N&E Blog and N&E Friday Flyer Covering the wards of Illingworth & Mixenden, Northowram & Shelf, Ovenden, Warley and Pellon

N&E Friday Flyer – 25 September 2020
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The Friday Flyer is a weekly round-up of news and what’s on in North and East Halifax. We hope you will find this informative and useful. Let us know what you think!

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Latest News

New £3.3 million fund to give babies from deprived areas or BAME backgrounds the best start in life
The Calderdale Council Public Health Team are looking to explore, ideas from across the system that could form the basis of applications for the Health and Wellbeing Fund around ‘Starting Well’. You are invited to a virtual meeting on the 1st October 11am-12noon, ... Participate

Active Updates – Newsflash from Active Calderdale
Here is our news and updates with ideas to keep you active and healthy! Read more

Response from Calderdale Council to national restrictions announcement
We’ve all faced these battles with the usual resilience, but we know that the challenges can feel unrelenting. I want to emphasise that we will continue to do all we can to support our residents and businesses and along with our partner organisations we’re working hard to identify the best ways to control the virus. Read full message

West Riding Stone Carving association workshops
Our aim is to keep the art of carving stone by hand alive and bring it to the general public. Join us to experience this rewarding art, learn a new skill and benefit from our seasonal events! More details

National Link Worker Day 2020 – Friday October 9th – Virtual Calderdale Services Awareness Event
As there has been little chance for awareness raising and fundraising we wanted to do an online Calderdale organisations and services awareness day to coincide with Link Worker Day. Send us your videos!
Make the Most of You! Online course starting in October, available to people 19+ in Calderdale
C&K Careers have created a new online course of workshops, helping you discover your interests and strengths that can help you in finding the right job for you. The workshops include a range of activities... Find out more

Support the Halifax Magpies endeavour for the IMAS Rugby tournament!
The Halifax Magpies are trying to raise money to help get them to the International Mixed abilities (IMAS) world tournament in Ireland 2021. As you can imagine it will not be cheap to get a fantastic and passionate group of lads from all backgrounds, able & disabled, so they have set up a GoFundMe page to help with the fundraising. Support the team!

Warley Far and Wide 2021 Calendar is out
The Warley Community Association annual Calendar for 2021 is now available to purchase. Information

Disability Partnership Calderdale latest newsletter 21-27 September 2020
The latest Disability Partnership Calderdale Newsletter is out. This week it is about the Local Restrictions in Calderdale, discussion around Hate Crime, Exemption cards and other information about Coronavirus and where to find help. Read more

VSI Alliance Update September 18, 2020
Read the latest news and developments brought to you by VSI Alliance. Read here

Feedback on first Walking Rugby session
Halifax RUFC have completed the first ever Walking Rugby session and had delightful results! Read all about it

Join the Mixenden Community Clean Up on Sunday 27 September
Positive voices of Mixenden are running a community clean up session on Sunday the 27th of September from 1pm onwards. Take part!

Get Involved / Have Your Say

Calderdale Council appointments for the EU settlement scheme
Halifax Opportunities Trust in partnership with Calderdale Council provide appointments every Tuesday for people to register with the EU settlement scheme. Make an appointment

Six months of Covid-19. How are we doing?
Schools have reopened, lockdown has been relaxed, then new restrictions have been introduced. How are we getting on with the present state of things? As we are carving out the new way of life, now more than ever may present an opportunity to instigate valuable changes in our lives. Share your views

CREW Covid Survey
We would appreciate you completing our survey, it is important to us that we get your feedback. We at CREW are constantly adapting and improving what we offer to the community in this current climate. Without your feedback and support, this could not happen. Take the survey
Responding to Covid-19 – VCS Resilience Survey September 2020
We now want to know about your current situation and look ahead to the challenges and support needs. The findings will be shared with you, health, local authority and other colleagues.  
*Take the survey*

