



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Working Together To Tackle Drugs

Cheshire Constabulary carried out a series of highly successful drugs raids in July. A total of 20 people were arrested and subsequently charged in connection with the raids, which followed months of intelligence gathering. Halton Borough Council, Halton Drug Action Team and the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service were also involved in the raids - highlighting how well the partner organisations in Halton are working together.

More information on the raids can be found at www.cheshire.police.uk

Partnership Conference



Sir Chris Bonington delivered the keynote address at last year's conference

This year's Halton Strategic Partnership conference will take place on the morning of the 4th October at the Halton Stadium - the agenda and speakers are still being finalised, but we're aiming to provide an even slicker event than last year.

Invites will be sent out soon, watch this space for more details.

Health Policy Briefings

The Halton Health Partnership has started producing policy briefings to keep you up to date on the latest developments and news in the world of health. You can access the briefings through the health pages on www.haltonpartnership.net, or to be added to the mailing list please contact diane.lloyd@halton.gov.uk.



Wigg Island

Wigg Island Developments

The new Visitors' Centre is currently under construction, with completion scheduled for Autumn 2006. It is designed with several 'green', sustainable features, including super-insulation, recycling of water, and a wind turbine is planned to provide energy. Wigg Island has also just been awarded the 'Green Flag' award, which is the national standard for Parks and Open Spaces.

Local Area Agreement News

A Local Area Agreement is a three year agreement that sets out the priorities for a local area, agreed between central government and a local area, represented by the lead local authority and other key partners through local strategic partnerships. The Partnership held a successful event on our Local Area Agreement on the 12th July at the Halton Stadium.

We're now working on the first draft of the Agreement, which should be available in early September. Once this draft is produced we will be holding consultation events in September and October - watch this space for more details. In the meantime you can look at the feedback and presentation from the 12th July event by going to the Local Area Agreements section of our website - www.haltonpartnership.net.



Councillor Rob Polhill with Steven Broomhead, Chief Executive of the Northwest Development Agency

Funding boost for Widnes Waterfront

The Widnes Waterfront programme has received a huge boost with the announcement of £5.6 million of funding from the Northwest Development Agency.

The project, which is also supported by the Halton Strategic Partnership, has made great strides towards transforming more than two hundred acres of low quality industrial land into a new business location for Halton, and aims to generate more than 2,700 new jobs for the area.



Sports Awards

The Halton Sports Awards are now into their fourth year, and this year's event will take place on the 21st September at the Halton Stadium.

The categories for this year's awards are as follows:

- Sports Volunteer of the Year
- Young Sports Volunteer of the Year
- Primary School of the Year
- Secondary School of the Year
- Sports Club of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

You can find out more information and download nomination forms from www.haltonsportspartnership.co.uk.

Project Focus

Making a Splash This Summer

The Halton Splash programme operates during school holidays with the objective of reducing youth nuisance by offering free constructive activities to young people under 18.

The schemes on offer engage young people in healthy, challenging and educational activities. Examples include swimming, basketball coaching, drama workshops, skate ramps and street dance - you can find out more information by calling 0151 907 8300.

What is the Halton Strategic Partnership?

The Partnership is Halton's local strategic partnership, and brings the main service providers and agencies in the area together to improve services and drive regeneration. You can find out more at www.haltonpartnership.net. The projects mentioned are supported through the Partnership's work - if you'd like to find out more please get in touch by the contact details below:
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