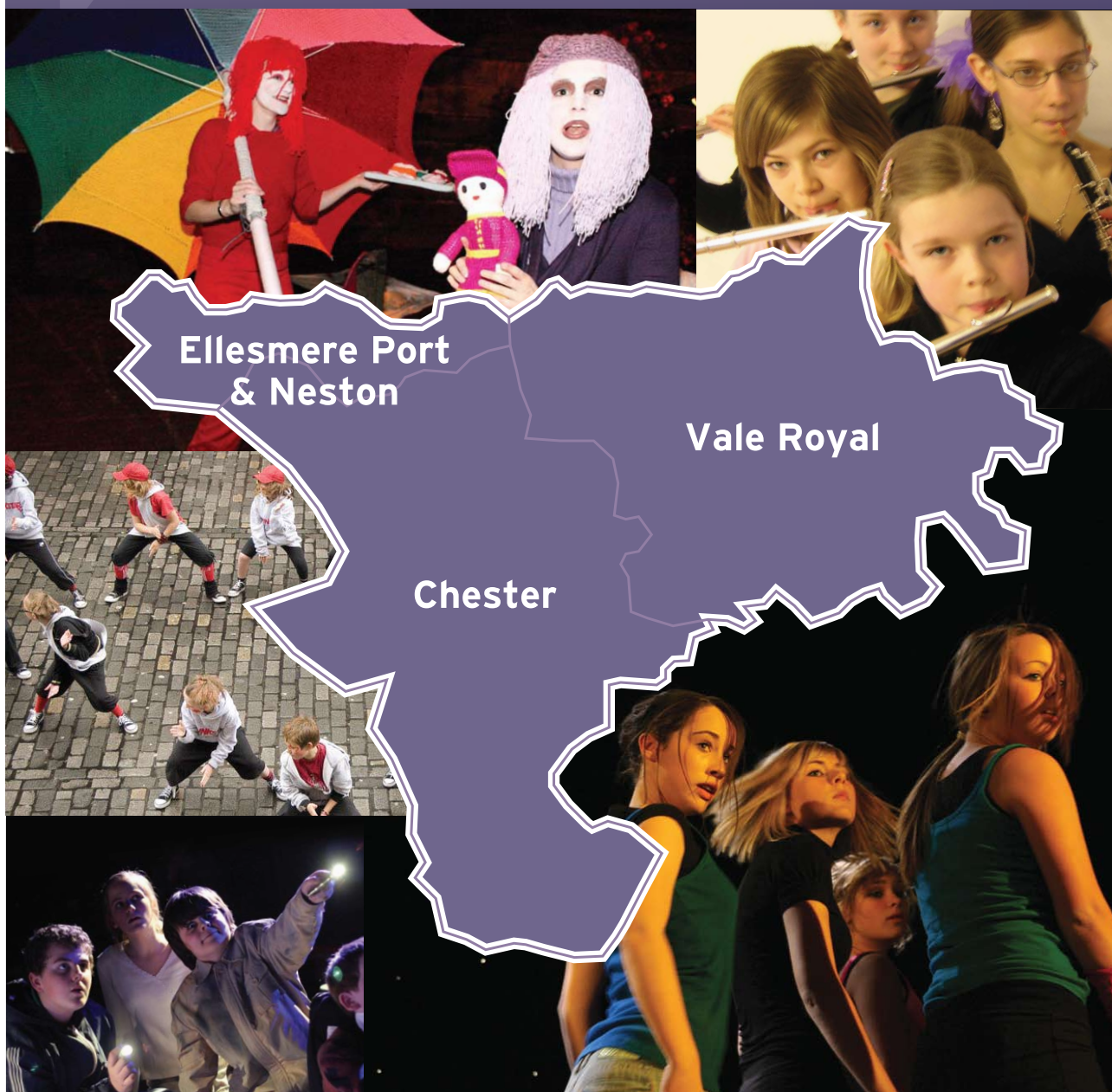


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# Youth Arts Audit 2008

Audit of Youth Arts Projects in West Cheshire including districts of Chester, Ellesmere Port & Neston and Vale Royal



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# **YOUTH ARTS AUDIT: WEST CHESHIRE AND CHESTER: INCLUDING DISTRICTS OF CHESTER, ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON AND VALE ROYAL 2008**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This document details Youth arts activity and organisations in West Cheshire and Chester is presented in this document on a district-by-district basis. This project is part of a wider pan Cheshire audit of youth arts including; a separate document also for East Cheshire, a sub-regional and county wide audit in Cheshire as well as a report analysis recommendations for youth arts for the future. This also precedes the new structure of Cheshire's two county unitary authorities following LGR into East and West Cheshire and Chester, which will come into being in April 2009

An audit of this kind will never be fully accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date. Some data will be out-of-date or incorrect as soon as it's printed or written, and we apologise for any errors or omissions. The youth arts audit aims to produce a snapshot of the activity that takes place in West Cheshire provided by the many arts, culture and youth organisations based in the county in the spring and summer of 2008– we hope it is a fair and balanced picture, giving a reasonable impression of the scale and scope of youth arts activities, organisations and opportunities – but it is not entirely exhaustive and does not claim to be.

The audit has not exclusively captured information about arts activity for teenagers or 13-25 year olds generally who might be considered to be young people by definition. We have also chosen to include some information about work and services with young children also and also projects with children and young people with parents/families and communities or intergenerational work as today's children are tomorrows young people and often this work is difficult to solely define by age participation.

Some areas of activity, such as well established statutory bodies voluntary cultural organisations, amateur groups and private commercial organisations i.e. Arts Council funded organisations, stage schools, music venues etc, are much better documented than others so these have been well represented. Areas of youth arts activity such as regular amateur youth theatres and choirs and some freelance arts workers are relatively easy to capture as they belong to lead body art form organisations, and are listed in directories and increasingly have their own websites.

There is also a wealth of excellent community directories in Cheshire that now document a wide range of events and activities in the county as well as providing on-line directories and databases for arts and youth organisations in Cheshire, which will enable easy tracking of future research and has been invaluable to this youth arts audit:

[www.cheshire.gov.uk/libraries/teenspace](http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/libraries/teenspace)  
[www.connexions/stufftodoincheshire.com](http://www.connexions/stufftodoincheshire.com)  
[www.help4me.info/cheshire](http://www.help4me.info/cheshire)

Also four National General search websites:

- [UpMyStreet](#) (external link) Useful site shows Clubs and Associations, listed by distance from postcode or place name.
- [Yell.com](#) (external link) Yellow Pages Online. Page linked to shows Categories from Arts & Crafts, Clubs, Dancing through to Toys and Games.
- [Thompson Local](#) (external link) Thompson Local Online. List Sports and Recreation Categories in the area, including Angling, Clubs & Societies as well as a lot of sport activities/clubs.
- <http://www.kidsguide.co.uk/index.htm>

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the audit through our research interviews and supplying information and further contacts. The audit would not have been as informative or broad without your assistance.

The East Cheshire and Chester and Countywide audits along with an accompanying report, summarising the findings of the audit are available from Chester performs website:  
[www.chesterperforms.com](http://www.chesterperforms.com)

***Because of Data Protection compliance, individuals have only been listed where the information is publicly available such as through advertising in publicly accessible sources.***

# **WEST CHESHIRE AND CHESTER DISTRICT YOUTH ARTS AUDIT**

## **CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER**

Cheshire West and Chester will replace the current two-tier system of local government, by bringing together the councils of Ellesmere Port and Neston, Chester, Vale Royal and Cheshire County Council. Residents will gain access to all council services through one approachable and responsive organisation. The new Council will be the fourth largest authority in the North West giving it a powerful strategic voice in the UK and enabling it to drive forward initiatives to support the development of its communities.

## **WEST CHESHIRE AND CHESTER COUNCIL**

Chief Executive: Steve Robinson

Leader: Deputy: Chairman: Vice Chairman: Mike Jones, Les Ford, Brian Crowe, Malcolm Byram

Cabinet Members: Children's Services: Arthur Harada; Culture & Recreation: Richard Short

**Website:** [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority Room 51

County Hall

Chester

CH1 1SF

Tel: 01244 975998

Fax: 01244 973009

**Email:** [webmaster@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

## **District and Parish Councils**

### **Chester**

- [Ashton Hayes Parish Council](#)
- [Backford Parish Council](#)
- [Christleton Parish Council](#)
- [Doddleston and District Parish Council](#)
- [Guilden Sutton Parish Council](#)
- [Hargrave & Huxley Parish Councils](#)
- [Lea-by-Backford Parish Council](#)
- [Littleton Parish Council](#)
- [Mickle Trafford & District Parish Council](#)
- [Mollington Parish Council](#)
- [Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council](#)
- [Shocklach Oviatt Parish Council](#)
- [Tarvin Parish Council](#)
- [Tattenhall & District Parish Council](#)
- [Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council](#)
- [Upton-by-Chester & District Parish Council](#)
- [Waverton Parish Council](#)

### **Vale Royal**

- [Acton Bridge Parish Council](#)
- [Antrobus Parish Council](#)
- [Barnton Parish Council](#)
- [Comberbach Parish Council](#)
- [Cuddington Parish Council](#)
- [Darnhall Parish Council](#)
- [Davenham Parish Council](#)
- [Frodsham Town Council](#)

- [Hartford Parish Council](#)
- [Helsby Parish Council](#)
- [Little Leigh Parish Council](#)
- [Lostock Gralam Parish Council](#)
- [Moulton Parish Council](#)
- [Northwich Town Council](#)
- [Tarporley Parish Council](#)
- [Utkinton Parish Council](#)
- [Whitegate and Marton Parish Council](#)
- [Whitley Parish Council](#)
- [Winsford Town Council](#)

More information is available from Lyn Raynor Partnership Officer, Tel: 01244 972370  
 Email: [lyn.raynor@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:lyn.raynor@cheshire.gov.uk)

**POPULATION**

The population of Cheshire West and Chester will be 327,500; comprising Young people aged 0-14 17.5%; 57,400, and 17.6% aged 15-19 year olds 57,800.

**Total children and young people 115,200, 35% of population**

District	0-14	15-29	30-44	45-59	60-74	75+	Total
Chester	19,300	23,300	25,000	23,700	17,900	10,300	119,500
Ellesmere Port and Neston	14,700	14,300	17,400	16,600	12,600	6,400	82,000
Vale Royal	22,800	20,200	28,000	26,800	18,500	9,700	126,000
<b>Cheshire West Total</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>57,800</b>	<b>70,400</b>	<b>67,100</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>26,400</b>	<b>327,500</b>

## CHESTER DISTRICT

### CHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Adrian Sumner: Arts Development Officer email: [a.sumner@chester.gov.uk](mailto:a.sumner@chester.gov.uk)  
 Telephone: 01244 402427  
 Website: [http://www.chester.gov.uk/tourism\\_and\\_leisure/arts\\_and\\_entertainment](http://www.chester.gov.uk/tourism_and_leisure/arts_and_entertainment)

Chester has the longest established arts officer post in Cheshire -17years: Adrian Sumner. There are lots of historic festivals and events in the city, established by the arts and now delivered by events team/officers.

There has been little investment in Arts development budgets which have decreased dramatically over the years, and ACE-NW partnership incomes cease in 2009. This funding prioritized rural arts, public arts and visual arts activity and projects previously. The city council is considered a pro-active and an affluent area, parochial, historic and an international tourist centre. The City Council has a funding Compact in place for projects that meet strategic aims. These include grants over £5 000 for larger, strategic projects and small project grants of £500 - £5 000). There is no specific allocation for arts within these grants but a number of arts projects have been funded. Chester is currently developing a Performing Arts Centre (not scheduled until 2010) which will become a focus for arts activity in the City (see *Chester Performs information*.)

**Arts Council England-North West (ACE-NW) Investment:** Joint Strategic Outcomes 2006 – 2007. Chester City Council made a contribution of £7,953 and ACE,NW added a contribution of £7,953 to this making a total of £15,906 in the Local Arts Strategic Fund for 2006/07

Strategic Outcomes	LASF investment
To increase the tourist economy by enhancing Chester's offer as a Must See European destination by increasing city centre vibrancy, by supporting and developing creative industries, by the employment of artists and by increasing access to, and participation in, the arts	£15,906
Total	£15,906

### ARTS COUNCIL RFO'S CLIENTS BASED IN CHESTER:

#### **CHESTER PERFORMS**

Based in Chester city centre but activity covering the local area of Chester and some Cheshire wide focus for audiences and participants

Website: [www.chesterperforms.com](http://www.chesterperforms.com)

55-57 Watergate Row South, Chester CH1 2LE

Tel - 01244 409113 E-mail – [info@chesterperforms.com](mailto:info@chesterperforms.com)

Director - Andrew Bentley; Project Co-ordinator - Amber Knipe; Project Assistant - Glen Meskell – Strategic Development Officer (Arts & Young People) - Angela Chappell

Chester Performs is a new organisation driving the development of the performing arts in Chester and Cheshire. It is responsible for the development of Chester's new Performing Arts Centre and is a leading producer and promoter of diverse events in and around the city. Due to open in 2011 the centre will be situated in the heart of the city, close to site of the old Chester Gateway Theatre. This fantastic new resource for the city is being designed by acclaimed architects Hopkins, whose

numerous award winning schemes includes Glyndebourne's Opera's re-development and new auditorium. Together with the City Council and Northgate developers ING, Chester Performs is planning a centre of international renown which will be a truly open resource for the city and the region. The centre will be led, not only by a dynamic management team, but also by artists and the community themselves. This will ensure recognition for its work and will encourage local communities to develop interests and careers in the creative industries and will set the centre as a model of good practice in its field.

Over the next few years Chester Performs will be working closely with local, national and international artists to deliver exciting and unusual projects. The organisation is young having started in 2007, but is quickly establishing work relationships across the region, delivering projects from its inception year.

The countywide Strategic Development post for Arts & Young people and Chester Literature Festival officer are also hosted by Chester Performs & the organisation works in partnership with other City Festivals & Cheshire arts organisations.

**Chester Performs Projects 2008:**

**Screen Deva** 9th – 15th June.

A film and digital media happening for Chester!

**Roam the Rows** 9th – 10th August.

A major summer spectacle for all the family on Chester's Rows

**Up the Wall** 2nd - 4th October.

The return of the hugely successful Up the Wall, this time with a European twist

**New Writing Project** January - October 2008.

A new writing for performance project for young people

**Chester Writing Project Performance** - A Million Shades of Pink 18th - 19th October.

A script in hand performance of a play written by 11 young, Cheshire writers

**Something Wishful** Friday 12th December.

The spectacular closing celebration for Cheshire's Year of Gardens 2008. Something Wishful is produced by Chester Performs, who are working with Emergency Exit Arts from London and with the Cheshire Year of Gardens team

**Collaborative Projects**

**Garden Lane** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

A Theatre in the Quarter production, delivered in partnership with Chester Performs and Chester Racecourse.

**Performing Arts Network.**

Open to any organisation, school, college, community group or artist working within the performing arts in the region

**Youth Steering Group**

Suitable for ages 11 - 25 FREE. This group targets young people aged 11 to 25 providing them with a chance to get involved, Young people can tell Chester Performs what they think, put their ideas forward and contribute to future development of performing arts activity in Chester.

Contact: [info@chesterperforms.com](mailto:info@chesterperforms.com) Tel: 01244 409113



## **CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS VENUES BASED IN CHESTER:**

**Chester Cathedral:** The Cathedral hosts concerts throughout the year and has exhibition space for visual arts. Cathedral organ recitals are held every Thursday at 1.10pm throughout the year. Organisations performing in the Cathedral include: BBC Philharmonic, The Chester Philharmonic Orchestra, and Chester Summer Music Festival, Chester Music Society, Chester Bach singers, St Werburgh's Symphony Orchestra, and The Chester Mystery Plays. No specific youth arts programme.

