry and its impact on our lives past and present through a host of hands-on exhibits, activities and demonstrations. It attracts visitor from throughout the UK and is an educational centre of excellence!



Further to the south of Halton, in Preston Brook, is the environmentally friendly E-Scape – electronic motorbike experience. This facility brings together a unique mix of technology, style and off-road fun in an easily accessible location. The electric motorcycles are powered from 100% renewable energy sources and they offer off-road riding to

those who are completely new to the sport for families and corporate events and also to provide a great facility for more experienced riders.





# place to do business



Back at Manor Park we have the UK base for Diamond Comics, suppliers of comic books and graphic novels from both major and bespoke comic book publishers. Diamond distributes to the direct market, and has an exclusive



distribution arrangement with most major comic book publishers including, DC Comics and Marvel Comics.

Our final destination south of the Mersey in Runcorn town centre is Frailers Guitar and Banjo, a veritable Aladdin's cave for any stringed instrument enthusiast ranging from beginners to renowned celebrities. Situated in a quiet town centre street they have an excellent national and international reputation.

Our final visit in this review of Halton's hidden gems is Hatton's, based in Widnes. They supply model trains and accessories to people around the world who are aware of this corner of nostalgia based right here beside our supplier of the real thing at Alstom, Newstead Road. Hatton's supply whole range of model trains, tracks and accessories and if it is not in stock then they can get it for you at the speed matching their premium models.



Cllr Eddie Jones, Halton Borough Council's portfolio holder for Economic Development, says: "As this series illustrates our borough has attracted, supported and developed a wonderful and diverse array of businesses boasting reputations of national and international standing.

"Halton's commerce caters for all sections of the community and demonstrates the wide ranging interests of the population. Consequently providing and developing both traditional and emerging commodities and technologies, enabled by the diverse skill set in the workforce. We strive for Halton to be the most outward-looking of boroughs and this is reflected in our local businesses and the jobs that they create."

We hope you have enjoyed this short journey through a further collection of gems from the place you call home and we will return in the future to let you know more about the unique and wonderful businesses operating in your borough.



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## Chief Executive proud to receive OBE

Halton Borough Council's Chief Executive, David Parr, was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for Services to Local Government in Cheshire.

**Mr Parr, who joined Halton Council 14 years ago, paid tribute to his family and the many people he has worked with in public service over the years.**

He said: "To receive this honour is a very proud moment for me and my family. I am a strong advocate for public service - I believe it is important and is often undervalued. I am proud to be a public servant and to be part of a team of people who, on a day to day basis, often in challenging circumstances, are trying to help to make a difference to people's lives in Halton and across the country."

Mr Parr continued: "I am also fortunate that I have a family who have supported me at all times in my work, and that I have worked with so many committed and dedicated people, who selflessly dedicate their lives to serve the public, either as employees of the many partners who deliver services to the public or as elected members.

"I would also like to pass on my congratulations to Sir George Howarth, John Lewis MBE, Tony Spruce BEM and Jeffrey Scholes BEM who were also honoured and who have all supported and played an important part in the development of Halton."



## Leah inspires others with her recipe for a good life

An inspirational young woman with Down Syndrome is helping people with a learning disability gain confidence, increase their self-esteem and have their voices heard.

**Leah Jones is a self-advocate who runs her own business, Positive You, and has recently held two exhibitions to encourage people with learning disabilities to live the best life, celebrate their successes and change perceptions.**

During this year's World Down Syndrome Awareness Week, West Bank-born Leah curated a display called '21 Stories, 21 Chromosomes' at Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in which she invited 21 people with Down Syndrome to take part. She was supported by Jade French, Community Engagement Coordinator at Catalyst.

"Throughout my life I have become a part of a wonderful community of people with Down Syndrome," says Leah. "Down Syndrome is a genetic condition from birth where there is a third copy of chromosome 21 in a person's DNA.

"With this in mind, I asked 21 local people who have Down Syndrome to share their success stories. I wanted people to come and be inspired by their stories and remember - it's only an extra chromosome!"

Ward Councillor Pamela Wallace was one of the many visitors who enjoyed the exhibition: "It was really interesting and informative. Leah's story, and the work that she does, helps raise awareness and gives encouragement to others."

Leah's next venture was an exhibition at The Brindley Theatre called 'Recipe of a Good Life', again supported by Jade French. "I want to move conversations on from people with learning disabilities living a 'good enough' life, which often is a life with few choices and opportunities, to them living an extraordinary one," said Leah.

The exhibition featured artwork created during a series of workshops where self-advocates, special schools, disability professionals, families and carers



came together to explore their ingredients for what living a good life means to them.

Leah added: "I learnt that we all have our own special 'recipe' for what makes us happy in our lives. While we often share common ingredients, such as relationships, good health and a sense of purpose, ultimately our recipes for a good life are unique."

During the exhibition, Leah appeared on BBC North West Tonight and Radio Merseyside.

Positive You, designed and delivered by Leah, is an organisation which aims to support people with learning disabilities to have confidence and self-esteem. Using arts and crafts, people are supported to express themselves in their own way, transforming attitudes and promoting positivity along the way. It offers a fun and creative four-week training programme, as well as public workshops, arts exhibitions and awareness campaigns.

