



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 29th May 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 June 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.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 07

CHAPS PDA PART 1 - 19.30PM - 20.30PM

HSPCF zoom about Autism and PDA
Join Zoom Meeting.

JUNE 08

WALK AND TALK - 9.30AM - 11.30AM

Victoria Park Widnes, Birchfield Rd, Widnes WA8 7SU.

Meeting at the Bandstand at 9.30am

HSPCF JUST BEE YOU CIC - 7.30PM - 20.30PM

Relax kids and other calming methods explained

Join Zoom Meeting.

JUNE 15

PARENT DROP IN SESSION - 10.00AM - 11.30AM

Brookfields School, Moorfield Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 3JA.

WILLS AND TRUSTS - 7.30PM - 20.30PM

HSPCF Vulnerable Beneficiary Webinar - Join Zoom Meeting.

JUNE 22

PARENT & CARERS COFFEE CAKE & RELAX MORNING

9.30AM - 11.30PM

Runcorn Community Shop - Priory House, Northway, Runcorn, WA7 2FS

Email us for the carpark code

JUNE 29

PARENT DROP IN SESSION - 9.30AM - 11.30AM

Oakfield Community Primary School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes, WA8 8BQ

HSPCF WHINE & WINE Q&A ZOOM

Team Q&A for parents who work and cant come coffee mornings.

Join Zoom Meeting.

JUNE 30

HUMMINGBIRDS - 17.00PM - 19.00PM - FULL

Hummingbirds Art Studio, 12 Mainstreet, Halton. Runcorn WA7 2AN.

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Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum have plenty of activities during June, including their parent drop in sessions, and the regular Zoom meetings with various professionals.

Visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltionsendcarersforum.org.uk to find out more

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the team by emailing admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk or Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk.

Daresbury Laboratory Open Day



Daresbury Laboratory Open Day

The Daresbury Open Day is back on Saturday 15th July 2023! The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) and the Sci-Tech Daresbury campus are throwing open their doors for a free day of fun for all ages.

Don't forget, Daresbury Laboratory and Sci-Tech Daresbury are holding their open day on **Saturday 15th July between 10am and 4pm.**

This will be a rare chance to step inside one of only three national laboratories to find out more about the world-class science and research happening at the campus, and across the UK. Most areas of the campus are accessible and there will be designated safe areas and quiet spaces to enable those who need to, to self-regulate. [Click here for more information on the event.](#)

Although the event is free advance booking is strongly recommended – [click here to book your tickets.](#)

New Mums groups with SEND R US

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The poster features a blue-to-purple gradient background. On the left, there is an illustration of a white teacup with a smiling face, sitting on a saucer, with two small orange hearts floating above it. The text is arranged in several sections: a main title, a subtitle, an invitation, a time and location, and contact information. At the bottom, there are logos for SEND R US CIC and HALTON Business Awards.

Mums R Us

New Monthly Group

for our Mums/Carers of children with SEND

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

**It's a time for our Mums & Carers to chill
out for a while**

**Commencing Saturday 3rd June at 10.30am
at Evenwood, Runcorn**

**Message or email for more details and to book
your place**

 SEND R US CIC
Bringing Families Together in
Malton

 SEND R US CIC

 sendrus@mail.com

 HALTON
Business Awards
Winner 2021

SEND R US are launching their new mums group – Mums R Us – for mums and carers of children and young people with SEND. The first session is on **Saturday 3rd June at 10.30am** at the Evenwood Farm in Runcorn.

Message the team through [their Facebook page here](#) for more information and to book your place or email sendrus@mail.com

**Autism friendly film screenings at Cineworld
Runcorn**



Cineworld Runcorn are holding their latest autism friendly film screening on **Sunday 4th June at 11am**; this week it's Disney's Little Mermaid. [Visit their website](#) or check out their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Halton Carers Cream Tea event

The poster features a light blue background. At the top left is the Halton Carers Centre logo, which includes the text 'A Network Partner of' above 'CARERS TRUST'. To the right of this is a small graphic with the text 'We're supporting Carers Week!' and '5-11 June 2023'. The main title 'HALTON CARERS Cream Tea Event' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a text box contains the event details: 'As part of Carers Week celebrations we will be holding a cream tea event for registered carers in Halton. Wednesday 7th June 11am - 2pm 62/64 Church Street 01928 580182'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with illustrations of pink peonies, a teapot, and a stack of teacups. At the very bottom, there is a small white box with logos for Halton, Trusthouse, Community Fund, and other partners, along with a registration number: 'Halton Carers Centre is registered in England & Wales as a Registered Charity Number: 1124400. Company limited by guarantee for 200114885.'

