



## Short Breaks Service



### For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 17<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### Upcoming events with Halton SEND Parent Carer Forum

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- APR 20** COFFEE CAKE & CHAT - 10AM TO 12PM  
Community Shop Runcorn - WA7 2FS
- APR 27** PARENT DROP IN SESSION  
9.30AM TO 11AM  
Oakfield Community School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes, WA8 8BQ
- APR 27** PARENT DROP IN SESSION  
13.30PM TO 14.30PM  
BROOKFIELDS SCHOOL, MOORFIELD ROAD WIDNES WA8 3JA
- APR 27** SUPPORT FOR YP & PARENTS WITH TOURETTES AND TICS  
Professional Zoom @ 7.30PM
- APR 28** CRAFT AND PIZZA  
Hummingbirds Art Studio, Runcorn, WA7 2AN - FULL

[WWW.HALTONSEND CARERSFORUM.ORG.UK](http://WWW.HALTONSEND CARERSFORUM.ORG.UK)

EMAIL: [INFO@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:INFO@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk)

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Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum have lots of activities and events planned across April, including their next coffee, cake and chat morning on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the Community Shop Priory House, Northway, Palacefields, Runcorn WA7 2FS, and there are also parent drop-in sessions on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at both Oakfield and Brookfields schools in Widnes.

Plus, don't forget the next Zoom meeting with professionals:

- Support for young people and parents with Tourette's and Tics  
– **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7:30pm**

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the team by emailing [admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk](mailto:admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk) or [Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk).

You can also visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: [haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk](http://haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk) to access the Zoom information.

## MAX cards



As the weather hopefully starts to improve don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton.

The card is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys and more.

You can visit the [MAX Card website](#) for further details or check out [the Local Offer](#). Cards cost £2.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes, or Glendale Family Centre in Runcorn (available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm – please note, it is cash payments only).

You can email [AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk](mailto:AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk) or call 0151 511 6560 for more details

## **Big Local sessions in Windmill Hill with SEND R US**



# For the Residents of Windmill Hill

**We are delighted to announce that we have been commissioned by Big Local to bring these sessions to the residents of Windmill Hill with a family member with SEND**

**Animal Workshop** Thursday 27th April 6pm-8pm  
Saturday 17th June 2pm-4pm

**Drum-A-Long** Saturday 13th May 5pm-6.30pm  
Friday 26th May 6pm-7.30pm

**Cookery Sessions** Saturday 10th June 1pm-4pm  
Friday 23rd June 5pm-8pm



SEND R US are excited to confirm the dates for the Big Local sessions in Windmill Hill. Individuals and families with SEND who live in Windmill Hill are welcome to attend as many sessions as they wish, whether it's one or all six! All sessions are fully funded so there is no cost to the sessions. All children and young people must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

To book a place you can [message the team on Facebook](#) or email [sendrus@mail.com](mailto:sendrus@mail.com)

*Please note that for funding purposes, these sessions are for the residents of Windmill Hill who have a family member with SEND.*

## LEGO-based therapy at The Sensory Hive

**BUILD YOUR PLAY, SOCIAL &  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH**



# LEGO<sup>®</sup>-based Therapy



Approximately Age 4+

**£10 per session**

(Paid advanced in half termly blocks)

**Email [hello@thesensoryhive.co.uk](mailto:hello@thesensoryhive.co.uk) to book  
a place on our half termly programme  
(Each weekly session is approximately  
45 minutes)**

The Sensory Hive are starting LEGO-Based therapy sessions at the centre from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April for children and young people from age 4+ and a basic level of verbal communication is required.

LEGO-based therapy is a fun and engaging intervention which aims to improve social communication skills. Groups are small (approximately 2-3) and facilitated by a qualified teacher, and a 6 week block is £60 (to be paid in advance). Find out more and book your places [on their Facebook page](#).

Please note: this is not a LEGO club. The sessions are carefully planned and observed by a qualified facilitator who will work closely with parents, carers and young people on achievable targets.

