



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 14th August 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.

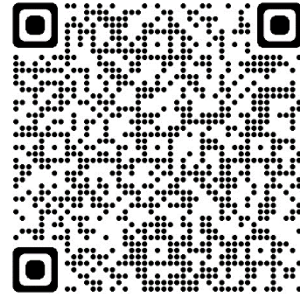
Accessing Short Breaks information on the Halton Local Offer

Halton Local Offer



Don't forget you can access our Short Breaks page on the Local Offer by scanning this QR code here or [click this link](#).

Here you'll find lots of useful information and resources, while [the Leisure page here](#) has details of activities and events across Widnes and Runcorn



And your feedback and suggestions help us to keep improving the Halton Local Offer for families across our borough – [click here to share your feedback!](#)

Drum-A-Long with SEND R US

SEND R US are holding their popular Drum-A-Long sessions next Wednesday and Thursday in both Widnes and Runcorn.

On **Wednesday 30th August** they'll be at **Ashley High School in Widnes** from 5.30pm-6.30pm.

On Thursday 31st August they'll be at **Castlefields Community Centre in Runcorn** from 5.30pm-6.30pm

Spaces are limited so please message the team [through their Facebook page here](#) to book your places!

Drum-A-Long

Wednesday 30th August

5.30pm-6.30pm

Have some fun and have a Drum

For individuals and families
living in Halton with SEND

Ashley High School
Widnes
WA8 7HG

Message us via Facebook at
SEND R US CIC to book your
place as spaces are limited



All children must be accompanied by a
parent or carer

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Castlefields Community
Centre Village Square
Castlefields
Runcorn WA7 2ST

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Runcorn Fire Station Open Day



Community Fire Station
OPEN DAY

Runcorn Fire Station

Saturday 26 August
10am to 4pm

Stalls, demonstrations
and much much more

All welcome

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 CheshireFRS www.cheshirefire.gov.uk

Runcorn Community Fire Station on Heath Road Runcorn are holding their Open Day **this Saturday, 26th August from 10am-4pm** with stalls, demonstrations and much more. It's free entry and all are welcome so why not pop along!

Careers advice and guidance



halton participation strategy

Careers advice and guidance

We are Young People Caseworkers and we can help you make decisions about learning, training and work.



Young People Caseworkers are part of the 14-19 Team at Halton Borough Council. We work with 16-18 year olds (and 19 to 24 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan) who are not in education, employment or training.

To contact a caseworker:
0151 511 8834
14-19team@halton.gov.uk

Follow us on [facebook.com/hpsyourfuture](https://www.facebook.com/hpsyourfuture)



HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Young People caseworkers from Halton Brough Council's 14-19 team work with young people aged 16-18, and those up to 24 years of age with an Education Health and Care plan who are not in education, employment or training. They offer a drop-in service **each Monday between 1pm -4pm at DCBL stadium Widnes** (sessions are held in Box 3).

Call **0151 511 8834** to contact a caseworker or you can email 14-19team@halton.gov.uk or visit [their Facebook page here](#).

The HENRY programme for parents and carers



**A great start for babies
and young children**

The HENRY programme is for parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old and it is free to join. Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent, especially in the early years.

The 8-week programme supports a wide range of aspects of family life and child development. Parents love the programme and say that they, and their whole family, gain a lot from it – [click here to visit the HENRY website](#) and find out more.

New course dates are available for the healthy start programme starting during the first week of September – [click here to find out more and book your places](#).

MAX cards



As summer holidays continue 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.

Wildcats Girls' Football

Have Fun!

Wildcats
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The perfect way
for girls aged 5-11
to get involved
with football

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

TIME AND DATE
4.30pm Every Monday

LOCATION
Frank Myler Pavilion, Widnes

WHO WE ARE
Halton Sports Development

NEXT STEPS
head to www.englandfootball.com/WeetabixWildcats or scan the QR code on the right to book your first session, or contact us to find out more colin.powell@halton.gov.uk

SCAN ME:

Has the Women's World Cup and the Lionesses left you feeling inspired and want to get involved with football? Weetabix Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age. And most importantly it's all about having loads of fun and meeting amazing new friends in an inclusive environment. [Click here to find out more about the programme.](#)

Halton Sports Development hold sessions each Monday from 4.30pm at Frank Myler Pavilion Widnes for girls aged 5-11 – [click here to find out more and to book your places.](#)

£1 Junior passes for Blue Planet Aquarium – limited offer



Kid for a Quid is back at Blue Planet Aquarium! For a limited time only upon purchase of a standard ticket you will get a junior ticket for children up to the age of 12 for just £1.

This offer is only available online until Wednesday 23rd August and all tickets must be redeemed by 3rd September - [click here to purchase your tickets](#).

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. [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.

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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

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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