



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 31st July 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 August 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.

Accessing the Halton Local Offer

Halton Local Offer



The Halton Local Offer team have been listening to feedback from parents and carers to help make accessing the many available resources and information easier for you.

The new QR codes in the section information guide will now take you directly to the information you need, and we'll be sharing these at our various events throughout the summer.


Don't forget, your feedback and suggestions help us to keep improving the Halton Local Offer for families across our borough – [click here to share your feedback!](#)



Halton Local Offer



[Halton Local Offer](#) Section Guide

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<p>Children & Family Service</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton Children & Family Service information Statutory Duties • Halton Short Breaks • Equipment • Care Leavers Local Offer 	<p>Care Leavers Local Offer</p>   <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in Society • Accommodation • Health/Wellbeing • Relationships </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/Training • Employment • Useful Information • Finances </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in Society • Accommodation • Health/Wellbeing • Relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/Training • Employment • Useful Information • Finances 	<p>Preparing for Adulthood</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFA Guide and Vision • Employment and Education • Independent Living • Community Inclusion • Health
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<p>Training/Events</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Courses • Events 	<p>You Said, We Did</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Co-production • Local Offer Annual Reports 	<p>Case Studies</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Studies-Video Clips 		

SEND R US Youth Club



The poster features a dark blue background with a central white circle containing event details. At the top, the text 'SEND R US Youth Club' is written in purple. Below this, 'SEND R US CIC' is in a purple box, and 'YOUTH CLUB' is in large red letters. The main title 'For families in Halton with SEND' is in white. The event details 'Friday 4th August', 'Brookvale Recreation Centre', 'Barnfield Avenue', 'Runcorn, WA7 6EP', and '6pm-8pm' are in red. 'For ages 11+ years' is in white. Activities 'Badminton', 'Music', 'Refreshments', and 'Soft Tennis' are listed in yellow and white. A group of diverse cartoon children holds a white banner with contact information. Logos for 'HALTON Business Awards' and 'POSTCODE NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST' are also present.

SEND R US CIC

YOUTH CLUB

For families in Halton with SEND

Friday 4th August
Brookvale Recreation Centre
Barnfield Avenue
Runcorn, WA7 6EP
6pm-8pm

For ages 11+ years

Badminton
Music
Refreshments
Soft Tennis

Message us to book your place

 **SEND R US CIC**
 **sendrus@mail.com**

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer

SEND R US are holding their Youth Club for young people aged 11 years and upwards on Friday 4th August between 6pm-8pm at Brookvale Recreation Centre in Runcorn. Come along and have some fun, plus refreshments will be provided.

Please note, all children need to be accompanied by a parent/carer. To book a place, please message the SEND R US team through [their Facebook page here](#).

Summer Fun at the Sensory Hive

SUMMER FUN

AT THE SENSORY HIVE

WITH

MR TUMBLE TRIBUTE &
FRIENDS



26th July

3rd, 11th, 17th, 24th, 31st August

£13.50pp

SENSORY GYM SESSION INCLUDED

BOOK ONLINE

WWW.THESENSORYHIVE.CO.UK



The Sensory Hive have lots of Summer Fun activities with Mr Tumble and Friends throughout August. Sessions cost £13.50 and includes a sensory gym session. For more information and to book your places [visit their website here](http://www.thehive.co.uk).

The A World UK shares some ideas and suggestions for Autism friendly holidays



The A World UK have been sharing ideas and suggestions for Autism friendly holiday places and destinations on their Facebook page.

If you're thinking about a holiday or short break why not check out their social media post to get some inspiration?

[Click here to visit their Facebook page](#) or you can check out **[their website here](#)**.

MAX cards



As summer holidays start 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** or call 0151 511 6560 for more details

Widnes Vikings summer activities across Halton

2023 SUMMER TIMETABLE:

31st July 2023 1pm to 3pm Spike Island	2nd August 2023 10am to 12pm Upton Rocks Park	4th August 2023 10am to 12pm DCBL Pitch - U12s/U13s/U14s 4th August 2023 1pm to 3pm Leigh Recreation Playing Fields
7th August 2023 10am to 12pm Crow Wood Park	9th August 2023 1pm to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall Park	11th August 2023 10am to 12pm DCBL Pitch - U12s/U13s/U14s 11th August 2023 1pm to 3pm Squares Avenue Field
14th August 2023 1pm - 3pm Spike Island	16th August 2023 10am - 12pm Upton Rocks Park	19th August 2023 10am to 12pm DCBL Pitch - U12s/U13s/U14s 19th August 2023 1pm - 3pm Leigh Recreation Playing Fields
21st August 2023 10am - 12pm Crow Wood Park	23rd August 2023 1pm - 3pm Runcorn Town Hall	25th August 2023 10am to 12pm DCBL Pitch - U12s/U13s/U14s 25th August 2023 1pm - 3pm Squares Avenue Field

The coaches from Widnes Vikings Sports Foundation will be out and about in the community this summer helping young people get involved in a variety of sports. There are venues across the borough - all you need to do is arrive at the various parks and you can participate in sessions.

