



# North and East Halifax Friday Flyer

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## **N&E Friday Flyer – 19 February 2021**

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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**

### **Northowram & Shelf Ward Forum online Meeting Monday March 1st**

We want to hear your views about your neighbourhoods, we want to hear how you see work, shopping, education and leisure in the future. [Join the forum](#)

### **West Yorkshire Trading Standards Scam Alert #22 February 2021**

This Monthly alert outlines trending fraud patterns during the current COVID-19 pandemic and what we can do to stay protected. [Read alert](#)

### **Warley Ward Forum online Meeting Tuesday March 2nd**

All your thoughts and ideas will feed into the planning that the Council are starting with businesses, health services, educational establishments other key partners, but most of all local people. [Join the forum](#)

### **“Fantastic effort” sees over half a million vaccinated in West Yorkshire**

The leader of the West Yorkshire Vaccination programme has paid tribute to the fantastic efforts of GPs, pharmacists and NHS staff, which have seen over half a million of the region's adults vaccinated. [Read full story](#)

### **Calderdale Staying Safe Domestic Abuse Support is here for you**

If you are 16 or over, female or male and have experienced any form of Domestic Abuse, Calderdale Staying Safe are here to help you. [View information](#)

## **Covid-19 Scam Calls/Texts Alert**

We are still getting reports from people who are receiving scam emails and text messages relating to the pandemic, in particular vaccinations and testing. [Read more](#)

## **Community Thank You Call for 2021**

Despite going through another lockdown and all of us feeling fed up, we are still hoping to hear from you about anyone who has already made 2021 better for you. North Halifax Partnership will be continuing with the “NHP Community Thank-You” in order to continue spreading the joy and gratitude in our communities. [Share your Thank You!](#)

## **Mixenden Ward Forum online Meeting March 8th**

We want to hear your views about your neighbourhoods. We want to hear how you see work, shopping, education and leisure in the future. [Join the forum](#)

## **Coronavirus Latest**

### **Be COVID Prepared**

Key message this week is that people should be prepared to self-isolate immediately, as they may be identified as a contact of a positive person at any time.

[Make your Covid plan](#)

### **People in West Yorkshire will be called for vaccine over next few weeks**

The NHS is reassuring people in West Yorkshire that they will be contacted when it's time for their COVID-19 vaccine appointment – and there's no need for them to contact services. [More information](#)

### **Covid vaccination in West Yorkshire and snow media statement**

No-one will lose their opportunity to have a vaccine. People who have been invited through the national booking system can call them to rearrange their appointment and will get an alternative date for their vaccination. Those who have been offered a vaccine through their GP should contact their practice directly to rearrange if they cannot make their appointment. [More information](#)

### **Vaccination information for front line VCS workers & volunteers supporting health, social care and the most disadvantaged clients**

The Local NHS across Calderdale and Kirklees is working with Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation Trust Hospital and their respective Councils, and we are now able to offer vaccinations to frontline VCS paid workers and volunteers who support individuals with their health, social care or those who are most disadvantaged or vulnerable. [More information](#)

### **West Yorkshire's first large vaccination centre opens**

Large vaccination centres are part of NHS plans to step up capacity and roll out the vaccine more widely, complementing the local vaccination services being provided by groups of GPs. They have been located in areas with good public transport links or parking facilities. [Read more](#)

### **Calderdale Covid Champions Information about the virus and the scheme**

A very thorough document on Covid Champions, what they do and plenty of useful information on what is coronavirus, how it works, how it is spread, safety measures and helpful links. [Read it here](#)

## **COVID-19 Newsflash: Targeted Testing – Lateral Flow Testing for Voluntary and Community Groups**

Calderdale Council is supported by the Department of Health and Social Care to deliver a new COVID-19 testing programme, as part of a national programme. Lateral Flow Testing brings is an additional tool to support with the control of disease transmission across our community. [More information](#)

## **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](#)

## **Get Involved / Have Your Say**

### **Calderdale COVID-19 vaccination engagement**

NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group is working in partnership with Calderdale Council, Healthwatch Calderdale and VSI Alliance, and would like to know your views and experiences of the Covid-19 vaccines. [Take survey](#)