**Learn grow vegetables with Merseyside Society  
for Deaf People**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
LEARN HOW TO GROW  
VEGETABLES?  
LET US KNOW IF YOU  
ARE INTERESTED AND  
WILL BOOK FOR YOU.**

**6 week course.  
Start May 2023**



**If you want to join this course the  
please contact me or Janice on the  
numbers below**

**Mandi - 07561700475**

**Janice - 07561701003**



**learn how to make jam**



Are you fan of gardening or want to learn? Or how about learning to make jam?  
Merseyside Society for Deaf People are running a 6 week course starting in May.  
Contact Mandi or Janice to find out more and to book on – **07561 700475 or 07561  
701003**, or drop them a [message through their Facebook page.](#)

## ICAN Money Heroes



**A 4 week course to help children & young people learn how to manage money**



**5pm - 6pm**



**Starting Wednesday 3rd May 2023**  
**For 4 weeks**

**BOOKING IS REQUIRED**

For more information please contact:  
E: [ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org](mailto:ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org)  
T: 01744 23887

Deafness Resource Centre, 32-40 Dentons Green Lane, St Helens, WA10 2QB



ICAN Project will be starting their new Money Heroes sessions supported by **HSBC** on Wednesday 4th May. The sessions will run every Wednesday for 4 weeks and will be a fun and interactive way for children and young people to learn how to manage money.

They have limited spaces so booking is required, for more information or to book a place please contact: [ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org](mailto:ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org) or call the centre on **01744 23887**

## **Support in Preparing for Adulthood**



All young people need guidance to prepare for their future. A young person with special educational needs may face additional challenges to achieving their goals.

Contact for families with disabled children have lots of useful information, support and guidance on their website for young people and their families as they prepare to move on from school to college, or from education into adult life. **[Click here to view their support in preparing for adulthood resources.](#)**

There is also information and guidance available on the Halton Local Offer too – **[click here to find out more.](#)**

## **Halton Supported Internship programme**

### *Halton Supported Internship Programme*

**For young people aged 16 - 24 who want to get a job and need extra support to do this**

Halton Borough Council's Employment, Learning and Skills Division (Halton People into Jobs and Halton Adult Learning) will be delivering a supported internship programme in September for young people aged 16 - 24 who want to get a job and need extra support to do this.

#### **Eligibility**

Young people 16-24 with an Education Health and Care Plan who want to work.

Young people aged 16-24 are invited to attend Halton Borough Council's next Supported Internship information session. This is a great opportunity to find out more and to see if a Supported Internship is a suitable option for you to start this September.

The information session will be held on **Tuesday 2nd May at 5pm at the Kingsway Learning Centre**, Victoria Road, Widnes, WA8 7QY.

There are limited places available so don't miss out! To book a place contact: Lynsey Carr on **0151 511 7547** or email **[lynsey.carr@halton.gov.uk](mailto:lynsey.carr@halton.gov.uk)**



You are invited to attend our next Supported Internship information session to find out more and to see if a Supported Internship is a suitable option for you to start this September.

The information session will be held on: **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**  
Start time: **5pm**

Venue: **Kingsway Learning Centre, Victoria Road, Widnes, WA8 7QY**

To book a place contact:  
**Lynsey Carr on 0151 511 7547 or email [lynsey.carr@halton.gov.uk](mailto:lynsey.carr@halton.gov.uk)**

**Limited places available. Don't miss out!**



## **Want to help make local health services better for children and young people?**

Bridgewater NHS Trust are looking for families to join their new lived experience panel to help make local health services better for children and young people.

You will influence how health services are run, discussing what is working well and what needs to be better. **[Find out more and express your interest by clicking here.](#)**





## A VOICE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Do you use children's health services?  
Do you look after someone who does?

**We want to hear from you.**

We are looking for families to join our new lived experience panel to help make local health services better for children and young people.



To find out more, scan this QR code with your mobile phone or visit [www.bit.ly/lepanel](http://www.bit.ly/lepanel)



**SCAN ME**

For further information, please contact the Patient Services team:

- ☎ 0800 587 0562
- ✉ [bchft.patientservices@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.patientservices@nhs.net)
- 🌐 [www.bridgewater.nhs.uk](http://www.bridgewater.nhs.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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