All sessions will be free, and the Foundation will be giving prizes away to young people who participate throughout the summer. [Click here for more information.](#)

Please note: Young people who are attending the Lions Development Programme (U12s U13s, U14s) on Friday mornings at the DCBL must have a water bottle and moulded boots to use during sessions.

Free community buffet in Runcorn

Summer Kettle



July 20th – Aug 25th

FREE COMMUNITY BUFFET WEEKLY

Thursdays 12pm-1pm

Halton Brook Community Centre, WA7 2DX

Fridays 12pm-1pm

Palace Fields Community Centre, WA7 2UA

No need to book – just drop in (eat-in only)

Children must be accompanied by an



appropriate adult

*Another community initiative brought to you by Four Estates
Charity - No 1090795*

Cadent



Riverside

Come along to the Summer Kettle community buffet on Thursdays and Fridays during August between 12pm-1pm. Thursdays will be at Halton Brook Community Centre, and Fridays at Palacefields Community Centre. There's no need to book, you can just drop in! **[Check out the Four Estates Facebook page here](#)** for more information.

Summer Holiday activities across Halton



There are lots of **FREE activities** during the Summer holiday period for 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 young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). Most of the activities are 4 hours a day, over 4 days and include a **FREE Lunch each day**.

Activities are available in both Runcorn and Widnes and include sport, drama, arts, music and health and wellbeing activities. Here's a selection below of some of the many activities on offer, and we'll continue to promote these through our newsletter over the summer. [Visit the Halton Borough Council website here](#) to see all the flyers for the activities, and you can [click here to find out more about the services available for children and young people across Halton](#).

You can also [click on this link](#) for a full up-to-date list of the activities and a google map showing the areas in Halton where activities will be taking place long with the providers contact details and information on accessibility for children and young people with SEND (the table with the list of SEND keys is below).

You can also find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

Halton Local Offer



SEND Keys – Youth Provision

Want to find out if the provision offers activities for children and young people with SEND?

Check out the table below for the SEND Keys guide

Activities can offer SEND specific and SEND accessible activities for children and young people across the youth programme

SS – SEND Specific:	Solely for children and young people with SEND and their families
S – SEND Friendly:	Venue or event where providers have general SEND awareness and small adjustments can be made
SA - SEND Accessible:	Physically accessible venue or event
F – Family Friendly:	Accessible for all families

Family Fun at Murdishaw Community Centre

Murdishaw Community Centre Presents

Family Fun



Monday 14th August 2023
1pm-4pm

Our entertainer will host the event with fun and games, prizes and music



Reptiles & Amphibians
BOUNCY CASTLE
STALLS
Tombola



Refreshments available

Please note that Car parking spaces will be limited on the day!
Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Ave.,
Runcorn. Tel: 0151 511 7910



Murdishaw Community Centre are hosting their Family Fun event on Monday 14th August from 1pm-4pm. It's free admission and there will be refreshments available too!

Inclusivitee Summer Club



SS - SOLELY FOR CYP WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES

WE CAN CATER FOR ALL CYP IN HALTON WITH SEND

INCLUSIVITEE CIC

25, 26 & 27 July
1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24 August
10AM-3PM

MOON MEADOW SCOUT HUT, FARNWORTH ST, WIDNES, WA8 9LH

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (CYP) AGED 10-17

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND SUMMER PROGRAMME

FOR CYP WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON

INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, OUTDOOR MULTI SPORTS, INDOOR SOFT SPORTS, COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ELECTRONIC GAMING, LIFE SKILLS, STEM AND LEGO ACTIVITIES

Healthy lunch provided, all needs will be met for all CYP and own food and drink can be brought if required

Spaces are limited, please email to register for a place:
inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

 **inclusiviteeuk** email: inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

 **Inclusivitee CIC**

 **SEND KEY**
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 Department for Education

 **HALTON**
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Don't forget that Inclusivitee are running their summer holiday club for children and young people aged 10-17 with SEND on various dates throughout the summer holidays at Moon Meadow Scout hut in Widnes, **with dates throughout August**. Spaces are limited so please email inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com to register for a place and **check out their Facebook page here** for more information.

This newsletter provides general information and resources for parents and carers of young people with SEND, and for professionals who support them. Please note, while we take every care to ensure the information we share is accurate the information provided is not a direct recommendation from the Short Breaks Service and we recommend that you complete your own research about the information and events we signpost.

We recognise that not all of the information in this newsletter will be relevant to everyone included on the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service that you'd like to share 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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