



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 4th September 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 – September events and activities



Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum re-opens after the summer break on Wednesday 6th September and has lots of events planned throughout the month including their popular **coffee cake and check-in on Thursday 21st September 11.30am-1.30pm** at the Community Shop in Runcorn, and the latest **parent drop in session on Thursday 28th September 9.30am-11.30am** at St. Bede's Junior School in Widnes.

The Forum also has three of their online Zoom parent information workshops planned throughout September:

- **Thursday 14th September 7.30pm Healthwatch Halton** – join Dave Wilson to find out information about health and social care services available locally. Dave will be with us to talk about what help and support from Healthwatch Halton is available to residents of Halton.
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85999528028?pwd=L1Jud1VDIb3dGWXFLbFhhUWlrdk1HQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 859 9952 8028 Passcode: 818122
- **Thursday 21st September 7.30pm Autism and ARFID (Avoidant restrictive food intake disorder)** – join Emma Eager from The Autism Wellbeing Project who will share her in depth knowledge of autism and ARFID and the challenges that can bring to young people with autism and their parents, and give parents and carers an insight on how best to support through the challenging times.
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87076897797?pwd=ZVV3cHZLbIpMNHc1RGZwak9ncnBpUT09>
 - Meeting ID: 870 7689 7797 Passcode: 627915

- **Thursday 28th September 7.30pm Halton SENDIASS Service overview with Sharon English.** SENDIASS provides impartial and confidential information and support for parents of children with SEND. They can also work directly with young people with SEND aged 16 to 25 to offer them support. This workshop is a very informative and informal way to ask your questions to the professionals and seek support easily.
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912769782?pwd=bmVNcEcwWUIES09TZXR0bkxHV3ArZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 859 1276 9782 Passcode: 613917

If you are not a member of the Forum and want to join any of these zoom workshops, just email Jen on info@haltosendpcf.org.uk for a membership form.

Vibe Outdoors Club – September activities

Nature Art and Mini Golf!

Junior Club
vibe
outdoors



Transport Provided

Age 8-11

Free!

**Saturday 9th
September 2023
9:30am -
12:30pm**

LIMITED SPACES!

Collection Points:

Runcorn: Old Police Station,
Mersey Road, WA7 1DF

Widnes: McDonalds Car Park,
Moor Lane, WA8 7AP

Halton Council funded, monthly Outdoor
Activity focused Junior Youth Club (8-11) for
SEND young people in Halton

Register now by clicking the
link or scanning the QR code:

**BOOK
HERE**



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This month the Vibe Outdoors Juniors and Seniors Club will be Nature Art and Mini Golf on **Saturday 9th September**. The Juniors session will run 9.30am to 12.30pm with the Seniors in the afternoon 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

As always, the pick-up points will be at the Old Police station in Mersey Road Runcorn, and at McDonalds Moor Lane Widnes.

To register scan the QR codes in the posters or [click here for the Juniors session](#) and [click here for the Seniors](#).

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Bakery session and cookery classes with SEND R US

SEND R US in collaboration with **Three Bears Cookery Club** are holding a free children's bakery session on **Saturday 9th September between 3pm and 5pm** at Brookvale Community Centre, Runcorn.

Places are limited so find out more and contact the SEND R US team through **their Facebook page here** book your spaces!



Free children's **BAKERY**

SESSION



For families in Halton with SEND

Saturday 9th September
3pm-5pm

Places are limited so
message us to book a
space

Brookvale Community Centre
Runcorn
WA7 6PE

All children must be accompanied by a
parent or carer



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sendrus@mail.com



Plus, their extremely popular cookery classes have new dates starting Thursday 7th September at Castlefields Community Centre. **Please note that these are primarily for residents of Castlefields and Murdishaw due to funding purposes.**

Contact the SEND R US team through [their Facebook page](#) to find out more and book your places.

HALTON
Business Awards
2023/24



For individuals & families in Halton with SEND

Free COOKING CLASSES



Castlefields
Community Centre
Village Square
Castlefields
WA7 2ST

Thursday 7th September
Thursday 14th September
Thursday 21st September
Thursday 28th September
Thursday 5th October
All are 5pm-7pm

Places are limited so
Direct Message us on
Facebook or email
sendrus@mail.com to book

For funding purposes these sessions are primarily for residents who live in Castlefields and Murdishaw



SEND R US CIC



sendrus@mail.com

Please inform us of
any food allergies or
intolerances when
booking

All children/young persons
must be accompanied by a
family member/carer

Onward

Halloween Party at the Deafness Resource
Centre

Halloween Party

Wednesday
25th October 2023
5.30pm - 8.30pm
@ Deafness Resource Centre
ADULTS AND CHILDREN WELCOME

**Join us for a spooky disco,
games, face painting and
prizes for best costume!**

£3.00 entry
(includes hot dog & drink)

BOOKING REQUIRED

For more information please contact:
E: ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org
T: 01744 23887

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If you're already looking forward to Halloween why not book on for the Deafness Resource Centre's Halloween party on **Wednesday 25th October 5.30pm-8.30pm** where they'll be having a spooky disco, games, face painting and prizes for best costume!

