



## **Short Breaks Service**



### **For Children with Disabilities**

#### **Newsletter w/c 17th June 2024**

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 – June events and activities**



# What's on in June 2024



Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
20/06/2023	Coffee Morning for Parents & Carers	9.30am - 11.30am	The Coffee Zone 3 Linkway Runcorn WA7 5EJ	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. Have a brew and a snack.
21/06/2024	Hummingbird SEND Art session, Family with Pizza.	5pm - 7pm	Hummingbird Art Studio, The Village Hall, 12 Main St, Halton, Runcorn WA7 2AN	<b>FULL</b> - Email <a href="mailto:clare.collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk">clare.collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk</a> to book onto available sessions.
22/06/2024	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. <a href="mailto:inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com">inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com</a>
27/6/2024	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am- 11.30am	Ashley High School Cawfield Avenue Widnes WA8 7HG	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.



 Halton Send Parent Carers Forum

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## Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum

### Coffee, Cake & Check In

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am - 11.30am



## The Coffee Zone

3 Linkway, Runcorn, WA7 5EJ

Come and join members and volunteers of Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum for coffee (or tea) and cake, 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](mailto:info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk) for more information.



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For families  
with disabled children



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## SEND YOUTH NEEDS CLUB

FREE

SATURDAY  
22 JUNE  
2024

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](mailto:inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com) to register for a place

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# Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



*you asked.  
we listened.*



Halton SEND PARENT  
Carer's Forum  
Your voice counts



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## PARENT SUPPORT ZOOM

**In attendance will be the Halton SEND Parent Carer Forum Team**

We know how hard the juggle can be! Not everyone can make coffee mornings in the day. Join us for a whine or wine, whether you want to bring a brew, beer, wine or just yourself, it's a chance to ask us anything, meet the team and meet other parents in a safe, non-judgemental, and supportive environment, what's safer than behind a device in your own home. If anyone wants to speak privately our team can chat in the private message box.

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm



Not to be missed this is a very informative, inclusive, non-judgmental chance to explore the challenges of SEND with other parents in a similar position.

If you are not a member and want to join this zoom, just email Jen on [info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk) for a membership form.

### To Join Our Members Only Virtual Group:

All you need is a smart phone or laptop/computer with speakers, microphone and ideally a camera.

Join us direct on zoom on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88032347225?pwd=XDGI4mQSbbToqyLZUKVxbbjBqxc46.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3234 7225

Passcode: 025943



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# HALTON SEND PARENT CARER'S FORUM



## Parent Support and Advice Drop in Session

**Date:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Time:** 9.30am to 11am

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



Do you have a child with SEN (Special Educational Need) or a disability (0-25 years) and feeling alone and don't know where to turn?

You are not alone come and have a chat and a coffee. You can even register as a forum member at the event.

Everything is in total confidence.

Here at Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum (HSPCF) we can Help, Support and Sign Post you to make your SEN journey easier and more manageable.

Our Parent Carer Forum is independent and the only one in Halton area. It is run by Parent, Carers, Professionals and Volunteers who all have extensive knowledge in this area and want to make changes in Halton for better services for the children and young people (0-25 years).

We are all here to engage with and support each other, this drop-in session is a chance for you to come have a chat, whether that's about any subject or just to chat to other parents alike who are on the same journey.

(Don't worry if you can come to this session, as we will be holding more, to suit all members.

You can always email us with any support you may require at [info@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk))



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# FREE DIGITAL ART



## DATE & TIME

Tuesdays  
04/06 - 02/07  
4 pm - 6 pm

## LOCATION

Grangeway Youth  
& Community Centre  
WA7 5HA

## AGES

10-16 year  
olds from  
Halton



## SIGN UP NOW

[hello@makocreate.co.uk](mailto:hello@makocreate.co.uk)

0151 345 1419

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**DATE & TIME**  
**Thursdays**  
**06/06 - 04/07**  
**4 pm - 6 pm**

**LOCATION**  
**Widnes**  
**Library**  
**WA8 7QT**

**AGE**  
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# **FRESH-BEGINNINGS COOKERY**



**At**

**St Pauls Transform church - Widnes**

**From Monday 10th June -  
and every Monday until 15th July  
10.00am - 1200pm**

**Calling all Mums and/or Dads  
with SEND children.**

**Come and join us and have fun, learn new recipes  
and connect with other parents while your  
children are at school - TIME FOR YOU!**

**All food, equipment and aprons are provided  
Interested?**

**Contact Barbara  
mobile: 07921579213**

**Book now, limited places available**



**See below for more locations and dates**

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# Calling all Mums and/or Dads with SEND children.



