



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 30th January 2023

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.

Cheshire Autism Practical Support - ChAPs



Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS) is a registered charity who offer practical advice, support and services across Cheshire for families of young people with Autism Spectrum Condition or Asperger's Syndrome whether diagnosed or not.

They run monthly parents meetings, positive parenting courses helping with behaviour, anxiety etc., activities for children, young people and adults on the spectrum, and lots more.

You can read their regular newsletters which include details and information on all their activities. A copy of the last newsletter is attached to this email.

For more information on ChAPS you can [check out their website here](#), or call **0344 850 8607**, or drop them an email at info@cheshireautism.org.uk .

You can also request to [join their Facebook page](#) where you'll find support, advice and signposting – please note this a private group and only parents will be given access once you are a ChAPS member; no professionals will be admitted.

Short Breaks Service Valentine's Crafting and Coffee Morning catch-up for parents and carers



Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities Parents and Carers Catch Up and Valentine's Crafting morning

**Tuesday 7th February 2023
10am till 12noon**

**Halton Lodge Children's Centre
Grangeway Runcorn**

Join the Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities team for the opportunity to meet staff from the team and share your views and ideas in a relaxed and informal setting.



We'll also be enjoying some Valentine's crafting activities while giving you an opportunity to provide feedback alongside your views and suggestions for future events and ideas for the kinds of services you'd like to see in Halton. Plus we'll be sharing information on our latest family events with the chance to book your places!

Places are limited so for more information and to book your place please call 0151 511 6560 or email: AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk

Halton Local Offer



Join the Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities for a Valentine's crafting and catch up coffee morning on Tuesday 7th February 10am-12noon at Halton Lodge Children's Centre. Spaces are limited at the Centre so please call 0151 511 6560 or email AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk to book on.

After school Activity Hub with Positive Future – launches Monday 6th February



The poster features a light blue background with a central title 'Activity Hub' in large, bold, dark blue letters. To the left, there is a collage of images showing various activities: a group of people eating, a person using a laptop, a person painting, a person making soap, and a person using a Wii. To the right, there are images of board games and a kitchen area. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, with sections for opening hours, description, zones, and contact information.

Open to ages 11-17
Come and join us in a safe and all-inclusive Activity Hub on ...
The Hub will be open weekdays Monday to Friday 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm each day.

RFC
Positive Future Consultancy
<https://www.positivefutureltd.co.uk/>

Activity Hub

The activity hub is aimed at giving children a safe and caring environment, whilst developing and learning new skills, socialising, and relaxing after a challenging day at education. Parents will have the reassurance of knowing their children are enjoying their activities in a safe and positive environment.

Speak to your family support worker about funding.

Zone 1 – will be a social space to relax, talk to friends, YP will be able to bring their own electronics i.e., switch, iPad, phones etc. This space will also have timetabled Movie, pool, table football time etc.

Zone 2 – Craft room, YP will be able to use the craft room for a multitude of crafts ranging from Jewellery making, painting, drawing, paper quilling, papermaking, soap, and candle making etc.

Zone 3 – many board games will be available throughout the session.

Zone 4 – Kitchen will be available for bookable slots for cooking skills.

Zone 5 – Gaming room 1 hr booking slots, Wii, PS available.

Refreshments will be available throughout.

The hourly rate £10 per hour [We can supply 1-1 support at additional cost]

You will need to pay 4 weeks in advance to secure your child/ dependents place.

All dates subject to availability and number of clients

Launch Date: Monday 6th February!

Hallmark House
Waterloo Road
Widnes
WAB 0QR
0151 4220111
gail@positivefutureltd.co.uk
Call or email to book your place

S- SEND Friendly
SA- SEND Accessible



Positive Future are pleased to confirm the launch their new after-school Activity Hub each weekday from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at their base in Waterloo Road Widnes from Monday 6th February. Call the team for more information on 0151 422 0111 or drop them an email at gail@positivefutureltd.co.uk

