

NEWS, ADVICE, SUPPORT, CARE



For the over 50 population of Calderdale

Your September newsletter

Welcome

This month we have more updates to our NEW Cost of Living Advice Hub, details of the upcoming Covid and winter flu vaccination programme and more events aimed at older people in Calderdale.

Our August committee meeting took place last week at Copley Mill House where we met residents of this retirement living facility and listened to their issues and concerns. We were joined by a representative from Healthwatch Calderdale to discuss access to GPs. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 October, so save the date and join us at Copley Mill to hear more about our work and have your say.

COVID-19 Autumn booster and flu vaccine programme expansion

This Autumn and Winter's vaccine roll-out started on 1st September and NHS England is offering all over 50s as well as people in clinically at-risk groups and carers another COVID-19 booster vaccine as well as a winter flu jab. Vaccines will be offered first to the oldest sections of our population and you can expect to be contacted by letter and offered an appointment.

International Day of Older Persons: 1st October

With more than 40,000 people aged 65 and over in Calderdale, our Local Authority is inviting voluntary and community organisations that support older people to get involved and help celebrate International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) on October 1st. They are looking for brief celebration ideas which are accessible to older people, their carers, family and friends. Grants of up to £400 are available for celebration events which must be open to all and take place on or after 1st October but no later than mid-November. If you are involved with a Calderdale-based community or voluntary group and would like to hold an event or party, **email us at info@calderdaleforum50plus.com with brief details by Friday 9th September.**

Getting help from Calderdale Council's Customer First Service

Calderdale Council's Customer First Service is now open and operating from Halifax Central, Brighouse and Todmorden Libraries. If you need help with any council service or have a concern you wish to raise, then you can now drop into one of these three Customer First Service points (opening hours vary) or call and make an appointment to see an adviser on 01422 288011.

Older person's support service for the over 60s

Together Housing is now providing a FREE OF CHARGE Older Persons Support Service to anyone in Calderdale aged 60 and over. You do not have to be a Together Housing tenant to receive help! Their team of Housing Support Officers provide FREE support, assistance, and advice to help customers live happy independent lives in their own homes. To make an appointment, call 0300 330 5528 and select Option 1 for Calderdale.

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Halifax Heritage Festival

This year's Heritage Festival is set to be bigger and better than previous ones, with opportunities to explore the beautiful, historic sites of Halifax and discover some of the people, stories and achievements that make it a unique and important place. Most events take place from Saturday 11th to Sunday 18th September at venues across Halifax.

Brighthouse Third Age Group signing-on day coming up

Brighthouse Third Age Group is holding a signing on day on **Monday 5 September at Waring Green Community Centre from 10am to 12pm**. A chance to talk to members and find out more about their wide variety of classes and activities including table tennis, dressmaking, French conversation, whist, indoor kurling, a walking group and luncheon club. They also organise outings and speakers to regular meetings.

Quiz evening with Dementia Friendly Todmorden

Join Dementia Friendly Todmorden for a fun Quiz evening at **Walsden Cricket Club on Thursday 6th October** including a raffle with some great prizes from local Tod businesses. Tickets are now on sale at Todmorden Information Centre and are £6 per person.

Calderdale Music Service Grand Opening: Saturday 17th September

Calderdale Music Service, now based at The Old Courthouse, Blackwall, Halifax is opening this beautiful, historic venue and its brand new cafe to the public on Saturday 17th September. The family-friendly event runs from 10am to 1.30pm and activities include dancing, children's music groups and art workshops. Or just pop along to enjoy a cuppa and view the building.

Rastrick Library events for everyone

Rastrick library has put together a great programme of monthly events to run for the rest of 2022. With something for everyone, events include photography workshops, reader's groups, local history and more. Contact the library direct for times and dates.

"Reach Out" Sowerby Bridge returns

Having closed during the Covid lockdowns, this over 50 social & activity group is back. Visitors can try their hand at darts, curling, arts & crafts, board games and more and meetings take place every Friday from 1pm to 3.30pm at St.Paul's Church, Tower Hill, Sowerby Bridge - downstairs entrance at the back.

Information Fair at Todmorden Town Hall: 14th October

This fair organised by Calder Valley MP Craig Whitaker, will bring a cross section of organisations together at Todmorden Town Hall from 10am to 2pm to give information, direction and ideas to older people in Calderdale.

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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