Registered carers in Halton can come and celebrate Carers Week 2023 on **Wednesday 7th June** at Halton Carers Cream Tea Event in their Runcorn office garden. There will be a selection of refreshments on hand including tea, coffee, cold drinks, cream scones and fresh strawberries - drop in between 11am - 2pm. [Visit their Facebook page](#) for more information.

Vibe's new Interact programme for young people aged 10-14

COMING SOON

JUNE 23

Interact

A opportunity to socialise, learn skills and gain new experiences for young people in Halton aged 10-14 years

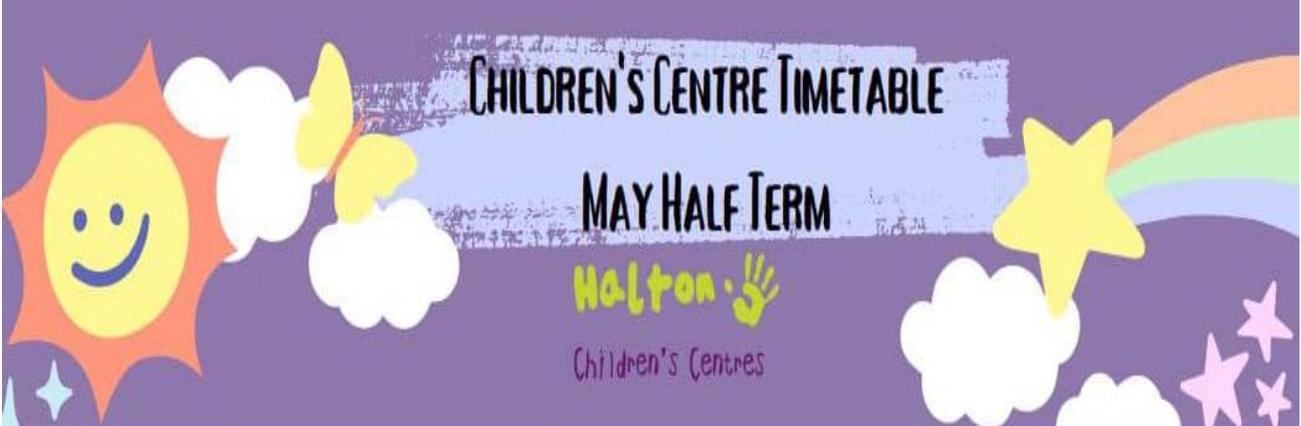
12 week - 2.5 hour sessions

Referral only please using the QR code below



Vibe are launching their new Interact programme for young people aged 10-14 in Halton in June. This will be an opportunity to socialise, learn skills and gain new experiences – [click here to complete the registration form](#) or check out the [Vibe website here](#) to find out more about all of Vibe's programmes for young people.

