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A GLOSSARY OF VOLUNTARY
COMMUNITY GROUPS
AND ORGANISATIONS
IN AND
AROUND CONGLETON



The Electric Picture House is a non-profit making artists' co-operative based in Congleton, Cheshire. We provide affordable studio space for artists and run a regular programme of exhibitions, workshops, community projects and arts events in our gallery space.

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This Community Index has been compiled by Congleton Community Projects and complements the list of contacts for local voluntary groups and organisations available in the Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall, High Street.

The booklet contains contact details of local voluntary, charitable and non profit groups with a summary of their purpose and activities to spread the word and recruit more volunteers.

We include some key support services for Congleton provided by Cheshire East, many others can be found on their website. There is also a great booklet by the Disability Information Bureau on disability related organisations in Congleton and further afield, which is available in the Tourist Information Centre, Library etc.

The information is correct at time of going to print in August 2017. If the details of your group have changed or if your group is not listed, please send any corrections or new information to:

Email: jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org

Telephone: 01260 270908

Alternatively, drop the information into the Tourist Information Centre, located in the Town Hall.

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COMMUNITY

Bromley Farm Community Development Trust

The Trust is a resident led group which works in partnership with other organisations to provide events, activities and make environmental improvements for the residents of Bromley Farm. Based at Bromley Farm Community Centre where we have a wealth of volunteering opportunities.

Telephone: 01260 279707

Email: bscdt@tiscali.co.uk or glen1971@hotmail.co.uk

Bromley Farm Time Out Group

Provides a stimulating environment for Alzheimer and Dementia sufferers, and a break for their carers and families. The group offers 8-10 members the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, including dominoes, gentle exercise, singing, regular quizzes and film shows. Lunch is provided.

Meet on Thursdays: 10.00am-3.00pm. Booking essential.

Telephone: 01260 279707 Email: glen1971@hotmail.co.uk

Bromley Farm Wellbeing Hub

Bromley Farm Wellbeing Hub is located at 17 Parnell Square. Open to everyone, providing fun, friendly, free and accessible weekly activities, including, Stay & Play, Healthy Cooking Classes, Job Club and Internet Cafe, Friendship Club, Alcohol Recovery Sessions, Young People's Projects, Healthy Lifestyle Workshops and much more.

Telephone: 01260 288422

Email: usman.ashiq@plusdane.co.uk

Buglawton Community Group

The Buglawton Community Group is a local community based voluntary group helping to make Buglawton a safer, more beautiful and cleaner place to live, work and play in. The BCG meets with Residents, Police, Councillors & Housing Association three times a year to address the needs of the community - if you are interested in taking part, times and venues are on the Buglawton Notice Board opposite the Co-operative Food Store.

Telephone: 01260 271103

Email: peterhouldsworth@hotmail.co.uk

Chappell Centre & Village Hall, Mossley

The Chappell Centre is a community facility situated on Leek Rd, Mossley. It provides a Community Lounge, open from Tuesday - Friday and Saturday mornings serving drinks and light refreshments. The Upper Room and the Village Hall next door are used by a wide range of community groups.

Telephone: 01260 281601

Email: manager@chappellcentre.co.uk

www.chappellcentre.co.uk

Cheshire Communicators Club

Cheshire Communicators Club is part of POWERtalk International, an international not-for-profit organisation. For anybody wanting to improve self-confidence and communication speaking/presenting/listening) skills in a friendly supportive group. Meetings are held at the Bulls Head Inn, Congleton on the third Tuesday of each month.

Email: secretary@cheshire.powertalk.org.uk Website: www.cheshire.powertalk.org.uk

Cheshire Community Action

We support anyone over 18 living within Cheshire East. Primarily a signposting and advocacy service, we can also support people to access services that they don't know about or have difficulty managing themselves. Common issues that we support people with include benefits, housing, transport and linking in with social activities.

Telephone: 07901 787272 (Community Agent for Congleton: Alyssa

Baines)

Email: alyssa.baines@cheshireaction.org.uk

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Services

Volunteers with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service help to make a difference by providing educational, informative and practical help. There are fourteen different volunteer areas including home safety, award-winning Post Fire Support Team, road safety and youth work. Download a Volunteer pack or call Claire Bennett, Volunteer Coordinator.

Telephone: 01606 868654

Email: claire.bennett@cheshirefire.gov.uk

Website: www.cheshirefire.gov.uk

Bromley Farm Community Centre and Recreational Park

Edinburgh Road, Congleton





Bromley Farm In Bloom—All Year



Bromley Farm Bingo Every Tuesday Evening Eyes Down from 8pm





Bromley Farm Youth Clubs

Mon 6.30pm—8pm 8-12 years

Wed 6.30pm—9pm 11-18 years

Fri 6.30pm—9pm 11—18 years



Never Too Old To Have Fun (Youth Club for Seniors) Monday & Friday 12.00pm—2.00pm Lunch Available most sessions

Bromley Farm Time Out Group (For those with early onset Alzheimer's & Dementia) Thursday 10.00am—3.00pm Charge Applies

Sunday School During Term Time 3pm—4pm for 7—11 year olds

Best Play Park in Congleton with Adventure Assault Course, toddler play area, picnic benches and floodlit multi use games area

Birthday Party & Meeting Room Hire £5 per hour

Bike Repairs & Refurbished Bikes For Sale

At the heart of the community for over 30 years

To get involved contact us on 01260 279707

Cheshire Marshals

We need volunteer Marshals to steward at local community events. Training is free and volunteers choose which events they support and how often. Hi-Viz clothing, travel expenses and refreshments will be provided. A great opportunity to get out and about to interesting and exciting community events for free.

