



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 9th 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 have lots of events planned throughout October including their latest **parent drop in sessions on Wednesday 11th October 9.30am-11.30am** at Hallwood Park Primary School in Runcorn, and **Wednesday 18th October 9.30am-11.30am** at Cavendish High School

The Forum also has 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.

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
11/10/2023	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	Hallwood Park Primary School, Hallwood Park Avenue, WA7 2FL	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 <u>senços</u> and staff.
12/10/2023	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.
14/10/2023	HSPCF SYNC youth club, 10-18 years.	12.00pm - 5.00pm	<u>Moonmeadow</u> , Scout Hut, Farnworth, WA8 9LH	This is a FREE SEND event – and must be booked via email and a place confirmed. Infosync22@gmail.com
18/10/2023	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	Cavendish High School, Lincoln Close, WA7 4YX	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.
18/10/2023	Family cooking session	5pm – 7pm	Zoom	Fully Booked – email info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk to book onto available sessions.
19/10/2023	Coffee Cake and Chat event	9.30am-11.30am	The community Shop. Priory House, Northway, <u>Palacefields</u> , WA7 2FS	Come and join the HSPCF team, register with us and meet other parents on their journey. Learn from each other and each other's experiences. Gain knowledge to empower you on your journey.
20/10/2023	Hummingbird SEND Art session, Family with Pizza.	5pm -7pm	Hummingbird Art Studio The Village Hall, 12 Main St, Halton, Runcorn WA7 2AN	Bookable event – Fully booked.
25/10/2023	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	St Marys School, <u>Castlefields</u> 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 <u>senços</u> and staff.

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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 1U	<p>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.</p>



Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum

The Brunch Club

Thursday 12th 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

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for families
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SYNC Youth Club for young people aged 10-18



The poster features a yellow background with a central logo for SYNC (SEND YOUTH NEEDS CLUB) consisting of stylized human figures in various colors. On either side of the logo are logos for Halton SEND PARENT Carer's Forum, which include overlapping speech bubbles in yellow, blue, and purple. Below the central logo, three green shapes contain the text: a hexagon with 'FREE', a circle with 'Saturday 14th October 2023' and '12PM - 5PM', and another hexagon with 'AGE 10-18'. A large green rectangular box at the bottom contains the main event details in bold, colorful text.

**Halton SEND PARENT
Carer's Forum
Your voice counts**

SYNC
SEND YOUTH NEEDS CLUB

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FREE

**Saturday 14th
October 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: infosync22@gmail.com to register for a place

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 SYNC







The next SYNC Youth Club for young people aged 10-18 is on Saturday 14th October 12pm-5pm at Moon Meadow Scout Hut, Widnes. Spaces are limited so please email infosync22@gmail.com to register. Find out more on [their Facebook page here](#).

Positive Future Activity Hub



<https://www.positivefutureltd.co.uk/>

Activity Hub

The activity hub is aimed at giving children a safe and caring environment, whilst developing and learning new skills, socialising, and relaxing after a challenging day at education. Parents will have the reassurance of knowing their children are enjoying their activities in a safe and positive environment.

Open to ages 11-17

Come and join us in a safe and all-inclusive Activity Hub on ...

**The Hub will be open weekdays
Monday to Friday**

With limited places

[Term time Only]

3.30 pm – 6.30 pm each day

This provision is funded through Youth Provision

FREE – if your child qualifies Call or email to book your places
Starts Thursday 1st June

The Zones



Follow our FB group

Zone 1
Is a social but quiet calming space to relax, talk to friends, watch a film or bring their own electronics i.e., switch, iPad, phones etc.

Zone 3
Multi functioning rooms, many board games will be available throughout, pool, table football. Craft sessions ranging from Jewellery making, painting, drawing, paper quilling, papermaking, soap, and candle making etc

Zone 2
a workshop for construction and crafts, i.e., Painting, design

Zone 4
Kitchen will be available for bookable slots for cooking skills.

Refreshments will be available throughout.
This hub has been designed for young people to access who have suspected SEN/ Learning difficulty/ Anxiety/ ADHD/ ASD etc. with or without formal diagnosis, therefore receiving no funded support such as Activity payment card

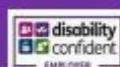
Zone 5
Gaming room 1 hr booking slots, Wii, PS available.



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S- SEND Friendly
SA- SEND Accessible



Come and join the Positive Future team in a safe and all-inclusive Activity Hub. It will be open Monday to Friday 3.30pm-6.30pm each day during term-time and is available for young people aged 11-17. Find out more on [their Facebook page](#), or you can call 0151 422 0111 or email gail@positivefutureltd.co.uk to register.

Free cookery session with SEND R US



Free COOKERY SESSION

For individuals & families in Halton with SEND

**Thursday 19th October
5pm-7pm**

**Castlefields Community Centre
Village Square
Castlefields
Runcorn
WA7 2ST**

Places are limited so message us to book a space

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer

 SEND R US CIC
 sendrus@mail.com

Supported through  

 **Cook Stars**
making cooking child's play!

SEND R US in association with Cook Stars West Wigan are hosting a free cookery session at Castlefields Community Centre on Thursday 19th October 5pm-7pm.