Help to make Calderdale a greener, healthier and more attractive place to live and work
Calderdale Council in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority want to hear your views and are inviting you to take part in an online survey which is open from Monday 14 September and closes on Friday 16 October.  
*Take the survey*

Old Lane, Mixenden – Litter Pick outcome
At 9.30am Wednesday 9th September 2020 Tony, Karen and Dan from Ovenden Mixenden Initiative together with Dave from the Council’s SCG team carried out a litter pick of Old Lane in Ovenden, from the junction with Keighley Road all the way into Town.  
*Read more*

Do you have a minute? (One Minute Motions)
If you’ve ever spent just one minute on a meditation app – watching the circle move as you breathe in and out – you’ll know it helps calm your mind and body. Well, we are creating Calderdale’s very own version!  
*Submit your videos!*

Better Health – Let’s do this!
Keeping fit and healthy has never been more important as recent events have highlighted. Better Health has been launched by the NHS to provide resources to assist with weight maintenance, nutrition and exercise. It also has helpful tips on maintaining good health in an encouraging tone.  
*Visit page*

Message from Debs Harkins, Director of Public Health on COVID-19 testing
In the last two weeks, we have seen a steady reduction in COVID-19 rates in Calderdale. This is testament to the hard work of staff across the Council and in our local partner organisations, and the sacrifices and determination of Calderdale’s kind and resilient communities. If these trends can be sustained, I hope that it won’t be too long until local restrictions will be relaxed in Halifax.  
*Read all*

Test & Trace service survey – we need your help
The Test & Trace service aims to speak to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and identify who they have come into contact with, so that they can isolate and stop the spread of Coronavirus. In Calderdale, the national Test & Trace service is supported by a local service to help us reach as many people as possible...  
*more...*

Reimagining Communities
North Halifax Partnership is holding conversations with as many people in the community as possible to understand how the Covid-19 crisis has impacted locally, and we’re inviting you to have these conversations too with your own family, friends or neighbours and share them with us.  
*Share your views*

Move the Calderdale Way – Getting Started
You may have signed up to do the Move the Calderdale Way Challenge or just fancy getting out for a stroll. Here are some tips and tools to help make it easier for you...  
*get active...*
Annual Canvass of Electors
This year’s work to update the electoral register is taking place regardless of the ongoing public health challenges and Household Canvass Forms have been sent out to properties in Calderdale. Please respond as soon as possible, even if there are no changes... more...

Council’s message to beat COVID-19 in Urdu and other languages
To ensure the message reaches as many members of our community, Calderdale council have released the guidelines in Urdu and other languages. Find them here

VSI Alliance: Reopening your Building FAQ and checklist
This guidance sets out some FAQs to help community groups, charities, social enterprises and venues prepare to re-open safely. Read it here

Sport England Community Emergency Fund
Sport England are making a £20 million Community Emergency Fund available immediately for local club and community organisations who provide sports and physical activity. Apply now to bid for grants between £300 and £10,000. Full details

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Key Advice Sources – List
The following list of websites and telephone numbers may be able to assist you if you need help during the coronavirus lockdown. Read the list

Events and What’s On

Scam alert: Rogue roofers operating in Bradshaw, Halifax
We are asking everyone to be vigilant of suspicious behaviour on their street and look out for one another. Share information

CREW launch a new face to face exercise class in October
Due to the success of our Pilot Adapted Pilates class at St Judes, we are delighted to be able to offer you a new face to face exercise class. Adapted Pilates with no floor work is starting on Thursday the 1st October at 11am. How to book

Autumn church services for St Hilda’s and St John’s in Warley
The churches of St Hilda and St John are happy to inform you of their benefice services and upcoming celebrations, notably Harvest on the 27th of September. See the services

CREW Heart Support Group – Walk around Mytholmroyd
This week’s CREW Heart Support Group Bulletin features a self guided 4.5 mile walk around Mytholmroyd. The walk is marked as Grade 2 (including a steep climb) and should last approximately 2.5 hours. View the walk