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





# Mandy's journey in adult learning

Once again Halton Council's Adult Learning is celebrating the successes of one of its long-standing and committed learners - this time it's Mandy Weaver.

It's been a five-year journey for Mandy starting at one of children's centres after the arrival of her little boy Thomas. She was looking for the opportunity to learn something new and explore activities that she could do with her children, so took a range of courses on offer in the children's centre such as Story Sacks, Musical Instruments, and Introduction to Child Development.

Mandy achieved her Ascentis qualification which sparked her interest in working with children and led her to take the Supporting Teaching and Learning Level 2 course. This is the beginning of her exciting journey as a Teaching Assistant in schools.

While on this course she also completed her Level 2 Maths Functional Skills and a Level 3 Paediatric First Aid course with Halton Adult Learning, which provided her with an impressive collection of skills and qualifications to take into the school setting.

Mandy said: "Starting my journey with Halton Adult Learning was the best thing I ever did. I've not only learned lots of new things but I've made new, long standing friendships. It has built my confidence and I've probably done things that I would never have had the courage to do before."

Mandy's advice to anyone thinking of joining an Adult Learning course would be: "Go for it!"

The Council's portfolio holder for Adult Learning, Cllr Eddie Jones, said: "It is very encouraging that Mandy's early experiences with our committed staff helped make her keen to learn. So well done Mandy!"

"As Mandy has successfully demonstrated, the first step to further learning need not be the only step, be that to broaden the mind or fulfil a career ambition. To those ends Halton Borough Council is pleased to be able to offer a range of adult learning courses in order to enable that knowledge journey both for Mandy or any other local residents seeking to explore the opportunities available."



If you would like to join an Adult Learning course, why not make that first step and give the team a call on **0151 511 7788**? Or you can call in to one of our centres, send us a course enquiry through the Halton Adult Learning page on the website or e mail [adult.learning@halton.gov.uk](mailto:adult.learning@halton.gov.uk)

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**HALTON**  
Children's Centres

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# the studio

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

**Free or low-cost, high-quality creative activities and events bring people of all ages together at The Studio, Lacey Street, Widnes.**

After a series of monthly radio shows on Halton FM some of the participants produced their first podcast which you can hear by going to: [www.soundcloud.com/user-851196503/podcastextra](http://www.soundcloud.com/user-851196503/podcastextra)

**On-going free Friday sessions:**

- Creative Writing for 16-plus, 1-3pm. Also there are publishing, recording, and performance opportunities.
- MindCraft, 12-2.30pm – a safe and friendly arts and crafts group supported by Mind Halton.
- Tai Chi, 12-1pm - all levels welcome. De-stress in your lunchtime!

**These Saturday 11am-12.30 free sessions re- start in September:**

- Creative Writing group for seven to 11-year-olds.
- Local artist Georgina Ridehalgh runs the ArtSpace group, also for seven to 11s.



- Tambourine Tots run by Jane Bennett explores music, movement, and song. For 0-5yrs and parents/carers.
- Vocalise for under 16s is run by Rob Littler.

### Artspace Open Exhibition

Until September 11. This annual event is in memory of Cllr John Swain who was a great champion of culture in Halton. An exhibition of work by local artist Jason Quigly will follow in September.

**New August summer sessions:**

Mondays and Tuesdays 11am – 2pm each week, August 5 - 27.

- Free for 10-15 year olds, music, theatre, arts and crafts, creative writing.
- Creative Writing for 10 + 11 year-olds to help transition from primary to secondary school.

**Current Sunday afternoon sessions are ongoing throughout the summer.**

- Jam sessions, 1-3pm – all welcome, any age, bring your own instrument or borrow one from The Studio.
- The café is open 1-3pm and there are board games available for all ages
- Band rehearsal and recording studio sessions, Sun 1-5pm and Wed 4-8pm. Must be booked. Free but small donations are welcome.

### Band Camp

Supported development for bands, techies and singers. Next block starts in September. The recent sessions ended with a gig featuring Glitter, The Prequels, La Scala, and Silvermillion.



**Monthly get-together:**

- Last Sun of each month, 5pm. All ages welcome – put forward your ideas, identify problems, help find solutions, or just see what's going on.
- First Sat of each month: Volunteer Day, 10am–2pm. Help with gardening or small DIY jobs around the building.
- First Fri of each month: Comedy - Stand Up @ The Studio. Doors and bar, 7.30pm, £3 (students two for one)
- Third Fri of each month: Music - a variety of original music, including acoustic bands. Doors and bar 7.30pm.



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 Events: [www.thestudiowidnes.wordpress.com](http://www.thestudiowidnes.wordpress.com) and [www.facebook.com/studiowidnes/](http://www.facebook.com/studiowidnes/)**



# Search family's pride at tribute to Gentleman Jack



One of the most famous sights in Runcorn's football history was poignantly recreated when a new roadway in recognition of the Linnet's greatest ever player was officially opened.

Jack Search Way is the address of the retail park bordering the Millbank Linnet's Stadium. Halton Borough Council decided to honour Jack by giving the road his name.