Further details of forthcoming events from:

Nicholas Fry; Events Officer, Chester Cathedral Office, 12 Abbey Square, Chester, CH1 2HU,  
Tel: 01244 324756 Email: [fry@chestercathedral.com](mailto:fry@chestercathedral.com) Website: [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)

**The Grosvenor Museum:** The Grosvenor Museum was founded in 1885 and its origins are linked to the start of the Chester Society of Natural Science Literature & Art, founded by Charles Kingsley (the author) in 1871. The museum is redbrick designed by Thomas Meakin Lockwood of Chester and is built with money partly donated by the first Duke of Westminster. The Museum has a gift shop and the museum also has strong community links and an education service. The museum does provide seasonal activities for families and children in its annual programme. Collections description primarily Roman, including an internationally important collection of Roman Stones, and archaeological finds from the surrounding area. The collections also cover Fine Art, Natural History, Local Silver, Period House Room displays & small costume gallery, Timeline gallery. Rolling programme of varying temporary exhibitions. Chester's biggest collection of local and international history. Discover 2000 years of life spread over three floors of a classic 19th century building.

Grosvenor Museum & Shop, 25-27 Grosvenor St, Chester, CH1 2DD  
Tel: 01244 321616 Website: [www.grosvenormuseum.co.uk](http://www.grosvenormuseum.co.uk)

### **Key artists and exhibits**

Louise Rayner ; Charles Kingsley ; Victorian costume ; Edwardian costume ; Delamere Horn ; Agricola lead pig ; Willoughby Gardiner coin collection ; Medieval shoes  
27 Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2DD Tel: 01244 402008  
[http://www.chester.gov.uk/tourism\\_and\\_leisure-1/culture\\_and\\_leisure/grosvenor\\_museum.aspx](http://www.chester.gov.uk/tourism_and_leisure-1/culture_and_leisure/grosvenor_museum.aspx)

## **Libraries**

### **Chester Library**

Chester City Library is based in the centre of the city opposite the cathedral and next to the town hall., as well as the usual facilities that a library offers, Chester library offers activities such as a book group, an under 5's group called Book Crawl, which encourages children to read and to use library facilities including lending books to using PC's.

Chester Library, Northgate Street, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 2EF;  
Tel: 01244 977380  
<http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/Library/library.htm?id=16>

### **Malpas Library**

Bishop Heber High Sc, Malpas, Cheshire,  
SY14 8JD. Tel: 01948 862021

### **Tattenhall Library,**

Park Primary School, Tattenhall, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH3 9AH. Tel: 01829 770769

### **Village Room,**

Community Centre, Meadow Close, Tarvin,  
Cheshire, CH3 8LY. Tel: 01829 740979

### **Bishops High Library,**

Vaughans Lane, Great Boughton, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH3 5XF. Tel: 01244 353048

### **Hoole Library,**

91Hoole Road, Hoole, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH2 3NG. Tel: 01244 347401

### **Upton Library,**

Wealstone Lane, Upton, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH2 1HB. Tel: 01244 973700

### **Lache Library,**

Lache Park Avenue, Lache, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH4 8HR. Tel: 01244 683385

### **Blacon Library,**

Western Avenue, Blacon, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH1 5QY. Tel: 01244 390628

**Great Boughton Library,**  
Green Lane, Vicars Cross, Chester,  
Cheshire, CH3 5LB. Tel: 01244 320709

### **CINEMA'S**

#### **CineWorld Chester**

Cinema with 6-10screens, Chaser Court, Greyhound Retail Park, Chester, CH1 4QQ  
<http://www.cineworld.co.uk> Tel: 0871 200 2000

#### **Chester Film Society - <http://www.chesterfilmfans.co.uk>**

Chester Film Society offers the people of Chester and surrounding areas the chance to see some of the finer films of world cinema in a relaxing and appreciative atmosphere. Performances take place at the Little Theatre, Gloucester Street or at the Steam Mill, Steam Mill Street.  
Tel: 01244 371 750 or 07787 585 937 or 01244 398 707

### **MUSIC VENUES**

#### **Alexander's Jazz Theatre**

Live entertainment venue with a restaurant and licensed bar. Programme includes: Jazz, Blues, Dance, Soul, Poetry, and Comedy. (No children's or young peoples programme or activity specifically). For programme details contact: The Manager, Alexander's Jazz Theatre, 2 Rufus Court, off Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2JW Tel: 01244 340005  
Website: [www.alexanderslive.com/](http://www.alexanderslive.com/)

#### **Telford's Warehouse**

Live entertainment and vibrant hub of later teen's music scene. As well as being the venue for Northern Shout (Youth music initiative) it also has animation evenings and visual media and film evenings.  
Telford's Warehouse, Tower Wharf, Canalside, Chester, CH1 4EZ. Tel: (01244) 390 090  
Website: [www.telfordwarehouse.com](http://www.telfordwarehouse.com)

#### **Chester Zoo**

Has supported previous arts partnerships projects including artists in residency schemes, exhibitions, fairs and Screen Deva – Drive in movies with Chester Performs May 2008  
Chester Zoo, Caughall Rd, Upton, Chester, CH2 1LH  
Tel: 01244 380280 Website: [www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org)

#### **Rural Touring Network –Chester Venues**

Barbour Institute, Tattenhall CH3 9PX - 01829 770516  
Bishop Heber High School SY14 8JD - Chester Road Malpas, SY14 8JD - 01948 860571  
Bolesworth Estate CH3 9HQ 01829 770516/720138  
Capenhurst and Ledsham Village Hall Capenhurst Lane. Mollington Old School Building CH1 6HE - 0151 339 3327  
Kelsall Community Centre, Chester Road CW60SB - 01829 752647  
Mollington & Backford Village Hall CH1 6NT - 01244 851395  
Upton-by-Chester Village Hall Upton, Chester CH2 1HT - 01244 383254

## **VOLUNTARY SECTOR & ARTS ORGANIZATION'S BASED IN CHESTER**

### **Chester Voluntary Action**

Folliott House, 53 Northgate Street, Chester, CH1 2HQ,

Tel: 01244 323 527

Email: [alanchapman@chestercvs.co.uk](mailto:alanchapman@chestercvs.co.uk) or [enquiries@chesterva.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chesterva.org.uk)

Website: [www.chesterva.org.uk](http://www.chesterva.org.uk)

### **Chester Volunteer Centre**

Tel: 01244 316 587

Email: [chestervolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:chestervolunteers@hotmail.com)

### **Youth Federation**

Chester & Wirral

Central office for general enquiries

Tel: 0151 357 1971

Email: [info@youthfed.org](mailto:info@youthfed.org)

Chris Rodger Senior Admin & General Enquiries

### **Deva Flamenco**

24, Mount Pleasant,

Chester, CH4 8BW

Email: [carol@devaflamenco.worldonline.co.uk](mailto:carol@devaflamenco.worldonline.co.uk)

### **Cheshire Artists Network.**

Cheshire Artists Network was established in 2003 as a result of collaboration between P.A.C. (Professional Artists in Cheshire) and Artists @ Work (Cheshire Open Studios scheme). C.A.N. is the new face of P.A.C. which was set up in the mid-90's as a highly active network of professional visual artists living and working in Cheshire.

Adrian Sumner, Arts Development Officer, Chester City Council. Tel. 01244 402427

Email: [a.sumner@chester.gov.uk](mailto:a.sumner@chester.gov.uk) Website: <http://www.c-a-n.co.uk>

### **Chester Theatre Club at Chester Little Theatre.**

Established in 1945 to promote interesting and innovative theatre.

Chester Little Theatre

Gloucester Street,

Newtown,

Chester

CH1 3HR.

Tel: 01244 322674

Website: <http://www.chestertheatreclub.co.uk/>

### **City of Chester Band**

Originating in the early 1850's. Band members come from all walks of life, and the age range runs from 8 to 80!.

Website: <http://www.chesterbrass.co.uk/>

Email: <https://www.chesterbrass.co.uk/contact>

### **The City of Chester Male Voice Choir**

The City of Chester Male Voice Choir was founded in 1941

Currently the choir has a membership of approx. 70 singing and associated members.

Although no specific young persons group exists within the choir they do welcome young people to join the main choir.

E-mail: [mike.heathcote@chestermalevoice.com](mailto:mike.heathcote@chestermalevoice.com)

**Chester Music Society - Youth Choir**

Large mixed voice choir. The Chester Music Society Choir welcomes adults of all ages including students. Rehearsals held at the Queen's School Chester. The Youth Choir takes young people from age 9 to 18. Preludes, it's training Choir, takes children from 7 to 11 years. The age overlap allows them to place children appropriately.

Tel: 01244 300717

Email: [youthinformation@chestermusicsoc.org.uk](mailto:youthinformation@chestermusicsoc.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.cmsweb.plus.com/cms/index.htm>

**The Chester Philharmonic Orchestra**

The Chester Orchestral Society was formed in 1884. The Society's performing arm is the Chester Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO). CPO particularly enjoy working with these young musicians.

E-mail: [support@chesterphilorchestra.co.uk](mailto:support@chesterphilorchestra.co.uk)

**Kelsborrow Choir**

It is a 58-strong mixed voice choir which sings for fun and for charity. Members come from all parts of the Chester Community and are proud of the friendly welcome and fellowship for both young and old alike. Does not have specific youth section but encourages young people to join

E-mail: [alanhibbert@uwclub.net](mailto:alanhibbert@uwclub.net)

## **YOUTH ARTS GROUPS**

### **Youth Dance** – 10 Groups

#### **Aspirations**

07885233182

[aspirations@learntodance.co.uk](mailto:aspirations@learntodance.co.uk)

[www.aspirationsdance.com](http://www.aspirationsdance.com)

#### **B-active**

Hoole, Chester

Ages 5-10 & 11-16

07749 669723

#### **Bayes Ballet**

07801 478 548

[bayesballet@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bayesballet@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Dance Factory**

Broughton, Saltney and surrounding areas

07984 638 428

[vickyhughes@hotmail.com](mailto:vickyhughes@hotmail.com)

#### **Diddi Dance**

07870 664734

[danielle.diddidance@yahoo.com](mailto:danielle.diddidance@yahoo.com)

[www.diddidance.com](http://www.diddidance.com)

#### **Dramania Performing Arts (Dance Group)**

01244 401145

0151 356 8655

[catherine@dramania.org](mailto:catherine@dramania.org)

[www.dramania.org](http://www.dramania.org)

#### **The Glasson School of Dance**

Hawarden and Northop Hall

01244 819918

#### **Northgate Arena**

Keeley streetdance classes

for 6-12 year olds

01244 380444

[admin@cadsart.co.uk](mailto:admin@cadsart.co.uk)

[www.cadsart.co.uk](http://www.cadsart.co.uk)

#### **The Rose School of Dance**

01928 714474

[theredrosedancecentre@sky.com](mailto:theredrosedancecentre@sky.com)

[www.theredrosedancecentre.co.uk](http://www.theredrosedancecentre.co.uk)

#### **Shirley School of Dancing**

Harwarden Ballet, tap stage, modern, disco.

01244 534167

### **Youth Drama and Theatre** – 16 Groups

#### **South Cheshire Ballet & Theatre School**

Hoole, Huntington

07958 477386

#### **Street Moves Dance**

07815 920190

[leanne@streetmoves.co.uk](mailto:leanne@streetmoves.co.uk)

#### **Bruce's School Of Dancing**

Darlington Crescent,

Saughall, CHESTER, CH1 6DB

01244881316

#### **Dance In-Tension School**

New Scene Youth Centre,

Newton Lane, Chester, CH2

07969 835 011

#### **Cutting Edge Drama Club**

Upton Heath Primary School,

Chester

07737 178432

[richardgalensmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:richardgalensmith@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Dramania Performing Arts (Drama Group)**

Boughton

0151 356 8655

[bryan@dramania.org](mailto:bryan@dramania.org)

[www.dramania.org](http://www.dramania.org)

#### **DramaRama**

07754852310

[betheaston\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:betheaston_uk@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **The Forum Studio Theatre**

01244 341296

[www.tiptopproductions.co.uk](http://www.tiptopproductions.co.uk)

#### **Jigsaw Music Theatre**

Acting and singing for 7-17 year olds

07747 110933

#### **Chester Theatre Club (Amateur Dramatics)**

Margaret Bennett,

Secretary 01244 322674

#### **Chester Musicals**

[susan.oldfield@ici.com](mailto:susan.oldfield@ici.com)

#### **Murder to Die For**

<http://www.murdertodiefor.1l.com>

### Youth Drama/Theatre

#### **Murder Mystery Evenings**

[kevin@kevona.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:kevin@kevona.wanadoo.co.uk)  
01244 372993

#### **Cheshire Theatre Guild**

[Ian.Bowden@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:Ian.Bowden@trafford.gov.uk)

#### **Little Thespians**

Queens Park High School  
Chester - 0151 353 0122

#### **Upstage**

Saturday morning at Queens Park High School.  
01244548129

### **Commercial Stage Schools** – 3 Groups

#### **Chester and Wrexham's Schools of Performing Arts: Theatretrain**

Tel 01978 311446  
[chester@theatretrain.co.uk](mailto:chester@theatretrain.co.uk)  
[www.theatretrain.co.uk](http://www.theatretrain.co.uk)

#### **Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**

Chester and the Wirral  
01928 735327  
[chesterwirral@helenogrady.co.uk](mailto:chesterwirral@helenogrady.co.uk)

#### **Stagecoach Theatre Arts**

Chester(Newton)  
01244 316187  
[chester@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:chester@stagecoach.co.uk)

### **Music:** - 14 Groups

#### **Chester Schools Concert Band.**

The Band was founded in October 1985 to give brass and woodwind players in West Cheshire the opportunity of playing a wide variety of music and to develop the band work started in schools. Funded by CCC School Improvement Services  
Website: <http://www.cscb.org.uk/>  
E-mail: [info@cscb.org.uk](mailto:info@cscb.org.uk)

#### **Music Scholar Exchange**

Young music students from Colorado and Cheshire can be heard in concerts at Abbey Gate College, Eaton Park and Nantwich during July  
Tel: 01244 323906

#### **City of Chester Training Band**

Margaret Lindsay,  
Telephone: 01244 402446  
Email: [m.lindsay@chester.gov.uk](mailto:m.lindsay@chester.gov.uk)

#### **Ashgrove Farm Day Nursery**

music and movement sessions.  
01244 680707

#### **Sandymount Education**

01244 372017  
[cormac.bowell@btinternet.com](mailto:cormac.bowell@btinternet.com)

#### **Chester Music Society Youth Choir**

[www.chestermusicsoc.org.uk](http://www.chestermusicsoc.org.uk)  
01606 882007

#### **Sing Out Your Song**

01244 340188

#### **Kelsborrow Choir**

[alanhibbert@uwclub.net](mailto:alanhibbert@uwclub.net)

#### **The Chester Philharmonic Orchestra**

[support@chesterphilorchestra.co.uk](mailto:support@chesterphilorchestra.co.uk)

#### **Chester Music Society(Youth Choir)**

Contact 01244 300717  
[youthinformation@chestermusicsoc.org.uk](mailto:youthinformation@chestermusicsoc.org.uk)  
<http://www.cmsweb.plus.com/cms/index.htm>

#### **The City of Chester Male Voice Choir**

[mike.heathcote@chestermalevoice.com](mailto:mike.heathcote@chestermalevoice.com)

#### **City of ChesterBand**

<http://www.chesterbrass.co.uk/>  
<http://www.chesterbrass.co.uk/contact>

#### **Chester Schools Concert Band**

[info@cscb.org.uk](mailto:info@cscb.org.uk)

#### **Northern Shout,**

20 Oakfield Road,  
Hawarden, Flintshire,  
CH5 3EW  
[MYSACE](http://www.myspace.com/northernshout)

### **Other:** - 3 Groups

#### **Hoole Arts Society**

HARA Centre, Westminster Road, Hoole  
01244 678198

#### **Doodlebugs**

Weekly themed art sessions for pre-schoolers -  
01244 675938 or 07980 929277

#### **Film Making Weekends with the Cutting Edge Drama Club-**

07737 178432 [richardgalensmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:richardgalensmith@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Fun Stations**

Lots of activities, art and crafts, Summer holidays only. 0161 718 0342

[admin@funstations.co.uk](mailto:admin@funstations.co.uk)  
[/www.funstations.co.uk](http://www.funstations.co.uk)  
Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester,CH2 1PR

## **ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**

There is a good programme of annual and sporadic arts festivals in the city of Chester including Chester Mystery Plays (every 4Years), Chester Music Festival, Chester Literature Festival. Most of the festivals have a Youth Arts element, but there hasn't been a specific youth arts festival in the city or any showcases of work for a number of years.

