



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 20th November 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.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum – November events and activities



Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum events and activities continue throughout November including their latest **school parent drop in session on Wednesday 22nd November 9.30am-11.30am** at St. Berteline's Primary, Runcorn.

The next session of the **SYNC Youth Club** for young people with SEND living in Halton aged 10-18 is on **Sunday 26th November 12pm-5pm** at Moon Meadow Scout Hut Widnes. Activities include board games, arts and crafts, lego and soft ball multi sports, or simply come along and chill – food and drink is supplied. Space are limited so please email inclusiviteuk@gmail.com to book your places.

They also have their latest online Zoom parent information workshop:

- **Thursday 23rd November 7.30pm Halton's Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities – with Claire Gurney Halton's SEND Commissioner.**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577196545?pwd=UGxWZEI1aIZGeXp1U0Y5cW9iaE9rZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 825 7719 6545 Passcode: 885955

If you are not a member of the Forum and want to join their zoom workshops, just email Jen on info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk for a membership form.



What's on in November 2023



Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
22/11/23	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	St Bertelines C of E Primary School, Norton Lane, Runcorn, WA7 6QN	A chance to register with the forum, gain support, advice, and signposting in your child's own school. Meet other parents in your child's school experiencing the same issues. Have discussions with school SENCO's and staff.
23/11/23	Halton Short Breaks Service for children with disabilities	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Zoom	Claire Gurney the SEND commissioner for Halton will be discussing their service and how to access it in Halton. Claire will be discussing what works well, what doesn't and what you as parent carers would like to see. This is your chance to give your input. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82577196545?pwd=UGxWZEl1alZGeXp1U0Y5cW9iaE9rZz09 Meeting ID: 825 7719 6545 Passcode: 885955
24/11/2023	Hummingbird SEND Art	5pm -7pm	Hummingbird Art StudioThe Village Hall,	Bookable event – Fully booked.



What's on in November 2023



Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
25/11/2023	HSPCF SYNC youth club, 10-18 years.	12.00pm - 5.00pm	Moonmeadow, Scout Hut, Farnworth, WA8 9LH	This is a FREE SEND event – and must be booked via email and a place confirmed. Infosync22@gmail.com
30/11/2023	Brunch Club for Parents & Carers	11.00am – 1.00pm	Space Runcorn, Regent Street, Runcorn, WA7 1LJ	Come and join the HSPCF team, register with us and meet other parents on a similar journey. Learn from each other and each other's experiences. Gain knowledge to empower you on your journey.
30/11/2023	Dennis Dewar – Zoom – awaiting information	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Zoom	Dennis's role involves working with volunteers within the Trust and engaging with local community groups. Currently the engagement work is focusing on our community mental health services which are about to go through a transformation process. He would be interested in discussing with our parent carers how Mersey Care can better engage and involve local communities in this work. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82973613116?pwd=NzUwVmZXN01UZDF2ZDBQUGFJRDNmUT09 Meeting ID: 829 7361 3116 Passcode: 330426



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SYNC SEND YOUTH NEEDS CLUB



FREE

**Sunday 26th
November 2023**

12PM - 5PM

**AGE
10-18**

YOUTH CLUB DROP IN SESSION

FOR THOSE WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON

INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, LEGO AND SOFT BALL MULTI SPORTS OR COME ALONG AND CHILL

(Food and drink supplied)

AT MOON MEADOW SCOUT HUT, FARNWORTH STREET, WIDNES, WA8 9LH

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

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Warm Welcome Spaces at Halton Community Centres this Christmas



Halton Community Centres
Warm Welcome Spaces

We will be offering families a **Free Lunch** and Refreshments, with Board Games and Jigsaws
11am -2pm with lunch being served at 12.30pm

Join us this Winter in one of our Warm Welcome Spaces across Halton Community Centres

Wednesday 27th December: Castlefields Community Centre, Runcorn
Upton Community Centre, Widnes

Thursday 28th December: Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn
Ditton Community Centre, Widnes

Friday 29th December: Murdishaw Community Centre, Runcorn
Upton Community Centre, Widnes

Booking in advance is recommended due to limited places.

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Warm Welcome Spaces 

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Halton Community Centres are offering Warm Welcome Spaces during the Christmas period offering families a free lunch and refreshments, with board games and jigsaws. Places are limited so booking is recommended, contact them through [their Facebook page here](#) or check out the [Halton Community Centres website here](#).

Young Carers Christmas Party with Mersey Care NHS Trust



Young Carers

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A free Christmas celebration event for our amazing Young Carers and their families will be held **11am to 1.30pm** on **Saturday 9 December** at The Florrie, 377 Mill Street, Liverpool, L8 4RF.

Please come along and join us for a time of celebration and Christmas fun!

- Christmas Activities
- Lunch
- Entertainment
- A visit from Father Christmas and his Magical Elf
- Gift for every child or young person.

To book a place please email carers@merseycare.nhs.uk or call **01925 972 801** with how many places you require, names of guests and any dietary or access requirements.