### **Future of Mixenden Activity Centre – public meeting**

As one of the local Councillors for Illingworth and Mixenden ward, Daniel Sutherland has been contacted by a number of residents with questions about the Mixenden Activity Centre following reports of the Council reviewing provision there. I know many people have also spoken to fellow Councillors Lisa Lambert and Steph Clarke as well as contacting the Council directly. [Join meeting](#)

### **Campaigners Petition to Save Mixenden Activity Centre, the Local Community Hub**

Petitioners Seek to Gain 2000 Signatures, in Response to Council Leaders Vote to Close Centre due to Funding Restraints. [Sign the petition](#)

### **Review of COVID-19 information on the Calderdale Council website**

Calderdale Council is currently reviewing the information about COVID-19 that is on the Council website. We would like to get some feedback from our residents about **what** COVID-19 information is communicated on our CMBC website and **how** this information is set out. [Share your views](#)

### **Community Thank You 2021 : February 05**

Welcome to our weekly round of Thank You notes. Each week we publish notes submitted to us, thanking those who have made a difference or a positive impact to somebody. [Submit yours!](#)

### **Healthwatch Calderdale experiences of medication feedback request**

We feel there is more we can learn and are now asking for specific feedback about the main issues raised. We want to know if access to medication is impacting the health and wellbeing of the public in Calderdale and how. [Take survey](#)

## **Illingworth Ward Forum online Meeting March 1st**

We want to hear your views about your neighbourhoods, We want to hear how you see work, shopping, education and leisure in the future. [Join forum](#)

## **Your Covid story competition for North Halifax extended**

As we entered a third lockdown phase, we felt it necessary to extend the competition to include your ongoing views. [Take part!](#)

## **National Strategy for Disabled People Survey**

To help the government with understanding the barriers that disabled people face and what it may need to focus upon to improve the lives of disabled people, we need to hear about your views and know more about your experiences. [Take the survey](#)

## **Anti-Poverty Virtual Event, 25th February 2021**

You are invited to a Virtual Event: **Exploring the impact of Covid-19 on poverty and inequalities in Calderdale Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 2.00pm-4.30pm** ([Register no later than 12 February](#))

## **Let's put a stop to fly-tipping**

The monthly round of fly tipping in Calderdale is a post we can't wait to stop posting! Our aim is not to name and shame but to pass the message that fly tipping is unacceptable. [Full story](#)

## **Community Thank You Call for 2021**

2020 was a tough year for all of us however, a number of fantastic people have consistently supported the community and been outstanding. Despite entering another lockdown, North Halifax Partnership will be continuing with the "NHP Community Thank-You" in order to continue spreading the joy and gratitude in our communities. [Submit a Thank You!](#)

## **Halifax Magpies mixed ability Rugby New Players Wanted**

Wanting a new challenge? How about burning off the extra food from Christmas or even meet new people? If the answer is yes to any of these then why not try Halifax Magpies rugby? [Get in touch](#)

## **EU Nationals UK Settlement Scheme appointment sessions**

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen and you wish to remain in the UK after 30 June 2021, then you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. If you need support to apply we can help. [Book an appointment](#)

## **Offer of office furniture From Lead the Way**

Lead the Way are presently moving out of their old office at Threeways Sports Centre and have found some spare office furniture they no longer require. [Enquiries](#)

## **Funding and Grants**

### **Green Social Prescribing Fund open until March 2nd**

West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership launched a **Green Social Prescribing Fund** which opened on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and **closes at 5pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. [Apply](#)

### **Inclusive Economy Project Grants**

If you live in Park or east Warley and you're full of ideas, this is for you! Funding is available for community projects and enterprises in your area.

## **Still time to apply for a Ward Forum Grant in North and East Halifax**

There is still time to apply for a Ward Forum Grant of up to £500 for a project that will benefit your ward area or local community. The deadline is 31st March 2021. [Apply](#)

## **Laptops for Learning – from Calderdale Council**

We've teamed up with the Community Foundation for Calderdale and The Valley Learning Partnership to launch Laptops for Learning – an appeal to purchase laptops for pupils most at need while they are being home schooled. [Read more](#)

## **Grant Round Open To Support West Yorkshire Communities**

West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has opened his latest grant round of the Safer Communities Fund (SCF) with £140,000 available, made up from Proceeds of Crime monies successfully secured by police and prosecutors. [Read more](#)