Telephone: 01260 270908

Email: coordinator@cheshiremarshals.co.uk Website: www.cheshiremarshals.co.uk

Congleton and Macclesfield Advanced Drivers and Riders

We are a local group of volunteers working to make roads safer by raising the standard of driving and riding. We help prepare drivers and motorcyclists for the advanced test. We are affiliated with IAM/RoadSmart; the UK's largest road safety charity.

Telephone: 01260 297321

Email: membershipsec@congletoniam.org.uk

Congleton Community Credit Union

Financial Support for members, plus savings opportunities and loans. Collection point operates in Congleton Library on Saturdays 10:00am to 11:00am. To become a member visit our collection point on Saturday.

Telephone: 07799 887091

Email: denismurphy@tiscali.co.uk

Congleton Community Projects

CCP works with volunteers to ensure that local people can be involved directly with innovative and exciting events and activities in their town in order to create an identity with, and sense of belonging to the place they live in.

Events include Christmas Lights Switch-On, Food and Drink Festival, supporting the Jazz and Blues Festival and arts activities. Interested?

Telephone: 01260 270908

Email: jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org Website: www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

Congleton Dane Probus Club

We are an organisation of retired businessmen who wish to maintain social contact with others who have similar interests. Our regular monthly meetings with guest speakers are held at the Lion and Swan Hotel every 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30am. We organise trips and other activities, snooker, luncheon.

Telephone: 01260 298468 Email: viyer46@gmail.com

Congleton Food4Free

We educate, encourage and inspire residents to think about how food can be grown communally and how residents can grow more of their own food. We identify potential areas of unattended or poorly maintained ground in Congleton to plant them with edibles. Volunteers essential, please come and join us.

Telephone: 01260 275322

Email: olga.whitmore@googlemail.com

Congleton In Bloom

Congleton in Bloom started in 1998 to make Congleton a cleaner, greener place. Congleton in Bloom has won gold status for the town, nationally and regionally but is reliant on volunteers to continue its success. If you enjoy planting, weeding or are keen to improve a green area in Congleton please get involved.

Email: info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk or Congleton in Bloom on Facebook.

Congleton Learning Centre

The Learning Centre is open to all adults to help them to gain new skills and qualifications and to support them with looking for work. We host a Work Club in the Learning Centre as well as from outreach locations across Cheshire East. Just drop in for more info or contact us via the following details.

Telephone: 01260 290682

Email: info@congletonlearningcentre.co.uk

Congleton Lions Club

We support local, national and international causes. As a Lion you would be a member of Lions Club International the world's largest volunteer organisation. Use your talents to make an impact, enjoy social activities, cultivate lasting friendships and gain satisfaction in helping your community.

Telephone: 01260 274758

Email: congletonlions@gmail.com

Website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/congletonuk

Congleton Mini Bus Scheme

Congleton Partnership has secured two mini buses (8 & 15 seater with wheelchair access) available to hire by local voluntary and Charity organisations. We need a pool of volunteer drivers to support organisations so if you would like to help and have a current driving licence, and for info on eligibility to hire, rates etc please get in touch.

Telephone: 01260 270350, Ext. 7

Congleton Railway Station & Canal Tidy Group

A team of volunteers working with the Canal and River Trust and Congleton Town Council to improve the appearance of Congleton Railway Station and canal towpath, to improve access and make these areas attractive to users and visitors. Meet at the Queen's Head Pub car park 4th Thursday every month 10am.

Telephone: 01260 277384 Email: glen1971@hotmail.co.uk

Congleton Sustainability Group

CSG is well known for its award winning Congleton Apple Juice and Ciders made from local apples donated by the community. During 2017 we will launch a micro-hydro generation project at Havannah Weir. The Vale Allotments community project is now growing and with all these projects and others we are creating a more sustainable town.

Telephone: 01260 280047

Email: peteraston@btinternet.com

Website: www.congletonpartnership.co.uk/sustainability

Congleton Young Farmers Club

Congleton YFC is a club not just aimed at farmers but anyone aged 14-30 can attend. Our members are always up for a social, and you don't need to pay a membership fee to come to any of our events.

Telephone: Lizzy 07900 320163, Tom 07738 121862

Email: sarahmillington95@gmail.com

CVS Cheshire East

CVS (Community & Voluntary Services) Cheshire East is a registered charity whose aim is to be valued as the leading support and development organisation for the Voluntary Community & Faith sector of Cheshire East. It provides a wide range of support and services to groups, organisations and volunteers.

Telephone: 01270 763100 Email: enquiries@cvsce.org.uk Website: www.cvsce.org.uk

Friends of Congleton Park

A voluntary community group working with Cheshire East and Congleton Town Councils to develop, look after and promote the park for public enjoyment. We consult on park developments, fundraise, organise and support events. The Friends welcome new members and new ideas. Meeting up to eight times a year, Tuesday evenings.

Telephone: 01260 277384

Email: alken.solutions@ntlworld.com

League of Friends, Macclesfield & Congleton Hospitals

The League of Friends organise fundraising events in order to provide support for patients and staff of Macclesfield and Congleton War Memorial Hospitals by providing equipment for wards and departments. Volunteers always welcome.

Contact: D Murphy

Email: denismurphy@tiscali.co.uk

Mossley Old School

A community centre with two halls available for hire, both for regular use and one-off occasions (kitchen facilities, outside space and a small parking area). It is suitable for children's parties and family events. Regular groups include: a 'before and after' school club; music classes; children's groups; and fitness and dance sessions.

