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Message from the Council Leader



Welcome to the winter edition of Inside Halton. For this issue we have put together a 'pull out and keep' guide to staying well during the colder months ahead.

It includes information and advice on how to stay warm, keep yourself safe, help prevent winter illnesses, and the different ways to get help if you do need it. I hope you will find it useful, as we have to look after ourselves and others more than ever.

As Halton's year as the Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture 2021 draws to a close, we take a look back at some of the fantastic events that have taken place. Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic, our staff who put together the programme, along with partners and volunteers, have done a brilliant job of showcasing the talent we have in the borough and bringing people together to 'Celebrate Halton'. Well done to everyone involved and I'd like to wish Knowsley the very best of luck for their Borough of Culture year in 2022.

As the festive season approaches we can look forward to the return of the very popular Brindley pantomime, which this year is Cinderella. You will find details of this family favourite and a host of other events in our What's On guide.

So it just leaves me to wish you all and your families a happy and healthy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Cllr Mike Wharton
Council Leader

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What a year t

BOROUGH OF
CULTURE 2021

CELEBRATE
HALTON

The curtain will soon come down on Halton Borough of Culture 2021 at the end of a fantastic year filled with street art, outdoor theatre, exhibitions, nature trails, arts and crafts festivals and a music weekender.

Despite the unwelcome restrictions of the pandemic, the year began with the appearance of colourful murals by local artist Calum Medforth at Ditton and Runcorn Libraries to re-inspire the community after Covid and bring some unity, hope and joy to the community, through bold colours and the use of positive, natural and local imagery.

Culture HQ in Runcorn Shopping City launched in the Spring as a hub for all things Borough of Culture,

providing opportunities to connect to the creative community of Halton and has offered the chance for Halton artists to share their own work as well as providing a programme of interesting and diverse workshops and events.

Halton Libraries launched the first festival of the year in with Let's Make! featuring a range of activities including puppet making, pixel art, tote bag design, printing workshops, book sculpture and an online talk with the best-selling author S.E. Lynes, with many of the workshops sold out.

Summer saw the Let's Go Green Festival which was a celebration of the outdoors and our planet using art, stories, talks and performance, to learn about going green through lots of fun and informative events. There was



For all the latest information and to purchase tickets for events visit:

www.celebratehalton.co.uk Twitter @Halton2021

Instagram @halton2021 and Celebrate Halton on Facebook.

o Celebrate Halton!

street theatre across the borough, and several Halton venues held their own events such as outdoor theatre at Norton Priory Museum & Gardens, the Craftastic Fayre at the Barnyards, Widnes, and summer holiday children's activities at community centres.

Music featured heavily in the Celebrate Halton calendar, beginning with the Get It Loud in Libraries concerts, local artist gigs at the Brindley Theatre and culminated in the Celebrate Halton Music Weekender which lit up the borough with a cacophony of sounds in small venues and unusual spaces, showcasing local and national artists and musical genres from traditional to hip-hop and electro sounds.

The Liberty UK Festival, a multi-artform pop-up festival celebrating freedom and democracy and the Where There is Light installation at Catalyst Museum, a digital light installation showcasing the stories of refugees and asylum seekers ushered in the autumn programme. This was followed by the fascinating Museum of the Moon Installation at Norton Priory Museum & Gardens. The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition created by BAFTA and Ivor Novello award winning composer Dan Jones. Norton Priory scheduled a number of moon inspired events such as music, meditation and children's stories to celebrate the event.

The Light! Installation at Norton Priory illuminated a woodland trail where visitors could explore a lantern walk animated by light performances, culminating in a fire garden installation with musical accompaniment.

To round off the year, Halton Libraries welcomed A Place For Us Theatre Company to perform the classic Christmas story, A Christmas Carol.

The exciting Celebrating Halton's Heritage project launched this year as part of the Heritage Open Days programme to deliver a programme of heritage activity to continue into 2022.

For all Borough of Culture Information visit: www.celebratehalton.co.uk



CELEBRATE HALTON

New look for learning centre

Halton's adult learners have returned to the classroom for the autumn term and are enjoying some great new facilities and equipment at Kingsway Learning Centre.

Halton Borough Council was awarded £700,000 of funding from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority which has been spent on a refurbishment of the Centre and classroom equipment to prepare for the 2020 Digital Skills programmes.


The Combined Authority had launched an £18m fund to enable local colleges and learning providers to improve their facilities.

The refurbishment at Kingsway included the creation of a dedicated Adult Learning Reception, which provides a warm welcome for learners and visitors, plus a new lift.

In response to feedback from learners a spacious and comfortable breakout area has been created where learners can relax in between classes or have lunch, and the management and staff office has been reconfigured to make better use of the space.


Doors have been widened for mobility purposes, there are bifold doors fitted into





Change Your Life

learn something new
WITH HALTON ADULT LEARNING



Halton Adult learning have been pleased and excited to welcome learners back to our Centres and showcase the newly refurbished Kingsway Learning Centre with a whole variety of new digital technology available for our curriculum provision. We have now made our return to Schools and Children's Centres across the borough and have some great courses to support parents with learning activities to do with their children of all ages. An opportunity to learn alongside your child, getting to know the new curriculum taught in schools and supporting mental health strategies. Please enquire at your School, local Children's Centres or get in touch with us at Halton Adult Learning.

Also, we have some excellent courses to support people on their Employment Journey. We have a new Customer Service Course beginning on the 1st of November at Kingsway Learning Centre, as well as a range of Workshops to support people with developing their Interview techniques and writing effectively to the Job and Person Specifications.

Linda, a previous Employability learner has the following advice for potential learners: *"People who would benefit from this course are those who need to boost their confidence, people who have been out of work or away from the classroom settings. Also people who have had a major change in life as it covers mental health.....Just do it!"*



We have a wide variety of courses on offer ranging from Maths & English to Coding and Film Making, so why not 'Change your life and Learn Something New' and come and see us at one of our enrolment days:

Wednesday 5th January, 10.30 – 5.30 @ Acorn Learning Centre
Thursday 6th January, 10.30 – 5.30 @ Kingsway Learning Centre

To book a place please call 0151 511 7788 or visit our website at www.halton.gov.uk/adultlearning

Check us out on Facebook @adulthalton

adult.learning@halton.gov.uk www.halton.gov.uk



Interested in Adult Learning?
Take part in our short survey
https://webapp.halton.gov.uk/survey_smpg/als.htm

some of the rooms allowing for capacity flexibility, and everywhere has been brightened up with a fresh coat of paint, improved lighting, replacement flooring and new furniture.

