# HALTON CARERS' CENTRE

62 - 64 Church Street

# **Newsletter** Edition 55 Mar 25 - June 25

# **A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CARL HARRIS CEO** Hello all and welcome to our Spring 2025 Newsletter

The weather's been all over the place lately, hasn't it? One day it's warm, the next it's chilly! But if there's one thing you can rely on, it's us. So, why not take a few moments to browse this latest edition of our newsletter? We're sure you'll find something of interest inside. And if there's anything you'd like to see in future editions, we'd love to hear your suggestions!

We also have a small favour to ask—have you registered us as your Co-op nominated charity yet? If not, please check out page 14 to see how you can help us raise vital funds to support activities for registered carers.

Looking for a fun evening out? Join us for Bingo Night on Tuesday, 8th April at the Masonic Hall in Widnes. With cash prizes and Easter eggs up for grabs, what more could you want? No booking needed—just turn up and enjoy! Full details are on page 14

A quick notice: The centre will be closed on Thursday, 17th April, for staff training. Our answerphone service will be available, and we'll respond as soon as possible.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break!

# Carl Harris

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# Take a Well-Deserved Break with CareFree

As a carer, taking time for yourself is essential—but we know it's not always easy. That's where Carefree comes in! This fantastic initiative partners with hotels across the UK to offer free 1-2 night breaks exclusively for carers.

To be eligible, you must be 18 or over, and importantly, you cannot bring the person you care for—this is your time to truly relax and recharge. Whether you're looking for a peaceful night alone (hello, bubble bath and a long lie-in!) or a getaway with a friend or family member, this break is all about you.

A carer registered with Halton Carers Centre who recently accessed a break said "The room we were allocated was lovely. The staff were super friendly and were expecting us. We enjoyed the pool and the breakfast was included the next day. It was a lovely break, thanks very much! It was exactly what I needed—a chance to breathe, relax, and come back feeling refreshed."

Limited Free Breaks Available!

Normally, a £33 admin fee applies to book a Carefree break. However, for a limited number of carers registered with Halton Carers Centre, this fee will be covered—available on a first-come, first-served basis - This cost is covered once you book your break!

Halton Carers Centre is an approved Carefree referrer, so we can refer you directly. Once referred, Carefree will send you a login link to browse and book your perfect break whether it's a luxurious stay at Crewe Hall, a coastal escape in Llandudno, or a countryside retreat further afield in the UK.









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#### ONLY £1 a session for refreshments

# HARD OF HEARING GROUPS

#### Runcorn

April 10th May 8th June 12th July 10th August 14th Sept 11th

Oct 9th Nov 13th Dec 11th Jan 8th 2026 Feb 12th March 12th

# 1:30-3:30pm

# 2nd Thusday of the month

HALTON SUPPORT

Broome Court, Brookvale Ave North, WA7 6EF

# Widnes

April 16th May 21st June 18th July 16th August 20th Sept 17th

Oct 15th Nov 19th Dec 17th Jan 21st 2026 Feb 18th March 18th

# 1:30-3:30pm

# **3rd Wednesday** of the month

**Naughton Fields** 241 Liverpool Road, WA8 7HL

# **TINNITUS SUPPORT GROUPS**

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W Sept 4th

Oct 2nd R W Nov 6th R Dec 4th

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1:30-3:30pm

#### W Jan 2026 \*TBC 1st Thursday of the month Feb 5th W March 5th

R=Broome Court, Runcorn W=Halton Sensory Service 126, Widnes Road

0151 511 8801 wendy.edwards@deafnessresourcecentre.org

RUNCORN OFFICE HALTON CARERS' CENTRE Our Runcorn office is open for carers to drop in for information & support Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 10am - 4pm Thurs 10am - 7pm No appointment needed.

62/64 Church Street, Runcorn, WA7 1LD 01928 580182





# What support is available for athletes living with young-onset dementia?

Are are living with young-onset dementia (diagnosed at 65 or under) AND have you participated in high-impact sports? If so we would love to hear about how the diagnosis has impacted you and the support you have received.

You will be asked to take part in a one-off interview, either online or face-to-face at a convenient location.