Telephone: 07983 298194

Email: mossleyoldschool@gmail.com

National Women's Register

NWR is for the lively minded woman. Group members organise their own programmes to explore a wide variety of stimulating topics. Meetings are informal and take place in members' homes twice monthly. You'll find a warm welcome whatever your age or personal circumstances.

Email: sylvia@nwrcongleton.org.uk Website: www.nwrcongleton.org.uk

Never Too Old To Have Fun

Fun, laughter and friendship at this youth club for seniors. Activities include darts, table tennis, boules, arts and crafts, advice, quiz, gardening, talks, neighbourhood history, trips and information. Lunch is provided at most sessions and transport is available on request.

Monday and Friday 12-2pm at Bromley Farm Community Centre.

Telephone: 01260 279707 Email: glen1971@hotmail.co.uk

New Life Church

Church community providing a wide range of activities for all ages. Groups for mums & toddlers (Little Angels); Children (Friday's Fab); Teenagers (Rock Solid); Youth/young adults (Maxlife). Mum's well being groups; family support; foodbank; furniture recycling. Nursery Pre-School, Coffee Shop & Bookshop.Jubilee Club (gardening, sewing, crafts, discussion) and Job Club. Confidential Counselling and Pregnancy Crisis Services.

Telephone: 01260 297961 Email: mail@nlchurch.org.uk

Rotary Club of Congleton

We are a very friendly club, who meet weekly to enjoy the company of great friends and good food, to discuss local issues and ways of making our community and the World, a better place to live. Rotarians are fun, friendly and organise great events to raise money for worthy causes.

Telephone: 07778 757150 / 07764 781657

Email: maggiewalker144@btinternet.com/ rodgoodier@btinternet.com

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal raises funds for the Royal British Legion who provide care and support to members of the Armed Forces. Demand for our support continues as Service men and women call on us for emotional, financial and practical help. Contact us for information regarding the poppy appeal or supply of poppy wreaths at any time of the year.

Contact: G.Dolman Telephone: 07826041374

The Old Saw Mill

Located on Back River Street, Congleton, The Old Saw Mill is a community hub designed to bring people together from every walk of life, age group and background. Run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers and skilled staff, our aim is to provide a space where local residents can socialise, laugh and learn new things as well as enjoy good food in good company.

Telephone: 07971 805372

Email: co-op@theoldsawmill.org Facebook: facebook.com/OldSawMill

St. John's Community Centre

Offers the people of Buglawton and beyond a bridge between the community we live in and the facilities & services offered by a range of charities, support agencies, local clubs and the church. We host a wide variety of activities including a school run drop in, luncheon club, craft activities, Jujitsu, Zumba classes and much more.

Telephone: 01260 271103; Mob 07791 704112 Email: peterhouldsworth@hotmail.co.uk

Trefoil Guild, Congleton

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at Dane Valley Scout HQ. Anyone over 18 years who agrees with the aims of Girl Guiding UK, can join Trefoil Guild. We meet monthly in an informal, friendly atmosphere for activities, talks and outings. The Guild can provide support to local leaders of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Contact: Mrs Dorothy Robinson on 01260 275977



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CLASSES & EVENTS - HOMEMADE APPLE JUICE & CIDER

University of the Third Age (U3A), Congleton and District

Congleton U3A is a self-help, educational, sporting and social organisation with over 1,300 semi-retired and retired members. It has over 100 groups, from Astronomy to Wine Appreciation: Bridge to Microsoft Applications; Art to Languages; Golf Coaching to Walking. St John's Ambulance, West Street - Information desk open from 10-12noon Mondays September -December and January -May 10-11am

Email: via the website

Website: www.congletonu3a.org.uk

Women's Institutes, The Cloud Group

With the Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes you will benefit from having your voice heard and making an impact on local and national issues. We offer the opportunity to learn, develop and pass on new skills, make friends, work as a team and have fun with events. The WI offers all kinds of opportunities to all kinds of women.

Bosley WI, Telephone: 01260 223742 Eaton WI, Telephone: 01260 276385 Mossley WI, Telephone: 01260 272439

Timbersbroke WI, Telephone: 01260 275274

For other groups and information, visit the website:

www. cheshirewi.org.uk/wi-list/cloud



St John's Community Centre Buglawton

Many people, young and old have come through the centre since it opened in March 2017- 3000 in just 3 months. Volunteers are the backbone of the centre with over 30 willing volunteers across the team parish, from other local churches and support from local residents.

School-run Drop in Café

Monday to Fridays

8am - 9:30am Free Toast & a drink.



Mornings only during school.

Congleton Big Heart Luncheon Club



Hot meal & pudding Fridays from 12-1:30pm Donation accepted. Free if needed.

Buglawton Community Group

2017 meetings 7:30 -9pm March, July, Nov. Litter picking with primary schools, Buglawton In-Bloom and a forum for local issues

Monthly Social Sequence Dances

1st Saturday most months8:00-10:30pm Small entrance fee Incl. refreshments

Tea-Church - Short public worship services, monthly 2nd Wed 3:30pm but not currently during school holidays - informal, enjoyable and thought-provoking. Sandwich, Cake and Tea are essential!

Other regular & ad-hoc activities include:

Womens Institute, Ju-Jitsu, ZUMBA, Beartown Belles Dance Troupe, Psychological-services, MoveitOrLoseit, Recreational & artistic craft, Police Surgeries, Healthy Eating Courses, I-Tea & Chat, Messy Church, Parish Breakfasts, Wedding Anniversary Celebrations, Children's Parties, etc

Room hire available (hall, kitchen, mezzanine, small room). For more info or if you wish to get involved call: Peter Houldsworth on 01260 271103

HEALTH & SUPPORT

Adullam Homes Housing Association

Is a specialist provider of quality housing and support services. Congleton Single Homeless team offers high quality temporary accommodation with support and guidance, for adults from 16+. It is delivered through a support package targeted to meet the needs of the individual.