Halton SEND Parent Carer Forum – upcoming February events



WHATS ON! – HSPCF Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023

1. **7th Feb – TUESDAY** HSPCF Parent Drop In 9.30am-11.00am
St Michael with St Thomas School WA8 8LD
No Booking required just pop along and see us and say HI
2. **8th FEB – WEDNESDAY** HSPCF Parent Drop In 9.30am-11.00am
St Bedes School Widnes WA8 6EL
No Booking required just pop along and see us and say HI
3. **8th FEB – WEDNESDAY** Online SEND Cooking - 5.30pm-7pm
To Book a place email Info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk for details
4. **11th Feb - Saturday** HSPCF SYNC CLUB 12.30pm-4.30pm
Moon meadow Scout Hut WA8 9LE
SEND inclusive activity club for age 12-19 years
To book a place please email michelle.downes@haltonsendpcf.org.uk
5. **13th Feb – Monday** Professional Zoom at 7.30pm-8.30pm
Tourette's Action - Overview
To book a place please email: info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk
6. **15th FEB – WEDNESDAY** Coffee Cake & Check in 9.30am-11.30am
Hope Corner Church Runcorn WA7 4TD
No booking required just come for a welcome chat and free cake
7. **15th Feb - Wednesday** Online SEND Cooking – 5:30pm-7pm
To Book a place email Info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk for details
8. **16th Feb - Thursday** Professional Zoom at 7:30pm
Health Improvement Team (HIT) 19+
To book a place please email: info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk
9. **17th Feb - Friday** SEND Pizza and Craft Night – 5pm-7pm
Hummingbirds Art Studio Runcorn WA7 2AN
To book a place please email: Kelly.dace@haltonsendpcf.org.uk



Halton SEND parent carer forum have released their February events calendar. There is lots on including parent drop-ins, online SEND cooking, the new SYNC club, and a pizza and craft night. Find out more on [their Facebook page](#) or drop the team an email at info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk

The Zoom meetings with various professionals will continue throughout February. 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 or visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk to access the Zoom information.



- Tourette's Action – **Monday 13th February 2023 7:30pm**
- Health Improvement Team with Steve Purcell – **Thursday 16th February 2023 7:30pm**

Play by Nature Forest School February half-term sessions



Play By Nature are running their outdoor forest sessions again this February half-term.

These enhance children's imagination, creativity, awareness, confidence, develop social skills, learn to risk assess, boost self-esteem, and help them learn through play and exploration of the forest.

Sessions are running **from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th February from 9am to 1pm**, and will include activities such as den building, obstacle course making, pirate ship making, crafts, bug hunting, bird feeders, fairy house making, pond dipping, archery, mud kitchen and team building exercises!

Find out more and send them a message through [their Facebook page by clicking here](#).

Everton in the Community half-term activities



Everton in the Community will be holding several activities for young people aged 7 to 17 during February half-term including Ninja Warrior, bowling and Nerf activity. Please see the dates and details below.

Places are limited with a small cost, please call the team on **07975784613** or email- mark.dolan@evertonfc.com. They will need to take some details of the young person and parent / guardian for consent.

Please note, lunch is not provided and if for any reason you cannot make one of the activities you have booked on to please try to inform the team with enough notice where possible in order for them to arrange for someone else to attend and save the place going to waste.

Date	Timings	Activity	Pick up	Pick up	Drop off	Drop off	Places available	Cost
			Brindley Theatre	Halton Stadium	Halton Stadium	Brindley Theatre		
Monday 20 th February	10am-12pm	Nerf Centre Activity Day, Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn WA7 5HA	No Pick ups	No Pick ups	No Drop offs	No Drop offs	15	£2
			Brindley Theatre	Halton Stadium	Halton Stadium	Brindley Theatre		
Tuesday 21 st February	12pm-1.45pm	Ninja Warrior UK, Speke, Liverpool L24 8QB	11.15am	11.15am	2.15pm	2.15pm	10 (at Widnes Pick up) 10 (at Runcorn Pick up)	£3
			Brindley Theatre	Halton Stadium	Halton Stadium	Brindley Theatre		
Wednesday 22 nd February	11am-12.15pm	Superbowl UK, Widnes	No pick up	No pick up	No drop off	No drop off	18	£2
	2pm-3.30pm	Planet Ice, Widnes, WA8 0TA	No pick up	No pick up	No drop off	No drop off	18	£2

