



# UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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## Supporting Halton's Young Citizens

The 2007 Citizenship and Achievement Awards took place at the Halton Stadium during July to celebrate the success of some of Halton's young people.

More than 130 pupils from ages five to 19 received certificates and vouchers in front of an audience of several hundred guests including head teachers and school governors. In addition 18 schools received the Halton Global Citizenship Award in recognition of their commitment to delivery of citizenship within their curriculum.

You can find out more about the awards by getting in touch with Anne Batterbee on 0151 471 7545.

### Tackling the Effects of Abuse

A new service to support young men who have witnessed domestic abuse is being rolled out in Halton thanks to a three-year funding package from Comic Relief. The Relationships Centre will deliver the project in partnership with the Halton Domestic Abuse Forum - you can find out more by getting in touch with Sally Clarke on 0151 907 8300.

### Assessing Our Effectiveness

The Partnership has recently commissioned Inner City Solutions to carry out a review of our effectiveness, and to help us shape our approach for the years ahead. Focus groups and interviews have been carried out with a range of stakeholders and project managers, and the results of the study are now available on our website - [click here](#) to access the report.

### Observatory Guide Now Available

The Halton Data Observatory was officially launched last month, and we've published a user's guide to help you find your way around it. The Observatory allows partners to access a range of statistical information about Halton on one website, and provides a number of ways of presenting the data. You can access the leaflet as a PDF by [clicking here](#).



The Get Closer Campaign is launched to Mums in Widnes.

## Getting Closer

The new Get Closer Campaign aims to encourage new mothers to consider breastfeeding as an option. Partnership working across Primary Care, Public Health and Halton Borough Council has been instrumental in the campaign's design and implementation, and over the next year resources will be given out to pregnant mothers and their partners in Widnes as part of a pilot study. Once the pilot has been evaluated and recommendations implemented, the project will be rolled out across the whole of Halton.

For more information please contact Rachel Lewis at:  
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## Children from Four Estates Make Waves

Successful partnership working between Four Estates Ltd and the Canal Boat Adventure Project has given nearly 300 children from Hallwood Park, Halton Brook, Murdishaw and Palace Fields the opportunity to experience canal boat trips.

Funded by Riverside Housing Association, the trips have been part of an engagement project led by Four Estates called Listen! During the trips, the children were given two ceramic tiles and asked to use one to paint a picture of something they don't like about where they live, and the other to portray what they would like to see instead. It is hoped that the tiles will ultimately form a permanent display on the respective estates.

## DVDs Still Available

Copies of the Partnership's promotional DVD are still available - to get your free copy simply call the Team on 0151 471 7528 and we'll get yours in the post.

## Neighbourhood Management

Halton's Neighbourhood Management Pilot Areas have been a hive of activity in recent weeks with environmental clean-ups taking place across the three areas. The Partnership has recently launched its Quick Response Fund and Community Action Fund. The following projects have already been funded:

- IT equipment for a local community group.
- Paint and equipment for the Canal Boat Adventure Project to paint the Bethesda Church Lapwing Centre.
- Money for new kit for a Widnes Rugby Club.
- Funding for activities at Party in the Park.
- A theatre trip for a senior citizen's club.

Two of the Neighbourhood Boards are currently taking a themed approach to developing the way ahead with both service providers and residents.

Nick Mannion has recently spent time with children from Our Lady's Primary School as part of the Four Estates 'Listen' project - to hear what the children's concerns and ideas for their estate are. Issues discussed included improving policing, better play areas and lighting, and tackling graffiti. A range of actions were agreed at the session - watch this space for progress reports!

## Tackling Anti-social Behaviour

A Summer programme of events in Halton's parks has been running to divert young people from anti-social activities. 'Positive Friday Nights in the Park' features football, basketball, arts and craft activities, and has taken place during the evenings in Phoenix Park, Runcorn and Victoria Park, Widnes. More information is available from Clare Myring on 01928 583 368.



Some of the 300 children who are experiencing canal boat trips.



Young people have been provided with weekend activities in the parks.

## 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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