

Welcome

FEBRUARY 2023: Welcome to our February newsletter. We've got some advice on vehicle security for you, plus a new series of walks for women in Halifax. Meanwhile Calderdale Council are opening up for face-to-face meetings and we have the details of where and when you can visit them. Plus, there's advice on where to turn if you are the victim of domestic violence – or where to refer someone you know who may be a victim.

Short Walks for Women In Halifax

Interested in getting fitter and finding out about green spaces in Halifax? Greener Together is running a series of FREE short, 2-hour Thursday walks for women in 2023. Join them on their walks, connect with the environment and meet new people. All walks run every Thursday. Meet at The Women Centre, 23 Silver Street, Halifax, HX1 1JN at 11:00. More Info: Contact Kim Evans 07485388885.

Tips To Keep Your Vehicle Secure

After your home, buying a vehicle is your second biggest purchase. So why not make it as secure as possible? In recent weeks there have been a number of thefts from insecure vehicles across Calderdale. West Yorkshire Police have issued the following check list to help you keep your vehicle and its contents secure:

- 1/ Have you left your valuables on display? Ideally they should be removed from the vehicle, or locked in the boot or some part of the vehicle where they are invisible.
- 2/ Check your car windows are closed, even if you're leaving the car for a moment!
- 3/ Have you heard the locking noise? Have the lights flashed? Don't assume your vehicle has locked when using a key fob. Pull the door handle to make sure.
- 4/ Are your number plates fitted with security/tamper proof screws?
- 5/ Van and camper van owners – where possible consider removing equipment, tools and machinery from your van overnight.

Colt Enterprise – Furniture From A Great Cause

Colt Enterprise is a social enterprise that collects, sells and delivers second-hand furniture, whilst offering a recovery support service for people living with addiction. All the profits from any sales or services in Colt Enterprise help support the work of the charity. Colt Enterprise's three huge sales rooms (Bridgefield Mills, Elland Bridge, Elland, West Yorkshire HX5 0SG) offer quality new and used furniture and household goods at low, affordable prices as well as products made by local artisans.

Visiting Calderdale Council's Customer First Service In Person

If you need help with any council service or have a complaint, then you can now call into the Customer First Service points as follows:

Halifax: You can visit in person at Customer First, 19 Horton Street. (Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.) Please note: On the last Thursday of the month, the building is closed to the public from 10am to 12.30pm.

Todmorden: Drop in either Monday or Tuesday between 10am and 3pm, at the Library. (Closed for lunch from 1pm to 1.30pm)

Brighouse: Drop in on any of the Mondays listed below between 10am and 3pm, at the Library. (Closed for lunch from 1pm to 1.30pm): 6th and 20th February, 6th and 20th March, 3rd and 17th April, 1st and 15th May 2023 (closed 29th).

Renewing Blue Badges & Concessionary Bus Passes In Calderdale

To make an appointment to complete a Blue Badge or Concessionary Bus Pass application, please phone: 01422 288011.

The Herbert Protocol helps keep family members with dementia safe

Living with dementia is challenging and planning ahead is important. West Yorkshire Police report that more than 60% of people living with dementia can at some point start to "walk about" and may get lost or go missing. The Herbert Protocol is a system which has been put in place nationally to help give emergency services the best possible information should a missing person's search be required. It isn't difficult to sign up and we recommend it for family members diagnosed with dementia or awaiting a diagnosis. To obtain a form call West Yorkshire Police on 101.

Domestic Abuse – Finding Support in Calderdale

Calderdale Staying Safe is a service for any individual aged 16+ who experience domestic or relationship abuse. Their service is free and confidential, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, disability, religion or ethnic origin.

MEN: Men can call 01422 323339 to make an appointment with a male victim support worker and can arrange a suitable venue at that time. Calls are answered between 9am & 5pm. WOMEN: There is a free Drop In sessions for Women every Wednesday 10-12noon at the Women Centre, 23 Silver Street, Halifax, HX1 1JN. These drop-in sessions focus on: Domestic abuse support and Safety advice. Or call 01422 323339. Calls are answered between 9am & 5pm.