### **Chester Festivals**

Chester Festivals is a new organisation funded by the Chester City Council, Cheshire County Council, Arts Council England North West, and the private sector. Chester Festivals will focus on four main areas through its mission and aims.

These are:

1. Artistic development of the cultural sector in Chester
2. Raising the reputation of Chester and encouraging buy in from domestic and global markets
3. The development of the communities through education and regeneration, and
4. Economic development

Broadly speaking Chester Festivals will work towards these aims by seeking opportunities as an umbrella organisation – encouraging investments in the sector, creating opportunities for their partners and delivering joint marketing opportunities and box office facilities (all of which communicate strategically to the people of Cheshire and Chester and further afield).

More specifically it offers in depth artistic development, sponsorships and marketing assistance and guidance for particular festivals and events, leading to a strengthened events and festivals sector.

Contact details: Sue Harrison

Telephone: 01244 304618

Email: [info@visitchesterandcheshire.co.uk](mailto:info@visitchesterandcheshire.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.chesterfestivals.co.uk/>

### **Chester Watch**

The Chester Watch Group is based at Caldý Nature Park and meets on Tuesday afternoons at half term and in the school holidays. For winter meetings they move up to Caldý Valley Centre but the times are the same - 2 to 4pm.

### **Midsummer/Winter Watch Parades**

First held during the mayoralty of Richard Goodman in 1498, the parades were organised by the City Guilds and took place in the years when the famous Mystery Plays were not performed. After a lapse of 300 years, the Midsummer Watch Parade was revived in 1990. The Giants and Beasts were rebuilt by local schools and community groups and a spectacular new Merchants Mount was re-created. Surviving documentary evidence was used to ensure that the essential character of this unique Parade is as true to the original as possible. Children over 8 years may come to the activities on their own; younger children are most welcome to join but should come with an adult. All activities are very 'hands on'. They explore the natural environment and the different habitats in the park. While the activities are geared to children, the adults often have as much fun as they join in the activities. There is a second chance to see some of the Summer Watch characters as they come together in December for the Winter Watch Parades, a smaller version with a Christmas feel including Cooks, chefs and Christmas puddings.

Contact Watch Leader: Tina Watkins

Tel: 01244 347423

Email: [watch@clocsen.org](mailto:watch@clocsen.org)

Website: <http://www.clocsen.org/watch/Welcome.html>

### **Chester Music Festival**

The Chester Summer Music Festival is held each year, and it brings some of the biggest names in music to Chester. Previous years artists take in all forms of music, including: Van Morrison, Fine Young Cannibals, Liberty X, Jamelia, John Williams, and Acker Bilk.

Contact: Kate Sawallicsh

Tel: 01244 304 618

Email: [kate@chestersummermusicfestival.co.uk](mailto:kate@chestersummermusicfestival.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.chesterfestivals.co.uk/site/music>

### **Chester Mystery Plays Ltd**

A company with charitable status was formed in the 1980s with the sole aim of ensuring the active survival of the plays. Board members traditionally include the Lord Mayor of Chester and the Dean of Chester. Current chairman is Jo Sykes, company secretary Ian Sanderson, financial director Peter Overmeer. The Chester Cycle of Mystery Plays is the most famous of the public festivities which brightened the lives of citizens in the Middle Ages. The origins of many of these events are uncertain, but by the Tudor period they were accepted as traditional and customary. By the last quarter of the 16th century there was increasing opposition to the events on religious grounds and sometimes for public order concerns. The earliest reference to a Chester play performed by the guilds occurs in a document of 1422. The Mystery Plays are held every five years, 2008 saw the plays performed to great success.

Contact details: Jo Sykes Tel: 01244 570129

Email: [josykes@rossett.freemove.co.uk](mailto:josykes@rossett.freemove.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.chestermysteryplays.com>

### **Chester Literature Festival**

An annual festival in Chester, when the historic city becomes a whirlwind of books and book people. Involving reading, writing and thought-provoking talks. An exploration of the art of letters in all its forms. Chester's Literature Festival takes place around the City during October. Previous writers who have taken part in the festival include Andrew Motion, David Starkey and Julian Clary.

Tel: 01244 409113

Email: [info@visitchesterandcheshire.co.uk](mailto:info@visitchesterandcheshire.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.chesterfestivals.co.uk/site/literature>

### **Only One Earth**

An environmental, art day at Grosvenor Park in July organised by the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Chester City Council, arts and crafts plus music. A free day for all the family.

Contact: Angela Simpson

Tel: 01244 402579

E-mail: [a.simpson@chester.gov.uk](mailto:a.simpson@chester.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.oneearthfestival.co.uk>

### **Chester Lantern Parades (Christmas Street Festival)**

The Parade comprises staff and children from local schools, parents, individuals and community groups carrying lanterns made in special workshops, plus a Christmas marching band playing seasonal music. In addition, Street Theatre and musicians, choirs, and other local music groups perform seasonal music including carols, Mediaeval and Renaissance pieces.

Chester City Council Events Officers: David Atkinson-events & David Sejrup-Marketing

Tel: 01244 402330

Email: [d.atkinson@chestercc.gov.uk](mailto:d.atkinson@chestercc.gov.uk)



## **YOUTH ARTS FESTIVALS**

Chester ran a youth arts festival successfully city wide for 2 years 1997/98 with activities and events with residencies etc. This was merged into the...

### **Chester Youth Fringe Festival**

Via grants funding The Youth Fringe had been running since 1996 and was funded by Chester Festivals Ltd and through the Regional Arts Lottery Programme. They were committed to developing innovative, imaginative and enjoyable ways of giving young people (aged 12-21) opportunities to improve their creative and artistic skills through a variety of high quality workshops and events. This festival ceased in mid 2007.

Tel: 01244 324 324

Email: [youthfringe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:youthfringe@yahoo.co.uk)

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## **PUBLIC ART**

Public art is well supported via planning officers with involvement in SCEEN project and Chester CC public art guidelines that are on ACE NW best practice website

There have been several mural public art projects, several historic monuments commissioned e.g. the city wall clock, town hall square sculpture, the Chester Cross and the Public Art Trail. Many of which have involved schools & young people in designing the public art. Eg. the Morrisons roundabout in Upton.

**The Public Art Trail** around Chester takes you round 43 stops of publicly accessible pieces art. Starting from Town Hall Square and finishing just outside Malpas.

Other Contacts: Ed Snell and John Syler-Planning

Email: [customer.contact@chester.gov.uk](mailto:customer.contact@chester.gov.uk)

Website: [http://www.chester.gov.uk/tourism\\_and\\_leisure-1/heritage\\_trails/the\\_public\\_art\\_trail.aspx](http://www.chester.gov.uk/tourism_and_leisure-1/heritage_trails/the_public_art_trail.aspx)

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## **BODY ART / TATTOO PARLOUR**

### **Twisted Barrels**

31 Boughton  
Chester  
CH3 5AF

### **The Hemp Co.**

Unit 510  
Chester Enterprise centre  
Hoole Bridge,  
CH2 3NE

### **S Kelly**

30 Upper Northgate Street,  
CH1 4EF

### **The Golden Dragon**

135 Brook Street,  
CH1 3DU

## **EDUCATION: COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

### **University of Chester, College of Performing Arts**

The University of Chester is one of the oldest providers of higher education in the country, with their academic roots stretching back to the early 19th century. Founded in 1839 by a group of prominent local figures, which included Britain's greatest 19th century Prime Minister, William Gladstone, they pre-date all but a handful of other English universities. The Department is housed on the main campus in Molloy auditorium with access to more facilities on campus.

Research in the Performing Arts Department: This vibrant department is developing a research profile based on the considerable experience of its staff. They are particularly strong in interdisciplinary performance and applied drama; they also retain a strong interest in the more traditional research areas in respective disciplines – text based work, performance theory and contemporary choreography.

<http://www.chester.ac.uk/performingarts/about.html>

The Undergraduate Arts programme includes courses in: Dance, Drama and Theatre Studies, Performance and New Media, Popular Music

Postgraduate courses include: Performance Practice, Creative & Cultural Management

Kate Malone-Smith: Acting Head of Department;

Tel: 01244 513134

Email: [kmsmith@chester.ac.uk](mailto:kmsmith@chester.ac.uk)

## **SPECIALIST ARTS SCHOOLS - 3**

### **Queens Park High School:**

Queen's Park, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 7AE

Website: <http://www.school-portal.co.uk/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupID=47204>

Tel. 01244 981500 - Fax. 01244 981560

Email: [enquiries@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk)

Head of Faculty Mr. M. Yeoman - [myn@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:myn@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Upton-by-Chester High School,**

St James Avenue, Upton, Chester, CH2 1NN

Tel: 01244 313061

Web: [www.upton-by-chester.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.upton-by-chester.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Blacon High School Specialist Sports College**

Melbourne Road, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5JH

Tel: 01244 371475

Website: <http://www.school-portal.co.uk/Grouphomepage.asp?GroupID=160481>

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRES - 3**

### **Dorin Park School:**

A Specialist SEN College (Cognition and Learning)

Dorin Park School, Wealstone Lane, Upton, Chester, CH2 1HD

Telephone: 01244 381951 - Fax: 01244 390 422

Head teacher: Ms Annie Hinchliffe

### **Building young people's potential (BYPP):**

Independent School (14 – 19 yrs)

School location: King George V Playing Fields,

Blacon Avenue, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5BD

Tel: 01244 371716 or 01244 382639.

Postal Address: BYPP, Blacon Community Trust,

Dee Point Centre, Blacon Point Road, Blacon,

Chester

CH1 5NF

**Pine Lodge Youth Peoples Centre**

79 Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1AW  
Tel: 01244 364776

**Extended Schools Contact**

Gill Betton  
Extended Services Strategy Manager  
Tel: 01244 972609  
Email: [gill.betton@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:gill.betton@cheshire.gov.uk)

**Chester Extended Schools co-ordinator:**

Terry Jones  
[terry.r.jones@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:terry.r.jones@cheshire.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01829 741118

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**YOUTH CLUBS AND GROUPS**

**Non Unformed – 20 Groups**

**Chester Hub**

17 Cuppin Street,  
Chester, CH1 2BN  
Tel: 01244 972812 or 01244 602812  
[chesterhub@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:chesterhub@cheshire.gov.uk)

Youth Centre providing advice, information,  
activities and a good opportunity to meet people.

**The Gunjar Project**

Project set up through Cheshire Connexions that  
takes a selection of young people over to Gambia  
to help with re-building and ecological problems.  
Email: [info@thegunjarprojectgambia.com](mailto:info@thegunjarprojectgambia.com)  
Tel: 01244 602908  
Email: [jo.austin-reece@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:jo.austin-reece@cheshire.gov.uk)

**LIVE! – New Scene Youth Centre**

01244 320479

[www.livecheshire.org.uk](http://www.livecheshire.org.uk)

Live! aims to work with children and young  
people, with and without disabilities, to promote  
choice and inclusion and to ensure their  
individual rights.

Newton Lane,  
Chester, Cheshire  
CH2 2HH;

Tel: 01244 320479

Fax: 01244 320479

[info@livecheshire.org.uk](mailto:info@livecheshire.org.uk)

Sandra Pollit; Live! Co-ordinator;

[sandra@livecheshire.org.uk](mailto:sandra@livecheshire.org.uk)

Karen Palmer; Youth Work Co-ordinator;

[karen@livecheshire.org.uk](mailto:karen@livecheshire.org.uk)

Kathy Hickman; Senior Youth Support Worker

Tel: 01244 320479

[kathy@livecheshire.org.uk](mailto:kathy@livecheshire.org.uk)

**Upton Youth Centre;**

Wealstone Lane,  
Upton, Chester  
CH1 1HB  
Tel: 01244 380681

**Chester Light Project**

3 The Mount, Boughton  
CH3 5UD  
John Phillips  
Tel: 01244 400221

**Dale Camp**

Liverpool Road  
Chester,  
CH2 4AY  
Tel: 01244 650930; Debbie Gayle

**Saughall Youth Club**

Tel: 01244 881583

**Lache Saturday Morning Youth Club**

01244 678646 – Geoffrey  
Ages 6 – 13  
8 Clover Lane, Lache

**Tarvin Youth Club**

Greystones  
Church street  
Tarvin,  
Chester  
CH3 8NA;  
Tel 01829 740622

**Lache Adventure Playgorund,**

01244680399

**Chester Youth Club**

Handbridge, Chester  
9.00 - 3.30 daily various activities,  
arts and crafts, line dancing and trips out.  
Tel: 01244 679 559

**Bridge Foyer Chester**

Opened January 11, 1999.  
Training and Employment  
Training partners: West Cheshire College,  
LSC / Preston College, Connexions.  
Programmes offered include Action planning;  
Vocational guidance; Pre-vocational training;  
Job-search; Vocational training; Work experience  
placements;  
Tower Road, Chester,  
CH1 4JR.  
Tel 01244 404 800.  
<http://www.foyer.net/mpn/story.php?sid=180>

**Lache Young Persons Centre**

Tel 01244 675818  
Louise Currin

**The Delta Centre**

Tel 01244 371619  
Lisa Pritchard; Norris Road  
Blacon  
CH1 5DZ

**Blacon Adventure Farm**

Blacon detached youth worker: Gary Atkinson  
Tel 01244 392909  
Website: [Blacon Adventure Farm](#)  
Kipling Rd, Chester,  
CH1 5UU  
Tel: 01244 371129

**Square One Youth Club**

Tel: 01244 320345  
Treena Gilson,  
Thackery Drive,  
Vicars Cross, CH4 5LR

**Get up Get Out / Kooldown**

12 week programme  
Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Tel:01244 342449

**Base 18 Youth Club Youth club**

for ages 8 to 18 years  
Meeting once weekly [Friday] in Aldford Village  
Hall. Outdoor. Provides pool/snooker, computers,  
dance, arts and crafts  
Tel: 01244 620251

**Malpas Young Persons Project**

Tel 01948 860993  
Eric Beak/Sally Sharp  
Chester Road  
Cheshire  
SY14 8HT

**Princes Trust**

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Tel:01244 342 449 or 0800 842842

**Uniformed Groups** – 9 Groups

**Chester Sea Cadets:**

Crane Wharf  
Crane Street,  
Chester  
Tel 01244 316536  
John Aslett

**610 (City of Chester) Squadron,**

Air Training Corps, TA Centre, Gilwern  
Abbot's Park, Liverpool Road  
Chester, Cheshire, CH1 4

**Army Cadets:**

The Castle, Chester, CH1 2DN

**Fire Cadets**

Cheshire fire & Rescue Service  
Tel:01244 342449

**Fire Safe**

Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Tel:01244 342449

**Arson Prevention**

Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service  
Tel: 01244 342449

**Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Youth engagement programmes  
Tel: 01606 868487

**Scouts - Cubs –Beavers** – Numourous groups  
across the district

Website: [www.cheshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.cheshirescouts.org.uk)  
Email: [admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk)

**Girlguides – Brownies – Rainbows**

Numourous groups across the district  
Website: [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
Email: [website@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:website@girlguiding.org.uk)  
Tel: 0800 1 69 59 01

## **COUNTYWIDE YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES IN CHESTER**

### **Connexions**

Personal advisors provide support and advice about drugs and alcohol.

Website: [www.conexions.gov.uk](http://www.conexions.gov.uk)

Tel: 01244 602812

### **Youth Offending Teams**

Young people involved with YOT can get information, advice and support from specialist misuse workers in their district.

West Cheshire; Tel: 01244 615500

### **Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Cheshire**

Young people's advice and support for substance misuse.