Telephone: 01260 294415

Email: CheshireSubstanceRecoveryStaff@adullam.org.uk

Adullam Homes HA - Cheshire East Mental Health / Hospital Discharge

CEMHHDteam@adullamhomes.onmicrosoft.com

Website: www.adullam.org.uk

Carers Trust 4all

Carers Trust 4all is a registered charity providing emotional and practical support for unpaid carers and the people they care for. We offer a wide range of services including flexible breaks for carers, information and advice, support for young carers, End Of Life care and a range of activities and groups.

Telephone: 0333 323 1990

Email: help@carerstrust4all.org.uk

Changing Lanes Cheshire

Changing Lanes provides a recovery support network for people in addiction, their families and the community. We hold weekly support groups which are peer led by like minded people for like minded people.

Wednesday 1pm - 3pm Bromley Farm Wellbeing Hub, 17 Parnell Square, Congleton, CW12 3EQ. Thursday 11am - 1pm New Life Church, CW12 4EY.

Telephone: 07722 385132

Email: changinglanescheshire@mail.com

Congleton First Responders

Congleton First Responders is a voluntary group working on behalf of the North West Ambulance Service, attending emergency medical calls to provide treatment and care before the arrival of an ambulance. New members always welcome. Full training provided. Free British Heart Foundation Heart Start courses available to the community. All ages & ability welcome.

Email: congletonfr@gmail.com Website: www.congletonfr.org.uk Facebook.com/congletonFR

Disability Information Bureau

We provide a range of services to empower disabled people, those with long term health conditions, vulnerable adults and carers to improve their lives and wellbeing. Services include; free, confidential information and advice. Advice on welfare rights and form filling, Computer courses, Computer drop in with adaptive technology. Support into employment, Wheelchair Loans, RADAR keys. Volunteering opportunities

Telephone: 01625 501759 Email: info@dibservices.org.uk Website: www.dibservices.org.uk

East Cheshire Anaphylaxis Support Group

East Cheshire Anaphylaxis Campaign Support Group is an informal group that meets 3 times a year to offer support to those at risk of severe allergy. It caters mainly to families who have a child/children who have been diagnosed with severe allergy. Meetings are held at Macclesfield General Hospital.

Website: www.anaphylaxis.org.uk Email: allergycheshire@aol.co.uk

Home-Start East Cheshire

A voluntary organisation committed to promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under five. Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families in their own homes in times of need.

Telephone: 01625 511611 Email: Info@homestartec.org.uk Website: www.homestartec.org.uk

IACE Information & Advice Cheshire East

IACE are consortium of local charities: Citizens Advice Cheshire East, & North, Disability Information Bureau, Age UK Cheshire East & Cheshire, Cheshire & Deafness Awareness Network. The Central Response Team offer person centred information, support and advice on all aspects of adult social care for anyone, including carers and young people in transition. We help you to resolve issues, make informed choices and access services.

Telephone: 01260 288353 Email: iace@infoadvicce.org.uk Web: www.advicece.org.uk

Macclesfield and Congleton Arthritis Research UK

Arthritis Research UK is leading the fight against arthritis, working to take the pain away for all sufferers and helping people to remain active. Join our enthusiastic local group who have fun in raising money to fund the high quality research.

Telephone: 01625 669677

Email: arthritisresearchuk.mc@gmail.com Website: www.arthritisresearchuk.org.uk

Macclesfield Eye Society

Is an independent Charity, established in 1877. From our resource centre at 15 Queen Victoria Street, Macclesfield we offer support, information and run social groups for visually impaired people in the Macclesfield, Wilmslow, Congleton, Poynton areas. Opens: Tues–Fri, 9.30am-1.30pm.

Telephone: 01625 422602

Macclesfield and District MS Society

We are a very active bunch, offering a wide range of events and activities for anyone affected by MS, including exercise classes, yoga, bowls and a monthly drop in centre. We also provide advice, information, social events, support and financial assistance.

Telephone: 01625 430933

Email: support@macclesfieldmssociety.org.uk Website: www.mssociety.org.uk/macclesfield

National Blood Service

Blood is something we all expect to be there for us when we need it, yet only 4% of us give blood. More donors are needed in this area. BLOOD DONOR SESSION Town Hall, High Street, CW12 1BN. Monthly sessions from 12.30pm-9.00pm and 5.30pm-7.45pm.

Telephone: 0300 123 23 23

Email: DonorRelations.Cheshire_NW@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Website: www.blood.co.uk

NSPCC, Congleton

The NSPCC protects children across the UK. We run a wide range of services for both children and adults, including national helplines and local projects. The Congleton NSPCC fundraising committee aims to support this very valuable work by holding various fundraising events throughout the year. New ideas, helpers and support are always welcome

Telephone: 01260 291796

Email: jennifermarystone@gmail.com

Raynauds & Scleroderma Association

Raynauds & Scleroderma Association (RSA) supports those affected by these rheumatic conditions. In Raynaud's, cold temperatures reduce blood flow to hands, making them white, numb and painful. Freephone 0800 9172494 for an information pack or email for advice.

Telephone: 01270 872776 Email: info@raynauds.org.uk Website: www.raynauds.org.uk

Retirement Rescue CIC

Retirement Rescue specialises in knowing and giving guidance on the problems occurring in retirement and the latter part of our lives. We have been established from a passion for helping and supporting the older community. Ring or email for a preliminary chat. This is a FREE service.