New equipment includes Clevertouch screens, display cabinets and digital information screens, while investment in new technology has provided classroom equipment including laptops, Ipads and coding and virtual reality kits.

Siobhan Saunders, the Council's Divisional Manager for Employment, Learning and Skills, said the staff and learners are delighted with the long-overdue improvements: "It's made such a difference. We couldn't have done it without the investment from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

"We also received a £40k Access Grant from the Combined Authority to encourage learners back to the centre following the pandemic. So we've produced a Welcome to Adult Learning video, and put together learner packs for each student at the start of term., which have gone down really well.

"Also, we commissioned a short video on the Prevent agenda which is shown to all of our learners as part of their induction. It's an excellent way of getting the messages to learners about online safety, radicalisation and the Prevent agenda."

Halton residents have been keen to resume learning, with enrolment in courses for the autumn looking healthy, with the most popular courses include IT, employability, childcare and art.

One student who has nothing but praise for the Adult Learning service is Zeinab Dabaskarawani who has been studying English and Maths for over a year.

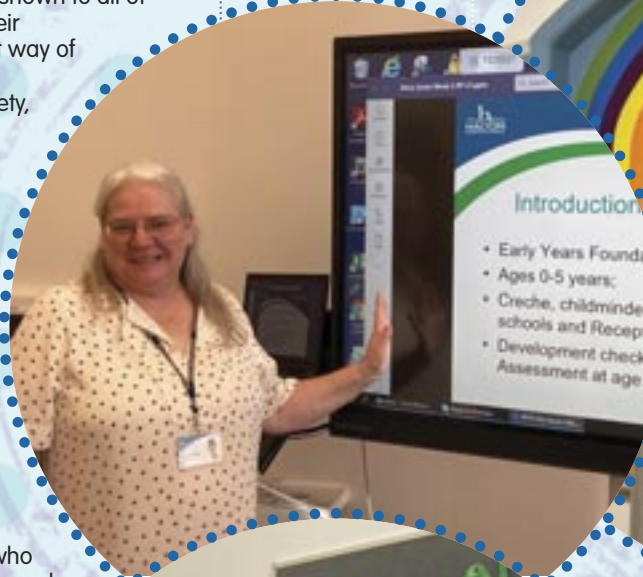
"It has been an absolutely amazing experience. I did not want to stop learning when I had a baby, so I came here and they have really helped and supported me."

Zeinab is keen to encourage others to take up, or resume, their learning and is looking to become a Learner Ambassador for the service as a result of her own positive experience.

Cllr Paul Nolan, the Council's portfolio holder for Employment, Learning and Skills, took a tour of the

centre to see the improvements and find out what a difference they have made.

Says Cllr Nolan: "I was very impressed with the updated facilities now available at the Kingsway Learning Centre following the refurbishment. A significant amount of money from the LCR has transformed the Centre into a truly outstanding resource for the residents of Halton, providing targeted assistance and learning for adults wishing to develop their skills and job chances."



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Norton Priory unearths more

Students and Halton residents have been digging for treasure at Norton Priory Museum & Gardens!

The Priory has teamed up with Liverpool University on a series of excavations to uncover the site's archaeological secrets. Students from the Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology department have been working on the extensive medieval moat system and the Canons' burial ground.

Around 80 undergraduates, directed by Professor Harold Mytum and

Dr Rob Philpott, learned an array of archaeological techniques while uncovering more of the Runcorn site's past. This was followed by a community dig where local residents came along to take part in the excavations alongside the experts.

The results of the excavations - and some of the star finds - will be displayed in the museum in due course.

You can see the students at work on their blog

www.liverpool.ac.uk/archaeology-classics-and-egyptology/

Norton Priory is recognised as being Europe's largest excavated monastic site. Dating back to 1134, the site achieved abbey status in 1391 before the arrival of King Henry VIII's men in 1536 brought about its dissolution. Between 1545 and 1921 the site was home to the Brooke family, with a Tudor house and a later Georgian mansion both utilising the Undercroft of the monastic complex as part of the living accommodation.

Norton Priory is also well known for the community excavations which ran from 1971 to 1987. Although these were extensive, and visitors to the site today can enjoy seeing the ruins that were unearthed, there remains much to discover.

To celebrate 50 years since the first community dig, Norton Priory welcomed back the first excavation director, Dr Patrick Greene OBE, who visited the dig and held a sell-out talk.

Also visiting the excavations and taking a tour of the museum with Senior Keeper, Lynn Smith, were Shadow Culture Minister Alison McGovern MP, Halton MP Derek Twigg, Weaver Vale MP Mike Amesbury, Cllr Paul Nolan, Halton Council's portfolio holder for Culture and Leisure, and Halton's Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Christopher Rowe and Mrs Joanne Rowe.



hidden treasures

Cllr Nolan has a particular interest in Norton Priory and its excavations, having studied Archaeology at university. He said: "When I heard that there was to be an archaeological dig at Norton Priory, I really couldn't wait to go and have a look! What a fantastic treasure we have in our borough - Western Europe's largest excavated medieval monastic site, which continues to reveal its past with exciting finds. I'm sure there are many more secrets yet to be revealed in future digs."

- Norton Priory has received £43,500 from the Art Fund Reimagine grants for its 'Mindful Museum' programme of activity. Once a centre for medieval contemplation and spirituality, the funding will support Norton Priory to revisit the site's Augustinian roots, providing a 21st century place for wellbeing and mindfulness. Using the archaeological site and collection as inspiration and its modern, purpose-built facilities, Norton Priory will provide restful, imaginative and mindful activity to all.

Beautiful 17th Century cabinet returns to Norton Priory

An important piece of grand 17th Century furniture from the Brooke family house is being restored for display at the museum, 100 years after it left the site.