## FRESH-BEGINNINGS COOKERY

Will be delivering 3 x 6 week FREE cooking sessions.

1. Widnes from 10th June - 15th July every Monday morning.
2. Widnes from 9th September - 14th October every Monday morning.
3. Runcorn from 10th September - 8th October every Tuesday morning.

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## In the Street

A day of **wonderfully green**,  
eco-themed shows that will  
capture the imagination of the  
whole family.  
All absolutely **free** and  
all absolutely **wonderful**



22.06.2024



10.30am - 3.30pm



Church Square, St Helens



## Halton Short Breaks consultation event 24 June 2024

### What are Short Breaks?

Short Breaks provide opportunities for children with disabilities to take part in fun and enjoyable activities, become more independent and try new things.

They also provide parents and carers with a valuable break from their caring responsibilities. Halton Borough Council fund a variety of short breaks in partnership with private and voluntary providers.

### Why we are consulting?

Halton Borough Council's current short break contracts with providers are due to come to an end in March 2025.

In order to ensure that we commission the right services to provide Short Break Activities it is important that we gather your views on what is working well and what you would like to see in the future.

Have your  
say!



IN PERSON



Monday 24 June

The Foundry,  
Lugsdale Road  
Widnes  
WA8 6DA

PLEASE BOOK A SESSION  
TO ATTEND\*

9.30 - 11.30am  
12.30 - 2.30pm  
4.30 - 6.30pm

by e-mail to:  
[EIPAdmin@Halton.gov.uk](mailto:EIPAdmin@Halton.gov.uk)

OR GIVE US YOUR  
VIEWS ONLINE HERE

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### \*Important

Please e-mail to book before attending a session so we can manage numbers for the venue and any access needs. We ask for contact details so we can confirm your booking and share information.



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See below for more info

### What happens next?

After the survey closes on 30 June 2024 all the responses to this consultation will be analysed and the feedback will help us to develop final proposals for the Short Breaks service.

## Current Short Break Activity Services in Halton

### We currently offer a range of Short Breaks activities in Halton:

- Group Activities provided by Vibe
- Play Services provided by Halton Play Council
- Personal Assistant Recruitment Service provided by Positive Futures Consultancy.

### We also commission four organisations:

Mako Create  
Vibe Outdoor Club  
Sport Works  
Everton in the Community

using small grants to deliver small group activities to supplement the larger contracted services.



These services are easily accessible.

Further details can be found on  
Halton's Local Offer Short Breaks Guide here:

[www.haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk](http://www.haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk)

Halton Local Offer



  
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Active Halton Leisure Centres are looking to fund 12 local residents between 16-25 to become a qualified Lifeguard.

The course will run between 24th-28th June at Kingsway Leisure Centre, Widnes.

The opportunity is open to anyone who is unemployed, working less than 16 hours per week or in education.

On completion of the course you will then have the opportunity to apply for contracted or casual employment **(subject to availability)**

T&Cs apply and all successful applicants will need to agree in full to a Funding Agreement.



