



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Real Help - Responding to the Economic Downturn

The real effects of the economic slow down are currently being felt across the UK and Halton's economy is certainly not immune to the effects of this global financial crisis.

Halton's partners have responded locally to help support residents and businesses try and work through issues facing them.

From business breakfasts to information on finding work and managing finances in difficult times, there is something for everyone.

On Monday 23rd March a breakfast meeting was organised by Halton Borough Council with the aim to provide information for local businesses around financial and practical support available locally, to assist their businesses through the recession. This was a successful event attended by more than 70 local businesses and many partner organisations.

Jobcentre Plus has delivered a series of actions to help real people in hard times. This has included the development of an informative leaflet, 'Find your way back to work', with the hope of offering some help to those who need it most. The leaflet signposts people who have recently lost their job, or are under threat of redundancy to available services locally. It also offers advice on the benefits that individuals may be entitled to.

Copies of this leaflet they can be obtained by calling **0845 850 8880**.



Arson on a Downward Trend

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's "Team Halton" have happily reported a continuing downward trend in arson incidents in the area.

National indicators for deliberate fires are monitored in the Halton Strategic Partnership's Local Area Agreement, with the target being to reduce deliberate fires in Halton from 1277 in 2007/2008 to 1020 for 08/09.

The 2008/2009 year end performance is currently standing at 904, therefore not only has the target been met but performance is ahead of target for 2009/2010, which is excellent news for the partnership and the community as a whole.

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Hannah Jones and Jamie Lea Jones with their awards.

Positive Futures Halton Goes For Gold

Hannah Jones and Jamie Lea Jones from Positive Futures Halton have both won 'Heart of Gold' awards. They were nominated by Positive Futures Halton co-ordinator Colin Hughes for their outstanding contribution in the local community. The award scheme is run by the local housing associations. Well done to both girls.

Click here for the Positive Futures National Newsletter.

Tobacco Control

Major developments are currently taking place in Tobacco Control underlining the Government's commitment to take action in this area.

On April 1st new legislation increasing the sanctions for illegal tobacco sales to young people will come into force whilst at the same time a new Health Bill is being debated containing further measures to control tobacco sales.

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LAA Refresh is Now Approved

The refreshed Local Area Agreement has now been approved by Government and is available to download on the Partnership website.

Click here for more information.

Halton Nature Reserve in Line for Award

A Halton nature reserve in the shape of a Saxon fort has been shortlisted for a prestigious architectural award.

Wigg Island visitor centre in Runcorn is one of 12 schemes across the North West nominated for the Royal Institute of British Architect Awards 2009.

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Neighbourhood Management Celebrate

The Halton Neighbourhood Management Partnership held a successful Celebration and Awards Evening on Thursday 26th February 2009 at the Stobart Stadium Halton.

Over 100 residents, councillors and representatives from local service providers attended and were treated to a table quiz and hot pot supper.

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The Youth Parliament and Executive Board.

Halton's Youth Parliament

The councillors of today met the councillors of tomorrow as Halton's Youth Cabinet met Halton Borough Council's Executive Board members, to chat about the issues of the day.

The Executive Board is the main decision-making body of the Council and is made up of ten councillors who have responsibility for particular portfolios. These portfolios cover areas such as the environment, children and young people and finance.

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Raising cash for Red Nose.

'On The Streets' Raise Red Nose Cash

Ten young people and two youth workers from the 'On The Streets' project took part in a sponsored stay awake to raise money for Comic Relief. Their efforts saw them raise an amazing £450.00 for staying awake between 7pm and 7am on 13th-14th March 2009.

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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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