



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Face painting was a hit at the 'My Halton' event.

'My Halton' a Resounding Success

The first partnership 'My Halton' event was a big success, seeing hundreds of local residents and staff attending the Stobart Stadium to receive a free beauty treatment, listen to live music, enjoy some free food and receive information and guidance on a whole host of subjects, from job searches to adult learning college courses and debt advice.

The event was launched in a bid to provide local residents with information about the services available locally, in a fun filled afternoon on 28th October – given it was half term, it was particularly pleasing to see so many young people involved in a host of activities from building paper gliders, arts and crafts to henna hand painting and performing their own raps on stage having attended the rap workshop.

Riverside College beauty therapy students, along with the face painters and henna hand painter, were kept busy all day and had to issue a large number of vouchers to visitors who could not be accommodated on the day.

The tea dance in the early evening provided a contrast to the rest of the day, with a tea dance with swing band entertaining an enthusiastic group.

For information on the 'My Halton' Event and the partners involved visit www.myhalton.net



The Oneplace website.

First Oneplace Assessment Published for Halton

A unique report on how well Halton's public services are performing was released on 9th December through the new, **Independent Oneplace website.**

The report assesses how well public services work together to tackle the issues facing Halton. It also focuses on Halton Borough Council in terms of how well it is managed and how it contributes to partnership working in Halton.

Cllr Rob Polhill, Chair of Halton Strategic Partnership Board commented: "The outcomes from this report have highlighted how well the partnership has been operating

together and I am pleased with the outcome.

"There are some areas where improvement is necessary, and there are robust plans developing to tackle these challenges. Latest figures do show a significant reduction in the number of teenage pregnancies in Halton. The number of teenage girls becoming pregnant in 2008 fell by more than 20% on the previous year. But by continuing with the ongoing efforts in partnership, I am confident that we can improve on today's outcomes, over the coming years."

Click here for more information on the assessment.



L-R Julia Martin Riverside College, Jane Trevor JCP, Michael Sheehan Riverside College & Colin Billingsley JCP.

JCP Join Forces with Riverside College

JCP Join Forces with Riverside College A 'jobs pledge' aimed at developing job opportunities for local people was signed recently by Jobcentre Plus (JCP) and Riverside College Halton.

Local Employment Partnerships (LEPs) represent a new and innovative approach where employers pledge jobs for long term unemployed people and those at a disadvantage in the labour market.

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Anti Bullying Action

Halton Youth Service ran a series of work experience based training sessions with students studying Health & Social Care at Riverside College. This was being delivered in a bid to offer students an understanding of youth work and services, focussing on the problem of bullying, with the outcome being a Bullying Awareness Event held on Friday 27th November @ the Youth Hub, facilitated by the Riverside College students. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Service on 0151 422 5503

Skills and Development for All

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from bridging the gap between school and college, learn a new skill or meet some new people, Adult Learning have a number of classes on offer that may offer what you are looking for! **Click here** for the full information on courses and Enrolment dates for January 2010.

Windmill Hill Subway Gets Makeover!

Thanks to funding from Windmill Hill Area Forum, another subway has been made over by local young people during October Half Term. 15 young people from the Windmill Hill Youth Group worked with an artist to create a story board for the mural and then spent the half term week transforming the subway from a dark and dingy space into a fantastic piece of public art. For more information contact Neighbourhood Management via martin.cooil@halton.gov.uk.

Farewell

The Halton Strategic Partnership bids farewell to two of its Board members. Cheshire Police's Chief Superintendent Gary Finchett has jetted off to the Falkland Islands to take up a position with their police force and Jobcentre Plus's Mark Wilson has taken up a new role as Head of Disability Service Development. We would like to wish them both well in their new roles and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the HSP.



Stay car crime free.

A Car Crime Free Christmas

The Safer Halton Partnership launched an anti car crime campaign 'Display 'n' Pay' on 7th December that will run up until Christmas, advising residents in Halton on how to keep their car free from crime.

Click here to view one of the posters with top tips to stay car crime free this Christmas. For more information about the campaign contact Sarah Ashcroft at the Community Safety Team via sarah.ashcroft@halton.gov.uk.

Nessie Club Collect Yet Another Award!

Nessie Club Collect Yet Another Award! Paul Wright and Vicky Glynn, from the Canal Boat Adventure Project, were recently awarded the Morgan Foundation Award, in the 'Against All Odds' category at a very prestigious ceremony at Carden Park Hotel, Chester.

The awards, which are regional, attracted a very high standard of entry. Paul and Vicky (representing the Nessie Club) accepted a cheque for £10k on behalf of the project.

On behalf of the partnership, we would like to congratulate both Paul and Vicky, plus everyone else involved at the Canal Boat Adventure Project.



L-R Paul Wright, Vicky Glynn, Steve Morgan & Kai Shrimpton.

What is the Halton Strategic Partnership?

The Partnership is Halton's local strategic partnership (LSP) 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 using the contact details below:

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