



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 22nd 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.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum

The poster features a dark blue background with a graphic of three overlapping speech bubbles in yellow, cyan, and magenta. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner. At the top right, 'UPCOMING EVENTS' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, two event cards are presented. The first card has a green background and lists 'MAY 24' in white, followed by 'LIVING IN A NEURODIVERSE WORLD WOODVIEW AT 12 (Noon)' in green and white, and a link to join on Zoom. The second card has a yellow background and lists 'MAY 25' in white, followed by 'COFFEE CAKE & CHAT - 10AM TO 12 (Noon)' in yellow and white, and the location 'The Community Shop, Priory House, Northway, Palace Fields, Runcorn WA7 2FS'. At the bottom, the website and email address are provided.

Halton SEND PARENT Carer's Forum
Your voice counts

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 24 LIVING IN A NEURODIVERSE WORLD WOODVIEW AT 12 (Noon)
Join us direct on zoom - [click here](#)

MAY 25 COFFEE CAKE & CHAT - 10AM TO 12 (Noon)
The Community Shop, Priory House, Northway, Palace Fields, Runcorn WA7 2FS

www.haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk - info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk

Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum activities continue during May, including their next coffee cake and chat session at The Community Shop, Priory House, Runcorn this Thursday 25th May 10am-12noon.

Plus, don't forget the next Zoom meeting with professionals:

- Living in a Neurodiverse World with Woodview
- **Wednesday 24th May 12noon**

You can also visit [their Facebook page](#) or website:

haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk to access the Zoom information.

They have also announced their May activities and events calendar:

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.

Vibe's INC Club for young people aged 17-25

INC Youth Club

A opportunity to socialise, learn skills and gain new experiences for young people in Halton with SEND aged 17-25 years



Transform St Pauls Church Widnes



5 - 7pm

Starting 26th MAY limited spaces

Register Here



26th May
9th, 23rd June
7th, 21st July
4th, 18th Aug
1st, 15th, 29th Sept
13th, 27th Oct
10th, 24th Nov
8th, 22nd Dec

2023



Whats app - Carl Geraghty
Project Lead
07867507184



Vibe's INC Club for young people with SEND aged 17-25 has announced new dates for the rest of the year. Based at Transform St. Paul's Church Widnes the club is an opportunity to socialise, learn skills and gain new experiences. **[Click here to register](#)** or send a WhatsApp message to **Carl Geraghty on 07867 507184.**

Mako Create upcoming activities



Mako Create's free monthly Coding Club is a fun and supportive place for young people aged between 10 and 16 from Halton to get together to enjoy learning coding skills, completing challenges and meeting new people. Young people attending should have an interest in learning coding skills, but don't worry, they do not need prior experience!

The next session is on **Thursday 25th May 4pm-6pm** at Grangeway Community Centre Runcorn – [click here to book your places](#) or [check out their website here](#) to see full details of all upcoming sessions and activities.

Vacancies at Halton Play Council

HALTON PLAY COUNCIL ARE RECRUITING!

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who have experience/knowledge of supporting SEND Children aged 4 -18 for our Short Break Services across Halton.

Vacancies are available for :-

Our under 8s Saturday Service This is 5 hours vacancy @£10.57/ hour

- Saturday 9.45 to 2.45 - in both the Runcorn & Widnes Venues

Applicants can either apply to cover both services (i.e. working every week but at alternating venues)

OR just to work at one setting (working fortnightly)

Our 8—18 Services (50 weeks/year) This is 5.75 hours weekly @£10.57/hour -

Saturday 9.45am to 4pm—vacancies in both Widnes and Runcorn Venues

For application form please email haltonplaycouncil@gmail.com and indicate if you require a form sending by email or post

OR

Text to 07814297913 and provide either postal address or email address.

Do you know of anyone who is looking to work with and support SEND children and young people? Halton Play Council are recruiting now for their Saturday service across Widnes and Runcorn. Contact the team by email at haltonplaycouncil@gmail.com or text 07814 297913.