1829 Building,  
Countess of Chester Heath Park,  
Liverpool Road,  
Chester.

Tel: 01244 650435

### **Drug Intervention Services Cheshire (DISC) Information**

*Support and advice on one to one basis available through DISC young peoples workers*

West Cheshire Tel: 0151 348 5622

### **Social Services**

Young people in residential care can get support information and advice from specialist substance misuse workers based at Redsands Children's centre in Crewe.

Tel 01270 664116

### **Alcohol Services Cheshire (ASC).**

Providing counseling for young people with problems with alcohol or other substance misuse.

ASC provide alcohol education to schools and youth groups.

Tel 01270 580243

### **Young Peoples Treatment Services.**

Advice and support for young people with drug or alcohol problems from specialist young peoples treatment workers in each locality

West Cheshire: 01244 344999

### **Chester Asian Council.**

Information on Cultural Awareness, Practical Awareness, Training, Business Advice and Self Employment. We cover Chester and the surrounding areas.

Who is the service for : parent's professional's young people. Mon-Thurs 9.30-2.30.

Tel: 01244 343570

### **Education Services in schools**

is delivered through PHSCE- Personal, Social, Health and citizenship education and supported by Healthy schools Programme. District contacts are PHSCE co-coordinators in each school

### **Cheshire Healthy Schools**

Senior Adviser for PSHCE and National Healthy School Co-ordinator;

Janet Smith; Tel: 01606 274305/3

E-Mail: [j.smith@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:j.smith@cheshire.gov.uk)

Healthy School Secretary – Cheshire: Sharon Redrup; Tel: 01606 274303;

E-Mail: [sharon.redrup@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.redrup@cheshire.gov.uk)

County Based Chester district contacts: Chester Extended Schools co-ordinator: Terry Jones

[terry.r.jones@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:terry.r.jones@cheshire.gov.uk)

01829 741118

**Education Improvement Partnership –West Cheshire**

Pauline Melia, Locality Manager, West  
0151 337 6869, [pauline.melia@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:pauline.melia@cheshire.gov.uk)

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**ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON / CHESTER**

West Cheshire Healthy Schools Development Consultant  
Ellen Weaver  
Tel: 01606 274357  
E-mail: [ellen.weaver@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.weaver@cheshire.gov.uk)

Western Cheshire Health Adviser  
Joanne Briggs  
Tel: 01244 650332  
E-mail: [jo.briggs@wchehsirepct.nhs.uk](mailto:jo.briggs@wchehsirepct.nhs.uk)

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## ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON DISTRICT

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**Laura Orchard: Arts Development Officer email:** [Laura.orchard@epnbc.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.orchard@epnbc.gov.uk)  
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Michelle Aspden-Sports development – email: [michelle.aspden@epnbc.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.aspden@epnbc.gov.uk)  
Eleanor Evans-Play officer –email: [eleonor.evans@epnbc.gov.uk](mailto:eleonor.evans@epnbc.gov.uk)  
Sarah Parry Community Development – email: [sarah.parry@epnbc.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.parry@epnbc.gov.uk)

### **ARTS DEVELOPMENT**

The current Arts development officer post is only a 30 hour post (since 2005), based within the councils community development team of officers that include; sports, play and arts. Young people have been a high priority for the authority for some time and the team has to bid competitively for specific youth funding for projects. However, many joint initiatives are programmed from this team for young people throughout the borough and many activities that compliment borough initiatives such as the new skate park area in Stanney park and related sports/arts activities etc. The Borough also has a Dance Officer post and a project led Arts Action Plan. The Arts Officer is committed to good communication and partnership development and has close links with the EIP, Sure Start, YMCA Community Arts Centre, Association of Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, schools in the area and also works with the teenage pregnancy unit. They use organisations such as Cheshire Dance and Action Transport Theatre as both delivery agents and project managers and volunteers are often used to support programmes.

There are many disadvantaged areas of the borough and this has made extra funding available through initiatives such as education Action zones (EAZ'S) now superseded by EIP's in the borough which have long established partnerships and good working relationships with education sector and children's services in the district. There is a great emphasis on anti social diversionary activities and use of PAYP monies for youth arts which has resulted in many successful summer arts referral schemes/activities. The borough has some diverse communities such as travelers and Polish communities but needs to explore community development work and programming to tailor to these communities needs.

### **The annual youth arts programme includes:**

#### **School of Rock:**

A termly project for young people to develop music skills and experience rock/instrument lessons-funded by G4Arts. YOUNG people in the borough aged 10-16 years who want to learn how to play a musical instrument are invited to come along to the School of Rock. Learn electric guitar, bass guitar, beginner's keyboard and drums with sessions taking place between 10.30am - 1.30pm. There is now a new venue for the School Of Rock - Trinity Methodist Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port

On Music network-18+:

Originally funded via CCC AMP project now with West Cheshire College

#### **EPN Live:**

Active annual programme of work, a constituted group that runs network activities, quarterly local bands gigs and dj academy workshops and annual riot festival etc. Production Line Showcases are designed for ages 14+ to come along and see local bands playing live!

#### **Youth Dance**

Summer Activities for young people in Ellesmere Port & Neston aged 11-19 years:

This programme offers a wide range of free activities for young people aged 11-19 years who live or go to school in the borough. Places are limited and most sessions need to be booked in advance.

**Acting up:**

A week long stage and theatre skills residential course focusing on theatre production and lighting skills Tel: 0151 355 7652 Laura Orchard.

**Arts Awards:**

Several assessors in district but little activity or awards so far.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Friday Night Fever:**

Every Friday evening during school term between 7.15pm and 9.00pm at Stanney Oaks Leisure Centre, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port.

Friday Night Fever is the name for the Friday night sport club run by young volunteers for young people with the support of Ellesmere Port & Neston borough council.

Established in September 2005, the aim of the club is to provide boys and girls of all abilities aged 11-16 years with a range of free sporting activities by qualified coaches, community sports leaders and other volunteers. Activities that take place are basketball, badminton, trampolining, football, tennis, table tennis and dance. All the activities are free. For further information contact: Youth Sport Development Officer on 0151 356 6456 or email mailto: [Michelle.Aspden@epnbc.gov.uk](mailto:Michelle.Aspden@epnbc.gov.uk)

**GAP (Girls Active Programme) / Girls Frenzy:**

The Girls Active project is an initiative to encourage and support young girls aged 11 - 16 year olds (School Year 7-11) to engage in physical activity and sport.

Activities include:Gym sessions, disco mania, Pilates, kangaroo jumps, trampolining, basketball, baseball, cycling and pamper suite and nail art.

Sutton Community Sports Centre 0151 339 4352 Sarah Parry on 0151 356 6782.

**RESOURCES/SERVICES.**

**Community Directory of Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council**

This directory is a list of sports clubs and arts organisations within the borough. People can use the search facility by entering the type of activity e.g. football to find the list of football clubs within the borough or click through from A to Z to find a sports or arts club by name.

The Community Unit is currently collecting data to put together a sports and arts directory in the near future. They plan to use this information so members of the community, schools, young people and adults will be able to find out what clubs and groups are in and around the borough

Website: <http://www.ellesmereport-neston.gov.uk/leisure/community.htm>

**Arts Council-ENW Investment: Joint Strategic Outcomes 2006 –2007.**

Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council made a contribution of £5,380 and ACE, NW will added a contribution of £5,380 to this making a total of £10,760 in the Local Arts Strategic Fund for 2006/07.

<b>Strategic Outcomes</b>	<b>LASF investment</b>
Increasing participation in the arts by engaging young people and opening up new opportunities. Improving access and increasing options to take part in a safe and welcoming environment	£10,760
Total	£10,760

Arts Council England, North West invested a total of £78,500 through Grants for the Arts in the Ellesmere Port and Neston area, £10,760 through the Local Arts Strategic Fund and £131,620 in Action Transport Theatre Company in the year 2004/05

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**ARTS COUNCIL RFO'S CLIENTS BASED IN ELLESMERE PORT:**

**Action Transport Theatre Company**

Sarah Clover Company Director Email: [sarah@actiontransporttheatre.co.uk](mailto:sarah@actiontransporttheatre.co.uk) Tel: 0151 357 2120

Jessica Egan Company Producer Action Transport Theatre Company Tel: 0151 357 2120

Email: [jess@actiontransporttheatre.co.uk](mailto:jess@actiontransporttheatre.co.uk) W: [www.actiontransporttheatre.co.uk](http://www.actiontransporttheatre.co.uk)

Action Transport Theatre Company is dedicated to the development and presentation of innovative and relevant, high quality theatre for young people. It reaches over 15,000 young people a year, touring to schools, community centres and arts venues throughout the North West and beyond. Founded in 1986 by Karen Simpson, Action Transport existed for many years as a successful Theatre-In-Education company.

In 2001 a new team, led by Artistic Director Joe Sumsion, brought a new focus to the company, expanding the range of creative work undertaken. The new company has committed itself to reflecting the ideas and experiences of children and young people, creating theatre which amazes, enriches and sometimes changes young lives. Action Transport has become widely respected. The company was short-listed for an Art04 Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts and represented our sector at the Theatre 2005 conference. We are advocated as a model of good practice by, amongst others, the Independent Theatre Council, UK Trade and Investment and Arts Council England.

Action Transport is a young people's theatre company based in Ellesmere Port, producing and touring an average of three new plays each year. The company is also dedicated to new writing and has appointed an associate writer.

ACE, NW funding contributes to its core costs.

2006/07	£138,700
2008/09	£146,450
2009/10	£161,095
2010/11	£185,260

Ellesmere Port & Neston Council and Cheshire county Council also have service level agreements with action Transport Theatre that funds their revenue work. The borough council provides their office and venue at Stanney park base as part of the agreement in return for 100 days usage of the venue and provision of youth arts activities and events in the borough

From April 2008, the annual programme comprised three all large scale projects – typically and in priority order:

- professional touring production of a new play by an established writer;
- participatory writing project, culminating in a production;
- participatory youth theatre project, culminating in a production.

The productions planned for performance between April 2008 and March 2010 were:

- summer 08 – participatory youth theatre production: 'Scratches in the Earth', at Whitby Hall and Whitby Park in partnership with CCC, EPNBC and Shell UK;
- autumn 08 – professional touring production: national re-tour of 'The Bomb' in partnership with The Dukes, Lancaster;
- spring 09 – participatory writing production: regional re-tour of 'The Mask';
- summer 09 – participatory youth theatre production: 'Generations', at Whitby Hall and Whitby Park, partners include Ellesmere Port Improvement Project and Shell;

- autumn 09 – professional touring production: national tour of newly commissioned play ‘Fool on the Hill’, partners tbc.;
- spring 10 – participatory writing production: regional tour in partnership with Cheshire Rural Touring Network.

**Aim Higher Project 08:**

Action Transport Theatre Company is currently offering a unique experience for drama students from local secondary schools, colleges and universities, allowing them to gain an insight into the professional performing arts industry.

Working in partnership with Aim higher; an organisation which aims to widen participation in higher education (HE) by raising the awareness, aspirations and attainment of young people from under-represented groups, and sponsored by Shell UK, this two week residency involves students from Ellesmere Port Specialist School of Performing Arts, Cheshire Oaks High School, The Catholic High School, Chester, West Cheshire College and the University of Chester.

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**CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS / VENUES BASED ELLESMERE PORT**

The borough council has a wide range of venues available for hire, which are suitable for all activities from public shows and commercial events to private celebrations, sporting activities and informal gatherings. The versatility of venues available and a flexible approach to the use of space means that the borough's facilities can accommodate the varying needs of the community - organisations, clubs and societies, private individuals, trade and commerce.

The following venues are managed by the council:

Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, Merseyside , CH65 0AZ Tel: 0151 356 6890

Neston Civic Hall Neston Civic Hall, Hinderton Road, Neston, CH64 9PQ - Tel: 0151 336 3991

Neston Town Hall, Town Hall, High St, Neston, Merseyside CH64, UK – Tel: 0151 336 3991

Stanney Oaks Leisure Centre Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 9DB

Community Centres,

**EPIC Leisure Centre,**

located in Ellesmere Port, EPIC leisure centre is one of the largest and best equipped centres in the region, and it received a special Sports Council commendation in 1995. Facilities include swimming pool, activities hall, large sports hall, climbing wall, fitness suite, sunbeds, bar and function suite, and a 144 seater cinema / theatre. The centre has good access throughout for people with a disability including lift, toilets, changing rooms, poolside hoist and service call facility. Activities at the EPIC include tri golf, boccia, mega inflatable pool splash, family dance active and a ball workout to shape you up. Events starting at the Links Healthy Living Centre include a Pilate's taster session and an evening treasure hunt.

**LIBRARIES:**

Neston in particular is very active in partnership to create new youth arts/club facility based on continued development of work following the Neston centenary

**Neston Library,**

Parkgate Road, Neston,  
Cheshire, CH64 6QE  
Tel: 0151 336 5486

**Little Sutton Library,**

Chester Road, Little Sutton,  
Ellesmere Port,  
Cheshire, CH66 1QQ  
Tel: 0151 339 3373

**Hope Farm Library,**

Bridge Meadow, Great Sutton,  
Ellesmere Port,  
Cheshire, CH66 2LE  
Tel: 0151 355 8923

**Ellesmere Port Library,**

Civic Way, Ellesmere Port,  
Cheshire, CH65 0BG  
Tel: 0151 337 4684/5

## **YMCA**

Previous Youth arts history- now closed

### **Christchurch Centre, Ellesmere Port: Family Group.**

Out of School and Holiday Club (4 -11 year olds). Junior Art Club (7 - 11 year olds). Junior Drama Club (7 - 11 year olds). Drama group, in conjunction with Barnardo's (12 - 18 year olds). Youth Music sessions, in partnership with Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council. Working in partnership with SureStart, Ellesmere Port. YMCA Chester & Ellesmere Port, Christchurch Centre, Worcester Street, Ellesmere Port, CH65 4DA, UNITED KINGDOM

Tel:0151 355 7277 Email: [info@ymcachester.org.uk](mailto:info@ymcachester.org.uk)

### **Skateboarding activities Whitby Park, Stanney Lane**

Opened in April, Whitby Park now boasts a new wheelspark facility suitable for BMX bikes, skateboards and in line skaters. There are a number of elements to develop novice users as well as providing challenges for those more experienced. The Wheelspark is located in the Youth Area of the park by the tennis courts and MUGA. Regular structured sessions are held with guidance from their Wheelspark Coaches, sessions currently held on Wednesdays 5pm-7pm & Saturdays 4.30-6.30pm with additional sessions during school holidays. Other sessions are available such as d.jing and graffiti arts. For more information on the Wheelspark please contact the Park Development Officer 0151 356 6994

### **The National Waterways Museum/ Ellesmere Port Boat Museum**

Has regular craft sessions with two groups (Ellesmere Port Model Boat Club) and (Waterways Craft Group). The Waterways Craft Group meets at the Museum regularly throughout the year. They demonstrate a variety of different crafts that would have been found onboard the Narrowboats; from lace work to plate painting they keep these crafts alive.). Based at the museum itself.

Ellesmere Port brings the story of the waterways to life. Their learning programmes link with English, Math's, Science, Design & Technology, the Arts, Geography and History.

#### **Education Programme:**

Narrowboat Decoration

Curriculum links: KS1 and KS2

A creative activity using art to teach the crafts, customs and social history of the boat people.

Clothes around the Cut

Curriculum links: KS1 topics and KS2, SU3A and 3B

A lively learning experience using costumes, the museum's historic boats, period cottages and artifacts.

Coracle Workshop

Curriculum links: KS2 and KS3 Design & Technology

Participants design, construct, test and evaluate a model coracle.

Roses and Castles

Curriculum links: KS2 and KS3

Arts and crafts programme where participants learn the basic techniques of traditional canal art.

Time Detectives

Curriculum links: KS2 History and Geography

Participants work in teams to discover more about historical artifacts from the inland waterways collection.

Email: [ellesmereport@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk](mailto:ellesmereport@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk)

Tel: 0151 355 5017

<http://www.nwm.org.uk>

The Boat Museum, South Pier Road,  
Ellesmere Port, CH65 4FW,  
Cheshire, England.