The road opening was attended by many of Jack's family and friends, officials of Runcorn Linnet's, whose Trust secretary Dave Bettley chronicled Jack's career and spoke of the affection and esteem he enjoyed in the town, and Cllr Ron Hignett from Halton Borough Council.

Either side of World War Two, the Number 9 jersey was synonymous with the legendary star of Runcorn FC's 1939 FA Cup team. Jack was the kingpin centre forward in the mid to late 1930s, one of the most successful periods for the former Runcorn club.

At the unveiling, Jack's daughter Jeannie De Rycke sported his name and number on a modern-day Runcorn Linnet's shirt.

Jack was always self-effacing but his achievements on the football field were plentiful. He spearheaded the run of Runcorn's Cheshire County League title-winning side to the FA Cup third round for the only time - holders Preston NE being made to fight for a 4-2 victory.

He rejected a move to Arsenal and interest from Chelsea and Burnley to remain amateur and loyal to Runcorn. In later life, Jack became a director at Everton.

He also earned a place in the town's affections for his wartime bravery. A giant of a man in every respect, Jack's own wartime service saw him join the Royal Engineers and then the Royal Ordnance Corps, rising to the rank of Lt-Col. He was awarded the George Medal for bravery.



Jeannie De Rycke said: "My father had a lifelong affection for Runcorn Football Club - long after his playing career ended and he finished his time as chairman. He would always check Runcorn's results and watched their progress with great interest.

"He was a modest man, never looking for fame or honours, but this event would have touched him deeply. He would have been so proud of the huge honour paid to him by the club and the town.

"The whole Search family were amazed that he was remembered so fondly after so many years - they have asked me to express their enormous gratitude both for the honour given to Jack and for the great friendship and hospitality they received from Runcorn Linnet's. I would also like to thank Halton Borough Council for their part in both the preparations and the ceremony itself. I personally will remember this day forever."

Cllr Ron Hignett says: "It is fitting that the new road into the Retail Park is named Jack Search Way. A big thank you to the Linnet's and our local historian Councillor Dave Thompson. We can now be sure that Runcorn cannot forget one of its heroes."

A local newspaper headline once said that Jack Search had "put Runcorn on the map."

Now, happily, Jack is well and truly on the Runcorn map himself!

**PPX!**  
PHOENIX PARK XPERIENCE

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST  
11AM - 3PM  
PHOENIX PARK  
RUNCORN

**FREE ENTRY TO...**  
GREAT ACTIVITIES, DISPLAYS  
AND LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

PLEASE NOTE:  
that photographs  
will be taken.  
There is no public  
parking.

Onward HALTON Cheshire Constabulary

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**Widstök**  
The Mersey West Bank Widnes

Zen Baseballhat + Pete Benham & the Dinner Ladies +  
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Society + Little Indie Disco

See tickets £8 Early bird

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# Making your little one's education journey smoother...

When choosing nursery school for your child, there are many considerations - is it safe, does it balance education and care, does it make the transition to primary school as smooth as possible?

**By selecting a maintained nursery school - that is, a nursery which is maintained by the local authority as a school with its own governing body - you can tick off all those worries and more.**

Luckily for parents and children in Widnes there are three impressive Halton Borough Council maintained nursery schools - Birchfield, Ditton, and Warrington Road (Ditton and Warrington Road are 'Aspiring Foundations' federated nursery schools, which have a joint governing body).

Evidence suggest that the higher the qualification of staff the better the outcomes for the child.

Maintained nursery schools have a reputation of high quality provision and this is the case for all three here. Each has qualified teachers as their special educational needs co-ordinator and Ofsted inspects nursery schools under the same framework as primary schools.

When the schools receive feedback from parents, all say how fast their children have settled into primary school and teachers say how well equipped and ready to learn they have been.

All three and four year old children are entitled to 15 hours, and some children are entitled to 30 hours, of funded nursery education depending on their parent/carer personal circumstances.

All the nurseries are a proving a hit with Ofsted. Both Ditton and Birchfield have achieved GOOD ratings while Warrington Road has achieved OUTSTANDING.

Each nursery is led by a Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher, along with qualified early years Teachers, High Level Teaching Assistants and Teaching Assistants, who all have a wealth of experience in working with young children. Individual needs of all children are planned and catered, for via a strong key person approach.

The nurseries also promote outdoor learning with superb outdoor areas and exciting trips out.

The experience is fun, friendly and structured to suit your child's future school life. All three nurseries are warm and welcoming - come for a visit to see for yourself!

Ditton and Warrington Road also have on-site day care for parents who work, or those requiring extended hours.



## What parents say:

"Our daughter loved every minute of being at Birchfield nursery! The staff are lovely, great amenities and she made lots of friends! It was a sad day when she left but we'll be back next year!"

"Absolutely love Warrington Road Nursery. I have sent all five of my children here. The staff, from the office through to the teachers, are all amazing! They have time and patience not only with the children but also with parents - nothing is ever too much for them. They bring out the best in every child with their loving caring nature. I was never once worried about sending my disabled daughter here as I knew they would bring the best out of her and care for her like she was their own just as they have done with my others."

"Ditton Nursery staff are fantastic with my little girl - I always feel she is well looked after and never have to worry when I leave her as I know she is safe. She is always happy and smiling when she goes in which tells me she enjoys going. Ditton Nursery attends to my little girl's every need and adapts to her personality."

