

### For Children with Disabilities

#### Newsletter w/c 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

### Christmas Holiday activities

Halton Borough Council is delighted to announce that it has secured additional funding to enable local providers to offer **FREE activities & food** during the Christmas holiday period to school aged children from Reception to Year 11, who receive benefits related to free school meals. There are also a **number of places available to other vulnerable groups of children and young people, such as SEND, Young Carers, and NEET.**

With just over four weeks until Christmas there are lots of activities planned for the holidays across the borough – [click here to view the locations](#) and you can [click here to view the full list](#). Some of the highlights are included in this week's newsletter below.

### Christmas Sport Camp with Widnes Vikings



S – SEND Friendly: venue or event where providers have general SEND awareness and small adjustments can be made.



WIDNES VIKINGS  
**CHRISTMAS  
SPORTS CAMP**

THURSDAY 22ND DEC	FRIDAY 23RD DEC
YEAR 1 & 2 8.30AM - 12PM	YEAR 3 & 4 8.30AM - 12PM
YEAR 5 & 6 12.30PM - 3PM	YEAR 7 TO 11 12.30PM - 3PM

**FREE FOOD PROVIDED**

**SECURE YOUR PLACE ONLINE**  
[WIDNESVIKINGS.CO.UK/TICKETS](http://WIDNESVIKINGS.CO.UK/TICKETS)

The ever popular Widnes Vikings Sports Camp is back on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December with slots for young people from years 1 to 11. Book your place online at [WidnesVikings.co.uk/tickets](http://WidnesVikings.co.uk/tickets)

## Vibe Christmas activities – Victoria Park Widnes



### HAF Christmas Programme

 Victoria Park Widnes

 22nd & 23rd December 2022

 1-5pm

 Bubble Football  
Facepainting  
Festive arts and crafts  
Marshmallow s'mores on campfire

 Festive food, dessert and hot chocolate provided

For young people age 8-16 who are eligible for Free School Meals and other vulnerable groups of young people.





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Join the team at Vibe on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 1pm and 5pm** at Victoria Park Widnes for an afternoon of bubble football, face painting, festive arts and crafts, and even marshmallow s'mores on the campfire! Scan the QR code above or [click here to register](#).



## Vibe Christmas activities – Runcorn Ski Centre

vibe

### HAF Christmas Programme



Runcorn Ski Centre  
Town Park



22nd December 2022



1-5pm



Free taster ski session on  
the slopes \*

Facepainting

Festive arts and crafts

Marshmallow s'mores on campfire



Festive food, dessert and hot  
chocolate provided

\*Under 16's need a parent to sign a waiver to  
partake in activity

For young people age 8-16 who are eligible  
for Free School Meals and other vulnerable  
groups of young people.

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Join the team at Vibe on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December between 1pm and 5pm** at Runcorn Ski Centre Town Park for an afternoon of skiing, face painting, festive arts and crafts, and even marshmallow s'mores on the campfire! Scan the QR code above or [click here to register](#).

## Vibe Christmas activities – Windmill Hill

**vibe**

### HAF Christmas Programme



Windmill Hill Westwood/  
Southwood



23rd December 2022



1-5pm



Crazy Golf  
Festive arts and crafts  
Marshmallow s'mores on campfire  
Facepainting



Festive Food, dessert and hot  
chocolate provided

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Join the team at Vibe on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 1pm and 5pm** at Windmill Hill Runcorn for an afternoon of crazy golf, face painting, festive arts and crafts, and even marshmallow s'mores on the campfire! Scan the QR code above or [click here to register](#).



# Christmas Sports Camp with Elite Coaching Solutions



## Christmas Holiday Sports Camp!

**Join us for...**

"Hideout" "Basketball" "Crazy Golf"  
"Fun Tournaments" "Dodgeball"  
"Football" "Breakout"

- **Venue:** Widnes Tennis Academy, Highfield Road, Widnes, WA8 7DW
- **Time:** 10am - 2pm
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Ages:** 4-11 years
- **Dates:** -  
28th & 29th December  
2nd & 3rd January  
Lunch is provided

Coaches are provision specialists and members of their governing body. With fully enhanced DBS checks, up to date first aid qualifications, public liability insurance & appropriate qualifications!