Telephone: 07748 637750 / 07748 637750 Email: bob@retirementrescue.co.uk

St. John Ambulance

St. John Ambulance provides an effective and efficient charitable first aid service to local communities, First Aid training and products and encourages personal development for people of all ages through training and membership.

Adults: 7.30pm-9.30pm on Tuesday evenings.

Cadets (10-18): Monday evenings at 7.00pm-8.30pm.

Email: north-west-events@sja.org.uk Website: www.member.sja.org.uk

Stroke Association - Info, Advice and Support Service

If you or someone you care about has had a stroke, our service can provide practical advice, essential information and emotional support. We will work closely with you to make sure your needs are met as you return to life after stroke.

Telephone: 01625 612044 Website: stroke.org.uk

SWaNS -CIC Supporting Wellbeing & Nurturing Strength

Is based across Cheshire East and provides emotional education and support to young people and adults. We offer emotional education training, mental health and wellbeing support to organisations and individuals. Support includes peer mentoring, emotional resilience, basic counselling skills and positive self talk. We offer counselling and bespoke training courses.

Telephone: 07805 793423

Email: clare@swanscic.org or admin@swanscic.org

Talking Newspaper- Congleton

Congleton Talking Newspaper is a voluntary organisation giving visually impaired people the Congleton Chronicle on tape each week. Four teams work on a four week cycle. Each team consists of an editor, four readers, three copiers, three preparation and one technical. CTN also has a listener liaison team and an admin committee.

Telephone: 01260 274891 / 01260 2748345

Email: astcfp@tesco.net

The Dove Service

The Dove Service is running a bereavement support group at the United Reform Church, Antrobus Street, Congleton, CW12 1HE. A chance to talk, share and just sit and listen. Group meetings take place in a safe and confidential environment.

Meets Wednesdays (fortnightly): 10.00–11.30am.

Telephone: 01782 683155

Email: enquiries@thedoveservice.org.uk

VIP - Visually Impaired People's Club, Congleton

A social group for adults affected by sight loss. Come along to our friendly group to meet others affected by sight loss, for fun, information and a chat. Our programme of activities includes games, talks, quizzes and occasional outings. There is a small charge which includes a light tea.

Meets alternate Wednesdays 2pm-4pm at New Life Community Centre, West Road, Congleton.

Telephone: 01625 422602

Email: helen@maccelsfieldeyesociety.org.uk



Ruby's Fund is a fully inclusive sensory centre and social cafe for all children and young people, especially those with disabilities and additional needs. Our facilities include a café, disabled changing room with hoist, sensory room, play and activity areas. We also have a brand new Siblings and Young Carers Room, based on the first floor.

We run a varied timetable of events and activities to provide recreational, relaxation and educational activities but primarily friendship and fun. Our most popular sessions include Lego club, family socials, carers coffee mornings and open play sessions.

More information about Ruby's Fund and the timetable can be found on our website.

If you are interested in volunteering opportunities or would like to support us by organising a fundraising event please check the volunteers page on the website.

Contact: Alison Parr Telephone: 01260 277666 Email: info@rubysfund.co.uk Website: www.rubysfund.co.uk

ACTIVE CONGLETON

Astbury Mere Country Park

Astbury Mere Trust manages Astbury Mere Country Park, 40 acres of open space on the outskirts of the town. We provide free facilities for people who enjoy the outdoors and a pleasant, wildlife-friendly day out.

Telephone: 01260 297237

Email: astbury@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Website: www.astburymerecountrypark.uk

Congleton Amateur Swimming Club

CASC has a long history of teaching children to swim in a relaxed and non-competitive environment, encouraging participation, enjoyment and safety in the water for swimmers of all abilities.

Tuesday term time at Congleton Leisure Centre.

7-18 years: 6.30-8.15pm; Adults: 8.15-9pm

Email: congletonasc@talktalk.net

Website: www.congletonasc.wordpress.com

Congleton Badminton Club

Congleton Badminton Club welcomes all players but particularly those interested in playing competitive badminton. Our match night is on Sunday evening 7-10pm at Biddulph Leisure Centre. A junior club meets Wednesdays 4.30-6.00pm at Congleton Leisure Centre and offers coaching to children and young people aged 8-18 years.

Telephone: 01260 277624 Email: mandjdoe@gmail.com

Congleton Cricket Club

We are based in Booth Street, play senior cricket in the Cheshire County League and run junior teams, ages under 9s to under 18s. Any abilities welcome. We offer a fun, family environment and our club is at the heart of the Congleton community.

Telephone: 07592 432513

Email: guy.baxendale@googlemail.com Website: congletonplay-cricket.com

Congleton Cycling Campaign

To encourage people to use bicycles for local transport. Produced a cycle network map showing the easiest routes through town, instigated signage to cross-town routes to avoid busy roads. We press the relevant authorities to provide better cycle parking and facilities, plan confidence courses to encourage older people back on their bikes, plus training for children.

Telephone: 01260 272277 Email: peter@thehowty.co.uk

Website: www.congletoncycling.co.uk

Congleton Cycling Club

Congleton Cycling Club is a traditional cycling club. We have a club ride every Sunday and on the third Saturday of each month. We have an evening time trial programme throughout the summer, and our members take part in tours and longer day rides. We would welcome any new members.

Telephone: 01270 765510

Email: members@congletoncyclingclub.org.uk Website: www.congletoncyclingclub.org.uk

Congleton & District Conservation Volunteers

Is a nature conservation group providing a resource to help maintain local habitats and support wildlife. If you enjoy being outside and are interested in supporting the diversity of our natural landscape and keeping traditional skills going, come and join us. For information see our website.