### **Blue Planet Aquarium**

Giant aquarium attraction with sharks and other sea-creatures. Also has school workshops and activities during the half term and summer holidays

Longlooms Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 9LF

Tel: 0151 357 8800

Website: [www.blueplanetaquarium.com](http://www.blueplanetaquarium.com)

### **Cinemas**

#### **VUE Cinema**

Multiplex cinema located within Cheshire Oaks Outlet Village. It has 16 screens with approximately 3,542 seats. The cinema has a games room, and is set near several different restaurants. There is also a bowling alley.

The Coliseum, Cheshire Oaks Outlet Village,

Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Merseyside CH65 9HD

Tel: 0871 2240240

Website: <http://www.myvue.com/cinemas/index.asp?cn=1&ln=1&ci=18>

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## **VOLUNTARY SECTOR ARTS ORGANISATION'S BASED IN BOROUGH**

### **CVS Ellesmere Port & Neston Association of Voluntary & Community Orgs (EPNAVCO)**

1st Floor Offices, Ellesmere Port Indoor Market,

Market Square, Ellesmere Port,

CH65 0HW

Tel: 0151 356 7358

Email: [michael@epnavco.org.uk](mailto:michael@epnavco.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.epnavco.nepc.co.uk/>

### **Youth Federation**

Unit 4a

Rossmore Business Village

Inward Way

Ellesmere Port

Cheshire

CH65 3EY

Tel: 0151-357 1971

Website: [www.youthfed.org](http://www.youthfed.org)

[katee@youthfed.org](mailto:katee@youthfed.org) Kate Evans General Enquiries

[kevinb@youthfed.org](mailto:kevinb@youthfed.org) Kevin Bradburne Projects Team Leader

[johnb@youthfed.org](mailto:johnb@youthfed.org)

[katrinac@youthfed.org](mailto:katrinac@youthfed.org) Katrina Chapman Voluntary Youth Sector Support Worker Chester Ellesmere

[Portcathym@youthfed.org](mailto:Portcathym@youthfed.org) Cathy McGhie Projects Youth Worker

### **Neston voluntary arts activity**

#### **Neston Players, creative crafts, CH64 Inc:**

Eileen Millar- Neston Community activities.

Neston Civic hall

Hindertons Road

Neston.

Email: [wotaplezur@aol.com](mailto:wotaplezur@aol.com)

Website: [http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Cheshire/Neston/CH64/News/Reviews-and-Features/89789-](http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Cheshire/Neston/CH64/News/Reviews-and-Features/89789-Neston-Players-Presents)

[Neston-Players-Presents](http://www.neston.org.uk/Local/neston_civic_hall)

[www.neston.org.uk/Local/neston\\_civic\\_hall](http://www.neston.org.uk/Local/neston_civic_hall)

The main hall has theatre sound and lighting systems, seating for up to 220, a licensed bar and small kitchen. It is suitable for small-scale theatre, conferences, trade fairs and private functions for up to 200 people. There is also a snooker room and two small meeting rooms.

## **YOUTH ARTS GROUPS IN ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON**

**Wirral Arts Groups: Covering Ellesmere Port and Neston also** – 4 groups

**Merralls Academy Dancing**  
28-42 Chester Road, Heswall,  
WIRRAL, CH60 3SB  
Tel:01513427462

**Claire Knight**  
9 Thingwall Road,  
WIRRAL, CH61 3UA,  
Tel:0151 6481358

**South Wirral arts society**  
A club which has been running since 1959 and prides it self in being the premier Art club for the local area  
Mr. M.Wainwright (club secretary) (0151) 339 2620 [Malcolm26@sky.com](mailto:Malcolm26@sky.com)  
<http://southwirralarts.com/home.html>

**Heswall Operatic Society**  
Puts on productions for all those who wish to take part in solo singing, leading roles to chorus. Also all those who wish to help out with design and stage management. New members are always welcome at our weekly rehearsal at Thingwall Recreation Centre, Sparks Lane. Front or backstage, all are needed and welcome. It truly is everyone's scene. The society is a registered charity and establishments which have recently benefited from our financial support have included Victim Support, Wirral Alzheimer's, Clatterbridge Respiratory Fund, Merseyside Chrohns and Colitis Fund.

**Youth Drama/Theatre:** 3 groups

**Footloose Musicals**  
Is open to young people between 8 -18. Open to join to perform, help back stage, front of house or with making costumes. Youth offshoot from Ellesmere Port musical theatre company.  
<http://www.ellesmereportmusicaltheatre.co.uk>

**Ellesmere Port Music Society**  
Choral and Orchestral concerts throughout the year. Open to all ages.

**Wirral Theatre School**  
Ness Village Hall, Burton Road,  
NESTON, CH64 9RE,  
Tel:01516773015

**Youth Arts Groups** – 1 group

**Arts Group**  
Variety of activities including music, arts and dance. Based within Little Sutton community centre. Open to all ages and people  
Helen Spruin.  
4 Civic Way  
Ellesmere Port  
CH65 OBE  
Tel: 0151 356 6761

**Youth Dance:**5 groups listed  
Much dance activity in borough which the authority would like to be mapped as CDW is not contracted specifically to develop dance in borough since 2005/6

**M & S Dance Weekly**  
Social Ballroom Dances in Wallasey and Birkenhead.  
Email: [mike@msdance.org.uk](mailto:mike@msdance.org.uk)  
Website: [www.msdance.org.uk](http://www.msdance.org.uk)

**Latin ART online**  
Teaching of Hip Hop and body popping by "bam Beat". But also classes for all Latin dancing. Open to all ages  
[www.latinartonline.co.uk](http://www.latinartonline.co.uk)

**Grange Folk Dance Club:**  
Informal folk dancing with instruction.  
Whitby Methodist Church Hall.  
Open to all ages

**Willsher School Of Dancing**  
Ballroom & Latin American Classes for Children and Adults  
23, Ellerton Avenue,  
Little Sutton,  
Ellesmere Port.  
Tel: 0151 339 4362  
Website: [Willsher school of dance](http://Willsher school of dance)

**Whitby Sports & Social Club**  
Ellesmere Port,  
Cheshire:  
Dancing with Professional tuition.  
Tel: 0151 608 1064  
Email: [WEFearnley@aol.com](mailto:WEFearnley@aol.com)

**Crafts (Commercial):** - 1 group

**Angel crafts and Heavenly Coffee**  
hold regular workshops, coffee mornings, children's craft clubs and birthday parties.  
<http://www.angelcraftswirral.co.uk>

**Other: Commercial Sector:** - 8 groups

**Bettany School Of Dancing**  
14 Kingston Drive, Connah's Quay,  
DEESIDE,  
CH5 4TL  
Tel:01244815407

**Hammond School Of Dance**  
Forwood Road, WIRRAL,  
CH62 7BR  
Tel:07989 802386

**Barbara Johnston**  
252 Woodchurch Road, PRENTON,  
CH43 5UT  
Tel:01516086118

**Helen O'grady Drama Academy**  
Cheshire  
Jenny Waldron. 4, Alexandra Mews,  
High Street, Frodsham,  
WA6 7BD  
T: 01928 735327

**Hoylake School Of Dance**  
Tel: 0151 632 6257  
Hoylake Community Centre,  
Hoyle Rd, Wirral, Merseyside,  
CH47 3AG

**Stagecoach Theatre Arts - Northwich**  
Tel: 01606 784219  
within Victoria Road Primary School  
Victoria Rd, Northwich, Cheshire,  
CW9 5RE

**Starlight Youth Theatre**  
Tel: 0151 342 6333  
131, Telegraph Rd, Heswall, Wirral,  
Merseyside, CH60 0AF

**Starlight Youth Theatre**  
Tel: 0151 342 2706  
21, Fernlea Rd, Wirral Merseyside,  
CH60 5SH

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**ANNUAL FESTIVAL / EVENTS ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON**

**Winter Wonderland Festival**

(Now renamed the Frost Fair)

Takes place at Cheshire Oakes near Ellesmere Port. Was originally a lantern parade now Chester Zoo has turned it into a winter wonderland with a 20m ice rink, entertainment, animation, a giant prize-giving Snow Cannon, exciting Santa's Lapland Journey, Market and craft stalls selling local produce and festive gifts, performances from local pantomime groups, ice skaters and Santa's Grotto.  
<http://www.chesterzoo.org/frostfair/frost%20fair%20homepage.aspx>

**Four Seasons Music Festival**

Ness Botanic Gardens, Ness, Neston, South Wirral, CH64 4AY - Email: [nessgdns@liv.ac.uk](mailto:nessgdns@liv.ac.uk) - Telephone: +44 (0) 151 353 0123

Other events & activities happening in the borough are highlighted in the council's free quarterly events guide, WWW (What, where When) email Heather Aston: [Heather.Aston@epnbc.gov.uk](mailto:Heather.Aston@epnbc.gov.uk) or call 0151 356 6788

## **YOUTH ARTS FESTIVALS- EVENTS:**

### **Ellesmere Port Schools Arts Festival**

7th – 10th July, inclusive at the Civic Hall.

On Wednesday 9th July Catholic schools celebrated a Joint Performance for Parents. From 1.00pm – 3.10pm, they showcase the best talents from Catholic schools. The show was entitled Environments & Habitats with pupils aged 4 to 18, in an extravaganza of music, drama and entertainment.

### **Ellesmere Port Family Learning Project Festivals:**

#### **Arts4U Annual Festival**

The annual Arts4U festival takes place in July each year at the Ellesmere Port Civic Hall.

The festival is a 4 day celebration of arts related activities, a mix of workshops, performances by 30 schools and a large exhibition of static art work related to the overarching theme chosen by schools. In 2007 the theme was multi-cultural, with performances over 4 days relating to The Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe. This theme was supported by stunning art work produced by pupils, displayed for the duration of the festival. A café theme was adopted throughout the display area so that visiting pupils, families and the wider community could sit and view the art work and refreshments were provided free of charge.

Visitor numbers were 500+ children per day plus 400+ parents per day x 4 days.

The EIP Central budget awards a grant of £400 p.a. to each school to contribute to either an Artist in Residence or arts related resources.

Their plans for building practice around the Arts4U festival for 2009 and the future:

- The festival in 2008 will be centered on the theme 'Environment'.
- Featuring Family arts related work for the first time from work undertaken in the Family Learning programme.
- Extend performances to early evening as well this year and include family performances in dance and music.
- Extend the Arts4U events to a winter (pre Christmas) indoor Arts4U event. They are working with partners Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council, about staging this event to coincide with a multi-cultural Christmas market. They would be building on existing practice of their primary schools who sing each year (usually about 400+ children) (outside) the Civic Hall a medley of Christmas songs for the community. (They have done this for the past 5 years, and last year staged a nativity with live animals).
- They have close links with the Mayor and Mayor elect in the town and have been invited to provide an arts related performance at annual mayor making and other civic ceremonies.
- Schools through their own contributions may choose to link specifically into certain areas of the ECM agenda but overall, the events around their arts related opportunities contribute to all areas of the ECM.

#### **Shakespeare Spring Festival**

- the festival has 'experimented' with an exciting model for bringing Shakespeare performances to Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils, using a nationally recognised theatre company, and have just delivered this for the second year.
- They have commissioned Shakespeare4Kidz, a national theatre company to perform 5 performances of 2 Shakespeare plays over 2 days at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall (March 2008).
- The use of this central venue means that they can maximise seating numbers to 624 per performance so a total of 2500 children/staff over 2 days and an additional 500 attended a family performance.
- The 4 daytime performances were funded from the Central EIP budget with help from an industry sponsor.
- In 2008 they have worked with Extended Services Co-ordinator to fund a Family oriented evening performance. This was not without risk, since Shakespeare is seen as well outside most families cultural comfort zone. They adopted a communication strategy built on personal communication through schools, the local college workers who run adult learning programmes, the BIP (Behaviour Improvement Programme) multi-agency team, and other partners. Entrance and refreshments were free of charge. They had 'virtual' tickets which was an additional risk. They had a turnout of 500 (mix of pupils and parents) and have polled

feedback from those families. Suggestions received are that families want more offers of this type, and they don't mind if the experience is new to them, as long as it is high quality, They are enthusiastic about taking part with their children to enjoy new arts experiences

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## **PUBLIC ART**

A range of unique artworks and urban elements, celebrating Ellesmere Port's maritime and transportation connections, have recently been installed as part of the environmental improvements along the approach to Ellesmere Port Town Centre from the M53. Such as the Port Sails and the 'periscope' on Marina Walk and the fountain in Civic Square.

Also new pieces created by young people around the recently regenerated Whitby Hall Park. These designs included mosaics, signage and fencing.

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## **BODY ART / TATTOO PARLOUR**

Peter Gray – 54 Station Road, CH65 4BQ

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## **EDUCATION: COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

### **West Cheshire College**

West Cheshire College has developed an Arts Leaders Award in conjunction with the Arts Service, Chester HLN, Central Cheshire PCT and arts practitioners. The programme provides a mix of study and practice and successful participants gain a College certificate. To date the course has been run for Youth Federation staff, older school students delivering arts activities within their school, a group of mothers using creative activities with their children and artists working with people with disabilities. It is a very flexible Level 1 / 2 course suitable for either professional or community groups developing community based arts work. It comprises 10 hours practical placement and 20 hours directed learning that includes:

- Underpinning knowledge of art forms
- Knowledge of an identified community and art activities it could experience
- Funding issues
- Health and safety awareness
- Planning, delivering, evaluating and developing programmes
- Evaluation of placement / work experience

Off Sutton Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7BF

Tel: 01244 677677

Email: [info@west-cheshire.ac.uk](mailto:info@west-cheshire.ac.uk)

Website: [www.west-cheshire.ac.uk](http://www.west-cheshire.ac.uk)

### **Ellesmere Port & Neston Extended schools co-ordinator:**

Howard Fowler Email: [howard.fowler@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:howard.fowler@cheshire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01244 602877

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## **SPECIALIST ART SCHOOLS - 4**

### **Neston High School**

A College of Science and Visual Arts. Has a modern theatre and exhibition spaces and has plans for a future community exhibition centre. Is also a venue for the "little thespians theatre school" Includes the Leonardo Centre which will contain two learning resource centres, an eco lab linked to the pond which is in grounds, and a community art gallery.

Website: <http://www.nestonhigh.cheshire.sch.uk/> E-mail: [admin@nestonhigh.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nestonhigh.cheshire.sch.uk)

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH64 9; Tel: 0151 336 3902

Head of Dance – Mrs. J Harnden

Head of Drama – Mrs. J Richardson



### **Ellesmere Port Specialist School of Performing Arts**

Since 1st September 2006 they have been a Specialist School of Performing Arts. They have outstanding teaching and learning in the subject areas of Dance, Drama and Music. They can now use this expertise across all subject areas in the school. They are also very active in the community.

Website: <http://www.epsspa.com>

Head of Drama – Mrs. K Hawthorne

Woodchurch Lane; Ellesmere Port; Cheshire; CH66 3NG; Tel; 0151 3382400

### **Whitby High School**

A Specialist technology college but with a dance specialism.

Sycamore Drive, Whitby, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. CH66 2NU

Tel: 0151 355 8445

Email: <mailto:whitby@whitbyhs.cheshire.sch.uk>

Website: <http://www.whitbyhs.cheshire.sch.uk/info/>

### **Cheshire Oaks High School**

A specialist Sports College but with a dance specialism.

Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 9DB

Tel: 0151 355 5245

Email: [admin@cheshireoaks.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheshireoaks.cheshire.sch.uk)

Website: <http://www.school-portal.co.uk/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupID=79107>

### **Amalgamation**

The district has announced that there is to be an amalgamation of three school sites into two distinct Academies. These are to be called “The North Academy” and “The South Academy.”

The Academies would replace the Ellesmere Port Specialist School of Performing Arts, The Whitby High School and Cheshire Oaks School, a Specialist Sports College.

The North Academy will be on the site of the Ellesmere Port specialist school of performing arts will be co-sponsored by Chester Diocese and David and Anne Crossland, founders of the holiday company Airtours.

The South Academy will be on the site of The Whitby High School, will be sponsored by Cheshire County Council, The University of Chester and West Cheshire College.