The Brooke family has a long association with Norton Priory, from the purchase of the site in 1545 through to 1966 when the Priory was given in trust for the benefit of the public by Sir Richard Brooke. However, it was in 1921 that the family left the house.

The museum only has a few items that tell the story of the Brookes' time at Norton Priory, and even fewer which speak of the luxury and grandeur of the Georgian house. However, the Museum secured funding from the Art Fund Acquisition Fund and Arts Council England / V&A Purchase grants towards the purchase, at auction, of two important items from the house. They were also generously supported in the process by the experience and knowledge of Tomasso, respected art professionals based in Leeds and London.

These two important pieces are a 17th Century Antwerp collector's cabinet, later married to a fine



George II painted and gilt side table. The exquisite cabinet is considered to be one of the best to come out of the Antwerp workshops in the 17th Century. Although not unique, it is important for the inclusion of scagliola inlays which were extremely expensive and highly prized at the time.

A Museum spokesperson says: "We are delighted that we have been able, with the support of the funders, to secure this cabinet for display. It demonstrates perfectly the quality that was embodied by the house which was once on the site. We know the cabinet was in an ante-room to the library, and it is believed to have left Norton Priory in 1921. We are thrilled that 100 years later, it is now returning where it will form part of our permanent collection.

"The cabinet is currently being restored at a specialist studio, and will be returning to Norton Priory once the work is completed. We are preparing for its display early next year."

Christmas and New Year Holiday Waste & Recycling Collections

Due to a number of Bank Holidays, there will be some disruption to normal waste and recycling collection days over the Christmas and New Year Holiday period. The revised collection schedule is below.

If your collection is due on;

it will take place on;

Monday 27th December	Wednesday 29th December
Tuesday 28th December	Thursday 30th December
Wednesday 29th December	Friday 31st December
Thursday 30th December	Tuesday 4th January
Friday 31st December	Wednesday 5th January
Monday 3rd January	Thursday 6th January
Tuesday 4th January	Friday 7th January
Wednesday 5th January	Saturday 8th January
Thursday 6th January	Monday 10th January
Friday 7th January	Tuesday 11th January
Monday 10th January	Wednesday 12th January
Tuesday 11th January	Thursday 13th January
Wednesday 12th January	Friday 14th January
Thursday 13th January	Saturday 15th January
Friday 14th January	Monday 17th January
Monday 17th January	Tuesday 18th January
Tuesday 18th January	Wednesday 19th January
Wednesday 19th January	Thursday 20th January
Thursday 20th January	Friday 21st January
Friday 21st January	Saturday 22nd January

All collections will return to normal from week commencing Monday 24th January 2022

Household Waste Centres at Picow Farm Road, Runcorn and Johnsons Lane, Widnes will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day but open all other days from 8am to 6pm.

Visits in vans and large trailers are strictly via a pre-arranged booking only - if you turn up without a booking you will be turned away.

Bookings can be made by telephoning 0303 333 4300 or can be requested online. Please note that our offices will be shut from close of business on the 23rd December so you will need to plan your visit well in advance.

Further information can be found at www.halton.gov.uk

Make a difference with **Shared Lives**

Halton's Shared Lives Scheme, part of Halton Borough Council, is currently recruiting carers to share life in their family home.

Could you welcome a person with a care or support need in to your own home? This may suit you if you are looking for a rewarding challenge and you wish to work from home with a payment of between £200-£600 per week. (Depending on the level of care provided).

There are lots of ways you can get involved with Shared Lives. You can offer:

- A LONG-TERM PLACEMENT
- A SHORT-BREAK PLACEMENT
- DAY CARE PLACEMENTS.

You need to live within the Halton boundary to provide this type of support. You will receive full training for your role and support from a team of Shared Lives Workers. Shared Lives can offer you a great opportunity if you're looking for a career change, a new challenge or maybe approaching retirement.

The scheme will match you with someone who they feel you could support, who may have similar interests, likes and preferences to yourself. Experience of providing care would be desired but it is not essential. All applicants will undertake an assessment which will include character employer and GP references, a Disclosure and Barring Service check, and a health and safety check on your property. Your assessment will be approved by an independent panel.

We are looking for people who are open and honest and who are enthusiastic about wanting to make a positive difference to people's lives.

Please contact Eileen Clarke for more information and an application form on **0151 511 6677** or email adultplacement@halton.gov.uk



Waste prevention and recycling

Quick tips

- Check online for our list of acceptable materials by wheelie bin type
- Don't forget to check any changes to your refuse and recycling collection dates

Household Waste Centres

- Check the opening times before you go
- Make sure you have pre-booked your visit if you are using a van or trailer

Recycle more

Don't forget to make use of your kerbside recycling service over the holidays. You can recycle the following items in your blue bin or box.

- Glass bottles and jars - including coffee, jam and baby food jars
- Plastic bottles - including shampoo, milk and fizzy drinks bottles
- Cardboard - including egg boxes, toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- Metal and aluminium cans - all food tins and drink cans
- Paper - all newspapers, magazines and catalogues

Remember

Items should be placed loosely in your blue bin or box - NO BAGS

Extra recycling generated over the holidays can be left at the side of your blue bin or box

If you are unsure what to do with your waste please check our guide online at www.halton.gov.uk



Ho Ho Ho Halton

Tis the season to be jolly! From independent retailers with inspiring gift ideas to fun filled festive events, let's spread some festive cheer on our high streets this Christmas.

Stay local, spend local, support local.

Follow #HaltonHighStreets this Christmas





Let's do it together: Your pull out and keep guide to staying well this winter

Staying warm and well

Feeling warm and cosy at home feels good, but it's also important for our health. Being cold makes it harder for our body to fight off viruses and infections and breathing in cold air can increase the risk of chest infections, putting people with long term health conditions, older people, babies and young children at risk.

If you find you are switching off your heating to save money, or you are struggling with fuel debt, or an unreliable heating system and a cold home – there is help out there for you.

The Save Energy Advice Line, run by Energy Projects Plus (EPP), can help you apply for a Warm Home Discount, switching energy tariff, broken heating systems and fuel debt and advise on free replacement boilers, replacement white goods and simple energy saving measures. **Call 0800 043 0151 or visit www.epplus.org.uk** for details.

