



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 23rd October 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 – October events and activities



Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum October events continue including their latest **parent drop in session on Wednesday 25th October 9.30am-11.30am** at St. Mary's School, Runcorn.

The Forum has their Brunch Club for parents and carers **on Thursday 26th October 11.30am-1.30pm** at Space Runcorn, Regent Street, Runcorn

And they also have their next online Zoom parent information workshop:

- **Wednesday 25th October 7.30pm Public Health England with Leigh Hammad.** A discussion on the unmet needs and current gaps in services across Halton.
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86199768868?pwd=WEtLUy9EWmRiNkQ3T0NFZVN0UE90dz09>
 - Meeting ID: 861 9976 8868 Passcode: 019751

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.

Check out their full list of events and sessions in the calendar below and look out for their November activities coming soon.

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
25/10/2023	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	St Marys School, Castlefields Avenue South, WA7 2NR	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 sencos and staff.
25/10/2023	Public Health England Zoom	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Zoom	<p>Leigh Hammad is a Commissioning Manager from Public Health, and she will be coming on to discuss a response to the unmet needs, service gaps & opportunities form that was filled completed by a HSPCF representative highlighting the unmet needs and current gaps in services across Halton.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86199768868?pwd=WEtLUy9EWmRiNkQ3TONFZVN0UE90dz09 Meeting ID: 861 9976 8868 Passcode: 019751</p>
26/10/2023	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.



Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum

The Brunch Club

Thursday 26th October 11.30am – 1.30pm



Space Runcorn

50 Regent St, Runcorn WA7 1LJ

Come and join members and volunteers of Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum for Brunch, with a chance to join the forum, meet other parent carers on a similar journey to yourself and support each other.

(We know how daunting attending for the first time, please contact Jen if you need any support to attend this session)

Email Jen – info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk for more information.



Halton Send Parent Carers Forum

Contact: 07889721234

WWW.Haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk

Email: info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk



Inspire Group presents The Heritage Exhibition



You are invited to join us for the day on Monday 30th Oct 2023

10.30 – 1pm

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Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund



Over the past 12 months the Inspire group have been gathering research, taking photographs, and making models of the past please join us to show support and in return you will learn a bit about Halton's forgotten history!



Hallmark House, Waterloo Rd, Widnes, WA8 0QR, 0151 4220111

Want to learn more about Halton's forgotten history? Gateway Community's Inspire Group are hosting their Heritage Exhibition on **Monday 30th October 1.30am-1pm** at Hallmark House, Waterloo Road, Widnes.

All are welcome so if you're looking for something to do during the half-term why not pop along? Check out [their Facebook page here](#) for more information.

Find out more about Runcorn's new Family Hubs



www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk

Family Hub Open Morning

Runcorn Children's Centres are changing!

Come and join us at these two special open mornings to celebrate this exciting development.

Thursday 26th October from 9.30am - 12.00pm
Halton Lodge Family Hub, Grangeway, Runcorn, WA7 5LU



Friday 27th October from 9.30 - 12.00pm
Windmill Hill Family Hub, Norton Hill, Runcorn, WA7 6QE

There will be refreshments, children's activities, partnership stalls, freebies and a chance to find out more about what Runcorn **Family Hubs** will mean for you and your family.

Parents / Carers, children and community partners are welcome. Booking not required.



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You may have heard that Children's Centres in Runcorn are changing and becoming Family Hubs. Come along to Halton Lodge on Thursday 26th October or to Windmill Hill on Friday 27th October to find out more – both sessions will run from 9.30am-12pm. There will be refreshments, activities and a chance to find out more about what Runcorn Family Hubs will mean for you and your family!

The Addams Family Musical opportunities for Halton students with A Place for Us



After the huge success of this Summer's Youth production of The Elvis musical 'All Shook Up' at Norton Priory, A Place for Us Theatre Company have secured the rights to perform 'The Addams Family Musical' at Norton Priory Open Air Theatre next August.

Ahead of the auditions next Spring A Place for Us are holding a musical workshop theatre workshop day this Autumn half term on Thursday 2nd November at The Heath School, where they will explore all things weird, wonderful and Addams Family!