Telephone: 07999 562355 Website: www.c&dcv.org.uk

Congleton Harriers

Is the meeting place for anyone interested in running. We have 100 members of all ages, & experience and we run across all types of terrain, road, trail, cross-country and fell. Members enter local races each year and marathons. Teams enter the local cross-country league. We also organise great social weekends in UK and Europe.

Email: enquires@congleton-harriers.co.uk Website: www.congleton-harriers.co.uk

Congleton Lawn Tennis Club

Beginner, returner to the game or regular tennis player. Junior, adult or senior citizen. We have tennis opportunities for all. Beginner, intermediate and advanced coaching sessions. Club sessions. Competitive league tennis. Junior club night and coaching. Daytime and evening sessions.

Telephone: 01260 277624 Email: mandjdoe@gmail.com

Website: www.congletontennis.co.uk

Congleton & District Motorcycle Club

A long established club with off road & road riders. We run off road trials events quarterly from national to club level. Members ride in events in UK and abroad, have rides out and run a checkpoint on the annual National Rally. All types of motorcycles used, classic to modern. No joining fee. Meet 1st Tuesday of the month, The Horseshoe Inn, Newbold Astbury 8.00pm.

Telephone: 01260 273068

Email: mail@ebeechjoinery.co,uk

Congleton Ramblers

Take part in our regular programme of guided walks with up to 4 walks per week from 4 to 15 miles, ranging from leisurely to more challenging. Explore the wonderful countryside of the Peak District, Cheshire, Staffordshire Moorlands and further afield. Our programme can be found on the Ramblers Website.

Email: ramblerscongleton@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.congletonramblers.org.uk

Congleton Rovers FC

Is a Charter Standard Club based at Congleton High School. We run teams drom U7s-U18s who play in the Mid-Cheshire Youth League and Open Age in Staffordshire Senior League. We also enter other County Cups ad Competitions and various tournaments. For more information visit the website

Website: www.congletonrovers.co.uk

Congleton RUFC and Bears

The Bears is for boys ϑ girls ϑ offers teams from Under 7s - Under 18s. Plus two senior sides, a veteran's team plus Mini and Junior Sections, Under 8s - non contact tag. The club provides a rewarding ϑ enjoyable experience for players, parents ϑ coaches. We play Sundays, 10.30am September to May on Hankinson's Field, Congleton Park ϑ Back Lane.

Telephone: 07479 530770

Website: pitcher.com/clubs/congleton

Dane Valley Swimming Club

We offer a Learn to Swim programme which lets swimmers grow to the best of their ability with the support of dedicated and qualified swimming teachers and coaches. As a competitive swimming club, we have teams in both the Arena and Crusader leagues and have swimmers at both county and regional level.

Email: secretary@danevalleyswimming.org Website: www.danevalleyswimming.org

Mossley Cricket Club

Mossley Cricket Club is based off Moss Road. We have 3 senior and 8 junior cricket teams. New members are always welcome. The 8 junior sides range from under nine's to under 18's age groups. All junior sides have experienced coaches to develop their skills.

Contact: Adrian Austin Email: banter007@sky.com

Muay Thai Boxing

We have a fully equipped gym with heavy bags, Thai pads and a full size boxing ring. Training sessions and classes available for men, women, beginners, intermediates, seniors and fighters. With an U17s class on Sundays. Just turn up and take a look.

Address: Unit 2, Hancock Rd, off Havannah St, Congleton

Website: www.ultimateboxing.net

Tsuki no Kokoro Ju Jitsu

Small, friendly ju jitsu club, St. John's Church Hall, Buglawton, age 4 to adult. No upper age limit!

Classes: Tuesday and Wednesday nights. For times and details, see website. All instructors hold Black belts, first aid qualifications and DBS clearance. The Club teaches Ju Jitsu, Judo, self-defence and personal safety. Students are encouraged to work towards Lions Youth Volunteer Service & Duke of Edinburgh awards.

For more details, call on numbers below or check Facebook!

Telephone: 01260 275136 or 07966 192421

Vale Juniors FC (Congleton)

Welcome to the Vale Juniors FC our aim is to promote and encourage participation in junior / children / youth football, for boys and girls from the Congleton / Cheshire area, and to use this as the basis to promote community, lasting friendships and also health, well being and personal growth.

Telephone: 01260 274351

Email: peterproudman@icloud.com Website: www.valejuniorsfc.co.uk

Warrior Marshal Arts

Brazilan JiuJitsu, kickboxing. Little Warriors, 4-6 years and Junior Warriors 7-12 years, plus boxing for beginners 10+. For more information visit the website.

Telephone: 07964 474493

Website: warrior.congleton@yahoo.co.uk

ARTS & CULTURE

Bath House - Congleton Building Preservation Trust

A community charity which has restored/preserved Congleton Bath House which was built around 1800. A Physic Garden with a wide range of medicinal plants has been created and work continues to develop the site for community/ educational use. Volunteers can join us on Mondays 10am-1pm. Located on Cole Hill Bank, Congleton, CW12 3AD.

Email: congletonbpt@hotmail.com

Website: www.congletonbpt.wordpress.com

Beartown Patchwork and Quilters

We are an active and friendly group of patchwork and quilters of all ages and abilities. The group meets twice a month on a Tuesday evening between 8 and 10 pm in the Dane Valley Scout Group Hut, Rope Walk, Congleton. Our programme includes talks, demonstrations, group challenges and trips. Guests very welcome.

Telephone: 07534 166744

Email: pandquilt2017@gmail.com

Congleton Choral Society

Do you enjoy singing? We do, and we are always on the lookout for enthusiastic people to join our choir. If you can sing in tune and have some basic musical knowledge come along to a few rehearsals on Monday evenings, usually during school term times, from 7:30 - 9:45 at Trinity Church, Wagg St. We perform three or four concerts a year.