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**Ditton**  
Nursery School



# JULY

**TUESDAY 23 JULY- FRIDAY 2 AUGUST**

**BUBBLE TROUBLE WORKSHOPS**

CATALYST MUSEUM | 11AM AND 2PM

Make super-sized bubbles, square bubbles and squeeze inside a bubble in this workshop bursting with fun!

**EXPLORE YOUR UNIVERSE**

CATALYST MUSEUM | 12 NOON AND 3PM

A show exploring the technology used in space exploration!

**FRIDAY 26**

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM

WALLED GARDEN | 7PM

Open-air performance of the most magical and romantic comedy of them all. Tickets online at [www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org)



**SATURDAY 27**

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH:**

SPACE CHASE

OUT OF THIS WORLD MAKE AND TAKE SESSION

HALTON LEA LIBRARY AND WIDNES LIBRARY | 10.30-12PM | FREE, DROP IN

Sign up to the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge, receive your reading log and take part in space crafts. All ages.

**SATURDAY 27 & 28 SUNDAY**

**RUNCORN HILL SHOW**

RUNCORN HILL PARK | 11AM-4PM

All the usual favourites for the whole family. See poster on Page 6.

**MONDAY 29 & TUESDAY 30**

**THE BIG BAD BEAR HUNT**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 4PM

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

**MONDAY 29**

**STORYWALK**

RUNCORN HILL PARK | 10.30-12PM | FREE - BOOK ONLINE VIA THE LIBRARY WEBSITE OR AT ANY LIBRARY

Join a story walk around the park where you will listen to the 'The Bumble bear' by Nadia Shireen and have fun hunting for Norman and his bee friends. All ages, all children to be accompanied by an adult.

**MONDAY 29**

**HALTON LIBRARIES' VARIOUS ACTIVITIES:**

**LEGO CLUB**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY AND WIDNES LIBRARY |

2PM- 3.30PM | FREE, DROP IN

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**ART**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 2PM-3.30PM | FREE, DROP IN

Recommended age: all ages.

**STORYWALK**

VICTORIA PARK | 10.30-12PM | FREE - BOOK ONLINE OR AT ANY LIBRARY

See Monday 29 for details.

# AUGUST

**THURSDAY 1**

**HALTON LIBRARIES' VARIOUS ACTIVITIES**

**RHYMETIME**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 11-11.45AM | FREE, DROP IN

Recommended age: 0-4 years

**CHATTERBOOKS: SPACE**

HALTON LEA LIBRARY | 2PM-3.30PM | FREE, DROP IN

Recommended age: all ages.

**K'NEX CLUB**

RUNCORN LIBRARY | 10.30-12PM | FREE, DROP IN

Recommended age: all ages.



**FRIDAY 2**

**WRESTLING**

WIDNES MARKET, TRADERS' CAR PARK | 11AM- 12NOON & 1PM - 2.30PM

Infinite Promotions and Widnes Market bring a family fun event of British wrestling. Free entry and car parking.

**MONDAY 5 & TUESDAY 6**

**MERRY MARIAN AND HER BAND OF OUTLAWS**

NORTON PRIORY | 10AM - 4PM

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

**SATURDAY 3 - FRIDAY 16**

**SPIES AND CODES WORKSHOPS**

CATALYST MUSEUM | 11AM AND 2PM

Develop the skills you need as a spy and crack the codes in our training academy!

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**BATH BOMBS WORKSHOPS**

CATALYST MUSEUM | 12 NOON AND 3PM  
The science behind fizzy bath bombs - make your own bath treat to take away. [www.catalyst.org.uk](http://www.catalyst.org.uk)

**FRIDAY 9 - SATURDAY 10**

**THE WIDNES WONDERCON COMICON**

WIDNES MARKET  
Action-packed weekend featuring characters and super-heroes... Geek traders, retro toys, special guest appearances, Hollywood style sets, movie props and vehicles.

**SATURDAY 10**

**TABLE TOP SALE**

CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE | 9AM - 1PM  
Stalls available to book, £10 a table. Tel 0151 511 7474.

**SUNDAY 11**

**TEA AT THREE**

HALTON HAVEN HOSPICE, Murdishaw | 3PM-5.30PM  
Stalls, music and butterfly release in memory of loved ones.

**MONDAY 12 & TUESDAY 13**

**INDIANA BROOKE & THE ADVENTURE OF DOOM**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 4PM  
Family fun with clues to solve, crafts and story walk in the woods. Drop-in activities, no need to book. Normal admission prices.



**TUESDAY 13**

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM WALLED GARDEN | 5.30PM  
Imagination runs wild; logic abandoned; this fantastical musical brimming with nonsensical fun for the entire family. Tickets online at [www.nortonpriory.org](http://www.nortonpriory.org)

**THURSDAY 15, 22 & 29**

**BAT WALK & TALK**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 7PM  
Talk about bats, and a wander through woodland using bat detectors. Bat related craft activities. Suitable for all ages. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**SATURDAY 17 - SATURDAY 31**

**MAKING A MARVELLOUS MEDICINE WORKSHOPS**

CATALYST MUSEUM | 11AM-3PM  
Make and test your own medicine in our hands on lab!