## **Is your attic room costing you money?**

Up to 25% of a home's heat can be lost through the roof and if your attic room is not properly insulated, you could be wasting money on your energy bills. [Check eligibility](#)

## **Green Doctors Calderdale – Free Service to help reduce energy bills**

We help households to **save between £100 – 1000 per year** on their energy bills through switching and increased energy efficiency whilst also making homes warmer and healthier. [Find out more](#)

## **VSI Alliance: Community Business Renewal Fund Application: Next March 2nd**

The Community Business Renewal Fund provides grants of between £10,000-£20,000 to community businesses in England affected by the Covid-19 crisis to adapt, renew and rebuild their business so they can remain financially viable. [Find out more](#)

## **Events and What's On**

### **Calderdale Museums' Enews February 2021**

News and updates from the museums of Calderdale. [Read here](#)

### **Anti-Poverty Event February 25th short film**

The Voluntary Sector Projects department of Calderdale Council are organising a large virtual anti-poverty event for the 25<sup>th</sup> February exploring the impact of Covid-19 on poverty in Calderdale. [Find out more](#)

### **Calderdale Forum 50 Plus Newsletter February 2021**

This month Calderdale Forum 50+ offers answers to the Coronavirus vaccine, Lateral Flow testing, news from Age UK, nutrition and Energy Saving tips to name but a few. [Read here](#)

### **Virtual Collaborative Thinking Ahead Programme from MacMillan Cancer support**

Thinking Ahead is a Health and Wellbeing Programme for patients living with incurable cancer, who may or may not be receiving treatment, as well as their family members. [Join here](#)

### **Calderdale Countryside News Winter/Spring 2021**

Welcome to the winter/spring newsletter for 2021, hope you are all keeping well as we start the New Year. [Access newsletter](#)

## **Magpies are pleased to introduce their new brand!**

We're pleased to introduce our new brand! At Magpies, we'll continue to offer a place to make new friends, learn new skills and create new opportunities but with a new modern look. [Take a peak!](#)

## **One year on from Storm Ciara**

Tuesday 9 February 2021 marks the first anniversary of Storm Ciara, which caused Calderdale's fourth major flood in just eight years and brought 10 miles of damage across the borough. [Read](#)

## **Neighbourhood Watch OUR NEWS February 2021 edition**

Our popular monthly newsletter OUR NEWS February 2021 edition is here! [Read Latest Edition](#)

## **Disability Partnership Calderdale newsletter 05 February 2021**

The latest Disability Partnership Calderdale invites you to share your views on a range of topics from Halifax railway station to healthcare provision. It also has detailed information about the Coronavirus vaccine, as well as the usual list of resources and information. [Read newsletter](#)

## **Lead the Way February 2021 eBulletin**

The latest Lead the Way eBulletin is out with helpful resources for clients and carers, organisations that can support you and information on their online sessions. [Read it here](#)

## **Macmillan Cancer Information & Support Service Newsletter February 2021**

In this latest newsletter you will find information on Headwrappers, a virtual hair loss support group, iHope, First Steps, Thinking Ahead, Virtual support groups, Turn2Us, financial help and much more. [Read newsletter](#)

## **Healthy Minds Workshops & Groups February 2021**

Healthy Minds Calderdale are putting together a series of informative, helpful workshops, designed to assist during the challenging times we're facing. There are social groups and art workshops too. You're bound to find something of interest! [Browse here](#)

## **VSI Alliance Update January 29, 2021**

Read the latest VSI Alliance update [here](#)

## **Calderdale Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) and Bulky Items Collection**

The Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Calderdale are still operating during lockdown but there are times and operation restrictions in place, to ensure the safety of staff and the general public. [Find out more](#)

## **Refreshed Police and Crime Plan Launched**

At the heart of the Plan is our ambition to work together with the police and partners, and with our communities, to help achieve our shared vision of 'keeping West Yorkshire safe and feeling safe'. [Read the plan](#)

## **Disability Support Calderdale news**

We support people with Personal Independence Payments, Universal Credit, Employment Support Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Children's DLA applications and Housing Issues. [How we can help you](#)

## **Our Year in Snapshot by North Halifax Partnership**

We know that the pandemic is bringing us some challenges but North Halifax Partnership continues to support our communities and adapt our services to meet local need. We thank our Trustees, staff and volunteers who every day ensure NHP is building a better future for all generations. [View our Snapshot](#)