Half-term activities at Widnes Children Centres



Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Suitable For	Notes
Tuesday 30 th May	10.00-11.00	Prams in the Park	Victoria Park	Babies in Prams/Slings and their Carers	Meet at the Bandstand. Weather permitting. Check Facebook for updates.
	11.00-12.30	Teddy Bears Picnic	Victoria Park	Families	Bring your teddy and a picnic and come and play with us in the park. Meet at the bandstand.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic	Ditton Library	Families	Drop in for baby weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
	1.30-2.30	Baby Stay and Play	Warrington Road Children's Centre	Pre walkers	Drop in. Play and singing for babies and the chance to catch up with other parents.
Wednesday 31 st May	10.00-11.00	Messy Play	Kingsway Children's Centre	Babies who can sit unaided to children aged 5	Drop in. Come and get messy, enjoying a sensory and fun play experience. Please wear appropriate clothes, you will get messy.
	1.00-3.00	Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic	Kingsway Children's Centre	Families	Drop in for baby weighing and health advice from Halton's 0-19 Health Visiting Team
Thursday 1 st June	10.00-11.00	Messy Play	Ditton Children's Centre	Babies who can sit unaided to children aged 5	Drop in. Come and get messy, enjoying a sensory and fun play experience. Please wear appropriate clothes, you will get messy.
	1.30-3.00	Bumps to Babes	Warrington Road Children's Centre	Pregnant mums to be and those with babies under 6 months	Drop in. Antenatal and Postnatal group with the opportunity to ask all those questions about becoming a parent. Practical advice and tips and the opportunity to talk to other mums and mums to be.
Friday 2 nd June	9.30-11.30	Swap Shop	Kingsway Children's Centre	Families	Drop in. Clothes, toys and equipment for babies and young children. No need to swap, just come along and take what you need.
	10.30-12.00	Breastfeeding group	Ditton Library	Breastfeeding mums and mums to be.	Drop in. For any stage in your breastfeeding journey.

Don't forget that the Children's Centres have lots of activities for younger children this half-term – [check out their Facebook page](#) for more information.

And Halton Libraries also have lots of events planned [click here for more details](#) and to check out the full list of activities.

Camp Curiosity School's Out session

The poster features a large central sun with rays, containing the Camp Curiosity logo and the text 'SCHOOL'S OUT'. Below the sun is a forest scene with trees and a campfire. In the foreground, three children are playing with a ball. The background is green with yellow sun rays. The text 'ACTIVITIES:' is followed by a list of activities. The date '21ST JULY' is in a pink bubble on the left, and 'OPEN TO ALL' is in a pink bubble on the right. The ticket booking information is in the center.

CAMP CURIOSITY
IGNITE CURIOSITY - FUEL LEARNING

SCHOOL'S OUT

ACTIVITIES:

- Outdoor games
- Swings
- Hammocks
- Slackline
- Storytelling
- Bushcraft
- Campfire
- Chill zone

**21ST
JULY**

To book tickets go to
[https://www.tickettailor.com/
events/campcuriosity/925172](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/campcuriosity/925172)

**OPEN
TO ALL**

Camp Curiosity are holding their School's Out session **on Friday 21st July**. It's a stay and play for any age and SEND inclusive but ideal for primary age children and they must be accompanied by an adult, it is not a drop off event.

Spaces are limited and they are only doing one of these sessions to kick off the summer in Halton so [click here to book your places](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/campcuriosity/925172).

Cheshire Ice Cream Farm



As summer approaches there's lots of activities planned at Cheshire Ice Cream Farm. Their next SEN session is on **Sunday 11th June 9am-11:30am** (with the option to stay all day) Parents and carers can expect limited numbers, music and hand dryers turned off, indoor and outdoor attractions and ear defenders available on request – [click here to book your tickets](#).

They are also bringing back by popular demand their shuttle bus from Chester Train Station to The Ice Cream Farm on 3 dates: **Thursday 1st June, Wednesday 26th July, and Tuesday 15th August**. So, if you get a train to Chester Train Station and Lakeside Coaches will pick you up in a bus coming straight to The Ice Cream Farm – [click here for more information and to book your tickets](#).

Roller Disco sessions are back at Kingsway Leisure Centre

**PARTY!
PARTY!
PARTY!**

**GET YOUR SKATES ON!
WIDNES ROLLER DISCO**

VENUE - KINGSWAY LEISURE CENTRE
DATES - SAT 27TH MAY 4.15PM TO 5.45PM
WED 31ST MAY 2PM TO 3.30PM
SAT 3RD JUNE - 4.15PM TO 5.45PM

BOOK NOW AT
www.rollersclub.co.uk/widnes-rollerdisco

The Roller Disco is back at Kingsway Leisure Centre:

- Wednesday 31st May 2pm - 3:30pm
- Saturday 3rd June 4:15pm - 5:45pm
- Saturday 17th June 4:15pm - 5:45pm

Tickets are £5 or £6 with skates hire – [click here to book](#).