Half-term Soccer Camp at Brookvale Recreation Centre

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

SOCCER CAMP

30 FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

 **MON 20TH - THUR 23RD**
FEBRUARY 2023
9AM - 3PM DAILY

 **BROOKVALE RECREATION CENTRE**
RUNCORN WA7 6EP

AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10-17


FORMERLY KNOWN AS ACTIVE SOCCER

To book your place David Todd
07712 637360
dynamic-sportscoaching@outlook.com

Please provide full name, age, post code and any additional information when booking. Please ensure children bring relevant clothing, footwear, packed lunch and a drink with name clearly written on it.


HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The half-term soccer camp with [Dynamic Sports Coaching](#) (formerly Active Soccer) is back for February half-term, **Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd February, 9am-3pm daily.**

The sessions are open to young people aged 10-17 and there are 30 free places available; to book your place call **David Todd on 07712 637360** or email dynamic-sportscoaching@outlook.com

Days out with Merlin's Magic Wand



Merlin's Magic Wand is an international children's charity who provide magical experiences for children who need it most. They offer a single gifted day out for children to enjoy at one of the Merlin Attractions with free tickets, travel grants and a simple application process.

The Charity provide complimentary tickets and fund a contribution towards a travel grant for families to enjoy their day at a Merlin Entertainments' attractions, such as LEGOLAND Resort® theme parks, SEA LIFE Centres, and Madame Tussauds.

Click here to check out their website for more information and to **find out more about how to apply for days out.**

Holiday breaks through Time Away



Time Away supports families caring for children with additional needs. They offer time, donated by owners, in self-catering holiday properties and offer it to families who might ordinarily struggle to book a holiday.

They are currently urging families with children in receipt of higher rate DLA and under the age of 5 to apply. To find out more or register your interest **visit their website by clicking here.**

The B.I.R.D. charity offering specialist support for young people with SEND



B·I·R·D
Brain Injury Rehabilitation
& Development
Charity

The Centre for Brain Injury Rehabilitation & Development is a small charity based in Ecclestone just outside Chester.

They offer a treatment programme of 'developmental reflexive rehabilitation' to children and adults with neurological impairment and brain injury, or with Learning Development Needs to support children who are failing educationally due to any of a variety of conditions, or with no obvious cause.

[Click here to visit their website](#) for more information, including their scaled payment and finance approach to enable the majority to benefit and to be able to access the help they give. Or you can call their free helpline to find out more: **0800 0286256**

Celebrate World Book Day with Halton Libraries



Join storyteller Robin Simpson for an interactive performance during World Book Day week. Spin the 'Storywheel' and listen to some of our favourite fairy tales.

Using puppets, songs and silly props, Robin's amusing, energetic and engaging performances are aimed at little ones aged 1 to 5.

Robin will be joining us **on Wednesday 1st March in Halton Lea Library (10.30-11.30am) and Widnes Library (12.30-1.30pm).**

You can book your tickets for the Halton Lea Library performance by clicking this link – [Halton Lea](#), and to book tickets for the Widnes Library performance click this link – [Widnes Library](#).

Please note, tickets are required for each child attending, accompanying adults do not need to book tickets.

Disabled Living's latest newsletter is now available



The latest edition of Disabled Living's newsletter is now available – [click here to view your copy.](#)

Disabled Living is a charity, offering free, impartial information about services for disabled individuals, older people, and those that support them. Find out more about the services and support they can provide by [checking out their website here.](#)

Free stress awareness training through Halton Borough Council



Halton Borough Council are offering **FREE stress awareness training** for anyone living or working in Widnes and Runcorn with practical and relatable learnings you can apply to everyday life.

There are three sessions planned initially, with two online using Teams, and one face to face session in Grangeway Community Centre.

- **Friday 24th February 9:30am – 12:30pm** delivered on Microsoft Teams
- **Monday 27th March 1pm – 4pm** at Grangeway Community Centre Runcorn WA7 5HA
- **Wednesday 5th April 9:30am – 12:30pm** delivered on Microsoft Teams

If you would like to attend please send an email to nyki.benson@halton.gov.uk

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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