

Calderdale News & Events

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



Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's April 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our APRIL newsletter including a selection of events taking place at Easter and throughout the month. You can find a full range of news, social groups and many more events for this month and May as well on our website at: www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/

WHAT'S ON – APRIL

4th | Elland Repair Café. Fix It, Don't Fling It! Visit Elland Repair Café at Project Colt in Elland from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

6th to 9th | Midwinter Break at Hebden Bridge Picture House. Lesley Manville, Ciarán Hinds and Julie Lambertson star in this film of the novel. Starts 7pm on 6th and 8th and 11am on 9th.

6th | Hebden Bridge Easter Duck Race. Duckmania comes to Hebden Bridge in the annual Duck Race. Limited parking in Hebden Bridge so parking and public transport are available in Mytholmroyd.

8th | Top of the Wold at Halifax Playhouse. This play is bursting with original songs and invites you to join the East Riding Mobile Library in a celebration of community, culture, caravans, and peas. 7pm.

10th | Low Vision Roadshow, Huddersfield. Showcasing local resources, charities and services available to anyone who is impacted by a visual impairment. Companies also present who specialise in low vision aids including electronic aids. 11am to 3pm - Huddersfield Royal Infirmary's Learning Centre.

12th | Calderdale Heritage Walk: Nobbut Norland. An attractive mix of village, moor, woods, the early textile trade, and old houses. Seven centuries of history and a diversion to Pickwood Scar. Meet Anne Kirker at the War Memorial, Norland HX6 3RJ at 2pm.

15th | Free Activity Taster Day – Rastrick Bowling Club. Step into Spring at Staying Well's free taster day in Rastrick. Includes Tai Chi, Crown Green Bowling, Cycling, Line Dancing and more. 11am to 2pm.

18th | National Methodists Youth Brass Band Concert. The band of young musicians play worship songs and arrangements of classical & film music. 7pm at Boothtown Methodist Church, Ackroyden.

19th | Spring Open Day at Lister Lane Cemetery Halifax. This European cemetery of significance will be open from 9am to 4pm and local historian David Glover will lead an 80-90 minute tour at 2pm.

22nd | Branwell Bronte and his Halifax friends with David Glover. Join local historian David Glover at the Mount Zion chapel, Ogden for an illustrated presentation on Branwell Bronte and his friends. 2pm.

25th | The Hills – A Charity Concert by the Hepton Singers – Todmorden. A free concert by the Hepton Singers in aid of local charities. 4pm at St. Mary's Church Todmorden OL14 7BD.

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NEWS MARCH 2026

Elland Station Project to get green light.

West Yorkshire leaders are set to give the go-ahead for the first phase of a project which will see a new rail station and improved cycling and walking infrastructure built in Elland. The new station will be added to the Calder Valley line and will improve the town's transport links with the wider region and beyond, including Leeds, Huddersfield, Bradford and Manchester. Phase one of the scheme – the access package – will provide high quality walking and cycling improvements, making it easier and safer to get to the station and move around Elland itself.

Active Todmorden work begins

Calderdale Council has announced that the Active Todmorden project is underway, beginning with improvements to National Cycle Network Route 66 at the location known locally as 'Tipside'. The Active Todmorden project is one part of the £17.5million Todmorden Town Deal regeneration programme, which is funded by the UK Government and is being delivered in partnership with the Todmorden Town Deal Board. The project aims to enable people to walk, wheel or cycle for everyday journeys and improve access to the town's attractions whilst maintaining a welcoming and attractive area.

Falls Prevention Update

Most of us will have fallen at some time in our lives. For the majority, a fall will be nothing more than a bit embarrassing but there is always the risk that a fall could lead to broken bones or other complications. If you have fallen or worry about falling, you can self-refer for falls support from Calderdale Council by **calling Gateway to Care on 01422 393000**. There are things that you can do help reduce your risk of a fall and our website now has a wealth of information, tips and advice. **Search Falls Prevention on our website.**

Results: Calderdale Ageing Well Survey

Calderdale Council's Ageing Well Survey ran in October 2025. It asked people over 50 how connected they feel to their local area. 523 people aged over-50 took part and 64% said they feel a strong sense of belonging in their neighbourhood. The survey looked at whether people feel they belong where they live, feel connected with their neighbours and are happy with their local area. **To see the full results search Ageing Well survey on our website.**

A New Network putting older people at the heart of Calderdale



A new Age Friendly Network for Calderdale is being launched to bring together residents, community groups, businesses, and public services with one shared goal: making Calderdale a place where people are socially connected and can age well in healthy, vibrant communities. **To join the network use the QR code (left) or ask for a paper sign-up form from Age UK (Halifax Woolshops).**

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