



# UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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## Healthy Halton Week Praised by Public Health Minister



The curtain closed on this year's Healthy Halton Week on 28th January with a thumbs-up from the Minister of State for Public Health - Caroline Flint MP (pictured left). Caroline praised the Halton Health Partnership's approach and offered her support for the week, which was kicked off in style by Olympic athlete Roger Black MBE.

In a letter to the Partnership, Caroline said: "The partnership approach that you are taking is the one that will yield results, making healthier choices easier choices for local people and creating a healthier local community."



Roger Black shows off his Olympic medals at the launch.

## Roger Leads Race For Health

Roger Black MBE was the guest of honour at the Healthy Halton launch event at The Heath Business and Technical Park, where he kept an audience of more than 100 schoolchildren and health professionals spellbound with stories from his illustrious athletics career.

He spoke of the highs - winning an Olympic Silver Medal and

World Championship Gold - and the lows - serious injury that threatened his career.

Roger also attended a sports hall athletics event with pupils from St Bedes Primary School, where he passed on tips and helped to spread the healthy living message to Halton's young people.



Pupils from St. Bede's take part in sports hall athletics.

## Healthy Halton Highlights...

Local schools featured heavily throughout the week, with the launch event including presentations from Gorsewood, The Park and Murdishaw Primary Schools, along with Ashley School and Halton High.

Other highlights included daily events taking place in local supermarkets and free exercise sessions in local leisure and community centres across Halton - giving residents the chance to try new activities such as line dancing, bowls and table tennis. Halton's Healthy Living Programme and 5-a-day Teams were out and about during the week, and a range of healthy giveaways made sure people won't forget the healthy message in a hurry.

A free 24-page magazine supporting the week is still available - it features a range of tips for leading a healthier lifestyle, a competition to win a smoothie maker and free one-week gym passes for anyone who wants to get active in Halton. To receive your copy simply telephone 0151 471 7528 or **Email** [lsp@halton.gov.uk](mailto:lsp@halton.gov.uk).



Jessica Aywuya receives an award from Cllr Tom McInerney.

## Project Focus - Achievement Awards

One of the ways we use Halton's allocation of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund is to support projects that help young people. One of these is the Achievement Awards, which rewards pupils of Halton's schools for their success in different areas of academic life.

At this year's awards 47 pupils were rewarded for their outstanding performance at GCSE and 'A' Level, and 14 pupils with a remarkable 100% attendance over 5 years were also given awards. In addition 35 pupils received awards for outstanding talent in art, music and physical education.



Alcohol retailers receiving their certificates.

## Tackling Alcohol Together

Halton Borough Council and Halton and St Helens Primary Care Trust have been working together to deliver training on responsible alcohol retailing in the area at a discounted rate. 26 applicants have already completed and passed the one-day course and two further courses have been planned to meet demand.

## February Board Meeting

The Halton Strategic Partnership Board will be meeting on 14th February. Items on the agenda include an examination of Quarter Three Neighbourhood Renewal Fund spend and updates on our Local Area Agreement and Neighbourhood Management Pilot.

Copies of the papers will be available in the 'Board Papers' section of the Partnership website seven days before the meeting.

Please visit [www.haltonpartnership.net](http://www.haltonpartnership.net) or **click here**.

## Website Updates

We've now 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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