## **Community Foundation for Calderdale announce new appointments**

The Community Foundation for Calderdale is pleased to welcome Rachel Burnett and Amanda Lawson to the staff team who work to give out over £1 million worth of grants each year in addition to flood and Covid19 related grants. [Read more](#)

## **Online Arthritis Action Groups**

Arthritis Action Groups are an opportunity for people with arthritis to talk with others and share their tips on how to manage their arthritis and stay active whilst at home, and we actively welcome new attendees. [Join the group](#)

## **Traffic collision updates for the 5 districts of Yorkshire**

These are road traffic collision updates for the 5 districts of West Yorkshire. This information was sourced through Leeds City Council. [Read reports](#)

## **New National Lockdown – CMBC Libraries Service Update**

Due to the current lockdown, the services on offer in our libraries have been scaled down. [Information](#)

## **CREW Heart Support Group – Walk through Starfish & Syke Hill**

This week's CREW Heart Support Group Bulletin features a self guided 5.5 miles walk through Starfish & Syke Hill. The walk is marked as Grade 2+ and estimated to take 2.5 hours to complete. [Take the walk](#)

## **The Pulse Bulletin, Latest CREW Heart Support Group newsletter**

Welcome to CREW news! Scroll down for details of our walks, exercise classes and social events plus recipes and interesting articles. [To the newsletter](#)

## **Children and Young People**

### **Verd de Gris short films for Children and Young People Part.2**

These films focus on a range of subjects including self-harm, sexuality and identity, and neurological disorders as well as the impact that Covid-19 pandemic has had on children and young people in Calderdale. [Watch films](#)

### **Tough Times Reference Group Annual Survey**

As the result of Children's Mental Health week we, the young people's Tough Times Reference Group would like to announce the release of our annual survey around mental health and wellbeing. [Read more](#)

### **Children Mental Health Week resources from Mindful Me**

Parents/teachers and carers can access 7 Mindfulness techniques on our YouTube channel for free . Using these strategies, with support in the first instance, children will learn strategies to reduce anxiety & stress and at the same time boost their immune system and get mentally tougher. [View resources](#)

### **Free Online Splat Kids Session**

Are your children junior school age? If so, Splat Training is offering one free online Zoom sessions to keep the kids busy during lockdown. [Take a look...](#)

### **Don't Do It Alone – support for children and young people's mental health**

To kick off Children's Mental Health Week, Kooth has launched their latest social media campaign: **Don't Do It Alone**. With a feature in the Metro, this campaign is something we'd like to spread the word about to all young people across the North West and the rest of the UK. [Check it out](#)

### **Healthy Minds arts resources for young children 0-5 years**

In aid of Children's Mental Health Week this week, after your requests, Healthy Minds Calderdale have found the following images that would be good for young children. [View them here](#)

### **Parents/carers survey on their children's mental health**

Calderdale Council have launched their **2021 online Parents/Carers Survey** asking for opinions anonymously on their children's mental health and wellbeing. [Take survey](#)

### **Is your child feeling stressed, worried or uncertain...?**

Open Minds Calderdale have compiled a helpful leaflet for dealing with the concerns and worries of children and young people. It is important to remember that such feelings in children, as well as their carers, are normal and understandable in stressful situations. [Find out more](#)

### **Sure Start Activities to do with your children at home**

Are you looking for ideas to keep the little ones busy? The brilliantly creative minds at Sure Start Children's Centres have put a few ideas together for you to try. [Get inspired](#)

## **Health and Wellbeing**

### **Having a stroke is a medical emergency – Act F.A.S.T and dial 999 immediately**

With all the publicity around the coronavirus, it is easy to forget that there are other serious health conditions that cause death and disability. The NHS continues to be 'Still here for you' during the coronavirus outbreak and we urge people not to ignore signs and symptoms that could be potentially life changing and life threatening. [Full article](#)

### **Active Calderdale February Walking Workshop – still time to join**

With your help we want to make it easier and create a better environment to take a stroll from your doorstep, so we held a virtual get together to talk about what's already happening, what would help and how you can support this. Have a look and drop us a line if you'd like to get involved... [Join here](#)

### **In Touch free service from Disability Partnership Calderdale**

Coronavirus has left many people isolated, lonely and out of touch with family and friends but a new free service from Disability Partnership Calderdale puts people back in contact with their families and friends, using video calling. [Read more](#)

