Calderdale News & Events

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Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's November 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our NOVEMBER newsletter. This month sees the first festive events popping up, with Christmas markets and fairs guiding us into the season. We also have a full guide to the many Remembrance events across Calderdale on 8 and 11 November. To see our full Calendar, which is updated very regularly visit our website: **www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/**

WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

6th: Rockabilly, Hillbilly and Country Blues Concert. Enjoy Country music with live band "The Folsom 3" at Brighouse Central Methodist Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

7th: Lux Aeterna – An afternoon concert by Halifax Choral Society. A concert in Halifax Minster with a reflective programme featuring music by Brahms, Finzi, Elgar, Lauridsen and Cecilia McDowall. Tickets from the Choral Society, Minster or online.

7h: Sowerby Bridge Litter Pick. Come join our band of friendly litter pickers for our monthly Saturday morning pick. Meet at the Moorings Pub in the Canal Basin at 9.30am All equipment is provided.

8th to 11th: Calderdale Remembrance Day Events. There will be a parade departing from Halifax Town Hall, marching via Princess Street, Southgate, Horton Street, Square Road, and King Street and arriving at the Cenotaph at 10.45am followed by a short service and 2 minute silence. Full details of all the events taking place across Calderdale are on our website. There will also be a service on Tuesday 11th at 11am at the Wellington Memorial at the top of the Woolshops.

13thto 15th: Mills and Hills of Hebden Bridge and the Calder Valley. An exhibition of original signed paintings and limited-edition prints by local artist Brian Boocock (1941–2024).

14th: "Gardens of Aranjuez" A Concert by Todmorden Orchestra at Tod Town Hall. Hear Rodrigo's ***Concierto de Aranjuez*** for guitar and orchestra. If you've seen ***Brassed Off*****,** you'll remember the famous "Concerto de Orange Juice" tune in the slow movement, played on flugelhorn in the film.

14th: Bankfield Museum Winter Craft Fair! Bankfield Museum will be filled with stalls selling a range of local produce including artisan crafts, perfect for buying those special Christmas gifts and treats. Free entry from 10am to 4pm.

17th: The Last Lister of Shibden. John Lister helped found Halifax Antiquarian Society. He was its first president as well as a philanthropist and politician. 7.30pm at The Maurice Jagger Centre, Halifax.

20th: What the Dickens Happened in Halifax? Join local historian **David Glover** for a fascinating talk exploring the connections between Dickens, his world and our own remarkable town. Expect intriguing

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historical insights, entertaining stories and a few surprises along the way! 7pm at St Paul's Church, King Cross, Halifax. Tickets £10.

21st: Christmas Fair and Market Todmorden Hippodrome. Browse 20 plus craft stalls featuring a delightful array of handmade goods, all indoors and wander through a beautiful indoor forest of Christmas trees, each one uniquely decorated by local schools and groups. 10.30am to 4pm. Entry £1.

NEWS OCTOBER 2026

New car park at Calderdale Royal Hospital opens
The new multi-storey car park at Calderdale Royal Hospital, Dryclough Lane is now open. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Women and Children's Car Park is now closed, and the A&E car park is now for drop offs (including maternity) and emergency services only. There is a payment machine on the ground floor of each stairwell and also located in the other entrances to the hospital – including our A&E entrance and the Dryclough Lane entrance. **All machines accept card and contactless payments. Full details on our website at www.calderdaleforum50plus.com**

Avoiding cash-point (ATM) scams
Police and Banks have highlighted a rising scam across our region whereby Organised Crime Groups are using a tactic called "cash trapping" to steal your money directly from ATMs. Here is how it works.

You insert your card and enter your PIN as normal, then the machine returns your bank card, but no cash comes out. You check later and discover the money has been deducted from your account. Criminals have glued a fake, realistic-looking slot cover, or "plate" over the cash dispenser. Your money is physically trapped inside the slot behind this plate. The scammers wait nearby and will return to pry the plate off and collect YOUR cash once you walk away.

Police advise you to physically check the machine before using it. **Full details on our website at www.calderdaleforum50plus.com**

Improving accessibility to the Rochdale Canal
Calderdale Council undertook a public consultation which found that weir crossings along the Rochdale Canal in the upper Calder valley were not accessible for many people. Their rough, cobbled surface and camber combine to make them challenging for most people. As a result of the consultation, Calderdale Council received funding from Active Travel England via the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to improve accessibility along the canal. The funding is being used to install accessible, step-free bridges at the weirs.

New Groups and Activities from our In Touch Directory

Creative Crafts Group – Halifax. A free group to combat loneliness and isolation. Tuesdays from 1.30 to 4.30pm at Unmasked Mental Health, Commercial Street, Halifax.

Tai Chi Class – Halifax. A free weekly Tai Chi session also at Unmasked Mental Health. Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Places limited so booking required by calling 01422 356945.

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