RSPCA presents The Super Smalls Show! September 26
The RSPCA branch will host this special live streamed event from their Animal Centre on International Rabbit Day, Saturday 26th September at 2pm. The live show will include introductions to the small animals in their care, talks on how to care for smaller animals, a live raffle (with help from some of their guinea pig residents) and the fabulous main event feature of the Ferret Fun Runs! Join our show!
Welcome to the latest Newsletter from the Calderdale 50+ forum. Calderdale Forum 50 Plus aims to represent and promote the collective voice of people over the age of 50 in Calderdale by: Communication, Campaigning, Influencing, Encouraging and Empowering. Read latest newsletter

Calderdale Libraries Update
We have been working hard to make our libraries Covid Safe. This means that when we open, we will be operating in a different way to usual. We look forward to welcoming you all back. More info

Verd De Gris Arts supporting good mental health and well-being in Calderdale
Take a look at this range of projects using the arts to support good mental health and well-being in Calderdale Take a look

Curious Motion Needs You to Move the Calderdale Way!
As a team, we will aim to collectively dance, walk, run, cycle or move at least 50 miles; the equivalent distance of the actual Calderdale Way footpath that encircles the borough. We’re looking for 20 people to join our team! Join us!

Grubs Up New Sandwich shop at St George’s House
Grubs Up is the new sandwich shop at St George’s House, offering a selection of quick bites, from favourites such as scrambled egg, bacon, egg and sausage, salads and soups at very reasonable prices. Full menu and details

Arts and Crafts for Wellbeing Zoom sessions from Healthy Minds
The first online Arts and Crafts session from Healthy Minds were met with success. Following this, there will be more of these online sessions in September and October. Participants had the opportunity to tap into their creativity and many reported that the process of making and connecting with others have been helpful with their wellbeing. Take part

Ward Forum Grants of upto £500 now available
Calderdale Council has made a total of £5,000 available for each ward to be spent by 31 March 2021. We welcome community groups and individuals to apply for funding to spend on eligible activities and projects that benefit the ward... further information...

Walk this way… into Walking Rugby
Halifax RUFC is delighted to announce that Walking Rugby has arrived in Halifax. In partnership with Premiership Rugby Club, Sale Sharks, Halifax RUFC will be running weekly Walking Rugby sessions at Ovenden Park... get involved...

Coronavirus Support for vulnerable and at risk people in Calderdale
Advancement of Community Empowerment CIC (ACECIC) and Disability Support Calderdale (DSC) are working jointly to provide support to all vulnerable people who are at risk in the Coronavirus pandemic... more...

CREW Heart Support Group announce launch of their website
CREW Heart Support group are pleased to invite you to their updated website. Through this forum they can bring back their wide range of activities, including their guided walks and a library of rotating exercises for all levels of fitness. Visit website
Food for Life Get Togethers Small Grants Programme Relaunched
Food for Life Get Togethers harnesses the power of good food to connect and bring together people of all ages and from different backgrounds. We’re offering small grants of **£150** from June 2020 to April 2021. The grants are to support community led food growing, cooking and sharing activity and Get Togethers.  
*How to apply*

Coronavirus in Calderdale leaflet
A really helpful leaflet written and produced by Calderdale Council. It contains information for you, your family and your community on keeping safe and well during the outbreak of coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.  
*Download leaflet*

Charities and Volunteering

HALIFAX RUFC calls upon volunteers to help get the club ready for RUGBY!
Halifax RUFC is taking part in Nat West RugbyForce 2020, a nationwide programme developed in partnership with England Rugby and the Club will be welcoming volunteers to the Club at Ovenden Park on **Saturday and Sunday – 5 and 6 September**…  
*get involved…*

Covid-19 funding available for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations
Many Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in Calderdale can claim grants made available by the government in response to the coronavirus emergency. These are being administrated by the Business rates team.  
*Find out more*