Supported Tickets and Recreation (STAR) for disabled adults



Supported Tickets and Recreation

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EMAIL: carl@supportedtickets.co.uk

Supported Tickets and Recreation (STAR) is a social enterprise that enables disabled adults to engage and access recreation opportunities helping them to develop friendships, confidence and independence. [Click here to visit their Facebook page](#) or email carl@supportedtickets.co.uk or call 07494 865509.

Preparing for Adulthood for young people aged 14+ in Halton

If you have a young person with SEND, who is aged 14 plus, and would like information about moving through to post 16 education and onto employment, the **Halton SEND Local Offer** has lots of useful information and resources to enable them to make informed choices about their future.

Halton Local Offer



It's all happening **IN HALTON**
www.halton.gov.uk/localoffer

Moving through Education into Employment

Careers Education Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

CEIAG is the range of support to help individuals make informed choices about their future or next steps. E.g., one to one advice, assemblies, skills sessions, employer visits, work experience, mock interviews, careers fairs and events.

Looking Ahead

Resources that can help in thinking about the next stage of education.

Post 16 Options

- Engagement Services
- School Sixth Forms
- Sixth Form Colleges
- Further Education Colleges
- Supported Internships
- Special Post 16 Institutions
- Work Based Learning/Training Providers
- Traineeships
- Apprenticeships
- Higher Education



Support for Employment

There is a range of services that can support individuals to move from education to employment including self-employment. For example, the Disability Employment Advisers at Job Centre Plus can signpost / support those preparing for and in work.

Moving from Benefits to Work

Individuals can access better off calculations to understand how much better off you can be in work.

Transport

Understand how to safely travel to and from education, training, or work.

Access to Work and Reasonable Adjustments

Understanding what support an individual could access to be able to successfully do their job.

To help you navigate through the information on the SEND Local Offer here is a useful guide that explains what is available under each section to enable you navigate them at your own pace.

Halton Local Offer



Are you thinking about the future?

Do you need information to help you make choices about what's next?

If you are 14 plus and exploring careers, education, training, and employment Halton SEND Local Offer is a great way to discover opportunities and find support. [Halton Local Offer](#)

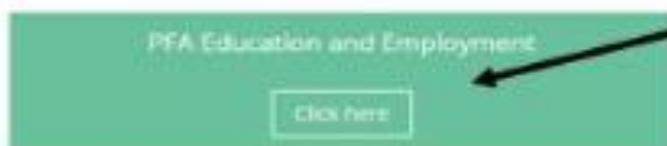
Preparing for Adulthood



From the home page click on Preparing for Adulthood.



PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD



Next click on PFA Education and Employment.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)

You will find information on careers advice, what it is and where to find it. Whether you are in school/college, are exploring your ideas or not in education, employment, or training and need advice and guidance right now.



Post 16 Options: Education and Training for young people

Information and links to a wide range of provision available post 16 including sixth forms, further education, supported internships, work-based learning, apprenticeships, and higher education.

Looking Ahead Guides - What's Next?

You will find guides designed to help with choosing a secondary school, moving on from school and onto employment for things to explore and consider at each stage of education.

Halton Local Offer



PIA Employment Pathway (support for employment)

You will find a range of services, resources and tools that can support young people into employment as well as information services that support with setting up a business



Moving from Benefits to Work

Provides help and advice on moving from benefits to work, work experience/volunteering, starting your own business and support available when you start working.

Transport Information



You will find information on school / college travel support, public transport and school bus timetables, independent travel training, blue badges, Halton accessible guides and local travel information.

Access to Work

Here you will find information on access to work which can help you get or stay in work if you have a physical or mental health condition or disability. The support you get will depend on your needs.

Reasonable Adjustments

Employers must make reasonable adjustments to make sure workers with disabilities, physical or mental health conditions, are not substantially disadvantaged when doing their jobs. You will find an overview and information on where you can find help and advice.



Scan the QR Code to go straight
to the Halton Local Offer and explore!

It's all happening **IN HALTON**
www.halton.gov.uk/localoffer

MAX cards



As summer holidays start to approach 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

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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