All information will remain strictly confidential.

If you are interested in taking part please e-mail the principal investigator Thomas Faulkner: twfaulk2@liverpool.ac.uk



YOUR OPINION MATTERS

At the Carers Centre, we strive to provide the best possible support for carers. To ensure our services meet your needs, we regularly evaluate the trips, training, activities, therapies, and podiatry sessions we offer. We also value your thoughts on our carers' coffee and support groups. Your feedback helps us improve and shape our services, ensuring they continue to benefit carers like you. Additionally, sharing your experiences allows us to demonstrate the impact of our work to current and potential funders. If you have attended any of our carers' groups, we would love to hear from you! You can share your feedback by scanning the QR code to complete our online form, or if you prefer, give us a call, and we can send you a paper copy

with a freepost envelope. Thank you for helping us make our services even better!







Are you supporting a neurodivergent child or young person, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed? ADDvanced Solutions Community Network offers free support to help improve the emotional health and well-being of neurodivergent children, young people, and their families—no diagnosis or referral needed!

In Halton, they provide: Learning programmes and workshops A weekly face-to-face community group in Widnes (term-time) Online sessions with information, advice, and support Regular newsletter updates To find out more, call 0151 486 1788 or visit www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk



ADDvanced Solutions Community Network Supporting you to find the answers

#### HALTON CARERS WIDNES OFFICE

Our Widnes base is open for carers to drop in for



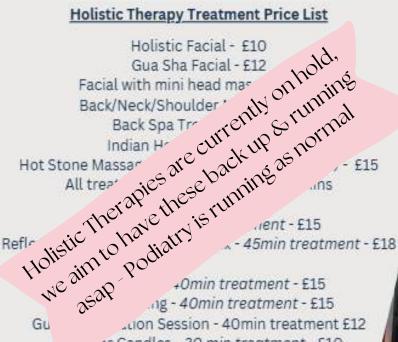
information & support Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm, Thursday 10am - 2pm. No appointment needed. St Maries Church, Lugsdale Road, Widnes

# HALTON CARERS CENTRE





As a carer registered at Halton Carers Centre you can access Relaxation Therapies, We have a Podiatrist and Holistic Therapist that hold weekly appointments in both of our offices! Your first appointment with both Hannah (Holistic Therapist Therapist) & Stuart (Podiatrist) are free any appointments thereafter will have a small charge: Please see across for charges. All appointments are pre booked so please contact the office to book yours in today!



Podiatry Price List Podiatry - 30/45min treatment - £15.00

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Charges for missed appointments We require 24 hours' notice for a cancellation so that we can reallocate the appointment. Otherwise, we will charge you for the cost of the appointment. This will be £25.00 for a chiropody appointment and £10 for a therapy appointment. Any carers who do not pay the charge will be unable to access any further treatments.

Appointments Available **RELAXATION THERAPIES** Runcorn Office: Thursday 11am - 7pm Friday 10am - 4pm Widnes Office: Tuesday 9.30am - 3.30pm PUDIATRY Runcorn Office: Wednesday 10am - 2pm Thursday 3pm - 6pm Widnes Office: Thursday 9.15am - 2pm <u>Call 01928 580182 to book your</u> appointment

# **OTHER CARERS**

Do you get support in your caring role from another family member? Or maybe you know a family member or friend who has their own caring role and is not yet registered with us to access support in their own right! If so, tell them about us and that they can register by simply scanning the QR below and completing our online form to access our

services



# Runcorn library is moving...

... to a new **temporary location**, whilst our new permanent library location is being developed as part of the Brindley Extension.

We will be located at No.6 Church Street from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

# Come and see us there!



www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

Like us on Follow us on Follow us on

Check out our website for further information **www.halton.gov.uk/libraries** 

Reconnecting

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Did you know carers can access a wide range of exclusive discounts on everyday essentials, leisure activities, and more? 'Discounts for Carers' webpage is designed to help you save money while recognising the incredible work you do. From shopping and dining to travel and wellbeing services, there are plenty of offers available to support you. Whether you're looking for a well-deserved treat or savings on essentials, they have you covered! Sign up free today by visiting: https://discountsforcarers.com





Carers Week 2025 takes place from 9th–16th June, with this year's theme focusing on Caring and Equality. Throughout the week, our team will be out and about across Halton, raising awareness and celebrating carers.

