

# Disabled Children's Service – Short Breaks Service



## Newsletter 22nd September 2021

#### Halton Carers Centre Coffee Group:

The Widnes Coffee Group is returning on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Call 01928 580182 to book. You can check out the other groups on their Facebook page or website https://haltoncarers.co.uk/our-services/support-groups/



#### MAX CARDS

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to issue Max Cards at this time. When we receive further information we will let everyone know and update this on the Halton Local Offer.

Just a bit of information for those who are not sure what a Max Card is...

The Max Card is a discount card for families of disabled children aged 0-18 years that can be used at various leisure and holiday activities (zoos, castles etc) across Britain.

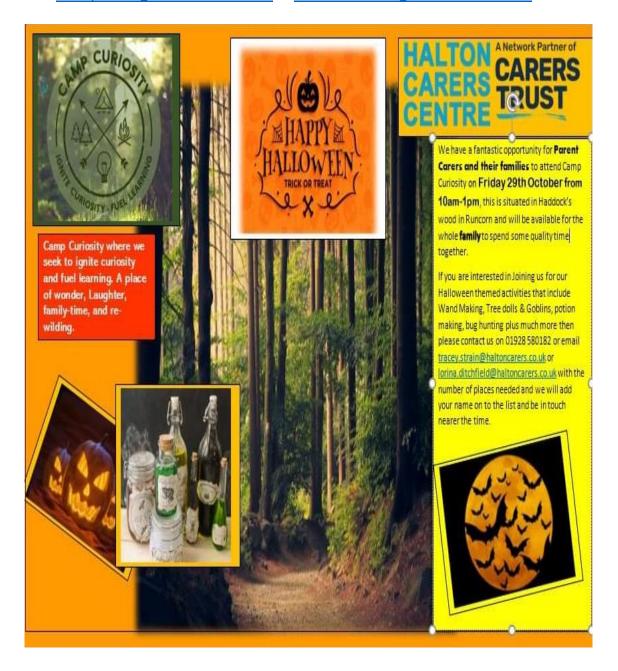
Halton has registered with this national scheme in the hope that some activities may be more affordable for families. They are usually available from Halton's Disabled

Please see the website for further details - http://www.mymaxcard.co.uk/

Children Service at DCS@halton.gov.uk or call 0151 420 7767.

## **Halton Carers Centre Halloween Party:**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10-1 in Haddock's Wood, Runcorn. Contact 01928 580182 or email tracey.strain@haltoncarers.co.uk or lorina.ditchfield@haltoncarers.co.uk to book

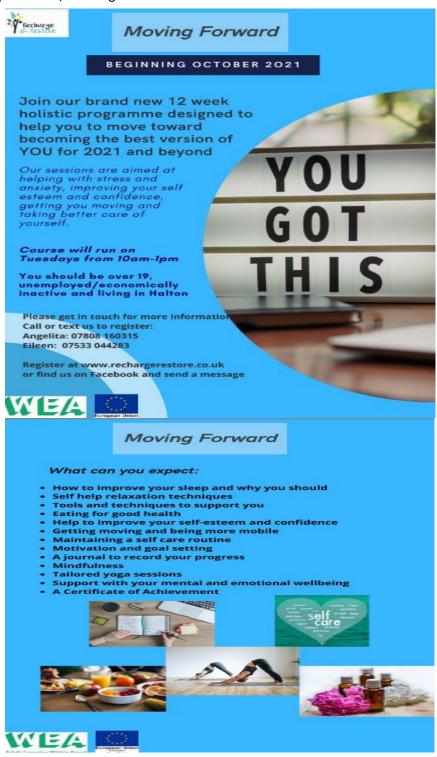


### Recharge and Restore CIC

Recharge and Restore are running a Moving Forward programme:

The course is 12 weeks long and will cover a wide range of things designed to help you with confidence, self-esteem, self-care and to improve your wellbeing.

You need to be aged 19+, unemployed or economically inactive and living in Halton. If you are interested please call/text Angelita: 07808 160315 or Eileen: 07533 044283



## **❖** A message from CONTACT:

Almost one in three parents of disabled children expects their financial situation to get worse over the next 12 months. A combination of the economic fallout from the pandemic, months of shielding and the difficulties of juggling care and working make families worry for the future. For those parents who claim <u>Universal Credit</u>, many are worried about <u>the reduction in the benefit of £20 a week of the benefit</u> due to happen at the end of the month. 80% say this is the reason they are most worried about their finances. If you are worried about how the cut to the £20 Universal Credit uplift might affect you, please seek advice by <u>visiting our webpage</u> or calling <u>our specialist helpline</u> (0808 808 3555).

If you haven't already, subscribe to <u>our other email newsletters</u> or <u>get your free copy of</u> <u>our Helpful guide for families with disabled children</u> straight to your letterbox.

This newsletter provides general information and resources, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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