Entry is £3 and includes hot dog and drink – all are welcome so call 01744 23887 or email ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org to book your places.

Short Breaks Service catch-up and information event



Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities Parents and Carers catch up and information event

Tuesday 12th September 2023

10am to 12pm

**Halton Lodge Children's Centre
Grangeway Runcorn**

Join the Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities team for our regular opportunity to meet staff from the team and share your views and ideas in a relaxed and informal setting.



We'll be catching up on how the summer has been for you and your families, along with an opportunity to give your feedback on events and activities you have attended, alongside your views and suggestions for future events and ideas for the kinds of services you'd like to see in Halton.

Plus, we'll be looking ahead to half-term already and sharing information on our upcoming family events with the chance to find out more.

Spaces are limited so for more information and to book your place please call 0151 511 6560 or email:

AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk

Halton Local Offer



The Short Breaks Service are holding our latest catch-up and information event on **Tuesday 12th September 10am-12pm at Halton Lodge Children's Centre, Runcorn**. This is an opportunity to meet our team and share your views and ideas in a relaxed and informal environment. Spaces are limited so please email AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk or call 0151 511 6560 to book your places.

Upcoming SEN sessions at The Ice Cream Farm Cheshire



The poster features a light blue background with the title 'UPCOMING SEN SESSION DATES' in a white, hand-drawn font. On the left, there are three polaroid-style photos: a person looking at a screen, a calendar icon, and a group of people. On the right, there are three sun icons and a polaroid photo of two people in winter gear. At the bottom, the text 'BOOK NOW: theicecreamfarm.co.uk' is displayed in white, and the 'The Ice Cream Farm' logo is in the bottom right corner.

Date	Day	Time	Notes
13	Sun	9am-11:30am	Relaxed & inclusive environment
09	Sat	9am-11:30am	Hand dryers & music turned off
15	Sun	9am-11:30am	Reduced capacity

BOOK NOW: theicecreamfarm.co.uk

The Ice Cream Farm in Tattenhall has two SEN sessions coming up on **Sunday 9th September** and **Sunday 15th October**, 9am-11.30am.

Don't forget, with their Carer's ticket one carer goes free per booking (*proof of valid ID including Blue Badge or PIP letter required*).

- [Click here to book for Sunday 9th September](#), or
- [Click here to book for Sunday 15th October](#).

Find out more [on their website here](#), or check out [their Facebook page](#).

Prince's Trust personal development course for 16-25 year olds



Prince's Trust

The Prince's Trust team are recruiting for their next 12-week Personal Development Programme which is delivered by Cheshire Fire and Rescue from Runcorn Fire station.

This programme is FREE for young people aged 16-25 years who are not in education, employment or training and aims to develop confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and employability skills putting young people in a better position to progress into future employment, education or training.

The next team programme is starting on **Monday 25th September**, [visit the website here](#) for more information or email keith.barker@cheshirefire.gov.uk / Liz.Ardolino@cheshirefire.gov.uk to find out more.

Young Liverpool Heroes information session



YOUNG LIVERPOOL HEROES

Come to our Online Information Session

8th September 2023-
15:00-16:30

Heroes aren't made in the classroom

The image features a young man in a green t-shirt smiling, with a blurred background of other people. A red circular callout contains the event details, and a blue text box contains the slogan.

Young Liverpool Heroes is a unique training provision that helps 16+ year olds develop their physical fitness, employability skills and vocational qualifications, all in one engaging and exciting programme aimed towards helping prepare for employment, particularly within the uniformed services such as the Police, Fire Service and Armed forces.

The training is for residents of the Liverpool City Region and is suitable for young people aged 16-19 years old as of August 2023 or aged between 19-24 if you hold an Educational Healthcare plan and are between 19-24 years old. You can [click here to find out more and to register](#) for the online information session to be held on Friday 8th September 3pm-4.30pm.

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



The summer holidays may be over for another year but 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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