

Calderdale News & Events

***The newsletter for older people & their families & friends
from CALDERDALE FORUM 50 PLUS***



Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's September 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to our SEPTEMBER newsletter. With the start of the Autumn term, it's good to see Calderdale continuing to host a wide range of events and we've put together a sample of them: from which we're sure you'll find something you like! A more complete range of events can be found on our website's Big Calendar: www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/

WHAT'S ON – SEPTEMBER

5 – 7th The annual Norland Scarecrow Festival returns with around 80 scarecrows, music, food, and more. The theme for 2025 is scarecrows beginning with "S". Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing also takes place on the 6th and 7th.

5th The Last Night at the Proms Charity Concert. A musical evening with Clifton & Lightcliffe Band. Singing, flag waving, and fun in aid of Overgate Hospice and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance at St. Martins Parish Church, Church Lane, Brighouse HD6 1AT. 7pm to 10pm.

9th – 13th 84 Charing Cross Road. A heart-warming love story unfolding through letters between a New York writer and a London bookseller at Todmorden Hippodrome, 83 Halifax Rd, Todmorden OL14 5BB.

13 – 14th Hebden Bridge Birchcliffe Centre Open Days. Celebrating the restoration of the Grade-II listed Birchcliffe Centre with creative activities. 10am–4pm, Chapel Avenue, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8DG.

17th Black Dyke Band present World Class in Brass. Experience an unforgettable evening of top-quality brass music at Halifax Minster at 7.30pm. Joining them for this special concert are the Five Lakes Silver Band from the USA.

20th Behind the Scenes at Hebden Bridge Picture House. Share the magic of cinema and learn about the cinema's vibrant history, enjoy vintage films and listen to a talk about the old BTH projector from 10am to 12pm. Free event but pre-booking required. **Contact 07387 054170.**

21st Mytholmroyd Community Centre's Big Car Boot Sale. Sellers from 8am, buyers free from 9am. Hot food & drinks available. Supports refurbishment of the community centre. 12pm finish.

23rd Games Afternoon with Disability Partnership Calderdale. Free event with games, food, and socialising, primarily aimed at people with disabilities and friends/family. 12.30pm to 2.30pm at the Old Rishworthian's Rugby Club, Copley Lane, Copley HX3 0UG.

28th Calderdale Heritage Walk: Coke, Coal and Corves. Explore coal mining history; bring sturdy footwear. Meet Mary Twentyman at 2pm at the War Memorial at Village Street, Norwood Green HX3 8QD. Dogs must be on leads.

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Yorkshire Water – Support with paying your bill

Yorkshire Water are currently spreading the word about the support they can offer if you're struggling to pay your water bill. They say "we don't want anyone to worry about paying for the water they need. If you're struggling to pay, there's immediate short term and longer-term schemes you can apply for."

Visit their website or call them on 0345 1299 299.

Community Voice meetings in September: Discussing Home Care

The Council is running Community Voice meetings in September focusing on Home Care services. A Senior Commissioning Officer will join the meetings and they would love to hear your thoughts and experiences of home care in Calderdale. Online meeting Tuesday 16th September; In-person meeting Wednesday 17th September. For venue details email Hayley.Parkes@calderdale.gov.uk

In Touch: Our directory of 50 plus-friendly groups, clubs and activities

The newly enhanced "In Touch" section of our website is worth a visit. There you can easily search over 200 age-friendly Activities, Groups and Clubs across Calderdale by area or by interest. These are regular activities, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly, which are open to all and easy to access and enjoy.

Calderdale Dementia Hub is now running a weekly drop-in session in Halifax

This new drop-in offers advice and information to people diagnosed with dementia and their families, carers and friends. 10am to 3pm every Tuesday at Age UK's mobility centre in the Woolshops in Halifax.

Calderdale Wildflower work supports healthy grasslands

A programme of seed harvesting is helping to create and maintain healthy grasslands in Calderdale. Calderdale Council's Parks and Countryside Teams, along with dedicated volunteers, have been taking part in work to hand-harvest seeds from vital wildflower plants. The seeds will be scattered at sites across the borough to support efforts to restore local grasslands: important habitats for many plants and animals and also used by farmers for grazing. Bees, butterflies, moths, hedgehogs and some bird species live in grasslands. These areas also help fight climate change by storing carbon and improving soil health. When managed well, grasslands slow water flow during heavy rain, reducing flooding.

Heritage Open Days 2025: 12-21 September

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. Heritage Open Days run from 12th – 21st September There are dozens of events in Calderdale and surrounding areas, the majority of which are free and many don't require pre-booking.

Keeping hydrated in hot weather

Our partner Bluebird Care have provided advice for the elderly on staying hydrated during periods of hot weather. Drinking adequate amounts of water, is probably the most important thing you can do. As well as your usual cups of tea, coffee or juice, make sure you drink plenty of water throughout the day. Don't wait until you feel thirsty. Doctors advise against drinking too much caffeinated (e.g. tea and coffee) and alcoholic drinks, as they can actually contribute to dehydration. More details on our website.

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