Please note, all children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

The Mersey Care NHS Trust's Young Carers Christmas Party is on **Saturday 9th December from 11am to 1.30pm** at The Florrie, Mill Street, Liverpool.

Come along for lots of Christmas fun – email carers@merseycare.nhs.uk or call **01925 972 801** to book your places and to find out more.

Christmas holiday activities across Halton



There are lots of **FREE activities** during the Christmas 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 include a **FREE Lunch each day**.

Activities are available in both Runcorn and Widnes and include lots of different activities. Here's a selection below of some of the activities on offer, and we'll continue to update these through our newsletter as we approach Christmas.

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

**SS - SOLELY
FOR CYP WITH
SEND AND
THEIR
FAMILIES**



**WE CAN CATER
FOR ALL CYP IN
HALTON WITH
SEND**

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

**22,23,27,28
and 29 DEC

10AM-3PM**

**CHILDREN
& YOUNG
PEOPLE (CYP)
AGED 10-18**

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND WINTER 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:
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Inclusivitee are running holiday activities for young people with SEND on **Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd, and Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th December** – all sessions are from 10am-3pm at Moon Meadow scout hut, Farnworth Street Widnes, and will include a healthy lunch.

Email inclusivitee@gmail.com to book your places and find out more on their social media pages including [Facebook here](#)

HAF Winter 2023

Crafts, games and activities
Weds - Thurs 28-29 Dec
9 - 12
St Martin's School, Murdishaw,
WA7 6HZ

Friday 30 December
Activities from 11 at St Martin's
then off to the
Panto at the Brindley

All our sessions are
SEND friendly

LUNCH and SNACKS
CRAFTS, GAMES,
MINDFUL ACTIVITIES

call/text 07808 160315
email: rechargerestore@gmail.com



Recharge and Restore are hosting SEND friendly crafts, games and activities at St. Martin's School Murdishaw from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th December, including a trip to the panto at The Brindley on the Friday.

Call or text 07808 160315 or email rechargerestore@gmail.com to book your places. Check out [their Facebook page here](#) for more information.




Halton Community Centres

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Come and join us for lunch, games and crafts

Castlefields Community Centre, Runcorn
Upton Community Centre, Widnes



Wednesday 27th December

11.00-2.00 pm

Thursday 28th December

11.00-2.00 pm

Friday 29th December

11.00-2.00 pm

Lunch will be served at 12.30 pm

Children must be in receipt of free school meals to benefit from this offer
Booking is essential as we have limited availability and children must be
accompanied by a responsible adult

for children and young people, which is 4-16 for HAF, up to 18 if they are SEND

SA - SEND Accessible: physically accessible venue or event.
F - Family friendly: accessible for all families.



To book call

Castlefields Community Centre: 0151 511 7474

Upton Community Centre: 0151 511 6161

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

There are free holiday activities at Castlefields Community Centre Runcorn and Upton Community Centre Widnes from **Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December** 11am-2pm with lunch included.

Booking is essential - call **0151 511 7474** to book for Castlefields or **0151 511 6161** to book for Upton.

New health app for young people in Halton



The Halton Health Improvement Team have cocreated a health app with young people, for young people!

The app delivers weekly health education ranging from caffeine use to healthy eating and sets challenges for young people to complete each week to help motivate them to make better health choices.

As an incentive for young people to use the app they will receive one of the following options:

- A funded membership to Active Halton (Kingsway & Brookvale) for 3 months.
- A Funded membership to The Heath Gym (Aged 16+) for 3 months.
- Fitness equipment to keep and use at home with 1:1 support from one of our health trainers* **The young person will be given a £50 voucher for Decathlon and will be supported to purchase their own choice of fitness equipment.*

Interested? Drop an email to HIT@halton.gov.uk or fill in your details [using this form here](#).

There's not long left to join in Halton's 'Big Conversation'



The Big Conversation is about all of us being a part of shaping what the future of Halton looks like.

It's about starting to talk about how, together, we can make Halton an even better place for people to live, work, visit and grow. It includes discussing what Halton Borough Council could do with the money that it has available, what we can do together as a community and what each of us may be able to do in our day to day lives, to make a difference.

Council Leader Cllr Mike Wharton says: "Let your voice be heard by taking part in our survey. Input from local people is crucial to help shape future policies and decisions. Your involvement will help us improve, and build brighter futures for our community."

Get involved today – complete the survey **before Thursday 30th November** to be in with a chance of winning a £100 gift voucher for The Brindley.

You can click here to find out more about The Big Conversation here, and you can complete the survey by clicking this link here or scan the QR code.



If you would like some help in completing the survey, please pop into any Halton Direct Link office, or one of Halton's libraries, where staff will be happy to provide assistance.

And Halton Borough Council also want to know **what children and young people** think of the place where they live too. Please help them to complete a [shorter version of the survey available by clicking this link here.](#)

[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!](#)

[MAX cards](#)

Don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton all year round.

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.

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 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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