



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Barging Their Way to 10 Downing Street

Recently 10 young people from the Canal Boat Adventure Project in Runcorn's Preston Brook, had tea with the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street. Gordon Brown was so impressed with both the project and the young people that the following day while addressing the audience at a conference he talked of the project and its successes. **Click here** to view the Prime Minister's speech.

To find out more about the canal boat adventure project and what the young people are up to around the globe as volunteers, **click here**.

Excellent Results for HBC and Children's Services in Halton

All services for children and young people in Halton underwent a Joint Area Review (JAR) inspection in the early part of the year, at the same time as a Corporate Assessment (CPA) was undertaken by the Audit Commission. Both resulted in excellent reports.

Halton received one of the best JAR reports in the region, with good performance highlighted in all areas and 'safeguarding' and 'prospects for improvement' in particular felt to be

'outstanding'. The CPA looked at how the Council works with its communities, delivers priorities alongside its partners and ensures continuous improvements across all Council activities. The inspection gave a rating out of 4 and Halton was given the highest possible rating and was felt to be 'performing strongly'.

Click here for the full report on the JAR results.

Click here for the full report on the CPA results.

The Comprehensive Area Assessment

The Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) will replace the current CPA and JAR regimes with effect from 1st April 2009. It is useful to note now that the CAA is not an assessment purely for the local authority; the assessments will focus on both the outcomes for the area and how partners operate together, and separately as organisations.

For more information contact the Partnership Team on 0151 471 7528



'MAC' the rapper and Widnes PCSO work with the young people.

Mini Motos – Don't be a Fool!

Supported by the Safer Halton Partnership, a group of teenagers have brought a touch of Hollywood to Halton thanks to a project centred around mini-motos. The youths, all from the Hough Green area of Widnes, starred in and produced their own short films, including writing and performing their very own music and lyrics, to warn others of the dangers of riding the motorbikes anti-socially. **Click here** to find out more about the project and to watch the short films.

Neighbourhood Management Update

The Halton Neighbourhood Management Partnership's Development Plan 2008-2010 has recently been formally adopted. One key area of work for the partnership over the coming months will be to 'make the case' to sustain the development of neighbourhood management in Halton beyond the end of external funding in March 2010.

A wide range of activities and projects continue to be delivered and developed in the three Neighbourhood Management Areas with a range of partner organisations. These include the development of a pilot neighbourhood charter on liveability (cleaner, greener & safer) issues for Castlefields & Windmill Hill and work with the Borough Council's Children & Young People's Service on developing its 'AimHigher' service to encourage more young people to remain in learning after 18.

Click here for the full update.

Partnership Website Update

You will now find a policy section within the partnership website. There will be a weekly policy summary and policy briefings specific to each thematic area and general information for all.

Click here to access the policy section on the website.

Recognising Adult Learning Success

The fifth annual Adult Learners' Awards ceremony, funded by the Employment Learning and Skills SSP, took place at The Foundry, Lugsdale Road, Widnes, earlier this summer and was once again a great success.

The ceremony, organised by Halton Borough Council's Adult Learning and Skills Development Team, celebrated the hard work and achievements of over 100 learners who had taken part in adult education classes across Halton during the past 12 months.

The awards were presented to individuals & groups who had made outstanding progress or achieved notable success. The Mayor of Halton, Councillor Kath Loftus, presented the learners with their certificates

Click here for the full story and photos.

Training Sessions for Project Managers

Training sessions are available for the SSP members and managers of projects using Working Neighbourhood Fund from the Halton Strategic Partnership.

For more information on the training available and for the training session dates please email Dawn Follett: **dawn.follett@halton.gov.uk**

Annual Conference - LAST FEW PLACES!

There are only a few places remaining for the Halton Strategic Partnership Annual Conference, set for the morning of Wednesday 1st October at the Stobart Stadium Halton. To guarantee a place please email **lsp@halton.gov.uk**



Neighbourhood Management at 'Party in The Park'.



The Policy Section on the Web.

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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