Bookings by – Friday 23rd December, 2022  
TO BOOK: Contact - Kathryn on t: 07803 064 090



The Elite Coaching Solutions Christmas Holiday Sports Camp is back at Widnes Tennis Academy on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** between 10am and 2pm. Bookings must be made by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – **call Kathryn on 07803 064090.**

## Vibe Outdoors Club – December activities

**Indoor Climbing & christmas crafts**

Junior Club  
**vibe**  
outdoors

**Saturday 10th  
December 2022  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
@ Vibe  
Outdoors!**

**Transport  
Provided**

**Ages  
8-11**

**FREE**

**LIMITED SPACES**

**Register now by clicking the  
link or scanning the QR code:**

**BOOK  
HERE**



**Collection Points:**

**Runcorn:** Old Police Station, Mersey Road, WA7 1DF  
**Widnes:** McDonalds, Moor Lane, WA8 7AP

Halton Council funded, monthly Outdoor  
Activity focused Junior Youth Club (8-11) for  
SEND young people in Halton

 [vibeuk.org](http://vibeuk.org)   **vibe** 

This month the Vibe Outdoors Juniors and Seniors Club will be tackling **indoor climbing and Christmas crafts on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. The Juniors session will run 9.30am to 12.30pm with the Seniors in the afternoon 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

To register scan the QR codes in the posters or [click here for the Juniors session](#) and [click here for the Seniors](#).



**Indoor Climbing & Christmas Crafts**

Senior Club  
**vibe**  
outdoors

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December 2022  
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@ Vibe  
Outdoors!**

**Transport  
Provided**

**Ages  
12-17**

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Halton Council funded, monthly Outdoor Activity focused Senior Youth Club (12-17) for SEND young people in Halton

Register now by clicking the link or scanning the QR code:

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 [vibeuk.org](http://vibeuk.org)    

## Healthwatch Halton wants to hear from you!

**healthwatch**  
Halton

Healthwatch Halton are currently doing a special project in the experiences of children and young people with SEND and are seeking the views of children and young people, their parents or carers and professionals who work in the field. Your views are really important – please spare a few minutes to complete the survey. It's on [the homepage of the Local Offer](#) or you can [click here](#).

## The Sensory Hive



The Sensory Hive are a not-for-profit community organisation offering services in occupational therapy, sensory integration and education for individuals living with sensory processing difficulties, including individuals who are neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, SPD, Dyspraxia), and those Learning Difficulties, PMLD, and neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy and brain injury.

Based in Whiston the Sensory Hive has facilities including a sensory gym, and offers Lego based therapy, baby massage and many other services. [Click here to visit their website](#) and find out more.

## Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum – upcoming Zoom meetings with professionals



**Halton SEND PARENT**  
**Carer's Forum**  
*Your voice counts*

As a reminder the team at Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum have organised several Zoom meetings throughout November. These are an informative and informal way to ask questions and seek support from the professionals.

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the Forum by emailing [admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk](mailto:admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk) or visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: [haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk](http://haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk) to access the Zoom information.

- Early Years Talk Halton with Tracey Lynch  
– **Thursday 24th November 2022 7:30pm**
- Preparing for Adulthood overview with Paula Edwards and Tracey Wynne  
– **Wednesday 30th November 2022 7:30pm**



## Open Day at the Town Hall Runcorn –

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

FREE ADMISSION

Open Day At The Town Hall,  
Heath Road, Runcorn

On

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Between 10am – 4pm



- Listen to the Runcorn Community Choir, with Musical Director – Jason Ellis, and school choirs from across the Borough singing carols in the Council Chamber
- Enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie in the café
- Visit the various craft stalls
- See Santa in his grotto

All proceeds raised will go to the Mayor's Fund 2022-23  
Supporting Halton Carers and Widows & Runcorn Cancer Support Centre

It's open day at Runcorn Town Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 4pm. With free admission, come along to visit the various craft stalls, listen to the Runcorn Community Choir and school choirs from across the borough, enjoy a mince pie and see Santa in his grotto!

This newsletter provides general information and resources, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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