Telephone: 01260 272751

We b site: www.congleton choral society.org.uk

Congleton Family History Society of Cheshire

Family History Society of Cheshire is an educational charity whose aim is to advance the education of the public in the study of Family History. We have over 2000 members and meet at 15 locations across Cheshire. Congleton Group meets in the Congleton Library each month. See our Website.

Telephone: 01625 426173 Email: congleton@fhsc.org.uk Website: www.fhsc.org.uk

Congleton History Society

First established in the town to publish Stephens History of Congleton in 1972. Congleton related talks are held downstairs in the Library Meeting Room every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, except June, July and August. All welcome.

Contact: Linda Hulse Telephone: 01260 274736

Email: linda.hulse@btinternet.com

Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival Group

Congleton's annual popular Jazz and Blues Festival is held every August Bank Holiday in Congleton town centre. It is organised by a team of volunteers. More help is always needed with various tasks including marketing, programme distribution and support on the day. If you are interested in getting involved please get in touch.

Telephone: 07765 604595

Email: vince.cutliffe@btinternet.com

Congleton Museum

Are you passionate about heritage? Would you like to find out more about Congleton's past and share it with others? Congleton museum has a wealth of objects, images and documents about the town and its people. By volunteering with us you will be making a positive contribution to securing the future of the town's heritage.

Telephone: 01260 276360

Email: info@congletonmuseum.co.uk Website: www.congletonmuseumco.uk

Congleton Musical Theatre

CMT is Congleton's oldest amateur theatrical society aiming to produce musical shows at Daneside Theatre of the highest standards and appealing to a wide range of audiences. If you are interested in joining us we rehearse twice a week and our shows are in October. Please contact our secretary!

Telephone: 07795 552642 Email: cmt.infodesk@gmail.com

Congleton Pantomime

Congleton Pantomime provides an opportunity for adults and children over eleven to take part in a traditional pantomime. The fun-packed, affordable Pantomime is in January at Daneside Theatre, Congleton. Auditions July, rehearsals start in September. If you would like to attend the auditions please get in touch.

Telephone: 01260 274399

Congleton Players Amateur Theatre Club

Congleton Players stage three plays a year with open auditions. Join up and receive newsletters, make friends and expand your knowledge of the theatre. Whatever your interest in theatre, you can be assured of a warm welcome from Congleton Players - Please get in touch!

Telephone: 01260 272405

Website: www.congletonplayers.com

Congleton Writers' Forum

Our remit is to improve our writing (poetry or prose) in an informal but structured environment. We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm at Astbury Mere Visitor's Centre. Members run workshops on a variety of subjects and we invite guest authors and host 'critic nights and read arounds of our own work and favourites.

Telephone: 07530 512842

Email: crowstalon@hotmail.co.uk

Electric Picture House Artists Co-operative

Congleton's contemporary art hub, with affordable artists' studios, exhibition and workshop space. We are involved in many community arts projects and hold regular art exhibitions, studio theatre productions, music events and workshops. Childrens' Art workshops: Saturday 2-4pm; Adult workshops: Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm.

Telephone: 01260 270908

Email electricpicturehouse@gmail.com Website www.electricpicturehouse.com

Jo-Anne Bayley School of Dance

Classes taught in our fully equipped dance studios in Elizabeth Mill, Worrall St - ballet, tap, disco, jazz, street dance, contemporary, musical theatre and fitness class and a Mums and Tots class.

Telephone: 07812 997183

For more information, find us on Facebook.

Louise Carter School of Dance

Dance school for age 3 upwards. Lessons available in ballet, modern and tap. Associated to ISTD examination board.

Adult lessons also available: beginners tap, advanced tap and ballet. Lessons conducted at Mossley Old School and Daneside Theatre Rehearsal rooms throughout the week. Teachers and helpers fully insured, DBS checked and fully qualified.

Telephone: 01260 290050 Email: ccarter6@sky.com

Nomads Amateur Theatre Company

An amateur theatre company using experienced and talented personnel to put on high standard productions at the Daneside Theatre, approximately once a year. We aim to attract adult audiences only and do not do musicals, dance or youth productions.

Contact: Lesley Lee

Telephone: 01260 274230 Email: l-lee5@sky.com

Tempus: Archaeology and Metal Detecting group

Tempus were formed to offer Metal Detecting and Archaeology enthusiasts who wish to pursue their hobby of finding interesting historical objects. We share an interest in history and like to meet and discuss our finds and experiences. Tempus hold monthly meetings at the Church House Pub in Buglawton, Congleton, Cheshire.

Telephone: 07805 688610

Email: Sadler_dave@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.tempusmetaldetecting.co.uk

Trinity Amateur Operatic Society

We are a local society who provide one show a year in the Spring. Rehearsals run from November to March and are twice weekly. New members are always welcome whether acting, back-stage or front of house. We run social and fundraising events throughout the year which help to establish a real sense of camaraderie and friendship among our members.

Telephone: 07813 592587

Email: jayneyholford@gmail.com

YOUNG PEOPLE

Air Cadets, 230 (Congleton)

Is a youth organisation for girls ϑ boys, 12 - 17 years of age. Activities include flying ϑ gliding, sports, camping, fieldcraft exercises, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, visits to RAF stations, projects ϑ community work as well as learning several aeronautical subjects. Parade nights: Wed ϑ Friday evenings from 7.15 to 9.45pm. For more info visit Rope Walk or phone SHQ on any parade night.