As part of the celebrations, we're hosting a Carers Celebration Afternoon Tea on **Wednesday 11th June** in our Runcorn office garden space from 10am – 2pm. Registered carers are invited to drop in for light refreshments and a well-deserved break. Save the date in your diary – and let's stay positive for some good weather!

Join Age UK Mid Mersey and Innocent Drinks in The Big Knit to support older people in our community! Knit or crochet tiny hats for smoothie bottles—each be-hatted smoothie sold raises 25p for vital local services.

Knit or Crochet – Every hat helps!

Send Them In – Drop off or post to your local Age UK MId Mersey Office Spread the Word – Get friends and groups involved!
Deadline: 1st July 2025

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Send hats to:

Age UK Mid Mersey, The Mansion House, St Helens, WA10 2UE Age UK Mid Mersey, 44 Church Street, Runcorn, WA7 1LR Get started today you can find patterns here: https://www.innocentdrinks.co.uk/big-knit/knitting-patterns Or ring Age UK Mid Mersey for more information 0300 003 1992

# HALTON CARERS TRIPS APRIL 25 - JUNE 25

By adding your name to the list for a day trip does not mean you have a place - we do not operate a first come first served basis, we will follow our allocation policy to allocate places which can be found on our website. If you are interested in any of the trips please ring the office or scan the QR code for your chosen trip and complete the online form, if you are allocated a place we will be in touch.

#### Thursday 10th April

Liverpool Indoor Fair - 2pm - 5pm £7 per person Transport not provided

#### Tuesday 27th May

Dinosaurs Live @ The Brindley Theatre 3.30pm Showing £10.00pp Transport not provided

#### Tuesday 10th June <u>Llandudno - Adult Trip only</u>

£12.00pp Transport provided with 1 pick up/drop off point in both Widnes & Runcorn

#### Date to be confirmed Meditation Class, Widnes

Price to be confirmed (Adult Carers Only)









HBC Sure Start to Later Life team helps Halton residents over 55 stay independent, socially active, and connected to essential services. How they can help:

- Supporting people to maintain or regain independence and remain in their own home.
- Supporting people to socialise more, make new friends or reacquaint with old friends.
- Identifying local activities in the community to improve social engagement or to learn new skills.
- Navigate local services that may be of use (e.g. social care, benefits etc.).
- Reduce social isolation and loneliness and improve wellbeing.

They offer guidance on care services, daily living aids, and community activities, supporting both clients and their families. Their 1:1 workers assess needs and provide information on finances, home safety, and health etc, with referrals to relevant services.

Contact Sure Start to Later Life to learn more - call the team on 01928 569498 or email <u>ss2ll@halton.gov.uk</u>



ANDYSMANCLUB are talking groups for men to HELP YOU through those storms.

**#ITSOKAYTOTALK** 

#### ANDYSMANCLUB Runcorn

RUNCORN Westfield Primary School Clayton Crescent Runcorn WA7 4TR

**Open 3rd March** 

# EVERY MONDAY @ 7PM EXC. BANK HOLS

ANDYSMANCLUB LTD is a Registered Charity in England and Wales (1179647) Scotland (SC051485) and a Company Limited by Guarantee, registered in England and Wales (11118153) Have you used our Halton Carers Kiosk Pros yet? These handy gadgets are in both our offices and makes it easy to complete our online forms while you're visiting us, including evaluations, reviews, and therapy consultation forms.

You'll also find useful links to local services, including housing associations, debt & benefits support, and the Turn2Us benefit calculator—all at your fingertips!

Next time you visit, give it a try!

# Free Family First Aid Training in Halton

Millie's Trust is a charity committed to making first aid training accessible to everyone. In Halton, Family First Aid courses are offered through Halton Borough Council's family hubs, providing free training for local families. This essential course equips parents and carers with life-saving skills for both children and adults, covering CPR, choking, burns, allergic reactions, using a defibrillator, and more.

