

NEWS, ADVICE, SUPPORT, CARE



For the over 50 population of Calderdale

Your monthly newsletter

Welcome

Spring is here, the daffodils are blooming and as we write this, it is snowing outside! As so often April in Yorkshire brings the promise of Summer mixed with reminders that Winter is not yet quite behind us! But Spring and early Summer bring more things to do in Calderdale and this newsletter is packed with events, social groups and activities, all for the over 50s.

Calderdale litter picking sessions

Calderdale has joined the Great British Spring Clean campaign to remove the litter in our community. From 25th March to the 10th April, every day at 10am you can join a team of litter pickers across Calderdale.

West Yorkshire's first Police and Crime Plan

The Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin has launched her first Police and Crime Plan. It follows one of the biggest consultation exercises the county has ever seen, and outlines a vision of making West Yorkshire 'Safe, Just and Inclusive'.

Funding for the Forum from Community Foundation for Calderdale

Thanks to recent funding from Community Foundation for Calderdale, we are creating six new information hubs on our website and adding more essential information, advice and guidance for you and your families. If you like what we do, then please tell more people and share our newsletter so more over 50s in Calderdale can find us.

Flooding support website re-launched

The new Eye on Calderdale website, which provides information to support those vulnerable to flooding, is now live! The redeveloped website has a new look and improved functionality to make it easier to access and find the information you need before, during and after a flood.

NHS begins Spring booster vaccinations

The NHS in Calderdale started to offer Spring booster vaccines from 28 March as the Covid-19 vaccination programme moves to the next phase. The extra booster is being offered to people aged 75 and over, care home residents and people with weakened immune systems (12 and over), in line with the latest advice from the Joint Committee on Immunisations & Vaccinations (JCVI).

Council's energy cost rebate

A £150 rebate will soon be available to help eligible residents with rising energy costs. If you pay your Council Tax by Direct Debit you'll receive it automatically within 10 working days of your first instalment being paid. For everyone else an application form will be available in early May.

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Calderdale Big Band Tea Dance

Dance the afternoon away with the Calderdale Big Band on Saturday 14 May at a Staying Well Hub Tea Dance at the Ardern Road Social Club. Doors open at 1.15pm for a 2pm start.

Calderdale Heritage Walks summer programme

Calderdale Heritage Walks have released details of their Spring and Summer walks 2022. They run regular walks from April to October, with most taking place on Sundays with occasional Saturday, Bank Holiday and summer evening events.

“Young at Heart” concert brings sunshine to older people in Calderdale!

On Tuesday 15 March, Concert for the Young at Heart put on a wonderful free show, welcoming hundreds of older people back to the Victoria Theatre, Halifax. Prior to the pandemic the show has been performed annually for 18 years, and now after a two-year gap, Young at Heart was back, sponsored by the Maurice Jagger Centre and bringing a night of music and entertainment to an appreciative crowd.

What's on at the Square Chapel this April?

There's a great line-up of entertainment at Halifax's Square Chapel in the coming weeks. From Rugby League legend Martin Offiah to an Abba Tribute night, there is something to suit every taste!

Brighouse Scottish Country Dance Club welcomes visitors

Brighouse Scottish Country Dance Club is a friendly group who enjoy getting together to dance each Thursday evening. They also hold open evenings once a month on a Saturday. They meet at the Waring Green Community Centre, Garden Road, Brighouse, HD6 2AX on Thursdays from 7.30pm.

Ryburn Men in Sheds

At Ryburn Men in Sheds you can make things, repair things, enjoy great company with other men or just have a natter and a coffee and make new friends. Sheds are all about meeting like-minded people and regaining a sense of purpose while having fun. The shed is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm at Asquith Mills, Sowerby Bridge and visitors are welcome.

Huddersfield Flower Club welcomes new members

Huddersfield Flower Club brings together like minded people who love flowers and want to see and create the most up to date designs. Watch qualified demonstrators bring flowers to life in artistic ways, learn and develop skills through sharing tips and techniques. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm at the Huddersfield Mission 3-13 Lord Street Huddersfield HD1 1QA.

Become a Staying Well telephone befriender

If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity that can make a huge positive impact to an elderly person then become a Staying Well Telephone Befriender. They are looking for people from all walks of life, of any age, having a friendly, chatty approach, willing to reach out to someone who needs a chat.

Calderdale Forum 50 Plus aims to represent & promote the collective voice of people over the age of 50 in Calderdale by: Communication, Campaigning, Influencing, Encouraging & Empowering.

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