



# UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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## Riverside College is Top of the League!



The latest exam results make good reading for Riverside College Halton - with the College achieving the best scores per examination entry compared to other local colleges in the region. More good news can be found in the number of students who gained a place at university in September - up 8% on the previous figures.

Further news from the College is that Pat Grunwell has just been appointed as the new Principal. Pat will step up from her current role as Vice-Principal to take the appointment.

Pictured Left: Pat Grunwell - The new Principal of Riverside College Halton.



Police Community Support Officers on patrol in Halton.

## More Community Support Officers Hit the Streets

Halton is to benefit from another 17 Police Community Support Officers to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the area - bringing the total in Halton to 44. Their work will include dealing with minor offences, providing support for front-line policing and providing a reassuring uniformed presence in communities.

The Officers are funded by partner organisations such as Halton Borough Council, Cheshire Constabulary, Halton Housing Trust and Cosmopolitan Housing. More information about Community Support Officers and Community Action Teams can be found at [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk).



Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Martin Cooil at a Home Safety Event.

## Neighbourhood Management News

Residents have now been recruited onto each of the Local Area Boards - which have now met in all three Neighbourhood Management pilot areas of Central Widnes, Castlefields and Windmill Hill, and Hallwood Park and Palacefields.

Home safety events targeted at the over 50's have also taken place in the three areas, offering residents the chance to arrange free home safety assessments with Cheshire Fire Service. People who attended the event benefited from free smoke alarms, anti-scald plugs, slipper exchange and room thermometers.

You can find out more about Neighbourhood Management in Halton on the Partnership website - [www.haltonpartnership.net](http://www.haltonpartnership.net).



One of the free products available at the Home Safety Events.

## Canal Boat Adventure Project Nominated For Prestigious Award

One of the projects the Partnership funds - the Canal Boat Adventure Project - has been nominated in the prestigious Spirit of Merseyside Awards. The nomination for the award is based on the amazing achievements of young people in Halton that the project has made possible. Voting is currently taking place online - if you'd like to show your support you can do so by going to [www.haltonpartnership.net](http://www.haltonpartnership.net) and following the links from the top story.



Halton's Pubwatch scheme has gone from strength to strength.

## Pubwatch News

Halton's innovative Pubwatch scheme has continued to go from strength to strength - and has now been adopted as far away as Gloucestershire! You can find out more by going to the project website - [www.haltonpubwatch.co.uk](http://www.haltonpubwatch.co.uk).

## Halton Borough Council Awards Success

The Local Government Chronicle Awards were held during March, and Halton Borough Council was named as one of the top authorities in the country - one of only five that were commended in the "Council of the Year" category. Our congratulations go to all involved.

## Talking Alcohol

Young people in Halton had the chance to access alcohol education and shape services in March at the Young People's Conference at the Halton Stadium. More than 30 attendees from 7 High Schools were able to find out about the effects of alcohol on the mind and body; and where they can go for information, support and advice.

The sessions, which were put on as part of Halton's Children and Young People theme, also provided youth workers with a picture of what support and resources young people feel they need in Halton - helping to shape services and make sure that money is spent in the right areas.

## Website Updates

We've completed the redesign of the Partnership website, and initial feedback has been good. However we would still welcome any comments you have on how it can be improved. A new section has also been added on Halton's Neighbourhood Management pilot. For more information please go to [www.haltonpartnership.net](http://www.haltonpartnership.net).



## 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](http://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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