Spaces are limited so please message the team through the [SEND R US Facebook page here](#) or email sendrus@mail.com to book your places.

Activities at The Sensory Hive

THE SENSORY HIVE
SENSORY BUMBLEBEES

A WEEKLY STAY AND PLAY SENSORY SESSION FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FOCUSING ON SENSORY DEVELOPMENT

SENSORY ACTIVITIES **CREATIVE PLAY** **VISUAL DEVELOPMENT**

TEXTURES **MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

BOOK ONLINE AT
WWW.THESENSORYHIVE.CO.UK
PLACES SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
CHILDREN AGED 18 MONTHS-4 YEARS
FRIDAYS AT 10AM £5

The Sensory Hive have their Sensory Bumblebees stay and play sessions every Friday for little ones aged 18 months to 4 years old. Places are subject to availability – [you can book online here.](http://www.thehive.co.uk)

They also have a Halloween Breakfast from 10am-11am and Halloween Afternoon tea 12.45pm-1.45pm on Tuesday 31st October – [book online here.](http://www.thehive.co.uk)



**HALLOWEEN
BREAKFAST**

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER - 10AM - 11AM

£13.50 PER CHILD

**COME & ENJOY A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN
BREAKFAST OF CEREAL, TOAST, WAFFLES & JUICE. ALSO
DECORATE YOUR OWN SPIDER PANCAKE.**

**FANCY DRESS
OPTIONAL**

BOOK ONLINE AT: WWW.THESENSORYHIVE.CO.UK



**HALLOWEEN
AFTERNOON TEA**

A DEVILISHLY DELICIOUS AFTERNOON TEA

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

12.45 - 1.45PM • £15 PER CHILD

**INCLUDES SANDWICHES, CRISPS, CAKES,
JUICE & A HALLOWEEN TREAT.**

**FANCY DRESS
OPTIONAL**

BOOK ONLINE AT: WWW.THESENSORYHIVE.CO.UK

Creative Hangout sessions with Digital Arts Box

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



Inclusive Digital Arts Box are hosting free Creative Hangout sessions for young adults aged 16-25 across 7 weeks starting in early November. Each two-hour session runs from 3.30pm-5.30pm

- Monday sessions at Ashley High School Widnes – [click here for more information and to book your places.](#)
- Tuesday sessions at Cavendish High School Runcorn - [click here for more information and to book your places.](#)

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Age: **16 - 25**

Date: **Tuesdays**

Location: **Cavendish High**

7.11.23 - 19.12.23

Academy, Runcorn, WA7 4YX

Time: **3.30 PM - 5.30 PM**



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Inclusive Sports 4 All October half-term activities

OCTOBER HALF TERM

30th October - 2nd November

Lymm High School
9am-1pm
Lunch included

inclusivesports4all@gmail.com

Inclusive Sports 4 All are based in Lymm and are holding their October half-term camp from Monday 30th October to Thursday 2nd November.

[Take a look at their Facebook page here](#) to find out more about them and you can [click here to register your interest and to find out more information.](#)

Free hair, beauty and makeup sessions with Brook Community Training



Brook Community Training
Halton Brook Runcorn
is offering FREE
Hair, beauty and makeup sessions
These FREE sessions
Are for young people
aged between 10-18
And upto 25years SEND
Monday's 4-6pm
starting Monday 9th October
All sessions include FREE
drinks and snacks

Please message
Brook Community Training
Facebook page to book on.
A consent form must be completed
Before any session can be booked
for insurance and data protection
Purposes.

Brook Community Training based in Halton Brook Runcorn is offering free hair, beauty and makeup sessions for young people aged between 10-18, and up to age 25 for young people with SEND.

Sessions are held every Monday between 4pm-6pm and include free drinks and snacks.

You can message the Brook Community Training team [through their Facebook page here](#) to find out more and to book your places.

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.**

Don't forget to share your lived experience of SEND in Halton

Halton Local Offer



Halton SEND and Inclusion Service are running 3 surveys during September and October relating to SEND Support Services across the Local Authority. The surveys will help the team to better understand the lived experience of SEND in Halton, allowing them to shape and improve future services.

They want to hear as many voices as possible, and the closing date is **Friday 20th October 2023.**

Who are the surveys for?

- Parents and Carers of any child with SEND in Halton;
- Children and young people with SEND in Halton;
- Colleagues in Schools and Educational Settings in Halton.

What are the benefits for completing the surveys?

In December 2023, the service will be submitting an application for a grant to improve the SEND system in Halton. By participating in this survey you will help to

provide the SEND and Inclusion Service with a clear picture of your thoughts about the effectiveness of the SEND support children and young people receive in Halton.

Your information will tell them what is currently working and what areas may need improvement. The more feedback they receive – good or bad – the greater our prospects of improving services in the future.

This is your opportunity to help shape future SEND provision in Halton and the SEND and Inclusion Service would be very grateful for your assistance in completing the surveys. Thank you for your support!

Survey links:

- [Parent and Carers survey](#)
- [Children and Young People survey](#)
- [Schools and Educational settings survey](#)

[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](#)

With October half-term on the horizon 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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