**CHOCOLATE SHOW**

Buy a golden ticket. Find out about the history and science of chocolate.  
Find out more at [www.catalyst.org.uk](http://www.catalyst.org.uk)

**MONDAY 19**

**SUMMER FAYRE**

CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE | 12 NOON - 3PM

**MONDAY 19 & TUESDAY 20**

**PRETTY POLLY**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 4PM  
Help track and locate the rare, exotic Greater Rosy Plumed Parrot. Family activities including crafts, trails and story walk. Drop-in activities, no need to book. Normal admission prices apply.

**FRIDAY 23**

**THE GREAT NORTON PRIORY QUIZ**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 7PM  
Hot supper included; bring your own drinks, settle in for a night at the museum. Tickets £10 per person, book in advance 01928 569 895.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26 & TUESDAY 27**

**UNDER THE SEA**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 4PM  
Join the pirates as they set sail for Norton Priory Island. Family fun activities including crafts and story walk. Drop-in activities, no need to book. Normal admission prices apply.

**FRIDAY 30**

**WIDNES VIKINGS DAY**

WIDNES MARKET  
Fun and games, signings and giveaways with Widnes Vikings and mascot, Kemik.

**SATURDAY 31**

**BOWS & BUNNY EARS - A TRIBUTE TO ARIANA GRANDE & JOJO SIWA**

BRINDLEY | 7pm | THEATRE | £16, £13, £56 FAMILY TICKET

# SEPTEMBER

**SUNDAY 1**

**THE BEACH BOYS TRIBUTE SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £21



**MONDAY 2**

**BLAKE - MOVIES & MUSICALS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.50  
Songs from all the greats: Morricone, Barry, Bernstein and Bizet will feature. With a beautiful backdrop, incredible choirs and some hilarious stories.

**TUESDAY 3**

**THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18, £16  
The real spirit of the music of John Denver captured beautifully by Chris Bannister. (Hire)

**FRIDAY 6**

**NORTON 50 GALA DINNER**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 7PM  
Help celebrate 50 years of discovery at Norton Priory with an extra special fundraising evening. £50 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**FRIDAY 6**

**FOSSÉ**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14  
An Award winning Victoria Music. A new collaboration for autumn 2019/ VML and Eclipse bring a fabulous tribute to the iconic Bob Fosse. All profits stay in Halton to be spent on the local community. (HIRE)

**FRIDAY 6**

**THE WHO'S TOMMY**

BRINDLEY | 7.30pm | THEATRE | £22.00  
The whole TOMMY album played live for the first half with special guest vocalist and full live band. The second half will feature the Lifehouse Chronicles including Baba O'Reilly, Expect enhanced film projections and light show. (HIRE)

**SATURDAY 7**

**STIPE - THE REM TRIBUTE BAND**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £15

**SATURDAY 7**

**ROY ORBISON AND THE TRAVELING WILBURYS EXPERIENCE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26.50, £24.50

**FROM TUESDAY 10**

**TRAIN WITH SUE**

VICTORIA PARK | 9AM (TERM TIME ONLY)  
Ladies only circuit-style training: a mixture of bodyweight exercises, kettlebells and more. FREE 30 minute class. Meet at the bandstand.

**WEDNESDAY 11 - SATURDAY 14**

**BUGSY MALONE** presented by CODY'S

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2.30PM & 7.30PM SAT ONLY | £19, £17  
Musical based on the 1976 film.

**TUESDAY 17- SATURDAY 21**

**WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION** presented by Centenary

Theatre Company  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £15, £14  
Regarded as one of Christie's most accomplished plays, this suspense thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end. (HIRE)

**THURSDAY 19**

**HERITAGE OPEN DAY**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 5PM  
Free entry to the Norton Priory Museum & Gardens.

**THURSDAY 19**

**THE GIGGLE SHACK @ THE BRINDLEY**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £15  
The Brindley is the new home of Giggle Shack! Kicking off the opening night is Harriet Dyer, a brilliant original comedian with a fantastic imagination and engaging stage presence.

**FRIDAY 20**

**MORBID CURIOSITIES**

presented by Don't Go Into The Cellar Theatre Company  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12  
Be chilled by the Queens of Victorian horror fiction. Their latest theatrical portmanteau of vintage blood-curdlers!



**SATURDAY 21**

**SARAH WHITFIELD & FRIENDS**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £12  
Sarah a singer-songwriter whose musical influences shine with lyrical introspection and hook-laden melodies.

**SUNDAY 22**

**BRITISH MAMMALS WILDLIFE WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM  
Join in for a fun look at the animals you might be lucky to spot at Norton Priory. £5 per child, plus normal admission prices.

**SUNDAY 22**

**THE GOLDEN AGE OF SWING**

Featuring Dr Jazz & the Cheshire Cats.  
BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £16, £14  
20-piece big band with two fantastic vocalists recreate the sound of the Golden Age of Swing.

