



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Ashley House Opened by Lucy Meacock

Early September saw the launch of Halton's new centre for drug and alcohol treatment – Ashley House. The facility was opened by Granada Tonight presenter Lucy Meacock, and is the first of its kind in North West England.

A comprehensive support network will be available at the centre, which will host a range of agencies including health, social care and the criminal justice system. As well as receiving treatment for drug or alcohol addiction, people using Ashley House will be given support in other areas such as returning to work and finding accommodation.

Latest Board Summary Published

We produce a short meeting summary after every meeting of the Halton Strategic Partnership Board to keep people up to date and encourage information sharing – if you've not had a copy or would like extra ones please get in touch on 0151 471 7528. Alternatively you can access all the summaries as far back as 2004 by going to www.haltonpartnership.net.

Neighbourhood Management

Halton's new Neighbourhood Management Director has been appointed and will take up the post in October 2006. The Neighbourhood Management governance arrangements are in the process of being set up, and resident perception surveys have been carried out across the three management areas – Castlefields and Windmill Hill, Widnes Central and Halton Lea.

Local Area Agreement Update

We've now produced a draft of Halton's Local Area Agreement, and the Partnership Board has endorsed its submission to Government Office. If you'd like to view the full draft it can be found in the Local Area Agreement section of the Partnership website at www.haltonpartnership.net.



This year's conference takes place next week.

Annual Conference Approaches

Our annual conference will take place on the morning of 4th October at the Halton Stadium, and promises to be another lively event. The agenda is themed around 'the future for partnerships', and will feature the highly rated Dee Caffari as our keynote speaker. Dee became the first woman to sail around the world against prevailing winds in May, and has rapidly gained a reputation as a dynamic and engaging speaker.

Places at the conference are still available - to register your place please call 0151 471 7528 or email lsp@halton.gov.uk.

Project Focus Neighbourhood Employment Outreach

Neighbourhood Employment Outreach is designed to help unemployed residents of the area by bringing Halton's employment services together - meaning that services from Halton People into Jobs, JobCentre Plus, Halton Borough Council, Business Link and many more can be accessed through one portal.

The project aims to get more residents into jobs, and help people be enterprising and start up their own businesses. It will focus its work across Castlefields, Grange, Halton Lea, Windmill Hill, Appleton, Kingsway and Riverside, and will be funded with £125,000 from the Halton Strategic Partnership and £30,000 from Halton Borough Council.

For more information please contact Gerry Fitzpatrick on 01928 516102.

Tackling Domestic Violence in Halton

Halton's new Domestic Abuse Strategy has just been launched, and sets out the priorities for the Domestic Abuse Forum for the next three years. Strong support has been received from local organisations such as Halton Borough Council, Cheshire Constabulary, the Primary Care Trust and HVA Together, who have all signed up to it.

The launch was marked with the news that Halton's Domestic Abuse Support Helpline is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The dedicated freephone helpline is available for anyone who feels the need to talk to an experienced advocacy worker about domestic abuse - the number to call is 0800 783 9636.

Partnership DVD to Launch in November

The Partnership Team have been out and about filming for our new DVD over the last month. It will provide us with another way of showcasing the good work that's taking place across Halton, and copies will be available across the area. We'll be sending it out to our postal mailing list - if you'd like to order additional copies please call us on 0151 471 7528.



Dee Caffari will be this year's keynote speaker.



The Partnership DVD will launch in November.

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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