Living in rented accommodation? Your landlord must ensure your heating system is safe and in good working order. Contact Halton's Environmental Protection Team if you have problems with your landlord. **T: 0303 333 4300 or E: environmental.protection@halton.gov.uk**

Cheshire Green Doctor can help find the best energy tariff, install energy saving measures and more. **T: free on 0330 1740 863 or E: Greendoctor.CLM@groundwork.org.uk**

Citizens Advice Halton can advise on benefits and help if you are struggling to pay your bills. **Call 0151 257 2449 or email advice@cahalton.org.uk**

There are others ways to help stay warm,

- Having hot food and drinks
- Wearing lots of thin layers (clothes made from cotton, wool or fleecy fibres are best).
- Heat the rooms you use eg the living room during the day and your bedroom just before you go to bed.
- Keep your home heated to the right temperature: 21°C is an ideal temperature to keep you warm and healthy. 18°C is the minimum night-time bedroom temperature for adults and older children (16°C - 20°C for a baby's room) you might feel cold but there should be no risk to your health.



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

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

www.halton.gov.uk/mhinfopoint

Need help right now? Call the Mental Health helpline (available 24/7 for people of all ages). **Tel: 0800 051 1508** Free to call from both landlines and mobiles

Put a HaltOn Loneliness this winter

Loneliness can increase during the winter months, especially for older people who may find it harder to get out and about. Many older people can go for days on end without seeing or talking to anyone.

If you, or someone you know is affected by loneliness, call Sure Start to Later Life, a free, personal and confidential service for people over-55 in Halton. **Call: 01928 569498 or if you are hearing impaired please text: 07988 09 56 68**

Halton Community Pharmacy

Pharmacists are experts in medicines who can help you with minor health concerns. They can offer clinical advice on prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines and can treat a range of minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains to help you recover at home.

You can walk into any community pharmacy and ask to speak with the pharmacist privately and in confidence even about the most personal symptoms. Pharmacies have private consultation rooms, and you don't need to make an appointment.

The pharmacist and their team can provide advice on which medicines to use and how to use them safely as well as dispose of any of your unneeded medicines.

Care at the chemist

If you're registered with a Halton GP, you can access the NHS Halton CCG Minor Ailments scheme **CARE AT THE CHEMIST**. It's free if you don't pay for prescriptions and you can get advice and treatment on a range of conditions direct from your pharmacist rather than going to your GP. Why not ask your pharmacist next time you call in?

If symptoms suggest it's something more serious, our pharmacists have the right training to make sure you get the help you need. For example they will tell you if you need to access our Urgent Treatment Centre, see a nurse, other Healthcare Professional or another local service.



NHS 111

CALL
111

If you're feeling poorly but aren't sure if it's an emergency contact **NHS 111** or log on to [111nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk)

NHS 111 both online and via the telephone, makes it easy for you to access healthcare advice when you need medical help fast, but it's not a life-threatening situation.

NHS 111 is a free number, which is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The call handlers can provide health advice, put you in touch with the right service, arrange to have you seen by a doctor or call you an ambulance.

You can also go to NHS 111 online using your smartphone or laptop. You'll answer questions about your symptoms and receive tailored advice on what to do next and where to go.

Make the right choices



An A&E department (also known as emergency department or casualty) should only be used for genuine life-threatening emergencies, such as loss of consciousness, chest pain, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding that cannot be stopped, stroke or major trauma such as a road traffic accident. Less severe injuries can be treated in urgent treatment centres or minor injuries units.



Halton's Urgent Treatment Centres are here to help you stay well this winter

NHS Urgent Treatment Centres in Runcorn and Widnes are open 8am to 9pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year (including bank holidays) but please arrive before 8pm to allow time to be seen before closing.

Please choose your NHS wisely this winter. Our Urgent Treatment Centres have an x-ray department, and you can be seen here for a wide range of issues that require urgent treatment, but are not life-threatening, such as:

- Minor cuts or wounds
- Bites, stings, rashes and allergic reactions
- Minor burns and scalds
- Sprains, strains and joint pains
- Ear or eye injuries and infections

The centres also provide arrival time slots for patients who contact NHS 111. If you're experiencing a 999 emergency, which means that it is critical or life-threatening, then phone 999 for emergency help.

Where to find your Urgent Treatment Centres

Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre

Nightingale Building, Hospital Way
Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2DA
Telephone: 01928 714567

Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre

Health Care Resource Centre, Oaks Place
Caldwell Road, Widnes, WA8 7GD
Telephone: 0151 495 5000



Your medicine cabinet



Be prepared for common minor health problems by keeping a well-stocked medicine cabinet at home. The list below is recommended by The Royal Pharmaceutical Society and will help you deal with most minor ailments.

- Pain relief
- Antihistamines
- Oral rehydration salts
- Anti-diarrhoea tablets
- Indigestion treatment
- A first aid kit Top

Medicine safety

Ask your local pharmacist for help and advice, especially if you take regular medication

- Medicines should be kept out of sight and reach of children
- Regularly check expiry dates
- Always follow the directions on the pack and never take more than stated.



Let's keep being kind

Across the country, GP practices are seeing a rise in demand which is significantly higher than you would normally see at this time of year.

Staff are working extremely hard to keep patients safe and ensure they receive the care they need and we're asking for patience and support from patients and the public.

As well as delivering essential services, practice staff have made invaluable contributions to the COVID-19 vaccination programme, helping to vaccinate over 86% of Halton residents and rolling out the booster vaccine, ensuring our most vulnerable patients are protected.

Most people that enter surgeries are poorly, which means precautions like still adhering to social distancing and wearing masks and protective clothing to keep people safe are still in place.

Surgeries in Halton are open, but most appointments are being clinically triaged, which means they're being assessed by one of the GPs or a senior practice nurse to decide which member of the clinical team you should be seeing.

The level of demand means it can, at times, take longer for you to get through to your GP practice on the phone. If it's not urgent, some practices have the facility to complete an online form which will be sent to your practice and the appropriate person will get back to you.