### **Education Improvement Partnership- family arts activity**

Ellesmere Port Education Improvement Partnership; Sharon Vernon

Unit B11, Rivacre Business Centre; Mill Lane, Ellesmere Port;

Cheshire CH66 2LT

Tel. 01244 972877

Email: [Sharon.vernon@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:Sharon.vernon@cheshire.gov.uk)

The partnership has evolved from a successful Education Action Zone (set up in 2000) and subsequently an Excellence Cluster partnership of schools.

The following are full members of this partnership:-

5 High schools (includes 4 specialist schools, 1 performing arts, 1 technology, 1 humanities, 1 sports college, 1 special school) 25 Primary schools (includes 1 special school – award winning for its work with autistic children) 1 FE College (West Cheshire College) 5 Children’s Centres in Ellesmere Port located in or around schools

In addition to the full members of the EIP, they have established over the past 7 years a good track record for working with a range of partners to develop a growing base for arts related programmes within Ellesmere Port, both within schools and for the wider community.

They have as part of their core structure, a planning group which focuses on ‘Enhanced Opportunities’ and brings together arts, sport, and other additional learning opportunities as well as family focused programmes through Extended Services

Website [www.epec.org.uk](http://www.epec.org.uk)

### **Family Learning Bid**

Jan 2008, EPEC secured a BIG Lottery bid centred on Family Learning through arts related activities of £187K which will be delivered over a 3 year programme.

Programmes within this bid include:

- Dance for young mums
- Technical music development (ringtones, digital music, etc)
- Intergenerational playwriting and performing
- Animation
- Transition creative projects with families
- Arts and Crafts – a range of programmes such as puppet making and scrapbooking, photography
- Big Art work
- A sustainable volunteer programme
- Accreditation opportunities through Arts awards.
- The capacity to deliver and expand this programme under the guidance of an employed Arts Co-ordinator.

### **Music4Us (Awards for All Bid)**

Jan 08, they secured a £10K award from Awards for All, for development of music in 6 of our primary schools. This bid has been matched funded to a total resource of £23K with the help of industry and voluntary sector partners and schools. The activities to be delivered centre on a visit to a themed Children's Concert by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic in March 08 for all years 4, 5, and 6 children, teaching staff and some parents. This is followed by a music tuition programme for the summer term in schools. The programmes are chosen by schools. The tuition programme is open to staff and parents.

MUSIC4Us plans for building practice around music:

This model will be one that they would like to extend in similar ways to other groups of schools working together. They have plans for the future to develop the establishment of an Ellesmere Port Choir. They have identified a lead school for this and have linked them with partners 'The Ellesmere Port Boat Museum' for key performances at Christmas and other holiday dates. They are also working with Chester Philharmonic Orchestra on the idea of staging a children's concert in Ellesmere Port Civic Hall and having some of their pupils play with the orchestra for at least one piece of music at the concert. They will be working with Rob Nash to extend the roll out of music provision to primary schools working as a group of 25 primaries

## YOUTH CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

### Non Uniform – 14 groups

#### **Ellesmere Port Hub (EPH)**

The centre delivers guidance services to all ages, linking together Connexions services for young people and Information, Advice and Guidance services for adults. The Hub is open through out the week, running a wide range of provisions and programmes. Information, advice and guidance available any time.

Whitby Road,  
Ellesmere Port,  
CH65 6RS;  
Tel 0151 348 5621

Detached Youth team also based at the Hub:  
07770925036 or Neston 07712 774340

Duke of Edinburgh Awards:  
Mon & Thurs evenings

#### **Choices Cats (EPH)**

Social & project group for young people. Requested funds to enable them to undertake a theatre trip & aid them in staging their own theatre production. 60+ young people attending production.

#### **Step by Step (EPH)**

This young mothers group requested funds to enable them to buy safety equipment and materials to facilitate participation in a range of activities and training.

#### **Young Women's Project. (EPH)**

This group of young women requested funding to develop and create a new educational DVD and resource pack for schools, including educational and residential visits.

#### **Ellesmere Port Centre for Young People (EPH)**

Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port,  
CH65 6RS - 0151 3485623

#### **Oasis Girls Project (EPH)**

Another group of young women requested funding to enable them to plan a residential experience for young women & recruit new members to the group.

#### **Community Sports Network**

Community Leisure

A Variety of health, sports and arts activities for the whole community. District council run scheme to enhance the district. Is very active in borough and the first Cheshire district to promote "Get active" sports council scheme in Cheshire.

[www.epnbc.gov.uk](http://www.epnbc.gov.uk)

#### **Youth Peer Project (EPH)**

Homelessness. A number of young people with support from a Connexions PA requested funds to facilitate the creation of an information pack for young people regarding issues affecting young people in Ellesmere Port.

#### **Youth Challenge Cultural Awareness Project (EPH)**

A group of young people currently working towards either their gold or silver Duke of Edinburgh Award have requested funds to support them in the development of a cultural awareness project. This project will have both global and local citizenship aspects. The group will deliver a number of peer educational workshops about diversity and awareness to other young people in both schools and youth clubs.

#### **Rossmore Sports Mentors**

A group of young people with the support of the Youth federation requested funds to enable them to participate in a sport leaders programme. This will evolve into creating other sporting events for young people.

#### **Westminster Youth Club**

A new youth provision in the Westminster area has been facilitated with the help of the YMCA. 0151 356 6761

4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port,  
CH65 0BE

Two individuals accessed the fund to enable them to go on an educational / cultural trip to Auschwitz. This allowed them to produce a member of cultural presentations was of benefit to both their individual studies and also to enable them to undertake a number of cultural awareness presentations to young people.

#### **Utopia-supporting young people and sexuality**

Ellesmere Port Hub  
Whitby Road

Ellesmere Port

T: 0151 3485628

[eport@utopialgb.org.uk](mailto:eport@utopialgb.org.uk)

#### **Young Mens Group**

Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm

## **N2G**

N2G are a group of 8 young people from the Neston area who through support with local youth workers are raising funds to undertake a cultural trip to Gambia in support of a school in the country. The group is also developing some peer education workshops based on their visit from young people in schools in the locality.

### **Uniform Groups** – 6 Groups

#### **1074 (Ellesmere Port) Squadron,**

#### **Air Training Corps**

Coronation Road

Ellesmere Port

Cheshire

CH65 9AP

tel: 0151 355 7271

Website: <http://www.1074sqn.org.uk/>

#### **Ellesmere Port Division - Guide Association**

Tina Ives - Division Commissioner

Email: [tinaives@hotmail.com](mailto:tinaives@hotmail.com)

#### **Sea Cadets**

John Street School Annex

John Street

Ellesmere Port

South Wirral

CH65 2ED

Tel: 0151 355 1779

Email: [c.o.forward@btinternet.com](mailto:c.o.forward@btinternet.com)

Website: <http://units.ms-sc.org/ellesmereport>

#### **Childrens Centre** – 1 group

#### **Stanlaw Abbey Children's Centre**

Tel: 0151 356 0626

Email: [chris.hyamson@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:chris.hyamson@cheshire.gov.uk)

Alnwick Drive, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65

9HE

#### **Army Cadets**

TA Centre, Stanney Lane,

Ellesmere Port CH65 9AH

And

Parkfield, Station Road,

Parkgate, Wirral CH64 6QJ

**Scouts - Cubs –Beavers** – Numourous groups across the district

Website: [www.cheshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.cheshirescouts.org.uk)

Email: [admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:admin@cheshirescouts.org.uk)

#### **Girlguides – Brownies – Rainbows**

Numourous groups across the district

Website: [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Email: [website@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:website@girlguiding.org.uk)

0800 1 69 59 01

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## **COUNTYWIDE YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES IN ELLESMERE PORT**

### **Connexions:**

Personal advisors provide support and advice about drugs and alcohol, there is a connexions PA in each school or contact connexions area offices in each district

Tel: 0151 3485621

### **Youth Offending Teams.**

Young people involved with YOT can get information, advise and support from specialist misuse workers in their district. West Cheshire;

Tel: 01244 615500

**Cheshire Youth Offending Team**

St Thomas House  
Whitby Road  
Ellesmere Port  
Cheshire CH65 6TU  
Telephone: 01244 615500  
Fax: 01244 615501

**Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Cheshire.**

Young people's advice and support for substance misuse.  
1829 Building, Countess of Chester Heath Park,  
Liverpool Road, Chester.  
Tel : 01244 650435

**Drug Intervention Services Cheshire (DISC)**

Information, support and advice on one to one basis available through DISC young peoples workers  
West Cheshire 0151 348 5622

**Social Services.**

Young people in residential care can get support information and advice from specialist substance  
misuse workers based at Redsands Children's centre in Crewe.  
Tel 01270 664116

**Alcohol Services Cheshire (ASC).**

Providing counseling for young people with problems with alcohol or other substance misuse. ASC  
provide alcohol education to schools and youth groups.  
Tel 01270 580243

**Young Peoples Treatment Services.**

Advice and support for young people with drug or alcohol problems from specialist young peoples  
treatment workers in each locality;  
West Cheshire: Tel: 01244 344999

**Education Services in schools is delivered through PHSCE**

Personal, Social, Health and citizenship education and supported by Healthy schools Programme.  
District contacts are PHSCE  
co-coordinator's in each school

**CHESHIRE HEALTHY SCHOOLS**

Senior Adviser for PSHCE and National Healthy School Co-ordinator;  
Janet Smith; Tel: 01606 274305/3;  
E-Mail: [j.smith@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:j.smith@cheshire.gov.uk)

Healthy School Secretary – Cheshire;  
Sharon Redrup; Tel: 01606 274303;  
E-Mail: [sharon.redrup@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.redrup@cheshire.gov.uk)

**ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON / CHESTER**

West Cheshire Healthy Schools Development Consultant;  
Ellen Weaver; Tel: 01606 274357;  
E-mail: [ellen.weaver@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.weaver@cheshire.gov.uk)

Western Cheshire Health Adviser;  
Joanne Briggs; Tel: 01244 650332;  
E-mail: [jo.briggs@wcheshirepct.nhs.uk](mailto:jo.briggs@wcheshirepct.nhs.uk)

## VALE ROYAL DISTRICT

### VALE ROYAL BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Vale Royal Borough Council; 01606 867540

Social and Community Services Directorate; Wyvern House  
The Drummer; Winsford; Cheshire; CW7 1AH

In Vale Royal the arts posts sit within Leisure Services, it is the only Borough to employ both an Arts Officer and an Assistant, also a Dance Officer. There is a strong commitment in the Borough to both arts and to the use of arts to promote healthier communities. This is evidenced in the Arts Strategy, particularly in relation to the priority target of older people. Arts Development is delivered via a small team at the district and via service level agreements and investment by the district into Cheshire Dance and DAN. The authority has always had young people as a strategic priority and been proactive in encouraging this via the SLA work and its programme of projects and activities. The borough also has an Arts strategy which concludes in 2009.

The Arts Development Team consists of the Arts Development Officer and the Assistant Arts Development Officer. The function of the Arts Development Team is to support and develop arts activity across the borough and to work with local, county, regional and national organisations to ensure the delivery of a high quality service. In order to generate arts opportunities and funding the borough relies on a range of strong partnerships.

- The Arts Development Team wants everyone in the Vale Royal area to feel that they can participate in the arts activities that are taking place.
- They are aiming to bring a variety of people together and give them the opportunity of trying something new and exciting.

#### **The Vale Royal Arts Strategy.**

Vale Royal Borough Council officially adopted the Arts Strategy on the 29 April 2004.

Vale Royal Borough Council, in partnership with Arts Council England and following a great deal of local consultation prepared an arts strategy for Vale Royal. The strategy guides the arts development work and funding of Vale Royal Borough Council, Arts Council England and other public, private and voluntary sector agencies. The strategy includes recommendations for action, with short, medium and long term priorities, and a costed action plan for implementing the recommendations.

The consultation on this strategy was extensive and the feedback received shaped the final document and gave clear guidance. Its intention was to use it for information or as a lever for external funding.

The strategy covers all aspects of the arts, at community and professional levels including:

1. dance, drama, music and other performing arts
2. visual arts, photography and contemporary crafts
3. digital media, film and video
4. public art and the built environment
5. literature and creative writing

The strategy is updated annually to form the arts service plan. It is also reviewed each year and a report sent to the Local Strategic Partnership, Caring for the Community Board

### **Current Arts Activities/Projects**

There is a diverse programme of arts activities generated by the large number of various community groups located in the borough. These enthusiastic arts groups cover a wide range of art forms and are active throughout the area.

### **Rural cinema**

Since the closure of Regal cinema in Northwich and reduction in cinema screenings at the civic halls in Winsford and Northwich a small rural cinema project has developed from 2007 touring to 3 clubs in Sandiway / Cuddington, Whiteley and Alvanley, (Little Leigh also interested in joining this) each showing 8 shows a year Sept-April. Grange High school has also developed a film programme in their 200 seater theatre from Sept 07.

The Rural Touring Film Initiative is a scheme set up by Vale Royal Borough Council to help establish film clubs in areas of Vale Royal that do not have a cinema. Here's how it works with their current film clubs at Whitley, Sandiway and Alvanley. The three villages provide venues for the films to be shown in (Whitley Village Hall, Cuddington Primary School and Alvanley Village Hall). The clubs borrow the film equipment from the Council and then show the film to their local community. The Arts Development Team helps by providing the equipment, processing the film bookings and producing posters and fliers. The development of this initiative and the Regalette at the salt museum are said not to be related to the regal cinema closure but co-incidental and perhaps this has been led by audience demand.

Each club chooses one film per month between September and April, so there are eight showings a year. (If a club shows over eight films per year it would need a cinema license). The entertainment provided in both theatre and film schemes are of the highest quality but inexpensive. The community is brought together to decide and arrange their own entertainment and means that all individuals can play a part in the decision-making. All ages and tastes are catered for; through the wide range of activities incorporated and everyone has the chance to get involved. Through these two initiatives people in the rural community have a chance to enjoy the arts and entertainment that would not normally be available in such areas.

### **Mid Cheshire College:**

Saturday morning club of activities for young people- (*used to be at London road studios*)

### **Arts Fund in VR:**

#### **Vale Royal Council Grants Scheme**

Any organisation involved in the arts in Vale Royal is welcome to join Vale Royal Arts Council and be considered for a Vale Royal Arts grant scheme. There is a limited amount of money available and, therefore, priority will be given to new activities or projects that enhance activity in terms of quality and access. During 2008 there has been a small grants Scheme in operation.

### **PAYP –activities Connexions -Michael Troy- Local Artist**

The Positive Activities for Young People programme (PAYP) is a targeted programme which has provided diversionary activities since April 2003. Young people across the country aged 8-19, who are at risk of social exclusion and community crime, are able to participate in positive activities during the school holidays and access out of school activities throughout the year. Those young people who are most at risk are encouraged to engage in learning and/or employment with key worker support.

### **Youth offending projects-Frenzy etc**

DJing and nightclub events for young people hosted at Winsford and Northwich Civic halls eacy autumn.

Cheshire Youth Offending Team

Management Unit

No. 2 The Stables

Gadbrook Park

Northwich

Cheshire CW9 7RJ

Telephone : 01606 305241

### **Big Draw Events-**

-always take place annually at lion salt works since the national scheme was introduced. This is very popular annual event locally. E.g. A Look Back at the Big Draw: October 2007. That year's Big Draw weekend was bigger and better than ever. 200 visitors took part in two days of creative fun and games in the grounds of the Lion Salt Works near Northwich.

Activities included the making of the dazzling Butterflies Bill Board made up of 50 small canvases - each section completed by a different person. More than 50 life-size portraits were made by kids drawing round each other, turning the outside walls of the mill into a giant portrait gallery.

Artwork produced by children at Great Budworth, Over St John, Wincham and Kingsmead Primary Schools and Hebden Green Community School as part of a Big Draw competition organized by the Northwich & District Heritage Society were also on display. Others joined in making the Pavement Picture which was 30 foot long and it all got very messy later on in the day when we Danced-a-Painting by putting on Wellington boots and dipping them into paint trays.