VSI Alliance Announcement – Key questions in funding applications
We know how daunting it can be writing funding bids, especially if you haven’t got much experience, so here are a few tips on the information you should be thinking about and that funders would normally be expecting to see.  
*Read more*

Food Banks in Calderdale
During this unprecedented time, Calderdale’s food banks, which are mainly led by volunteers, are relying on the kindness of our communities even more than usual. All food and financial donations will be very gratefully received by the food banks to help them top up their supplies.  
*Can you help?*

Virtual Volunteer Hub
Look online for how to contact groups in your area. We are creating a directory of groups who are working locally to help people who need support. We will post updates on here as we get them.  
*Details here*

Children and Young People

NHP Sure Start Children’s Centres – Autumn 2020 newsletter
Welcome to NHP Sure Start Children’s Centres latest newsletter for Autumn 2020. It contains lots of useful information including updates from the Family Learning Team and Family Support Teams and information on the family learning courses that will be taking place between September and December…  
*read it online…*

**Calderdale project wants to support more young people in these strange times**

engage a Calderdale mentoring project by Newground Together, part of Together Housing Group, is supporting young people to realise their potential. The project run by a team of
dedicated Youth Workers aims to help 8 – 17-year olds who are Together Housing residents in Calderdale. Learn more

**RiSE Calderdale housing project is empowering young people**
RiSE is a housing project by Newground Together, part of Together Housing Group, that is educating 16 to 24-year olds about the responsibilities of having their own home. The programme involves group work and one to one mentoring which aims to increase resilience, independence, and self-confidence in young adults to sustain their tenancy. Read more

**Celebrating Uniqueness Photography Project for young people**
Celebrating Uniqueness is a Photography Project for young people, inviting them to share themselves through their pictures. You are encouraged to use any filter or technique to make your picture as unique as possible! Take part!

**Mini Marchers**
Mini Marchers is the latest walking group from the fantastic Mixy Marchers. This week 18 kids and 24 women braved the weather for their maiden walk around the local area. Mini Marchers runs on Mondays at 6pm... further information...

**Under 12s players needed**
St Columba’s JFC is looking for experienced players to join the under 12s team for the 2020/21 season... details...

**Health and Wellbeing**

**Do you live or work in Illingworth, Ovenden or Lee Mount?**
Would you like to make it easier for people to improve how they feel inside and out? Conversations and messages we see and hear, and the area where we live can have a big impact on how we behave and what becomes normal... get involved...

**Staying Well Telephone Befriending Service for adults in Calderdale**
The Staying Well Hub Team would like to remind you that we are still here to listen to your concerns and help you make sense of what is happening. Whatever you are dealing with, we would like to hear from you because help is always at hand. Get in touch

**Virtual dance classes with the Curious Motion**
The Curious motion are running weekly online dance classes, over Zoom for anyone who is interested. The classes run in blocks and you need to book yourself in. Take a look and decide which one is for you! Join the classes

**Employment Support and Training**

**Social Anxiety free online Workshop by the Healthy Minds September 29**
After listening to how lots of you are feeling, and how the current pandemic has affected you, the Recovery & Support teams have developed a number of workshops, to help you develop skills and resources to support your emotional wellbeing through these difficult times. Join the workshop
Train as a community reporter with Voluntary Action Calderdale (VAC)
Have a look at this fantastic opportunity to train as a community reporter to listen to friends, family and people in your community so we can influence services to better benefit us all! Book a session

Making Meaning – Healthy Minds Zoom Workshop October 14th
In this workshop we will explore change and making new meanings of our experiences to promote positive mental health. Apply for a place

Developing Resilience – Healthy Minds Zoom Workshop October 6th
In this workshop we will explore our personal resilience and develop strategies to strengthen our ability to manage when faced with adversity, through discussion and exercises. Apply here

