

# Calderdale News & Events

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



## Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's November 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to our NOVEMBER newsletter including a selection of events taking place throughout the month. You can find a full range of news, social groups and a huge number of events for this month and December as well on our website at: [www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/](http://www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/)

### WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER

**7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> | Celebrate stories, ideas and imagination at Todmorden Book Festival.** Over nine days the festival brings together acclaimed authors, journalists, poets, activists, and artists for a programme of talks, workshops, and performances. Email [todbookfest@gmail.com](mailto:todbookfest@gmail.com) for remaining tickets.

**9<sup>th</sup> | Faure's Requiem for Remembrance Sunday in Halifax Minster.** A "Come and Sing" performance. Rehearsals from 2pm or come along to the performance at 4pm.

**9<sup>th</sup> | Sunday Piano Club at Dean Clough Mills, Halifax.** Listen, perform or discuss at the monthly piano club at Dean Clough Mills. 10.30am to 12pm in the Crossley Gallery.

**11<sup>th</sup> | Men's Participation Event – Ovenden.** Talk mental health, connect, and shape future support services. 10am to 12.30pm at Ovenden Park Rugby Club, Keighley Rd Halifax HX2 8AR.

**14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> | Christmas Market at The Piece Hall.** Continues over six weekends showcasing some of the region's favourite independent food and drink producers, artisan makers and pop-up street food.

**14<sup>th</sup> | History Talk: Memories of World War 2.** Local historian David Glover presents a second Illustrated Lecture & slideshow, including memories of tin baths, boys down the mine, wartime, the Hanson Lane bomb, and rationing - Bailiff Bridge Community Centre at 2pm. Tickets £5.

**16<sup>th</sup> | Calderdale Heritage Walk: Transport Links in Sowerby Bridge.** How the first trans-Pennine turnpike, canal and railway contributed to the growth of Sowerby Bridge. Meet David Cant outside the railway station refreshment rooms HX6 3AB at 1.30pm.

**16<sup>th</sup> | Charity Treasure Hunt starting and finishing in Copley.** Have a fun couple of hours solving clues and potentially winning a prize at the end. 11am at the Volunteer Arms. £20 per car.

**16<sup>th</sup> | Halifax Model Railway Club open day at 2-4 Deal Street Halifax HX1 1QE from 10am to 4pm.**

**24<sup>th</sup> | History Talk: Dark Tales for November with David Glover.** 7pm at the Maurice Jagger Centre, Lister Street, Halifax HX1 1UZ.

**28<sup>th</sup> | The Wassail At The Minster with Jon Boden & Eliza Carthy.** Candlelit performance at Halifax Minster, 7.30pm. Tickets from the Grayston Unity.

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### **New Advice & Support Drop-In, Brighouse**

Focus for Hope have launched a new Better Lives drop in at their Brighouse community hub in Bethel Street which will run every Friday morning 9.30am-12pm. This will give access to health checks and their friendly team will be on hand each week to help with a range of issues. No need to book.

### **Were you a member of Halifax Council of Youth between 1957 and 1979? CALL FOR**

**VOLUNTEERS** to take part in a history project on youth councils in Britain from the 1950s to the 1970s. A researcher at Oxford University would like to hear from individuals who were members. Contact Dr. Helen Sunderland at the University of Oxford Faculty of History at [helen.sunderland@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:helen.sunderland@history.ox.ac.uk)

### **2025 Calderdale Ageing Well Survey – closes 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

Running in conjunction with the International Day of Older People activities in October, Age Friendly Calderdale is running another Ageing Well Survey and here's how to take part. Search Ageing Well Survey on the Forum website or visit your local library, Age UK in Halifax Woolshops or Age Concern Todmorden where you will find paper copies of the survey. It will only take around 5 minutes to complete and includes questions about belonging and what supports social connections.

### **Two Calderdale stations to benefit from Accessibility Programme**

West Yorkshire Combined Authority is working with Northern Trains to make accessibility improvements to stations across the region as part of its Access for All programme. They aim to make sure customers are safe, can get the information they need and wait somewhere comfortable with the right facilities. Halifax and Hebden Bridge are two Calderdale stations earmarked for change due to start in 2027.

### **Countryside Work Party volunteering**

Calderdale Council organises volunteer work parties to perform various countryside management tasks working at different locations with a weekly schedule weekly so volunteers can decide which days they would like to attend. Tasks include habitat management, drainage work, footpath maintenance, tree planting, hedge laying and dry-stone walling. Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 10am through 2.30pm. Email [Philip.Singh@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:Philip.Singh@calderdale.gov.uk) or call 07841 784185 for more details.

### **Update: Latest on Halifax Town Centre project**

The planned changes will connect Halifax Rail Station to the centre through a new town gateway at Square Chapel, and route traffic away from the town centre. At this gateway, they will create an open and welcoming public space on the approach to the Piece Hall, and a pleasant walking and cycling route into the town centre. To create all of this, they will build a new road to the east of the Hughes Corporation building and serve as the main road carrying traffic around the eastern side of Halifax.

### **Could You Be the Next Cancer Champion?**

Cancer Champions play a key role in the community by sharing information, initiating conversations about cancer, and helping individuals access the support they need. Their work ensures that members of the public have a knowledgeable and approachable point of contact for questions and advice related to cancer prevention, early detection, and support services. **Contact Sarah on 07526 582996 or email [calderdalecanceraware@regen.org.uk](mailto:calderdalecanceraware@regen.org.uk)**

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