Telephone: 01260 299882

Email: oc.230@aircadets.org web: www.atc-230tigers.co.uk

Bromley Farm Youth Club

Three weekly youth clubs offering pool, table tennis, computer consoles, outdoor sports, games area, board games, tuck shop, cooking, trips, residentials, community projects, Duke of Edinburgh and Lions awards schemes and volunteering.

Monday: 6.30pm-8pm, 8-12 years; Wednesday: 6.30-9pm, 11-18 years;

Friday: 6.30-9pm, 11-18 years.

Telephone: 01260 279707 Email: glen1971@hotmail.co.uk

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Services Cadets

Fire Cadets is a scheme providing 12-17 year olds with an insight into working within a uniformed service. Cadets take part in structured activities each week at local fire stations. Activities include firefighting activities, local community events, as well as regional and national events and competitions including cadet camp.

Telephone: 01606 868427

Email: vicky.wrest@cheshirefire.gov.uk

Web: www.cheshirefire.gov.uk

Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre

CAYT was set up in 1990 and it now runs with an elected committee putting on a number of different shows each year. We have a membership of about 45 members ranging from 9-21 years all from the surrounding area. Shows performed by the group are for a family audience. We meet Sunday afternoons at Trinity Church Hall, Waggs Road.

Telephone: 01260 277502

Congleton District Youth in Action

A registered charity working with children and young people with additional needs (learning difficulties, physical difficulties), those from disadvantaged backgrounds and their siblings. Activities include trips, sport, arts, cookery, summer playscheme. Volunteers wanted. 5-18 years monthly activities, August playscheme. 18-30 years Tuesday evening fortnightly.

Telephone: 07745 751173 Email: youthinaction@live.co.uk

Congleton and Macclesfield Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

We offer 6 to 25-year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others to make a positive impact in communities. Scouting can help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.

- 1st Buglawton: 01260 274073, lis.taylor@tiscali.co.uk
- 1st Congleton: 01260 274994
- 6th Congleton/West Heath: 01260 271647;
 Email: 6thcongleton.scoutgroup@gmail.com
- Dane Valley: 01782 518230, info@danevalleyscoutgroup.org.uk
- 1st Mossley: scott_cm@btinternet.com

Congleton Youth Forum

The Youth Forum is part of the Congleton Partnership. It is made up of youth focussed organisations in the town, local high schools and local Cheshire Police. The purpose is to look at what is on offer for young people. To look for new opportunities for young people, and to work together to better meet their needs and requests.

Telephone: 01260 279707 / 07964 808200

Email: glen1971@hotmail.co.uk / gphayes@hotmail.co.uk

Congleton Youth Orchestra

Comprises a senior orchestra, intermediate woodwind and string orchestra, training groups for beginners. Rehearsals every Saturday during term time 9am - 12.15pm. Concerts are performed at the end of each term, usually in Congleton Town Hall. Membership £25 per term, ages 7–25 years.

Telephone: 01260 278843

Email: helenchappel@btinternet.com

Website: www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org.uk

Friends for Leisure

We help young disabled people (5 - 21) enjoy friendship and leisure with holiday programmes, one-to-one friendships and regular activities - youth groups, bowling and drama. This means that our young people can attend community activities e.g. sports classes, or something less formal like going for a coffee. Congleton's two groups meet every other Thursday.

Telephone: 01260 275333

Email: info@friendsforleisure.org.uk
Website: www.friendsforleisure.org.uk
f: www.facebook.com/friends.for.leisure

Girlguiding Congleton

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them a chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. Adult volunteers welcome.

Telephone: 01260 272637

Email: dorothy.dentith@gmail.com

Website: www.girlguidingcheshireborder.org.uk

Girl Guides, West District, Congleton Email: valbridge@btopenworld.com

Website: www.girlguidingcheshireborder.org.uk

Maxlife - New Life Church Youth

MaxLife is a group for young people age 14 and above! Explore themes of life, socialise, music, games, sports, films, cook and eat, join in, chat... A safe place to hang out, FREE! Friday night 8:00-9:30pm, New Life Church.

Telephone: 01260 297961

Email: Jeff.cutts@nlchurch.org.uk

Website: www.nlchurch.org.uk/church/youth/max-life

Rock Solid - New Life Church Youth

Friday nights during school term time, Rock Solid is a fast-paced and funfilled youth group for young people in school years 7-9. A safe place to have fun and it's FREE!

Friday nights 7:00-8:30pm.

Friends - Games - Laughs - Chat room - Tuckshop - Trips.

Telephone: 01260 297961

Email: Sue.wood@nlchurch.org.uk

Website: http://www.nlchurch.org.uk/church/youth/rock-solid

SOL Theatre School

A two week summer school held in August for up to 49 children age 8-18. We rehearse, build set, make costumes and props and finally perform a musical in the two weeks, all at the Daneside Theatre in Congleton. Auditions are held in April.

Telephone: 01260 290050 Email: ccarter6@sky.com

Spotlights Glee Club

Spotlights Glee Club is an introductory theatre club in Congleton for children aged 4-11. Established in 2012, Glee Club encourages children to perform and grow their confidence by learning basic theatre skills and putting on an informal show at the end of each term. 4-7 class: 4.15pm-5.00pm; 8-11 class: 5.00pm-5.45pm. Only £6 per week.

Telephone: 07821 489656

Website: www.facebook.com/spotlightsgleeclub

Visyon

Visyon promotes wellbeing and offers emotional support to children and young people. We offer one to one counselling. Counselling in schools. Email and online counselling. Phone support and guidance to young people, families and professionals. Support to parents and carers. Group work and creative space activities. Training workshops and counselling for adults

Telephone: 01260 290000 Email: enquiries@visyon.org.uk Website: www.visyon.org.uk

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