All the practices in Halton have teams of specialists who work alongside the doctors such as advanced nurse practitioners, practice nurses, mental health workers, clinical pharmacists and physiotherapists. They can all diagnose and treat health conditions.

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Please remember that staff behind the NHS uniform are people, too. Please be kind and understanding – they're doing everything they can to make sure patients are kept safe and receive the right care when it's needed.

Wash those 'winter nasties' away

Washing your hands with soap and water is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself and others from illnesses such as food poisoning, diarrhoea, flu and COVID-19.



Wash your hands thoroughly for the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice (around 20 seconds).

You should wash your hands:

- once you get home, or into work
- after using the toilet or changing a nappy
- before and after handling raw foods like meat and vegetables
- before eating or handling food
- after blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing
- before and after treating a cut or wound
- after touching animals, including pets, their food and after cleaning their cages

Washing your hands properly removes dirt, viruses and bacteria to stop them spreading to other people and objects. If you don't have immediate access to soap and water then use alcohol-based handrub.

HM Government

BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY THIS WINTER

WITH THE FLU VACCINE + COVID-19 BOOSTER

Flu and COVID-19 can both be life-threatening and spread more easily in winter. If you're over 50 or in an at risk group, you are eligible for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster.

Get vaccinated. Get boosted. Get protected.
nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

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HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Box is made to measure for Rafed!

The Box at Runcorn Shopping City recently welcomed its newest trader Rafed Hafyn, a Syrian refugee who set up his own tailoring business.

Rafed received a grant from Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Town Centres Fund for Halton Lea, which assists new traders with support and funding for the first six months.

The Box, set up by Shopping City and Halton Borough Council, is a shared location for new businesses to start up and grow.

Rafed brings a wealth of experience as a tailor to Runcorn, offering alterations and repair services for clothing and curtains. He developed his trade in Syria before arriving in the UK through a United Nations and Government sponsored refugee resettlement scheme.

Since arriving, Rafed and his family have been supported by a resettlement team and local community organisation, A Better Tomorrow.

Rafed was delighted with the opportunity to use his skills with his own business. He says: "I started with a pop-up stall in the main square so people would know I was here and then moved to my own space in The Box. I have regular customers and have received many compliments.

"I was given a warm welcome from the Shopping City team, other retailers and local customers and am grateful for the opportunity of funding support for the first six months while the business becomes established."



Elaine Amos is a trader who has been able to look outside The Box having benefitted from having a space there. Selling a range of beauty and wellbeing products, her business grew and she now has her own stall in the Town Square.

Clr Paul Nolan, Halton Borough Council's portfolio holder for Enterprise and Employment, says: "We're delighted to provide the opportunity to support new local traders through the Liverpool City Region Town Centre Fund. I wish all the traders in The Box space every success."



Age UK Mid Mersey works to celebrate age and highlight the needs of older people.

We need your help!

Join our **Halton Expert Panel** where you can let us know what life is really like for our older people, help us to influence decision makers, campaign to improve services and challenge attitudes towards ageing.

This is an ideal opportunity for those who are looking for something new to do, want to make a real difference and would like to meet new friends too!

We are looking for new panel members from **all backgrounds** who are aged 50+ .

Contact us and quote "Halton Expert Panel"
T: 0300 003 1992 E: enquiries@aukmm.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1002476



ALWAYS WANTED TO FOSTER? LIFE MORE FLEXIBLE NOW?

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In total, Halton residents, businesses and commuters have made **86.3 million journeys** over the River Mersey in Halton since the Mersey Gateway Bridge opened at midnight on 14 October 2017.

Tolling provider merseyflow is expecting to see two million vehicles making crossings each month across the Mersey Gateway and Silver Jubilee bridges this autumn/winter.

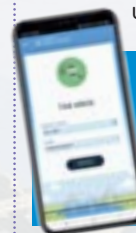
The most recent figures released by merseyflow show that an average of just 9,000 vehicles a

day now use the Silver Jubilee Bridge – far less than the 80,000 vehicles a day it used to carry. **Latest bridge figures:**

- **Traffic levels in summer were back to 95% of pre-pandemic volumes** – this was the busiest quarter since 2019 and the autumn/winter is expected to see two million vehicles a month using the bridges

- **Over 97% of journeys were paid for on time** – the vast majority of people are paying for their journeys by midnight the day after they cross

- **Over 90% of payments are made through digital or automated channels** – www.merseyflow.co.uk, the merseyflow quick pay app and auto top-up options are widely used by customers



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- **PCNs remain below historical levels from 2018 / 2019** – though they have increased alongside the rise in journey numbers.

Halton residents renewal reminder

If your Local User Discount Scheme Plan has expired, please remember to renew it with merseyflow in order to continue to benefit from heavily discounted rates to cross the Mersey Gateway and Silver Jubilee bridges.

The quickest and easiest ways to renew are by using the merseyflow website, or calling its customer service team on 01928 878878. The merseyflow Walk-In Centre at Manor Park in Runcorn is also available for those without internet access.

Halton resident? merseyflow

Remember to renew your Local User Discount Scheme plan annually.

STEP 1	Scan/take photos of your current council tax bill, driving licence and V5C
STEP 2	Login at www.merseyflow.co.uk and click 'Renew'
STEP 3	Upload your current council tax bill, driving licence and V5C
STEP 4	Pay your £10 annual fee
STEP 5	We'll email your confirmation – That's it!

You can renew your 12-month plan up to 30 days before it expires



- Silver award for Contact Centre Support Manager of the Year
- Bronze award for Resource Planning Manager of the Year

Overall, emovis was a finalist in seven categories.

Early boost for disadvantaged kids in Halton with Halton Christmas Toy Appeal

Halton Children's Centres' annual Christmas Toy Appeal has received a jump start with a donation of brand-new toys worth £2,000 thanks to merseyflow and Merseylink.

Tolling operator merseyflow joined forces with Merseylink (the consortium responsible for the design, construction, financing and operation of the Mersey Gateway Project assets) to support disadvantaged children in the region as part of the Halton Children's Centres' Christmas Appeal by donating £1,000 of toys and gifts each.

Merseyflow is also encouraging staff and customers to use its walk-in centre in Manor Park in Runcorn as a drop-off point for toys and gifts.

