

Calderdale News & Events

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



Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's September 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our SEPTEMBER newsletter. As Summer comes to a close, we bring you a small selection of events from Calderdale's Heritage Festival. Details of the full programme of talks, tours and events making up this wonderful annual event are on our website's big calendar. You can find a full range of news, social groups and many more events for this month as well on our website at:

www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/

WHAT'S ON – SEPTEMBER

5th & 6th: Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing Festival. A packed weekend of Rush-related tradition and tomfoolery - the only one of its kind in Yorkshire! 10am to 5pm approx. at venues around the town.

6th: Brighouse & Rastrick Band at the Victoria Theatre. Known for their formidable reputation and numerous championships, this is a concert not to be missed by any fan of exceptional live music. Tickets £19.50 from the box office.

7th: Brighouse Third Age Registration and Information Day. Find out more about membership from 10am to 2pm at the Mashinter Hall at the Waring Green Community Centre, Brighouse HD6 2AX.

11-20th: Heritage Open Days – Free Heritage Tours at The Piece Hall. Uncover the stories of the people who built, traded and worked here. Learn how this extraordinary building has evolved into the vibrant cultural destination it is today. Daily tours – call 01422 525200 to book.

11th: History Talk with David Glover: The Halifax Gibbet. Its origins are obscure, but from the 1280s down to 1650 it was used to execute felons caught thieving in the textile trade. 7pm at Paul's Church, Queen's Road, HX1 3NU. Tickets £10 on the door.

12th: Heptonstall Repair Cafe. Get help, advice and repairs with skilled volunteers plus refreshments. Service includes repairs to clothes, leather items, bags, furniture, computers, electrical appliances, toys, bikes as well as knife and tool sharpening. 10am to 1pm at Heptonstall School.

12-13th: Heritage Open Days – Climb Wainhouse Tower. See our website for ticket details.

13th: Ryburn 3 Folk Club returns to Hollins Mill for their Autumn Season. 7pm to 10pm at Hollins Mill, Hollins Mill Lane, Sowerby Bridge HX6 2QG.

19th: Heritage Open Days – Hebden Bridge Grade 2 Listed Signal Box: Grand Re-Opening. After eight years being unloved and unused, it is now under community control. 1.30 to 4pm at the railway station.

19th: Heritage Open Days – Todmorden Unitarian Church. A grade 1 listed building with Capponier stained glass windows, large grounds and other fabulous features. 11am to 4pm. Honey Hole Road, Todmorden.

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NEWS SEPTEMBER 2026

Free support with your Attendance Allowance application

Attendance Allowance is extra money you can claim if you're over State Pension age and need help with your care needs or regular supervision. It's not means-tested, so you can claim it whatever your income or savings. The payment, worth up to £6000 per year, can also unlock other benefits including a Blue Badge or increased Pension Credit. The older person's organisation, Independent Age, offers an application service free of charge for any older person who needs support to apply. **To access the service call the Independent Age Helpline on 0800 319 6789.**

Huddersfield and Slaithwaite station closures

From Saturday 19 September until Sunday 4 October, Huddersfield and Slaithwaite stations will be closed while major railway improvements are delivered as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade. Customers are encouraged to start planning ahead and check journey information before they travel.

Free All-Day bus travel for disabled people

From 1 April 2027, people who hold a disabled bus pass can travel on buses for free, no matter the time of day. This extra support will help to open up access to workplaces, education, training, and other opportunities as well as giving people breathing space on the cost of living and putting money back in people's pockets. Currently, disabled bus passes are only valid for travel between 9.30am and 11pm during weekdays, unless local authorities choose to fund an extension.

Opening hours update: Calderdale's waste and recycling centres

All the waste and recycling centres across Calderdale will be returning to seven day opening, at no additional cost to Council taxpayers. The changes will be introduced by the end of 2026, and ahead of the Christmas and New Year period, which is one of the busiest times.

Age UK Vacancies

Are you looking for a rewarding role where you can make a real difference in your local community? Age UK is currently looking for Home Helpers, Driver/Carers and Volunteer Trustees to join their Board. Whether you're seeking paid employment or a meaningful voluntary leadership opportunity, there's a place for you! **Full details on our website or call Age UK on 01422 252040.**

New Groups and Activities from our In Touch Directory

A Chance to Dance! Fun freestyle social dancing to a wide range of different music – for everyone. Every Monday from 10am to 12pm at Hebden Bridge Town Hall.

Falls Prevention: Strength & Balance Exercise Class. Fridays from 11am – 12pm at Halifax YMCA.

A New Network putting older people at the heart of Calderdale



A new Age Friendly Network for Calderdale has been 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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