## **Fizz Free February – by Zain Ghani**

Fizz Free February is a campaign created by SugarSmart to help kick out the sugary drinking habit. This can be a great opportunity to reduce how much sugar you consume just by cutting out fizzy drinks and develop a new healthier habit. [Go Fizz Free!](#)

## **West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership launch staff suicide prevention initiative**

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WY&H HCP) will launch an innovative staff suicide prevention campaign targeted at more than 100,000 health, care, voluntary and community service colleagues working in organisations large and small across the area. [More info](#)

## **Safespace, out of hours support for emotional distress by Healthy Minds**

Safespace is an out of hours emotional support service for adults in Calderdale. It is a place of safety for people experiencing emotional distress. We can offer you the time and space to talk through what's happening and explore different ways to help you. [Access info](#)

## **Winter Payments Available for Families in Need**

The government recently announced a package of extra targeted financial support for those families most in need across England for the cost of food, energy and water bills and other associated costs. [Act now](#)

## **Staying Well is here for you**

January is a hard time for many of us and as we face our 3rd National Lockdown people may be struggling more than ever. As dark nights and shivery mornings become the norm Staying Well want to reiterate that no one needs to feel alone at this time. [Contact staying well](#)

## **Well Connected will help you get your motivation back!**

The Well Connected project wants to re-energise you and your community by providing new opportunities and supporting access to leisure and recreational activities, nature based and creative sessions. You can either try these on your own, as a family or as a community group. [See what's available](#)

## **Employment, Training and Volunteering**

### **STEP project – Education, training & employment support for refugees**

The Specialist Training and Employment Programme (STEP) is a project helping refugees access training, volunteering and paid employment opportunities. [More information](#)

### **West Yorkshire Trading Standards SAFER workshops project**

The fantastic, cost free SCAMS AND FRAUDS EDUCATION FOR RESIDENTS workshops are still delivering via Zoom across West Yorkshire. With only 5 months left of the project we are hoping to reach as many residents and partners as possible. [How to enrol](#)

### **Bridging the access gap in Yorkshire with Free Sign Language courses**

A NEW initiative to encourage more members of the public to take up sign language as an extra language and skill is now available to residents of Yorkshire. [Interested?](#)

## Virtual Apprenticeship Event by C & K Careers

C&K careers are inviting you to a virtual apprenticeship event **on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 4-9pm**. The event is open to young people leaving school or college this year or not in employment, education or training. [More information](#)

## Job Vacancies at VSI Alliance

We are recruiting for 2 exciting new posts! Be part of the VSI Alliance team that's supporting Calderdale charities & community groups who are, in turn, making such a vital difference to local people. [Apply here](#)

## Paediatric First Aid up to Easter 2021 – spaces still left

There are still spaces available to book on the following Paediatric First Aid training courses offered by Jill Webb Training. [How to book](#)

## Community Safety

### Community To Play Key Role In Tackling Serious Violent Crime

Do you have what it takes to help combat serious violent crime?

The West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is calling on people across the county to join its first ever Community Advisory Group. [Interested?](#)

### Be phone aware – telephone COVID related scams

We have received information from the NHS regarding many different scams relating to Covid-19 that are currently circulating. [View them here](#)

### Domestic Abuse resources during lockdown

This ecall provides more information on domestic abuse and the services that can help if you or someone you know is a victim of it. There is never an excuse for domestic abuse, no matter what the circumstances. [Get informed](#)

### Message from West Yorkshire Police on burglary prevention

Crime prevention doesn't have to cost a lot of money – taking simple measures such as locking your doors and windows, not leaving valuables on display and using your alarm can significantly reduce your chances of being a victim. [More info](#)

### Stay Winter Wise!

Have you seen Calderdale Council's Winterwise booklet, delivered to all households in Calderdale? It is divided into useful sections such as the following information on preparing your home for winter to give you peace of mind during severe weather conditions... [more...](#)

**Latest Jobs** All the latest jobs and apprenticeships from our dedicated [Jobs page](#). For more information on the jobs below including how to apply, [Click here](#)

- [Volunteer Hub Co-ordinator with VSI Alliance Jan 28, 2021 – Closing February 25](#)
- [Food Poverty Coordinator with VSI Alliance Jan 28, 2021 – Closing February 22](#)

## 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

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