[www.activehalton.co.uk](http://www.activehalton.co.uk)



Attendees receive £20 Love2Shop voucher



Refreshments provided

Community Consultation

# WELLBEING FOR



# EVERYONE!



*Event*

Join us for a wellbeing discussion and help us to understand how best we can support our Halton Community

### Widnes

Ditton Community Centre,  
Dundalk Road. WA8 8DF



**26** June 2024



**10:30–12pm**



### Runcorn

Grangeway Community Centre,  
Grangeway. WA7 5LY



**27** June 2024



**1:30–3pm**



CALL 01928 589 799  
WEBSITE: [WWW.WELLBEINGENTERPRISES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.WELLBEINGENTERPRISES.ORG.UK)





# 50th CELEBRATION FUN DAY

Saturday 29th June 2024  
1.00pm - 4.00pm

Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn WA7 5HA



**Bouncy castle**

Four Paws Dog Display ▶

Face painting



**STALLS**

**Tombola**

**KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**

**REFRESHMENTS & MUCH MORE**



Grangeway Community Centre,  
Grangeway, Runcorn WA7 5LY





# FUN DAY!!

We are holding our yearly fun day and what better way to do so than inviting everyone to join us!

Our fun day will be at the centre on



**Saturday 6th July 2024 between 10am and 3pm**



We'll have the following and many more stalls at a small charge

Raffle

Tombola

Fairground Games

Face Painting / Tattoos

Bouncy Castle

Hot dogs / Burgers

Ice cream van

Police van & Fire Engine

Craft Activities



Entrance fee 50p per person

All funds raised on the day will be used to purchase sensory equipment

We hope to see you there!



Hall Road, Woolston, Warrington, WA14PN



# WE NEED YOUR HELP



Students are currently organising Cavfields, a music festival to be held on Friday 12th July 2024 at The Cavendish High Academy.

Does anybody have any contacts with live music / dance performers who would volunteer to give it a real festival feel?

Please contact us!!

[donna.tofts@chs.academy](mailto:donna.tofts@chs.academy)



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Join us for our  
**MIDWEEK MEET-UP**

Every Wednesday at:  
Halton Lea Library 10am-11:30am  
Widnes Library 1:30pm-3pm

come along for a cuppa, stay for a chat!

**BOARD GAMES | CARDS | ADULT COLOURING | REFRESHMENTS**

It's a wonderful opportunity for adults to make friends,  
feel connected and have some fun!



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Halton Libraries Presents



Know a little one who loves stories,  
songs and rhymes?

Then join us each week at 11-11:45am for Rhyme Time on

Monday - Halton Lea library

Tuesday - Runcorn library & Ditton library

Wednesday - Widnes Library

Thursday - Halton Lea library

Friday - Widnes library

Saturday - Halton Lea library & Widnes library

All sessions are free, and suitable for under 5's

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## Men's Walking Football

Frank Myler Pavilion, Tuesdays 6pm- 7pm starting 16<sup>th</sup> April  
2024  
£2 per session

Fancy getting a few extra steps in and having some fun at the same time? Walking football might be for you!

Walking Football takes place at the Frank Myler Pavilion, 6pm- 7pm each Tuesday (starting 16<sup>th</sup> April). The rules are not strict, and each session combines walking exercises (20 mins) followed by a semi-serious game (40 mins).

All ages and abilities are welcomed, if you have any questions regarding the session please phone the Frank Myler Pavilion Reception 0151 511 8282 and ask for Jonny Fraser or Colin Powell.

All you need is some trainers and a water bottle!





### **Short Breaks – public consultation**

A consultation to gather feedback and ideas to help shape the service in the future is underway – the current short break contracts with providers are due to come to an end in March 2025.

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The Council fund a variety of short breaks in partnership with private and voluntary providers.

To take part in the survey, [use this link](#) – please do share this with anyone you think would be interested in sharing their views on the service.

The survey will run until 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Use link below for survey**

[Short Breaks - ParentCarer \(snapsurveys.com\)](https://snapsurveys.com)

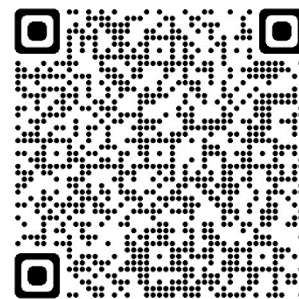


## Accessing Short Breaks information on the Halton Local Offer

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 £3.50 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.

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 the Short Breaks Service know and we will try to include it next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let us know by contacting us at the email address or phone number below.

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