The toys and gifts need to be new and unopened and would need to be dropped off by 13 December at the latest. Ideally the team behind the appeal is looking to collect a range of toys that could appeal to children aged between 0 and 18.

The appeal benefits hundreds of disadvantaged children from some of Halton's most deprived areas every year.



UK National Contact Centre Awards 2021

GOLD WINNER

Merseyflow team celebrates national award success

The team behind merseyflow has been recognised at the prestigious UK National Contact Centre Awards for its commitment to its employees and customers.

Merseyflow's parent company, emovis, walked away with four awards at the lavish awards dinner on Monday 27 September.

The team beat tough competition from the likes of Vodafone, Sage and NatWest to secure four awards in total, including:

- Gold award for Contact Centre Support Team of the Year
- Gold award Business Improvement Manager of the Year.

Our Festive Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	8am-5pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
27 December	9am-4pm
28 December	9am-4pm
New Year's Eve	8am-5pm
New Year's Day	Closed
2 January	9am-4pm
3 January	9am-6pm

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Christmas Update! We're open **EVERY DAY** from 13th to 24th December and we've got some great events coming up. Keep checking the Widnes Market Website and social media pages for the latest updates!



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CINDERELLA

Have a ball at this year's

Brindley panto

The world's favourite fairytale, Cinderella, will arrive at the Brindley Theatre at the stroke of midnight on Wednesday 8 December.

Presented by New Pantomime Productions, the show stars Sam Callahan as Dandini. Sam is a singer from Essex who featured in Series 10 of The X Factor and was part of the boys category, mentored by Louis Walsh.

Says Sam: "I can't wait to play Dandini in Cinderella at Runcorn. It's such a fun part to play and certainly appeals to my mischievous side!"

Brindley favourites Rebecca Lake as Cinderella, Andrew Curphey as Buttons and Charlie Griffiths as the Baroness also star, and they will be joined by Harrison Scott-Smith as Prince Charming, Charlotte Dacia as the Fairy Godmother, Matt Dallen as Tess and Russ Evans as Claudia.

It's sure to have the usual spectacular scenery, dazzling costumes, hilarious jokes, singalong songs and fun for all the family. So, don't turn into a pumpkin - grab your gown and glass slippers, and get your tickets now!

There is a signed performance on Wednesday 29 December at 5pm and a relaxed performance on Thursday 30 December at 2.30pm for people with an autistic spectrum condition, learning disability or sensory and communication disorder.

Cinderella runs from Wednesday 8 December until Sunday 9 January. Show times vary.

Tickets are from £18 from the box office on 0151 907 8360 and www.thebrindley.org.uk

Please contact the box office for groups 20 plus and uniformed groups.

BOX OFFICE 0151 907 8360 www.thebrindley.org.uk

WED 8 DEC 2021 - SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2022


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DECEMBER

SATURDAY 4 & SUNDAY 5 FATHER CHRISTMAS STORYTIME NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM

Enjoy storytime in the Medieval Undercroft and your chance to see Father Christmas and get a sweet treat present to take home! Ticket prices include entrance to the Museum and families can also do the Norton Nutcracker Trail around the museum galleries. Entry to Father Christmas Storytime will be by pre-booked ticket only. Tel 01928 569895.

WEDNESDAY 8 – SUNDAY 9 JANUARY CINDERELLA

BRINDLEY | TIMES VARY | THEATRE | TICKETS FROM £18

The world's favourite pantomime, Cinderella, will arrive at the Brindley Theatre at the stroke of midnight on Wednesday 8 December and we're inviting you to the Ball. Starring the X Factor's Sam Callahan, Brindley panto favourites Rebecca Lake, Andrew Curphey, Charlie Griffiths and Charlotte Dacia, it's sure to have the usual spectacular scenery, dazzling costumes, hilarious jokes, singalong songs and fun for all the family. So don't delay, book today!

THURSDAY 9

GRACE PETRIE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17
Grace Petrie's unique take on life, love and politics.

FRIDAY 10 – TUESDAY 14

SANTA'S BEST EVER CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY 11AM, 1.30PM & 4PM, SATURDAY. 11AM, 1.30PM & 3.30PM, SUNDAY. 1PM & 3PM, MONDAY & TUESDAY 11 AM & 1.30PM | BRINDLEY | STUDIO | £13

Join Father Christmas and friends in this brand new, festive, musical, interactive adventure. It's a family show most suitable for 2-7 year olds, where every child will receive a specially wrapped present from Santa.

SUNDAY 12

PAULINE DANIELS & FRIENDS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18.50

An evening of total entertainment with Soul Man Steve Charles, Pocket Rocket Liver Bird Victoria Jones and the Ultimate Elvis Ricky Aaron. All in aid of The Alzheimer's Society.



THURSDAY 16

MORE GHOST STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS

PRESENTED BY DON'T GO INTO THE CELLAR THEATRE COMPANY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12

Join resting actor Alfred St John Merrimoon for unsettling tales of seasonal spooks, winter wraiths and Christmastime horrors.



what's on



DECEMBER
16th

**THURSDAY 16
JON GOMM**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £19.50
The Blackpool-born singer-songwriter's debut, Hypertension, was nothing short of a musical revelation: drumming beats, tapping chords and striking harmonics on his acoustic guitar underneath that warm, soulful voice.

**TUESDAY 14
FOSTER4 BECOME A FOSTER CARER
VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**

Interested in Fostering? Looking for a rewarding, home-based, flexible role that uses your skills with children? You could really change the lives of children and young people in your area and develop a career that works for you and your circumstances, especially now that some of us are spending more time at home.
Join Foster4 at this virtual event. To book visit: <https://www.foster4.co.uk/info-sessions/>
Or you can call 01925 444100.

**FRIDAY 17
AN EVENING WITH IAN PROWSE PLUS THE
SOUTHBOUND ATTIC BAND**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £17
Merseyside legend Ian Prowse is a singer/songwriter who wears his heart on his sleeve and writes straight from the cuff.