**WEDNESDAY 25 - SATURDAY 28**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY**

(presented by Encore Productions)  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2PM & 7.30PM SATURDAY ONLY | THEATRE | £19, £17  
A feel-good stage musical follows London Transport bus mechanics journey through Paris, the Alps, Italy and Greece. (HIRE)

**WEDNESDAY 25 - FRIDAY 27**

**BLITHE SPIRIT** presented by VML Drama

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14  
A must see for all those who love classic comedy. (HIRE)

**SATURDAY 28**

**OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM - 4PM  
An introduction to skeletal archaeology. Suitable for over 16s. £125 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.





**SUNDAY 29**

**SOAP MAKING WORKSHOP**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 1PM  
£30 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 29**

**VINTAGE RALLY**  
VICTORIA PARK | 10AM-5PM  
The biggest free show in the north of England. See poster on Page 6.

**SUNDAY 29**

**HALFWAY TO PARADISE**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25  
The all original Fury's Tornados re-united with Billy once more, with the aid of new screen footage.

**MONDAY 30**

**RALPH MCTELL**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26  
One of the great storytellers - a prolific, gifted songwriter.

# OCTOBER

**TUESDAY 1 & WEDNESDAY 2**

**ED BYRNE: IF I'M HONEST...**  
BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £27  
Join Ed as he takes a long hard look at himself to decide if he has any traits that are worth passing on to his children.



**THURSDAY 3**

**DOLLY AND THE MOONSHINE RUNNERS**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.55, £21.55  
The UK's best Tribute to The Queen of Country' Dolly Parton. (HIRE)

**SATURDAY 5**

**RUSH BASKET MAKING**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM  
All materials and equipment provided. Book in advance 01928 569 895 or online at www.nortonpriory.org

**SATURDAY 5**

**PALEOPATHOLOGY WORKSHOP**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 4PM  
An introduction to identifying diseases and trauma seen on archaeological human bone. £125 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**MONDAY 7**

**ALAN JOHNSON - IN MY LIFE**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20  
One of the most popular politicians of recent times. Now a best-selling author.



**TUESDAY 8**

**MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS** presented by Timeless Productions  
BRINDLEY | 2PM & 7PM | THEATRE | £17, £15  
Journey through songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's with over 160 costumes, a touch of humour and performances rarely seen outside the West End.



**WEDNESDAY 9**

**THE MANFREDS (FEATURING PAUL JONES)**  
HITS, JAZZ & BLUES  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26  
Manfred Mann's numerous hits - a winning combination.

**THURSDAY 10**

**THE LADYBOYS OF BANGKOK – THE GREATEST SHOWGIRLS TOUR**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £27, £25  
A cabaret like no other, performed by girls like no other girls. Featuring 16 of the world's most beautiful stunning showgirls... who just happen to be men! Plus a grumpy dwarf from Oldham.

**FRIDAY 11**

**ROCK'N'ROLL DREAMS CAME TRUE - MEATLOAF THE SHOW**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25.50, £22

**SUNDAY 13**

**QUINCE & APPLE DAY**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM WALLED GARDEN | 11AM – 4PM  
Produce from the garden on sale, with Norton Priory juices and preserves. Plus tastings and apple identification. Music, storytelling and family activities.

**MONDAY 14**

**LES MCKEOWN'S BAY CITY ROLLERS**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25.50  
A unique voyage back to the 1970s, when their music became the soundtrack for a generation of teenagers.

**TUESDAY 15**

**THE SOUND OF SPRINGSTEEN**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30 PM | THEATRE | £26.50, £24.50

**WEDNESDAY 16**

**JIMEOIN**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17.50  
Jimeoin brings his brilliantly observed, ever-evolving hilarious comedy to the Brindley for one night only.

**WEDNESDAY 16**

**MASQUE OF THE RED DEATH**  
Presented Rumpus Theatre Company  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £16, £14  
Edgar Allan Poe's terrifying classic.

**THURSDAY 17**

**THE ROLLING STONES STORY**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24, £22  
A night with the number one Mick Jagger lookalike Paul Ashworth and the boys.

**FRIDAY 18**

**DORIAN** Presented by Proper Job Theatre Company.  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £17, £15  
Brand-new play, inspired by the classic story, speaks to urgent contemporary concerns around masculinity, the body, ageing and ways of looking.

**FRIDAY 18**

**WALK LIKE A MAN**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24.50  
A musical journey through the career of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons

**SATURDAY 19**

**WEAVE A WILLOW HERON**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 4PM  
No experience is necessary. All materials provided. £57 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**SATURDAY 19**

**MILKSHAKE! LIVE**  
BRINDLEY | 12PM & 3.30PM | THEATRE | £18, £16.50 CHILDREN, £65 FAMILY TICKET  
Milkshake Monkey can't wait! A spectacular new musical for you all! Learn songs and dances with your favorite Milkshake friends.

**SUNDAY 20**

**THE NUTCRACKER – RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET**  
BRINDLEY | 2.30PM & 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, £23  
Russian National Ballet will enchant you with this fairy tale. One of the jewels of Tchaikovsky's repertoire.

**SUNDAY 20**

**RICK KEMP**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £14.50  
Songs and stories with Steeleye Span legend. Each performance is unique, riveting, touching and funny.

**MONDAY 21**

**RIGHT PLACE! WRONG TIME!**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24  
An uplifting comedy which is 'Seriously Dead Funny'!