Thanks to further secured funding from the Halton Borough Council youth grant, this is a fully funded opportunity and FREE to take part There are only 30 places available so A Place for Us will expect full commitment to the production from everyone involved.

Please email enquiries@placeforus.org.uk for the application form and further details that you need. It is open to applicants aged 12 -18 (and those 11-year-olds transitioning from primary – secondary school) from across Halton. Application forms must be in by 26th October. Check out [their Facebook page here](#) for more information.

Creative Hangout for young people aged 16-25 in Widnes and Runcorn

Creative Hangout is designed specifically for young adults aged 16 to 25 from Halton who have disabilities and/or autism. It offers a welcoming and supportive environment where attendees can develop their creative skills and socialise with friends old and new. They will be hosting seven weekly sessions in both Widnes and Runcorn throughout November and December; these sessions will be held at Ashley School and Cavendish High Academy, but young adults do not need to be students at these schools to participate.

Creative Hangout Widnes:

Date: Monday 6th November - 18th December 2023 (seven, 2-hour sessions, held weekly on Monday afternoons)

Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Age: 16 - 25 years old

Location: Ashley School, Cawfield Avenue, Widnes, WA8 7HG

[Click here for more information and book your places.](#)

CREATIVE HANGOUT



**A PROJECT FOR YOUNG ADULTS FROM
HALTON WITH DISABILITIES OR
AUTISM TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND
TRY CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Age: **16 - 25**

Location: **Ashley High**

School, Widnes, WA8 7HG

Date: **Mondays**

6.11.23 - 18.12.23

Time: **3.30 PM - 5.30 PM**



BOOK NOW

Call: **0151 433 2223**

Email: **info@digitalartsbox.org**

or scan the QR code



Creative Hangout Runcorn:

Date: Tuesday 7th November - 19th December 2023 (seven, 2-hour sessions, held weekly on Tuesday afternoons)

Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Age: 16 - 25 years old

Location: The Cavendish High Academy Lincoln CI, Runcorn WA7 4YX

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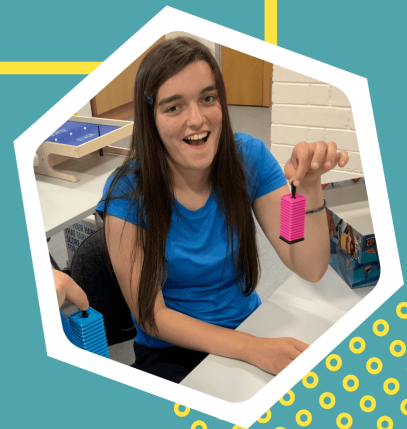
Location: **Cavendish High**

Academy, Runcorn, WA7 4YX

Date: **Tuesdays**

7.11.23 - 19.12.23

Time: **3.30 PM - 5.30 PM**



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Dads R Us monthly breakfast group



Dads R Us

Monthly Breakfast Group

for our Dads/Carers of children with SEND

**Come and have a breakfast, see familiar faces
and meet new people**

Saturday 28th October
10am-12pm
Toby Carvery, Widnes

Message or email for more details and to book your place

It's a time out for our Dads & Carers and to chill out for a while



SEND R US CIC



sendrus@mail.com



SEND R US are holding their monthly Dads R Us group on **Saturday 28th October 10am-12pm at Toby Carvery Widnes**. Come along and have a breakfast, see familiar faces and meet new people.

You can find out more and book your place by messaging the SEND R US team through [their Facebook page here](#), or you can email sendrus@mail.com.

A reminder of half-term Kids Eat Free offers



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

There are lots of Kids Eat Free or for £1 offers over October half-term – find out more on the [Money Saving Central website here](https://www.moneysavingcentral.co.uk) or check out [their Facebook page here](#).

Join in Halton's 'Big Conversation'

“THE 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.

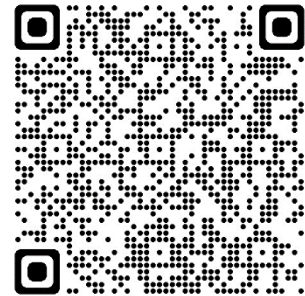
And Halton Borough Council also want to know **what children and young people** think of the place where they live too. Please help them to complete a **shorter version of the survey available by clicking this link here.**

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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