**FRIDAY 17
ROY ORBISON AND THE TRAVELING
WILBURYS TRIBUTE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £27, £25
In this up-tempo, feel-good show you are treated to a range of hits, not just from the Wilburys, but the back catalogue of the famous five themselves

**SUNDAY 19
SCROOGED – FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 7PM | STUDIO | £8 | RATED: PG13

**MONDAY 20
MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET (1994) – FILM
SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 2PM | STUDIO | £8. OPTIONAL CREAM TEA £5 (PLEASE BOOK YOUR CREAM TEA AT THE BOX OFFICE) RATED PG

**WEDNESDAY 22
THE POLAR EXPRESS – FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 6PM | STUDIO | £8 | RATED PG

**THURSDAY 23
THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS –
FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 6PM | STUDIO | £8 | RATED PG

**FRIDAY 24
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE – FILM SCREENING**

BRINDLEY | 2PM | STUDIO | £13 including Seasonal Refreshments
Enjoy this classic Christmas film in our festively decorated Studio. Includes seasonal refreshments.

JANUARY

**THURSDAY 13
MY HEART WILL GO ON - THE CELINE DION
SONGBOOK**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25.50, £24
The World's premier show in celebration of the Canadian superstar, and one of the biggest selling artists of all time. Fronted by international Celine Dion tribute artist Alexandra Darby and her amazing live band.



JANUARY
14th

**FRIDAY 14
LIMEHOUSE LIZZY**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20
Limehouse Lizzy continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive.



**SATURDAY 15
THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25.50, £23.50
The only show to be endorsed by the Cash family is back on top form with a brand new production.

**SUNDAY 16
ROCK WITH LAUGHTER STARRING
MARMALADE AND THE GRUMBLEWEEDS**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23, £21
Join this never-before-seen pairing for an evening of reminiscences and good fun and music.



JANUARY
17th

**MONDAY 17 & TUESDAY 18
HANDBAGGED – A COMEDY BY MOIRA
BUFFINI**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM MONDAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM TUESDAY | THEATRE | £17
The meetings between Queen Elizabeth II, and Margaret Thatcher became infamous in the 1980s. This comedy explores their relationship and looks at what might have happened when two of the most powerful characters of our time came face-to-face. Sharply funny, mischievous and packed with satirical humour. (Hire)

**MONDAY 17 & TUESDAY 18
THE GRAND OLD LADY**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £18, £12
The play is written by Kenny O'Connell and is based around the Everton Lock-Up, or Prince Rupert's Tower as it is known locally, which has stood at the peak of Everton Brow since 1787. (Hire)



JANUARY
19th

**WEDNESDAY 19
SOMEONE LIKE YOU - THE ADELE
SONGBOOK**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25
Katie Markham leads a super-talented band through all your favourite Adele hits plus much more in this internationally acclaimed show.

Continued overleaf...

WEDNESDAY 19

TRULY, JACK THE RIPPER

PRESENTED BY DON'T GO INTO THE CELLAR THEATRE COMPANY
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
Join Inspector Frederick Abberline of Scotland Yard as he examines theories surrounding the true identity of the infamous Saucy Jack, the Whitechapel Horror himself.

FRIDAY 21

THE ELVIS YEARS – THE STORY OF THE KING

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25
An outstanding musical production which brings to the stage the incredible story of the 'king of rock and roll' (Hire)

SATURDAY 22

THE BIG SHOW PRESENTED BY ANDREW CURPHEY THEATRE COMPANY PERFORMING ARTS

BRINDLEY | 3PM & 7.30PM | THEATRE | £15
Join the 160 plus performing arts students as they take to the stage to celebrate all things wonderful and fabulous from the world of theatre through song, dance and drama (Hire)

SUNDAY 23

AUTISM'S GOT TALENT

BRINDLEY | 5PM | THEATRE | £10 ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE
Anna Kennedy OBE is working with Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS) to celebrate how amazing our talented adults and children with autism are. Artistes from across the country and local families will provide a special evening of entertainment. (Hire)



MONDAY 24

GARY DELANEY - GARY IN PUNDERLAND

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £20
Get ready to dive into a rabbit hole of the best jokes in the world - star of Live at the Apollo and sell-out sensation Gary Delaney is back! Suitable for 16 plus years.

TUESDAY 25

DAY AT NIGHT - THE DORIS DAY SONGBOOK

BRINDLEY | 2PM | THEATRE | £18, £17
This show is a celebration of the life and music of the Hollywood Legend, TV and recording artist Doris Day. Directed and staged by Roger Hannah.

WEDNESDAY 26

I'M STILL STANDING – THE MUSIC OF ELTON JOHN

BRINDLEY 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26, £24
The Music of Elton John is simply a breathtaking concert of Elton John's 50 years in show business. Joel Buckingham and his fabulous band 'The Jets' perform all the hits.

THURSDAY 27

FORBIDDEN NIGHTS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, GROUPS 10 PLUS DISCOUNT
Immerse yourself in this sexy, innovative and classy show with two hours of breath-taking action, seductive choreography and the comedian comper for your entertainment.

FRIDAY 28

STIPE – THE R.E.M. TRIBUTE BAND

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £15
Stipe are an accomplished, professional and energetic tribute capturing the energy and magic of R.E.M. The Brindley Theatre show is a one off. R.E.M. by Stipe will perform three sets. One set will be a live rehearsal and the songs will be chosen by you, the ticket holders. See the Brindley website for details.

FRIDAY 28

NORTHERN LIVE - DO I LOVE YOU

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26
Keeping the Faith to the original sounds of the underground movement that started on the dance floors in the north and eventually swept the nation, including an 11-piece band with 4 lead vocalists. Expect Out On the Floor, There's A Ghost In My House, Do I love You, Tainted Love, The Snake and many more

SATURDAY 29

LENNON RETROSPECTIVE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22 £20
The Lennon Retrospective two hour show promises to take you on a journey through John Lennon's popular back catalogue, serving up classic solos and Lennon penned early Beatles classics. (Hire)



SUNDAY 30

GET READY – THE ULTIMATE MOTOWN PARTY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £29
Take a trip back to 1960s Detroit with the celebrated stage production, Get Ready. Energetic choreography and dazzling costumes truly revive the most pulsating era of music the world has ever seen.