**TUESDAY 22**

**AN EVENING WITH SIMON WESTON**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22.00  
Simon suffered burns to 46% of his body, when two Argentine planes bombed RFA Sir Galahad and turned the ship into an inferno. This remarkable man discusses his experiences with his close friend David FitzGerald from the BBC. Features footage from the conflict a Q & A session.

**SATURDAY 26**

**MEET THE BIRDS**  
NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 9AM  
Join us as we go bird ringing with Professor David Norman and the Merseyside Ringing Group. £5 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**SATURDAY 26**

**'SCARY SATURDAY' HALLOWEEN EVENT**  
WIDNES MARKET  
Ready for Halloween? Pumpkin carving, scary face painting and sweet giveaways! Grab a 'Scary Deal' with participating traders

## Search online...



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



selling one item or service in a limited number, at frighteningly cheap prices for one day only.

**SUNDAY 27**

**CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26  
Charlie received the ultimate recognition in 2011 when he was inducted into the British Country Music Hall of Fame- a wonderful achievement for any artist.

**MONDAY 28 & TUESDAY 29**

**WITCHCRAFT & WIZARDRY**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 11AM – 4PM  
Bring your little ghouls along; potion making, spell writing, trails and creepy crafts. Drop-in activities, no need to book. Normal admission prices apply

**MONDAY 28**

**HALLOWEEN EVENT- CREEPY CRAWLY SHOW**

CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE | 2PM -3PM | £2  
Contact 0151 511 7474.

**MONDAY 28 TUESDAY 29 WEDNESDAY 30 & THURSDAY 31**

**SPOOKY STORIES**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 6PM – 8PM  
Pumpkin carving, live creepy crawlies and animals, potion making and a spooky story walk in the woods. £7 per person. Tickets must be booked in advance on 01928 569 895.

**OCTOBER HALF TERM**

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER –FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER  
CELEBRATING THE PERIODIC TABLE WORKSHOPS  
CATALYST MUSEUM | 11AM AND 2PM  
Hands-on workshop to learn about the properties of some surprising elements as we celebrate the International Year of the Periodic Table.

**LIGHT FANTASTIC SHOWS**

CATALYST MUSEUM | 12 NOON AND 3PM  
An exciting, interactive show for all the family; UV lights, fibre optics, plasma ball, glow in the dark objects and much more! First come, first served £1.25 per person plus normal admission charge.

**TUESDAY 29**

**THE PITMEN POETS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | £22.00  
Jez Lowe celebrate the triumphs, tragedy, humor and hard times of North-East England's coal mining tradition. An evening of music.

**WEDNESDAY 30**

**THE DRIFTERS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £29, £27  
Their 65th anniversary year - they are back on tour performing all their classic hits from the last six decades.

**THURSDAY 31**

**JOE BROWN**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £35  
Timeless classics, rockabilly, gospel, country, bluegrass, and rock 'n' roll from Joe and his new band.

**NOVEMBER**

**FRIDAY 1**

**ABBA REUNION**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, £23  
Starring the original 'Frida' from the London West End cast. Superbly accurate vocals, guitar and keyboards combine with replica costumes and authentic choreography.

**SATURDAY 2**

**DENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 4PM  
An introduction to studying ancient human teeth. £125 per person. Book in advance on 01928 569 895.

**SATURDAY 2**

**PINK FLOYDS THE WALL LIVE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22  
After a sell-out show in 2017, Vesbim's tribute to Pink Floyd's The Wall returns with a full live performance of the whole album from 1979. (HIRE)

**SUNDAY 3**

**WEAVE A SCARF IN A DAY WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 3PM  
All materials provided. £55 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**MONDAY 4**

**SWING 'N' THE BLUES**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £14  
VICTORIA MUSIC LTD PRESENT A GOLDEN AGE OF MUSIC.  
An evening with songs to make you swing, from Sinatra to Bublé and everything in between. (HIRE)

**TUESDAY 5**

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY: SUPERHEROES THEME**

The spectacular display set perfectly in time to a musical soundtrack will have the crowds again gasping in awe as the night sky is set alight in a celebration of colour. Viewing areas: West Bank Promenade in Widnes and Mersey Road in Runcorn. Music from 6.30pm and the big launch at 7.30pm.

**WEDNESDAY 6**

**THE BOB DYLAN STORY**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22  
The Band' transport you to the Nobel Prize winner's glory days with a truly authentic, affectionate celebration.

**WEDNESDAY 6 – FRIDAY 8**

**THE DAWN OF DRACULA**

Presented by Soup Productions.  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £14  
A fresh and gothic interpretation of the blood-curdling classic. Based on the novel by Bram Stoker. (HIRE)

**THURSDAY 7**

**THE KAST OFF KINKS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24  
The Kast off Kinks, former members of the legendary band, back together to re-live the good times.

**SUNDAY 10**

**CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP**

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM | 10AM – 3PM  
£32 per person. Book in advance 01928 569 895.