To find upcoming course dates and venues, visit <u>haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/events</u>.





# HALTON CARERS CENTRE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Halton Carers Centre has been chosen as one of the Co-op's local causes for 2024/25! This means if you choose ourselves as your local cause, every time you shop and swipe your Co-op membership card, you can help raise essential funds to support carers in Halton.



#### How You Can Help:

- <u>Already a Co-op member? If you haven't already selected a local cause,</u> we'd be so grateful if you could log into your account and choose Halton <u>Carers Centre as your local cause: You can also scan the QR Code above!</u>
- <u>Not a Co-op member yet? You can easily sign up online for just £1 by</u> <u>visiting the Co-ops website. You'll receive a membership card in the post</u> <u>that you can swipe whenever you shop at the Co-op.</u>



# SPORT EDUCATION FITNESS

# EDUCATIONAL BOXING PROGRAM

Aged 16 - 19 (up to 25 with an EHCP) Level 2 Fitness Instructing Level 3 Personal Training Train twice a week in our state of the art gym. Learn fundamental skills & techniques of boxing. Science and development behind the sport. High performance fitness and boxing training.









# RECRUITING NOW



# 07572795392 Gary@diversesports.org

Activity For All Maguire Avenue Bootle L20 9PQ Runcorn ABC Runcorn Shopping Centre Unit 206A, 1st Floor City Square. WA7 2EU

# Juniper

TRAINING











# Feel Stronger. Live Healthier. Age Well.

Join our weekly women's wellness sessions—designed to help you thrive at any stage of life. Each session dives into key pillars of health, including nutrition, movement, sleep, stress management, and mindset. Whether you want more energy, better weight management, or to feel stronger and in control of your health—this is your time to invest in YOU.

# Prioritise your well-being. Feel your best-inside and out.

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YOUR PLACE Halton Young Carers

Do you have a young person supporting you with your caring role but they are not yet registered with our young carers team? If so, scan the QR below and a member of our young carers team will be







Our Young Carers team had an absolute blast over the February half-term, taking our registered young carers on some fantastic trips! We all had a go at an exciting VR experience, enjoyed a fun-filled day at Jellybeans, and even perfected our footy skills at our first-ever Young Carers football session. Now, we're already gearing up for an action-packed Easter half-term! Activities will include skiing and tubing at the famous Runcorn Ski Slope, as well as an afternoon of crafts and Bingo—where we're sure there will be plenty of chocolate prizes up for grabs!

To find out more, give our Young Carers team a call on 01928 580182.

We're delighted to offer three wonderful groups for young carers to enjoy, relax, and connect with others:

- MeTime (Ages 4–10): Runs fortnightly on Tuesdays in Runcorn and Wednesdays in Widnes, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.
- RTime (Ages 11–17): Meets every other Thursday in Grangeway Community Centre , Runcorn

5pm - 7pm

These groups provide a fantastic opportunity for young carers to make new friends, take a break from their responsibilities, and, most importantly, have fun! Spaces are limited, so contact us at 01928 580182 for more information or to book

a spot.

Please let us know what you think about our newsletter. Do you have any suggestions for articles? Would you like to have ago at writing an article yourself? Contact the centre on 01928 580182



# **COMPLIMENTS & COMPLAINTS**

Although Halton Carers' Centre aims to provide the highest standard of services as possible, some time we may fall short of our standards. If this happens please let us know, as hearing your views helps us to improve the services we provide. You can complain or compliment us via our CEO Carl Harris email: carl.harris@haltoncarers.co.uk or telephone 01928 580182 or Chair of the Trustee Board, Bob Bryant at Halton Carers' Centre. You can also complain to Halton Borough Council should your complaint not be handled satisfactorily.



For regular up to date information on all of the services we offer please follow us on our social media pages:



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#### Please keep us informed - help us to keep your information updated

If your details have changed since you registered with us, such as you have become ill, you've started to care for more than one person, the health of the person you care for has changed or your personal details have changed such as address, contact number, email address etc please let us know. You can do this by calling into our office, telephoning us or email help@haltoncarers.co.uk

If you are no longer a carer and want to be removed from our system please let us know and we can update our database.

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