### **Vale Royal's Cheshire's Year of Gardens Programme.**

Cheshire's Year of Gardens 2008 is a year-long celebration of Cheshire's rich heritage, gardens and green environment. There is an exciting programme of events covering music, art, theatre, sport and food and drink taking place at venues across the county. Many of these events are targeted at family and community audiences and some are tailor made to include or involve young people e.g. Anderton Canal and River Festival

On Sunday 22 June, 10am until 4pm, there was the Anderton Canal and River Festival. As well as taking part in guided flower walks and wild flower plantings, visitors to the event were also able to create giant exotic flowers out of recycled materials.

#### **Art Exhibition**

Later in the year a stunning exhibition of work inspired by gardens was on show at Castle Park Arts Centre from 14 June until 27 July.

#### **Sculpture Exhibition.**

A sculpture exhibition took place at Mount Pleasant Gardens near Kelsall from 3 until 28 September featuring the work of artists from all over the country. Night Garden Artists will bring the nocturnal delights of Anderton Nature Park to life on 4 October by creating a 'Night Garden' using installations of light and sound. Primary school children will be working with local artist Wendy Meadley to make lanterns. Local community groups will also have an opportunity to discover the Nature Park and work with artists, Julia Peat and Megan Broadmeadow, to create sights and sounds for the event.

#### **Something Beautiful:**

Something Beautiful is an open competition that invites artists and Cheshire residents to create 'something beautiful' in their own gardens and green spaces. As an example, Greenbank Residential School in Northwich has already been working to create a Gaudi inspired sculpture for their garden.

The competition was launched on 17 April with a deadline for entries in July. For more information, including detailed guidance notes and application forms visit

[www.somethingbeautifulcompetition.co.uk](http://www.somethingbeautifulcompetition.co.uk)

### **Graffiti Art / Street Art**

There is zero tolerance of graffiti in the borough which has made it difficult conflict for any graffiti art projects in the borough and in particular activity linked to skate parks developed locally

### **Disability Youth Arts Projects**

**Live Music Now** - saxophone quartet 'Veya' have been leading creative music workshops with special schools and day centres across the borough. There is a rolling programme of workshops where work is created for school performances.



Also Integrated dance class at Winsford Library for young people aged 10+

**Saturday club@ Northwich Youth Centre**

Winnington Lane, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire

CW8 4DE

(01606) 77955

Andy Leigh local artist also running annual Arts Club Play training for playleaders

**RESOURCES/SERVICES**

**Arts Newsletters -**

Vale Royal arts team produces quarterly issues of the Arts e-newsletter, telling you what the Arts Development Team are involved with.

e.g. March 08 In this issue, the artists behind one of the Cheshire's Year of Gardens projects tell us about their installation, we find out more about Byley Art Group, keep you up-to-date with the latest arts news and tell you what's coming up to look forward to.

<http://www2.valeroyal.gov.uk/internet/VR.nsf/AllByUniqueIdentifier/DOC551E96E082DA5FB380256E EF00482BF5>

**Vale Royal Council Arts Grants.**

Any organisation involved in the arts in Vale Royal is welcome to join Vale Royal Council Arts and be considered for a Vale Royal Council Arts grant. There is a limited amount of money available and, therefore, priority will be given to new activities or projects that enhance activity in terms of quality and access.

The Scheme Vale Royal Borough Council and North West Arts (now Arts Council England, North West) set up the VRAC over 25 years ago. The aim of the group is to, 'foster and promote the maintenance, improvement and development of the artistic taste and the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of arts among the inhabitants of Vale Royal'. There are strong links between the VRAC and Vale Royal Borough Council, and both are keen that as many local groups as possible join in order to strengthen the arts infrastructure in the area. The grant funding is provided by Vale Royal Borough Council but the scheme is run in partnership with Vale Royal Arts Council.

Benefits for members. There are many benefits to joining the VRAC, including: Eligibility to apply for annual arts grants. Access to Live Music Now support (e.g. master classes). Benefit of arts information distribution. Training offered by VRAC. Joint promotion/events.

Web:

<http://www2.valeroyal.gov.uk/internet/VR.nsf/AllByUniqueIdentifier/DOCC20395CBD3F4A1FB80256E D6004E9BAE>

**Arts Council-ENW Investment: Joint Strategic Outcomes 2006 –2007.**

Vale Royal Borough Council made a contribution of £7,826 and ACE-NW added a contribution of £7,826 to this making a total of £15,652 in the Local Arts Strategic Fund for 2006/07

Strategic Outcomes	LASF investment
Encourage arts projects which helped promote public participation in heritage sites, countryside sites and trails and which assist in their interpretation and enjoyment ( <b>Action Weaver Valley</b> )	£2,500
Using the arts to support regeneration, economic development and future growth within the borough by supporting the boroughs infrastructure of arts organisations- including local voluntary sector groups and professionally led organisations ( <b>Castle Park Arts Centre and the Dance School Project/ Community Dance Leaders included under this outcome</b> )	£8,152
Using Arts to strengthen community life in Vale Royal and promote social inclusion ( <b>Wear Purple</b> )	£5,000
Total	£15,652

### **Details Of Investment 2004/05 And 2005/06**

Arts Council England, North West invested a total of £23,280 through Grants for the Arts in the Vale Royal area, £15,652 through the Local Arts Strategic Fund and £25,056 in Development of the Arts in Northwich in the year 2004/05

Arts Council England, North West invested a total of £131,419 through Grants for the Arts, £15,652 through the Local Arts Strategic Fund and £25,684 in Development of the Arts in Northwich in the year 2005/06

The total ACE, NW investment in the arts in the Vale Royal area was £63,988 in 2004/05

The total ACE, NW investment in the arts in the Vale Royal area was £172,755 in 2005/06

### **ARTS COUNCIL RFO'S CLIENTS BASED IN VALE ROYAL**

#### **CHESHIRE DANCE**

Cheshire Dance is at the centre of development for dance across Cheshire. Their work includes a high quality programme of activity, which encompasses the whole community. Cheshire has a vibrant dance community. They advocate for dance that is delivered by Cheshire Dance artists and independent artists as well as work delivered by other organisations. They stage a regular series of dance classes throughout the county. These are for everyone from toddlers to grandparents, in different dance genres and styles.

Cheshire Dance is passionate about equality of opportunity. Over two thirds of their work focuses on inclusion and diversity and all their work has mental and physical health benefits. They prioritise work with groups who have an identifiable need. These take the form of regular classes with particular groups or specifically developed projects. They support the quality and safety of our entire programme of work through our training programme 'bloom' which attracts both dance artists and other professionals working in the community. Working in partnership with arts and voluntary organisations and others such as Arts Council England, Foundation for Community Dance and Local Authorities, Cheshire Dance reaches across all communities.

Cheshire Dance devotes nearly 60% of its resources to work with children and young people. Activities range from delivering regular classes in a wide range of civic spaces around the county to delivering specific projects that address issues of inequality of opportunity.

Regular activity is one of the most important ways young people can spend their time. The Chief Medical Officer is explicit about regular exercise in the publication 'At Least 5 – a – week', published in April 2004. At Cheshire Dance they often use the expression 'hobby for life' and for many young people who began dancing with Cheshire Dance as toddlers, they recognise that young people enjoy dance as a hobby. Many dance for fun, and indeed many come to dance classes because they recognise that without dance they would be on the streets, more than likely getting into trouble.

#### **Example projects delivered alongside regular classes for young people:**

Vale Royal Schools Sports Partnership - ConfiDance

Dance in the National Curriculum for primary schools exists and some secondary schools as part of Physical Education. Cheshire Dance is involved in the School Sports Partnership network in Cheshire, the most advanced of which is in Vale Royal. Having completed a research period, Cheshire Dance embarked on a 3 year project to deliver training within every primary and special school in the Borough, accompanied by a range of After School Clubs, and also supporting the secondary school as they engage with the cluster. Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year the project has involved 33 schools with more planned to get involved during the year. The programme provides INSET training to all school teachers and the delivers demonstration workshops with pupils, observed by the teachers. Phase 2 of ConfiDance is whereby phase 1 schools will be offered a series of twilight INSETs to focus on particular areas of interest, including gifted and talented, assessment for learning, dance and writing and dance for new teachers. Cheshire Dance will also be hosting a 2 day performance showcase involving schools and community groups. Evaluations received from nearly all of those that have taken part, indicate the step change of dance teaching practice and confidence

within these schools. ConfiDance was initiated in partnership with Vale Royal Borough Council and the VR School Sports Partnership and MoreDance!, the work is now receiving acclaim as a model of good practice nationally via all three national dance network organisations, the Foundation for Community Dance, Dance UK and Youth Dance England.

### **Cheshire Dance Showcase**

Cheshire Dance hosts many performances and sharings throughout its busy calendar. These are primarily (although not exclusively) an opportunity for groups of young people to come together from across the county to perform together in front of family and friends. The Crewe Lyceum nearly bursts at the seams each year when hosting the largest of these events over 2 nights in May.

### **Station/Stationary**

A five night, site-based performance project at Crewe Railway Station, involving groups of young people performing alongside professional dance and other community groups. This project is probably the most ambitious performing arts project ever to be undertaken on the platforms of a Railway Station. A Cheshire Year of Gardens Spaces Commission.

### **Falling**

A dance film project encouraging family learning in Ellesmere Port & Neston and supported by the Ellesmere Port Education Improvement Partnership and Connexions. A series of 8 week long residencies, each over a 4 month period exploring the phenomenon of recovering after a fall both physically and mentally. Involving 3 groups: Capenhurst Grange School, An EP&N Young Mums Group and a group of Disabled young people.

### **Dance & Autism Project with Autism Networks**

Cheshire Dance was able to team up with Autism Networks in Crewe because of the partnership between the County Council, Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council and Arts Council England, North West, which through Cheshire Dance, employs a full-time community dance artist to work in the borough. This project was further supported by Central Cheshire Primary Care Trust. It involved bringing national renowned dance professionals to Crewe, people who have many years experience of working with physically and learning disabled people, to work with a group of young people with autism and their carers. The work took place on a weekly basis and also involved mentoring of other local artists in working in this specialised context. Regular evaluations were conducted, opinions as to the impact of the work were collated from a wide range of sources including the young people themselves, their carers, support workers, partners and the artists. Considerable amounts of data was gathered on the profound effects of dance in this context. Young people who, prior to the project, found working in a group or individual expression or various movement tasks very difficult, were encouraged to become bolder, more outward going, many achieving personal firsts.

### **Good Practice & Professional Development**

Cheshire Dance is recognised locally and nationally as a National Centre of Excellence for training people delivering dance in community / participatory settings. The trainees include artists based in Cheshire, the North West and Nationally as well as community professionals based in Cheshire (teachers, care workers, youth workers etc). The training programme called 'bloom' has been running for 4 years and has secured funding for its continuation. Capacity building is key strand of the company's work.

As a result of Cheshire Dance's bloom programme, a further 125 people in Cheshire (and more than 150 outside Cheshire) are delivering dance activities to young, older and sometimes disabled people that would otherwise not be doing so. It is estimated the Cheshire based group delivers a further 2,000 sessions each year in community settings, the majority of whom are young people. Cheshire Dance is currently contributing to a national research initiative into competencies surrounding participatory dance practice and is leading a specific examination into 'creative leadership'. The aim is to identify best practice for the purpose of cascading knowledge and learning throughout the sector to emerging and mid-career professionals delivering dance activity with young people and the broader community.

**Cheshire Dance is also Centre Approved as an Open College Network provider.**

The mainstay of this work is Dance Leaders in the Community, a 60 hour course aimed at emerging artists and community professionals keen to develop dance activity in their work context. The qualification is the equivalent of an 'A' Level and has been gained by many of the 125 Cheshire Based people highlighted above.

**Older young people**

There also exists a large group of young people who are or have taken GCSE's and 'A' Levels in Dance and are on the verge of following in the footsteps of many before them from Cheshire and go on to study dance in Higher Education. Cheshire Dance also welcomes many of them back to the county, having completed their studies. They are able to get people involved in teaching, performing, further training, setting up companies and networking throughout the region. There already exists professional dance companies, founded by people who began their dancing careers with Cheshire Dance as long as 30 years ago. The dance ecology in Cheshire is very rich, it has a high population secondary schools that have a dedicated dance specialism (17) and these are mainly supported by the Dance Advisor for Cheshire.

Cheshire Dance has strong relationships with the universities that have dance programmes, including Chester Univ., MMU, UCLAN, Liverpool JMU, Laban and the Place. They also host placement students from these universities to support their work experience. They often prove very fruitful for both the student and Cheshire Dance.

**Here by Rights Audit Tool**

Cheshire Dance is working with the Strategic Development Officer (Arts and Young People) to pilot this toolkit. The first stage of which is to establish a young people's dance user group that will give young people a voice in Cheshire Dance programming and decision-making and a direct link to the Board of the Charity.

**DaCH**

A networking group for young dance artists. Meets twice yearly and determines some of the content of Cheshire Dance professional development programme.

**Information and News**

Cheshire Dance has a newsletter Wildfire and our produces regular classes brochures.

**Vale Royal Dance Classes run during term time.**

Parents and Tots Mondays @Frodsham Community Centre and Friday's @Winsford Library

Junior and Youth Dance-Winsford Juniors Mondays - Ages 4 to 8 years Winsford.

Frodsham Street Dance Mondays Ages - 7 to 11 years, Mondays Ages - 12 to 17 years Frodsham

Leisure Centre, Frodsham Hotsteppin Street Dance Wednesdays - Ages 7 to 10 years, Wednesdays Ages 11 to 17 years Rudheath Leisure Centre, Northwich.

Winsford Street Dance Wednesdays Age 10+ Winsford Library.

Enjoy Different Dance Styles Wednesdays Age 17+

Winnington Primary School, Northwich

The Vale Royal Dance amateur is Sadie Walker

Tel 01606 867533 or Email: [sadie@cheshiredance.org](mailto:sadie@cheshiredance.org) or [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)

Sadie Walker is the Dance Officer for Vale Royal on behalf of Cheshire Dance. Sadie's dance ability is wide ranging, but her particular expertise lies with Street and Contemporary Dance. She enjoys using her skills to work with members of the community and has experience of working with elderly members, as well as participants with disabilities and young males.

**Cheshire Dance.**

Winsford Library;

High Street Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2AS

Tel: 01606 861770 Fax: 01606 550629

Email: [info@cheshiredance.org](mailto:info@cheshiredance.org)

Web: [www.cheshiredance.org](http://www.cheshiredance.org)

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN NORTHWICH. (DAN)**

DAN is a small local community arts organisation that has been in existence for over twenty years and has a high profile locally. DAN is a 'one man' operation using freelance artists to deliver a wide range of small scale arts and heritage projects predominantly in the Northwich area. A registered charity DAN receives funding from ACENW, Vale Royal BC and Northwich Town Council. The Co-ordinator works with the Vale Royal Borough Council Arts Officer. The potential health benefits have not necessarily been identified although there is evident social, community cohesion and well being implications to the work and they prioritise young peoples activities in their autumn and seasonal programme.

DAN's programme is responsive and has included a community play on the local salt industry, creative community workshops, regular live music events, large scale community events such as street theatre and support of local amateur groups. The Co-ordinator is currently working on setting up a community radio with a health promotion focus and a partnership with Environmental Health and Vale Royal BC. DAN operates in a relatively small local area although impact is disproportionate to its size. It would not have the capacity to take on additional work but as a nice example of a local and relatively holistic programme that is engaging much of the community. DAN is the type of organisation that would benefit from a local youth arts network approach and in its turn would have considerable youth arts expertise to offer.

DAN aims to provide and develop a full range of high quality arts activities with funding from Vale Royal Borough Council and ACE-NW. It employs a full time director and is run by a management committee. DAN promotes a wide range of entertainment and cultural activities in the Vale Royal region of Cheshire in the northwest of England events such as live music, from Rock to Jazz and Folk, Visiting and local drama company's performing around the area, local festivals, lectures on art, heritage and history, Literature and writing workshops, heritage coach tours around the UK and Ireland visiting art galleries, museums and other places of interest. DAN now organises a programme of theatre visits to major shows touring in the region. And for the bored children out there! DAN has lots for you to do, puppet and magic shows, try your hand at being a Clown or maybe for those who one day want to grace the stage, learn to act and dance or become a Rockstar or DJ at one of the many courses.

