

NEWS, ADVICE, SUPPORT, CARE



For the over 50 population of Calderdale

Your monthly newsletter

Welcome

With the third wave of seven day Covid-19 infection and hospitalisation rates now starting to fall across the UK, The Telegraph has reported that more than 30 million people will be offered booster vaccinations this Autumn. Further details are expected soon and we will keep you up-to-date on our website as soon as the plans for Calderdale are released.

Many local community groups are now reopening or planning their first meetings, we include details here of three clubs that have published their plans.

This month's newsletter also includes news of new developments for Calderdale including an update on the brand new leisure facility to replace North Bridge as well as a call for your views on access to health and social care throughout the pandemic.

Calderdale's Covid-19 testing, vaccination & support

With the ending of most lockdown restrictions, Calderdale Council is encouraging people to remain cautious, follow test & trace guidelines and get both doses of the vaccine if you haven't already done so. On our website we have published a useful guide to the current Coronavirus support and info available in Calderdale, including testing and walk-in vaccination opportunities.

Video: How to do a rapid test at home

If you need to get tested because you have come into contact with someone who has COVID or for an event, you can find out how to do a COVID-19 rapid test at home for yourself (or someone else) on our website and report the results. Rapid tests are only for people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

You can read more on both of these stories on our website by searching coronavirus news.

New assisted living facility to open in Brighouse

A 65 apartment dementia friendly assisted living scheme on the outskirts of Brighouse town centre will welcome new residents early in 2022. It has a multitude of facilities, including communal and activity areas and two elevated gardens. It also includes facilities that will be open for use by the general public, together with a salon, café bar, restaurant, assisted bathing suite and a guest room.

Planning for our new leisure centre

A new multi-million pound state-of-the-art swimming pool and leisure centre for Halifax has moved a step closer after the Council submitted the planning application for the new building. The brand-new complex on the site of the existing North Bridge Leisure Centre, will help to improve the health and wellbeing of Calderdale's residents by offering a wide range of facilities which will have a broad appeal to the whole community. The Calderdale Council website has more info.

Help shape final plans for A641 improvements

Residents around the Brighouse area, as well as those living, working or travelling along the A641 from Bradford to Kirklees, are being asked to share feedback on a shortlist of plans to improve infrastructure and connections on the route. See our website for more on this.

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Share your memories of Shibden for 600th anniversary celebrations

Shibden Hall is 600 years old and as part of work planned to celebrate, Calderdale Council is asking visitors to share their memories, stories or photographs of the Hall, or any creative work influenced by Shibden's present or past. Share your memories on the Calderdale Museum's website.

Have your say on Huddersfield Bus Station transformation

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority, in partnership with Kirklees Council, is seeking your feedback on the proposed transformation of the Huddersfield Bus Station building and its surroundings; including an improved interior, better accessibility and upgraded entrances.

Brighouse Third Age Group – new timetable

Brighouse Third Age Group will restart classes and activities on Monday 13 September and has published a full timetable of meetings for the Autumn. Find out more at their Registration Event on Monday 6 September from 10 to 12pm at Waring Green Community Centre.

2 Wheel Tod Cycling Festival – 22 August

An event for cyclists and non-cyclists of all ages and abilities has been organised for 22 August including Stunt Cycle Displays, Static Cycle Fitness Classes, a Slow Cycle Challenge Course and much more. Tickets are available from Todmorden Information Centre.

Riverside Café is back

Riverside Cafe in Ripponden is restarting meetings from mid-August, providing a place where people who are alone, feel isolated, as well as those with dementia and other long-term illnesses and their carers can meet together.

HEARTBEAT walks and classes return

THEARTBEAT the Brighouse-based support group for those at risk of having a cardiac event is back meeting again, with over ten classes and walks each week plus a programme of social events.

It's not too late to start bowling!

Bowling clubs across Calderdale have been running teams and social events throughout the summer. An ideal COVID-safe sport for the over 50s, both Mytholmroyd and Walsden bowling clubs welcome new members and visitors.

For details of all the above groups, see our In Touch directory on our website.

Healthwatch Calderdale survey deadline extended

If you have struggled to access health or social care since March 2020, then Healthwatch Calderdale want to hear from you. Maybe you have had difficulties with GP appointments, had tests or assessments cancelled or delayed, or not received the treatment or services you were expecting.

Ann Holt Trust: Pension support for women over 55

Further pension support could be available to you if you are female, single or widowed and have lived in Halifax for at least 5 years. The Ann Holt charity provides a quarterly pension to women who meet the eligibility criteria.

Get help paying your bills with Yorkshire Water's special tariffs

Yorkshire Water have made a number of different tariffs available to support householders on low incomes, people with a disability, medical condition or serious illness and those who are struggling to pay their water bills, possibly due to temporary circumstances, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. Our online blog gives full details of the money saving options available and is well worth a read. **Or call 0800 1 38 78 78 to find out more.**

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