



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Clr Rob Polhill, LSP Board Chair

New Year, New Challenges

On behalf of the Halton Strategic Partnership I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

As the 2008/2009 year end is looming, we should take this opportunity to recognise our successes and shortcomings locally by identifying what services have made a difference to people's lives or indeed, what services we can improve or develop further.

I think its fair to say that given the national situation, the year ahead will be challenging but I believe that the strength of our partnership in Halton makes us better placed than many to face up to those challenges.

Presently the Community Strategy is being refreshed, this will be an update to reflect new developments, such as the LAA, since it was produced back in 2006. The 2007/2008 Annual Report will be launched at the HSP Board on 18th February and includes the fantastic DVD showcased at the Partnership Annual Conference. The DVD highlights some of the projects being delivered across the borough, please contact Helen Murphy in the partnership team to grab yourself a copy!



Karen Tonge MBE

Karen Tonge receives MBE

Halton Sports Partnership's Karen Tonge recently received an MBE for her voluntary service to sport, in particularly table tennis.

Karen Tonge, who lives in Runcorn, is a level-four coach and officiates all over the world as an international blue badge referee, one of only three in England.

Karen said on receiving her MBE: "It is nice, in an Olympic year especially, to be recognised when there are so many other people getting awards and so many volunteers that keep sport going"

Click here to read more.



Local men show their support for GO Men's Health Campaign.

GO Men's Health Now Available across Halton

The award-winning GO Men's Health Campaign has launched across Halton, offering free health checks to any man over 40. The campaign gives local men the chance to get a personal health MOT in a friendly and relaxed setting, at a time and place to suit them.

GO started life as a pilot in 2008 in some of our most deprived neighbourhoods, but its successful start has led to it being rolled out across Halton and St Helens.

Click here to find out more.



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The 'On The Streets' team have recently finished another successful six months, this time working in Hough Green, Widnes. On The Streets is a detached youth work project run by Halton Youth Service, delivered in partnership with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. It works to engage Young People in the areas throughout the borough that they hang out in, working in a specific area for a six month period before moving on.

Click here to read more.



My Time takes to the streets in Widnes.

My Time Campaign Launch

Halton Borough Council's Children's Trust and partners launched the new My Time campaign in December. My Time is a new campaign linking local service and advice information from a number of local partners, targeting young people, families, schools and communities. The information available covers a wide spectrum of issues that young people face, including drugs & alcohol awareness, smoking, sexual health and community safety.

Click here to find out more.

Lisa Driscoll back in the Central Team

Lisa Driscoll, Central Partnership Team Policy Officer, has now returned from maternity leave. Lisa will continue to offer support to the Employment, Learning and Skills SSP. We would like to offer Lisa a warm welcome back.

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Making Sense of Money

A new 10 week course developed by the Family Learning Team and the Citizens Advice Bureau is now being delivered after a successful pilot held during the autumn. The course is aimed at supporting parents through the financial minefield and contains plenty of general group discussions and ideas on managing a family budget. The course is also an opportunity for parents to seek individual advice on their own personal money concerns.

Click here for more information.

International Women's Day

Celebrating women in Halton is the focus on 7th March in both Widnes and Runcorn. Connexions, CYP and the Youth Service have put on a fantastic afternoon for women and children in the spirit of International Women's Day. There will be many workshops and activities including an empowerment workshop, DIY workshop, music and films.

Click here for a promotional poster to print and promote the day with colleagues and residents.

Mini-moto Crushing Crack Down

Over the past few months there has been a crack down on nuisance motorbikes which has seen a significant number of mini-motos and off-road bikes seized by police officers and crushed!

Click here to read more.

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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