Safer Recruitment – The role of the DBS online training course
As part of the regional Safeguarding Training Fund through NCVO and the National Lottery, there is a regional Safer Recruitment and DBS training session being delivered via Zoom on Monday 21st September at 11am and it is free and open to all VCS groups in West Yorkshire. The trainer is Lyn Gavin, a senior staff member with the DBS service so she really knows her stuff! Apply here

Creativity in Practice offering employability online courses
Creativity in Practice is a small training provider working with Calderdale Adult Learning for the academic year 2020-2021. They have secured funding that enables residents of Calderdale who are 19 years or older to access a range of short courses and qualifications. View available courses

JWT now offering distance learning options for courses
I am offering my full range of training both virtually and face to face. Most of my clients are choosing virtual where possible, and recent projects have included training for charity trustees, delivery of safeguarding courses and a number of courses run using blended learning. View offered courses

Wellbeing at Work Network Calderdale
Now more than ever it is important to support the wellbeing of our employees, if you are a business you are welcome to join the Wellbeing at Work Network. It is open to any employer in Calderdale who wants to find out how they can support the physical and mental wellbeing of their employees and have the opportunity to share learning and good practice with other local employers. Read more

Are you looking for a new career?
People interested in a career as a police officer are invited to find out more about the job by chatting individually with experienced officers. A series of socially-distanced and coronavirus-safe sessions are being planned in Calderdale in September… details...

Fully Funded Short Courses and Qualifications 2020-2021
Calderdale Adult Learning have secured funding for the next academic year that enables residents of Calderdale who are 19 years or older and meet eligibility to access a range of short courses and qualifications… further information…
Financial support for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to respond to coronavirus (COVID-19)
The government has pledged £750 million to ensure VCSE can continue their vital work supporting the country during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak... Details

COVID-19 Business Support
Many Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in Calderdale are eligible to claim grants made available by the government in response to the coronavirus emergency. How to apply

Latest Jobs Click here - Jobs and apprenticeships on our Latest Jobs page or for other jobs click on the jobs below

- NHP Sure Start Children’s Centres Sessional Worker
- Police Officer Recruitment Sessions

Work Clubs in North and East Halifax – Check whether open during COVID_19

- Mondays - 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Beechwood Road Library, Illingworth, HX2 9BU
- Wednesdays - 10am – 12pm - St Augustine’s Family Centre, Hanson Lane, HX1 5PG
- Wednesdays - 10am – 12pm - King Cross Library, HX1 3BG
- Thursdays - 10am – 12pm - Mixenden Library, HX2 8PU
- Thursdays - 1.30pm -3.30pm - Beechwood Road Library, Illingworth, HX2 9BU

Local Sports Centres - Check whether open during COVID_19

- Threeways Sports Centre – 01422 728 050 (Option 1)
- OSCA Sports Complex – Tel. 07974 077143
- Northbridge Leisure Centre - Tel. 01422 341527
- Sowerby Bridge Pool - Tel. 01422 288078
- Halifax Swimming Pool - Tel. 01422 366624
- Inspire Centre – Tel. 01422 357357
- Lightcliffe Academy – Tel: 01422 200499

Local Cinemas and Theatres - Check whether open during COVID_19

- Vue Halifax – The Rex Cinema - Hebden Bridge Picture House – The Victoria Theatre
- Square Chapel Centre for the Arts – Halifax Playhouse – King Cross Library Film Club

Want to know what’s going on in other parts of Calderdale?

Did you know there are blogs covering the Central Halifax, Lower Valley and Upper Valley areas too? And regular email newsletter updates. Follow the links!
Friday Flyer - Contact Us:

🌟 Recommend a friend to get the Friday Flyer by emailing us
🌟 Publicise an event in the Friday Flyer
🌟 Submit an event to an online calendar
🌟 Advertise your service or community group

Please be advised that the deadline for posting on the Friday Flyer is 11am on the Friday it is due to be circulated. Anything arriving later than 11am may have to go on the following week’s flyer.

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