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 1

ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24
Murphy's Pub will set up at the Brindley Theatre, guaranteeing one glorious night of high-energy Irish Music and more than a little bit of Irish Craic.



TUESDAY 1

THE NIGHT TITANIC SANK

PRESENTED BY DON'T GO INTO THE CELLAR THEATRE COMPANY
BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
Based on the real-life testimonies of those who survived, the tragic events of April 14th/15th 1912. The night that the unthinkable happened.

WEDNESDAY 2

TOTALLY TINA

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26, £24.50
Come shake a tail feather with the UK's official No1 Tina...Justine Riddoch and her talented cast.





**THURSDAY 3
THE BOHEMIANS – QUEEN GREATEST HITS SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £25, £23
Internationally renowned Queen Tribute band The Bohemians take you on a high energy roller coaster ride of a concert.

**FRIDAY 4
IAN MCNABB**

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £19.50
Ian formed The Icicle Works in 1981. They became part of the Liverpool renaissance movement of the eighties, achieving top 40 placings in the UK for all four of their albums. He was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in 1994.

**FRIDAY 4
GLADYS KNIGHT TRIBUTE: MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26, £25
Featuring all of the soul divas classic hits including Baby Don't Change Your Mind, Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me, The Way We Were / Try To Remember, Licence To Kill, Midnight Train To Georgia and many more!

**SUNDAY 6
SPIRIT OF THE DANCE**

BRINDLEY | 2.30PM & 7.30PM | THEATRE | £29
This high octane extravaganza takes dance to the next level, in an explosive fusion of heart pounding Irish Dance combined with dance styles from round the world.

**SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20
THE WIZARD OF OZ PRESENTED BY ELLA PERFORMANCE GROUP**

BRINDLEY | 7PM SAT, 2PM & 7PM SUN | THEATRE | £17
Recipients of The Queen's Award, the Ella Performance Group invite you to share their magical journey down the yellow brick Road. (Hire)

**MONDAY 21
BLAKE**

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £26
Join them this year to hear an eclectic new selection of classical anthems, West End hits and contemporary covers.

**TUESDAY 22
THE MND & OWEN MCVEIGH FOUNDATION CHARITY SHOW**

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £14, £12



Special charity dance show with Merseyside dance schools coming together in aid of Motor Neurones Disease. Presented by Cathi Conroy-Jones Productions. (Hire)

**FRIDAY 25
REVIVE PRESENTED BY THEATREWORKS**

7PM & SATURDAY 26 - 6PM
BRINDLEY | £16
Theatreworks Cheshire cannot wait to entertain you! This is a jam-packed show with incredibly talented students. The show is full of variety, from teeny tots to seniors with all styles of dance. (Hire).



**WELCOME BACK TO
HALTON LIBRARIES**

There are weekly Rhymetimes for 0-4 year olds at all our libraries. Join us for stories, singing and rhymes at 11am on Tuesdays at Runcorn and Ditton, Thursdays at Halton Lea, and Fridays at Widnes. And don't forget, Saturday Stories, every Saturday at 11am at Halton Lea and Widnes libraries.

The latest books are available for all ages and if we haven't got what you are looking for then we will order a book in for you, just ask a member of the team. The café at Halton Lea library is also open every morning for takeaway service – go on, treat yourself to a coffee and cake!

Check out halton.gov.uk/libraries for the latest events and activities.



BRINDLEY CAFE

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

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Council Meetings

DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
DECEMBER 2021			
01	6.30PM	Regulatory Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
07	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
08	6.30PM	Council	Halton Stadium
09	2.00PM	Executive Board	Runcorn Town Hall
JANUARY 2022			
10	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
12	6.30PM	Regulatory Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
19	4.00PM	Schools Forum	To be held remotely
19	2.00PM	Health and Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
20	2.00PM	Executive Board	Runcorn Town Hall
24	6.30PM	Children Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
25	6.30PM	Corporate Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
31	6.30PM	Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
FEBRUARY 2022			
01	6.30PM	Safer Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
07	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
09	6.30PM	Mayoral Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
15	6.30PM	Health Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
16	4.00PM	Schools Forum	To be held remotely
16	6.30PM	Environment Policy and Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
17	2.00PM	Executive Board	Runcorn Town Hall
MARCH 2022			
01	6.30PM	Development Management Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
02	6.30PM	Council	Halton Stadium
09	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 and Performance Boards do not have decision making powers but are responsible for initiating new policy proposals, monitoring and commenting on policy proposals, and reviewing and recommending changes to existing policies. All the above meetings are open to the public and the Policy and Performance Boards include a 30-minute 'Question Time' at the start of each one. To be sure of receiving an answer at the meeting, you are advised to send your question in writing to Committee Services, Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF, before 4pm of the working day before your chosen meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda.

Community Centres in the borough

Castlefields Community Centre

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

Churchill Hall Community Centre

Cooper Street, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 1DN.

Grangeway Community Centre

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

Murdishaw Community Centre

Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 6EP
Tel: 0151 511 7910

Beechwood Community Centre

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

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Northwich Road, Brookvale, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 6PE

Tel: 01928 751699 / 01928 795171

Email: rgates@arena-housing.com

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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

Help protect our heritage for the future

St Luke's church in Farnworth held its annual Heritage Day celebration with guided tours around the church and the historic village and launched its latest fundraising appeal.



Organisers were delighted with the excellent turnout of around 100 visitors. Many people attending used the new guide book which explained details at every point indicated, with volunteers on hand to answer the many questions.

The church also used the day to relaunch the Friends of Farnworth Church Group. This project started ten years ago with a roof appeal for the Chancel and Cuedley roofs. This continued over the years as a major fund for repairs and had been successful, along with grants from Heritage England etc, in funding almost all of the major works in the church. However, it had become less productive due to various issues, including the effects of the pandemic.

So, it was the right time for them to kick-start an initiative to complete the rest of the restoration work and to raise funds to install a much-needed toilet. Donations totalling £475 were received on the day, with hopefully more to follow.

If you would like to join the Friends of Farnworth Church you can contact Barry Horabin by email - barry.horabin@btinternet.com Support can take the form of helping with raising money at events or a regular a donation which, if you are a tax payer, you can gift aid, enabling them to claim extra from the Government.

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