Halton Carers Centre – ADHD Support Group

Halton Carers Centre



A Network Partner of
HALTON CARERS CENTRE **CARERS TRUST**

Evening Support Group

Last Monday of Each Month starting on the 22nd February 2021
from 6.00-7.00pm.

How do I take part?

You will need access to the internet, a device such as a mobile phone, tablet, computer with speaker and ideally a camera.

If you are interested in joining us, then please contact the centre on help@haltoncarers.co.uk or call us on 01928 580182

This group is for Parents/Guardians of those who are awaiting or have a diagnosis of ADHD.

This group will run monthly alongside our day time group to give everyone the opportunity to be able to join us to chat with others who are experiencing the same issues you are, we discuss problems/strategies and have a chat with no pressure on you.

Attention
Deficit
Hyperactivity
Disorder

If you are looking after someone who has a diagnosis of ADHD or undergoing assesment for ADHD come and join Halton Carers Centre's monthly carers online group group, which is an opportunity to meet other carers, share experiences and strategies.

The next session is planned for Monday 29th May at 6pm, to join the online group you will need to contact the office to get your joining code – call **01928 580182** or email help@haltoncarers.co.uk .

Halton Toy Library play sessions

Halton Toy Library

FREE play sessions
EVERY WEDNESDAY
10AM to 11.30AM
Come and join in
Toy Library membership is
FREE



THE RESOURCE CENTRE

**10 Mersey Rd, Runcorn
Old Town, WA7 1DF**

**For further details contact
Julie on 01928 574087**



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Halton Play Toy Library

Halton Toy Library have their free Play Learn and Loan sessions at the Play Resource Centre on Mersey Road Runcorn **each Wednesday 10am-11.30am**. They have lots of different toys and their dark sensory tent has wheelchair access.

For further details **contact Julie on 01928 574087** or [check out their Facebook page for more information](#)

Child Safety Week with Halton HELPS

Halton HELPS CHILD SAFETY WEEK

DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY!



10AM - 3PM
AT
ASDA RUNCORN
WED 7TH JUNE 2023

MORRISON'S WIDNES
FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 2023



- HALTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE'S
- ROAD SAFETY
- FAMILIES INFORMATION SERVICE
- HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

COME AND SEE US FOR
INFORMATION, ADVICE AND MORE!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
0151 511 7212



Child Safety Week 2023 runs from Monday 5th to Sunday 11th June and Halton HELPS are holding two events alongside Halton Children's Centres, the Road Safety team, Families information service, and the Health Improvement team. **They'll be at Asda Runcorn on Wednesday 7th June and Morrisons Widnes on Friday 9th June 10am-3pm** – pop along for information, advice and support.

A reminder about Halton Supported Internship programme information session

HALTON SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

INTERNSHIP



For young people aged 16 - 24 who want to get a job and need extra support to do this

Halton Borough Council's Employment, Learning and Skills Division (Halton People into Jobs and Halton Adult Learning) will be delivering a supported internship programme in September for young people aged 16 - 24 who want to get a job and need extra support to do this.

Eligibility

Young people 16-24 with an Education Health and Care Plan who want to work.



Halton Supported Internship programme is holding their next information session **on Tuesday, 30th May** for young people and parents/carers who want to find out more about Supported Internships in Halton.

The information session will be held on **Tuesday 30th May 2023, 5pm - 6pm at Kingsway Learning Centre, Victoria Road, Widnes, WA8 7QY**

To book a place contact: **Lynsey Carr on 0151 511 7547**

lynsey.carr@halton.gov.uk or **Stephanie Bartlett on 0151 511 6794**

Stephanie.Bartlett@halton.gov.uk

The sessions are really informative and an opportunity for young people and parents/carers to have a look around the centre and to ask any individual questions/concerns that they may have. The sessions are really useful for young people / parents thinking about this as an option in the future not just if they are wanting to start in September 2023.

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, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service 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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