**TUESDAY 12 – SATURDAY 16**

**OUR HOUSE**

Presented by Centenary Theatre Company.  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2PM & 7.30PM SAT. ONLY | THEATRE | £19, £18  
The story of London lad Joe Casey, who, breaks into a building site owned by Mister Pressman, to impress a girl. The police turn up, at which point Joe's life splits into two. (HIRE)

**SATURDAY 16**

**SHAKERS RE-STIRRED**

By John Godber & Jane Thornton - Minimum Wage Theatre Company  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12, £10  
A fascinating view of the reality that lurks behind the plastic palms and Pina Colodas in this revised version of a modern classic. This production contains adult language. (HIRE)

**TUESDAY 19**

**THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW – 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**TOUR OF SAN QUENTIN**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23, £21  
Simply the biggest and best celebration of Johnny Cash in the world today. Alongside Award winning front man Clive John his iconic wife June Carter played by Emily Heighway.

**FRIDAY 22**

**THE SUPERSONIC 70'S SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25.00  
Jam-packed with classic 70s hits.

**SATURDAY 23 & SUNDAY 24**

**LET'S BEGIN – ART IN MOTION**

BRINDLEY | 7PM & 2PM | THEATRE | £13  
The theatre school celebrate their 10th anniversary. (HIRE)

**WEDNESDAY 27**

**COUNT ARTHUR STRONG – IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £23  
As well as being the all-round entertainer we all know and love from the telly, Count Arthur Strong is a lifelong fan of astronomy.

**THURSDAY 28**

**EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE WITH DAVID HOLT – ARE YOU**

**READY TO BELIEVE?**  
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20  
One of the UK's leading spirit mediums, delivering mind blowing evidence of life after death. (HIRE)

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



**PALACEFIELDS UKULELE GROUP**

If you're over 18 and would like to play the ukulele Palacefields Ukulele Group are looking for new members. Also looking for events/venues (local charity event, care home, christening/wedding) - all they ask for is a donation. Every Wednesday, 2.30pm-3.30pm at Palacefields Community Centre, £3 per session. Find out more on Facebook or contact Gail on 07941 973048, e-mail gailhampsonbale@yahoo.co.uk



**BRINDLEY TERRACE CAFÉ**

The Café is located on the first floor with views of the boats and wildlife of the picturesque Bridgewater Canal. Relax in the café which serves delicious fresh homemade food, cakes and speciality coffees with FREE Wi-Fi. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Sat, one hour before performance start time. 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**

Toulouse Olympique XIII  
Saturday 10 August  
Kick off 15.00  
Swinton Lions  
Sunday 1 September  
Kick off 15.00





# Council Meetings



| DATE             | TIME   | MEETING   | VENUE              |
|------------------|--------|---|--------------------|
| <b>JULY</b>      |        |   |                    |
| 24               | 6.30pm | Business Efficiency Board                         | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |        |   |                    |
| 05               | 6.30pm | Development Control Committee                     | Municipal Building |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |        |   |                    |
| 02               | 6.30pm | Development Control Committee                     | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 03               | 6.30pm | Corporate PPB                                     | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 09               | 6.30pm | Children Young People and Families PPB            | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 10               | 6.30pm | Safer PPB   | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 17               | 6.30pm | Health PPB  | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 18               | 6.30pm | Environment PPB                                   | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 19               | 2.00pm | Executive Board                                   | Municipal Building |
| 23               | 6.30pm | Employment, Learning and Skills and Community PPB | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 25               | 6.30pm | Business Efficiency Board                         | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |        |   |                    |
| 02               | 2.00pm | Health and Wellbeing Board                        | Halton Stadium     |
| 02               | 6.30pm | Regulatory Committee                              | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 07               | 6.30pm | Development Control Committee                     | Municipal Building |
| 16               | 4.00pm | Schools Forum                                     | To Be Confirmed    |
| 16               | 6.30pm | Council   | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 17               | 2.00pm | Executive Board                                   | Municipal Building |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |        |   |                    |
| 04               | 6.30pm | Development Control Committee                     | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 11               | 6.30pm | Children Young People and Families PPB            | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 12               | 6.30pm | Corporate Policy & Performance Board              | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 13               | 6.30pm | Environment PPB                                   | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 14               | 2.00pm | Executive Board                                   | Municipal Building |
| 18               | 6.30pm | Employment Learning and Skills and Community PPB  | Municipal Building |
| 19               | 6.30pm | Safer PPB   | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 20               | 6.30pm | Business Efficiency Board                         | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 26               | 6.30pm | Health PPB  | Runcorn Town Hall  |
| 27               | 6.30pm | Regulatory Committee                              | 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 & 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 Monday in each month 6.00pm - 7.00pm (Except May, August and December)  
Halebank Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes  
The first Friday in each month  
10.30am - 11.30am (Except August and December)  
Halton Direct Link (Within Ditton Library) Queens Avenue, Widnes

## FARNWORTH WARD

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

## GRANGE WARD

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

## HALE WARD

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

## HALTON BROOK WARD

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

## HALTON CASTLE WARD

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

## HALTON LEA WARD

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

## HALTON VIEW WARD

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

## HEATH WARD

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

## HOUGH GREEN WARD

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

## KINGSWAY WARD

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

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

## MERSEY WARD

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

## NORTON NORTH WARD

Cllrs L Cassidy, P Lloyd Jones and G 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 – The Studio, Lacey Street  
Widnes  
5.30pm - 6.30pm – Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

## WINDMILL HILL WARD

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



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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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