Development of the Arts in Northwich presents a range of professional, mainly small scale arts events, and associated education and outreach activities in a range of venues across Northwich. ACE, NW funding contributes to its core costs. DAN coordinates arts activities including the popular Banned rock band network and the Rockschool projects. For more info contact: Nick Hughes - Director, Tel: 01606 41597, email: [dan@danarts.demon.co.uk](mailto:dan@danarts.demon.co.uk) Web: [www.danarts.org](http://www.danarts.org)

#### **The Banned! Network**

Set up in 1993 to help bands in and around the Vale Royal area, The Banned! Network has developed into one of the biggest and most successful music promotion and tutorial services this side of Manchester. Over the years The Banned! Network has entered into every avenue of the music industry from local gigs, Battle of the Bands and festivals to recording sessions and training workshops for bands, compilation CDs and Guide Books. The network organise gigs every Friday night, usually held at Winnington Recreation Club or Barnton British Legion. There are jam sessions held every other Wednesday at Winnington Recreation Club and DJ/Rock Disco nights alternate Wednesdays at Northwich Victoria Club.

DAN's rock promoting arm, Banned in Northwich, continues to promote weekly gigs, featuring the best of local bands and unsigned bands from across the UK. [www.myspace.com/bannedinnorthwich](http://www.myspace.com/bannedinnorthwich)

The gigs are very popular and large numbers of young people attend. Many bands are involved with the network and have played at the gigs.

Nick Hughes The Banned! Network c/o DAN, Northwich Library. Witton Street, Northwich, Cheshire. Tel: (01606) 41597 Email: [banned@danarts.demon.co.uk](mailto:banned@danarts.demon.co.uk)

2006/07

£26,400 ACE NW Funding

## **CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES BASED IN VALE ROYAL**

### **Vale Royal Arts Council**

This umbrella arts group has been in existence for over

### **Castle Park Arts Centre, Frodsham**

Castle Park Arts Centre is situated just off Main Street in the charming historic market town of Frodsham. A minute's walk from the heart of the town visitors will find the Arts Centre in the restored Victorian stable block with its landmark clock tower.

The Arts Centre has 3 galleries, 2 craft rooms, 7 courtyard craft units, a coffee shop and garden space with disabled access. There is a regular programme of changing exhibitions and arts and crafts classes for adults and children. The Centre is also used by numerous clubs and societies.

Castle Park Arts Centre is run as a charitable trust and a venue offering a varied programme of exhibitions and events run by a body of trustees and working committees of volunteers.

The arts centre has been established for many years and funded via an SLA with Vale Royal- In recent years the historic house in the Park and arts centre have been refurbished and VRBC have assisted in programming the centre exhibitions and activities as well as a business Plan and consultation work with Gerri Moriaty and CAN. Simon Taylor- previous LEA visual arts advisor is active on the steering group and there has always been high potential for this centre.

There is an exhibition fee for the two larger galleries: £200 for six weeks hire of the large ground floor gallery and £200 for six weeks for the first floor gallery. They are also looking for community groups to exhibit in The Community Gallery (no charge). The Arts Centre also has a new display space for craft items in its Coffee Shop/Reception area.

For further information please send a letter of interest and a small selection of images to:  
The Arts Group c/o Castle Park Arts Centre, Fountain Lane, Frodsham, WA6 6SE

### **Castle Park Arts Centre - Volunteers**

Educational rooms are available in the Arts Centre to run art/craft workshops. For further information/to arrange a visit please contact: Mollie Scott (Administrator) Castle Park Arts Centre, Off Fountain Lane, Frodsham, WA6 6SE

Tel: 01928 735832

Website: [www.castleparkarts.co.uk](http://www.castleparkarts.co.uk)

E-mail: [artscentreincastlepark@btinternet.com](mailto:artscentreincastlepark@btinternet.com)

### **Rural Touring Theatre Network**

A Cheshire wide scheme operated by a co-ordinator from Cheshire County Council. In Vale Royal our current venues are in Byley, Whitley, Great Budworth, Helsby, Little Budworth, Whitegate and Rudheath. Early years, mini network in Frodsham and Rudheath.

### **Cheshire Open Studios**

A scheme involving visual artists from across Cheshire.

Co- Ordinator – Emma Hodge. [info@cheshireopenstudios.org.uk](mailto:info@cheshireopenstudios.org.uk) - 07795978243

### **Recording Sessions and Rehearsal Space**

Music facilities available for community use at Rudheath High School (performing arts college) - these facilities are jointly run by Rudheath High School and Vale Royal Borough Council. A recording studio and rehearsal rooms are available for local bands and musicians to hire. Rooms available for band rehearsal - contact Rudheath Leisure Centre 01606 41051

### **Rural Touring Film**

Film showings in villages in Vale Royal – Whitley, Cuddington and Alvanley.

Emma Hodge, Assistant Arts Development Officer

Tel: 01606 867976, email: [ehodge@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:ehodge@valeroyal.gov.uk)

### **Vale Royal Music Forum**

The Vale Royal Music Forum meets monthly to discuss ideas for music development. Representatives attend from DAN/Banned Network, youth service, local schools, colleges and musicians. If you are interested in finding out more contact the Arts Development Officer.

Emma Hodge, Assistant Arts Development Officer

Tel: 01606 867976, email: [ehodge@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:ehodge@valeroyal.gov.uk)

### **Northwich and Winsford Civic Hall**

Programming: used to run regular cinema for children now runs seasonal activities such as pantomimes and family shows on a seasonal and commercial basis

Dene Drive, Winsford, Cheshire

CW7 1AX. Tel: 01606 867555

Email: [WinCivicHall@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:WinCivicHall@valeroyal.gov.uk)

Manager: Mr Phil Harding

### **Leisure Centres**

Various activities are run from these centres. Visit [www.valeroyal.gov.uk](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk) for more information and

Check out the Vale Royal Sports and Art Directory

### **Frodsham Leisure Centre**

Tel:01928 733953

Helsby Community Sports Club

Chester Road

Helsby

Tel:01928 722267;

[www.helsbysports.com](http://www.helsbysports.com)

[www.info@helsbysports.com](mailto:www.info@helsbysports.com)

### **Helsby Community Centre;**

Tel;01928 722443

### **Moss Farm Leisure Complex;**

Tel:01606 783835

### **Rudheath Leisure Centre**

Tel:01606 41051

### **Sir John Deane's Leisure Centre**

Tel:01606 46011

### **Weaverham Community Centre**

Tel:01606 854088

### **Knights Grange Outdoor Complex**

Various Activities;tel:01606 552780

### **Winsford Sports Complex**

Various Activities;Tel:01606 552776

### **Frodsham Community Association**

Tel: 01928 732222

email: [manager@frodshamcc.co.uk](mailto:manager@frodshamcc.co.uk)

website: [www.frodshamcc.co.uk](http://www.frodshamcc.co.uk)

### **The Salt Museum**

162 London Rd

Northwich, CW9 8AB

Tel: 01606 271640

Website: [www.saltmuseum.org.uk](http://www.saltmuseum.org.uk)

### **Anderton Boat Lift**

Lift Lane

Anderton Northwich

Cheshire

CW9 6FW

Tel: 01606 786777

Website: [www.andertonboatlift.co.uk](http://www.andertonboatlift.co.uk)

### **Arley Hall & Gardens**

One of Cheshire's most charming country houses, the Hall and Chapel were built between 1832 and 1845 and are a prized example of the Victorian Jacobean style. Every July an open air concert at the grounds takes place showcasing international artists. Families and visitors can bring picnics and enjoy the surroundings and the entertainment provided.

More information available here - <http://www.imlconcerts.co.uk/arley.htm>

### **Stockley Farm**

Open since 1987, Stockley Farm is an organic farm set in the beautiful Cheshire Countryside on the Arley Estate.

The Walton family farm 750 acres of land on which they grow a variety of crops and also vegetables for their organic box scheme. The farm also milks 200 dairy cows twice a day.

Stockley Farm is the current holder of Cheshire Farms Competitions 'Supreme Champion Farm' and has also been awarded 'Farm Attraction of the year 2007' through the National Farm Attractions Network.

<http://www.stockleyfarm.co.uk/index.php>

### **Rural Touring Network – Venues**

Whitely Village Hall, WA4 4EJ

Whitegate Community Centre, CW8 2AY

Rudheath High School, CW9 7DT

Little Budworth Village Hall, CW6 9BY

Helsby Community Centre, WA6 0BN

Great Budworth Village Hall, CW9 6HL

### **LIBRARIES**

#### **Northwich Library,**

Witton Street, Northwich,  
Cheshire, CW9 5DR –

Tel: 01606 44221

Fax: 01606 48396

Email: [northwich.infopoint@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:northwich.infopoint@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Wharton Library,**

Willow Square, Wharton,  
Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3HP

#### **Winsford Library,** High Street,

Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2AS

Tel: 01606 552065

Fax: 01606 861563 –

Email: [winsford.infopoint@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:winsford.infopoint@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Barnton Library,**

Townfield Lane, Barnton,  
Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 4LJ –

Tel: 01606 77343

Fax: 01606 77343

Email: [barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Weaverham Library,**

Russet Road, Weaverham,  
Cheshire, CW8 3HY –

Tel: 01606 853359

Fax: 01606 853359

Email: [weaverham.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:weaverham.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Sandiway Library,**

Mere Lane, Cuddington,  
Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2NS

Tel: 01606 888065 –

Fax: 01606 883743 –

Email: [sandiway.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:sandiway.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Frodsham Library,**

Rock Chapel, High Street,  
Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 7AN –

Tel: 01928 732775 –

Fax: 01928 734214

Email: [frodsham.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:frodsham.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Helsby Library,**

Lower Robin Hood Lane,  
Helsby, Cheshire, WA6 0BW –

Tel: 01928 724659/726947

Fax: 01928 724659

Email: [helsby.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:helsby.library@cheshire.gov.uk)

#### **Tarporley Library,**

High School, Eaton Road,  
Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 0BJ –

Tel: 01829 731794

Fax: 01829 733945

Email: [tarporley.library@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:tarporley.library@cheshire.gov.uk)



### **Cinemas**

None-Northwich Regal cinema closed in 2007. See Rural cinema scheme and Regalette Northwich Salt Museum. Also grange school operate cinema session since 2008.

## **VOLUNTARY SECTOR ARTS ORGANISATIONS BASED IN DISTRICT**

### **Vale Royal CVS**

Waterside House, Navigation Road, Northwich, CW8 1BE Tel: 01606 723 180 Email: [aneil@valeroyalcvcs.org.uk](mailto:aneil@valeroyalcvcs.org.uk)  
Northwich Office  
Winnington House  
Winnington Lane  
Northwich  
Cheshire  
CW8 4DE  
Tel:01606 784782

### **Youth Fed**

[gilliane@youthfed.org](mailto:gilliane@youthfed.org) Gillian Elms H R Manager  
[sallych@youthfed.org](mailto:sallych@youthfed.org) Sally Cerro-Hughes Operations Director  
[peterw@youthfed.org](mailto:peterw@youthfed.org) Peter Wilson Voluntary Youth sector Support Manager  
[peters@youthfed.org](mailto:peters@youthfed.org) Peter Shimwell Volunteering & Events Team Leader  
[kellyt@youthfed.org](mailto:kellyt@youthfed.org) Kelly Tailby Workforce Development Champion  
[saraht@youthfed.org](mailto:saraht@youthfed.org) Sarah Taylor Accreditation & Achievement Worker

Warrington & Vale Royal  
University College Campus  
Crab Lane  
Warrington  
WA2 0DB  
Tel:01925 534207

[johnb@youthfed.org](mailto:johnb@youthfed.org) John Booth Projects Team Worker  
[clarel@youthfed.org](mailto:clarel@youthfed.org) Clare Loughlin Projects Youth Worker  
[andreat@youthfed.org](mailto:andreat@youthfed.org) Andrea Thomson Projects Youth Worker

## **AMATUER ARTS ORGANISATIONS - 17**

### **Harlequin Players Club**

Tel: 01606 41597 An amateur theatre company producing six full length plays every year and occasional studio nights and one-act play evenings. There is a monthly Club Night for new and existing members to get involved and read plays. Located half way along Queen Street, Northwich, Cheshire, the theatre has tiered seating for 96 patrons, parking, wheelchair access, a hearing aid induction loop and bar .Productions have included :- classics by Oscar Wilde, William Shakespeare and Arthur Miller; comedies by John Godber, Alan Bennett and Neil Simon; stage versions of The Darling Buds of May, The Elephant Man and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest; family favourites like A Christmas Carol, Wind in the Willows and The Wizard of Oz and new work including Loveplay, Sorry I Love You and 'Art'.

Objectives - to educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the arts. Youth Activities-Adhoc. Some collaboration with D.A.N. (Development of Arts in Northwich) in running a course of basic acting / directing workshops for young people. The sessions will be on the last Saturdays of March, April, May and June 08.

Drama workshops - Acting and Directing Skills for All - Age 16+

Davenham and Sandiway Players

Joanne Carter, secretary Tel: 01606333213.

Email: [Joanne@wyndene.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:Joanne@wyndene.freeserve.co.uk)

Website: [http://www.harlequinplayers.co.uk/Harlequins\\_Live/Home.html](http://www.harlequinplayers.co.uk/Harlequins_Live/Home.html)

**Kingsley Players**

Lesley Ann Boyle, Chairman, 01928 787075 / 07734910723.  
Email [lesleyannboyle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lesleyannboyle@hotmail.co.uk)

**Moulton Drama Group**

Sheila Hetherington 01606 551673

**Northwich Folk Dance**

RAOB Club; Witton Street; Northwich;  
Fridays; 6-8pm;  
Tel; 01606 74858 (daytime);01606 74839

**Vale Royal Amateur Operatic Society**

Tel: 01606 553339 or 559448 mobile: 07880 592799  
Email: [shirley.sadler@winsford.net](mailto:shirley.sadler@winsford.net)  
Or [sally@woollysheep.org](mailto:sally@woollysheep.org)

**Northwich Folk Club**

Tel: 01606 48382  
Email: [info@northwichfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@northwichfolk.co.uk)  
Website: [www.northwichfolk.co.uk](http://www.northwichfolk.co.uk)

**Mid-Cheshire Amateur Operatic Society**

Tel: 01606 871233  
Fax: 01606 45688  
Website: [www.mid-cheshires.org.uk](http://www.mid-cheshires.org.uk)

**Zodiac Amateur Operatic Society**

Tel: 01928 733969  
Email: [secretary@zaos.org.uk](mailto:secretary@zaos.org.uk)  
Website: [www.zaos.org.uk](http://www.zaos.org.uk)

**Tarporley Amateur Dramatic Society**

Tel: 01829 733416 or 732646  
Email: [jaxon44@btinternet.com](mailto:jaxon44@btinternet.com)  
or [tandbkenny@hotmail.com](mailto:tandbkenny@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.tarporleyads.co.uk](http://www.tarporleyads.co.uk)

**Moulton Drama Club**

telephone: 01606 551673  
mobile: 07765 114147  
email: [sheila@playon.plus.com](mailto:sheila@playon.plus.com)  
website: [www.mdg.org.uk](http://www.mdg.org.uk)

**Mid-Cheshire Amateur Operatic Society**

telephone: 01606 871233 or 331557  
email: [david\\_parkes33@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david_parkes33@yahoo.co.uk)  
or [suechatt@f2s.com](mailto:suechatt@f2s.com)  
website: [www.mid-cheshires.org.uk](http://www.mid-cheshires.org.uk)

**Frodsham Players**

telephone: 01928 731586  
email: [hgarner@aol.com](mailto:hgarner@aol.com)

**Barnton Variety Theatre Workshop**

telephone: 01606 77480  
website: [www.bvtw.org.uk](http://www.bvtw.org.uk)

**Byley Village Players**

telephone: 01606 832325

**Cheshire Theatre Guild**

telephone: 01606 833645

website: [www.ctguild.org.uk](http://www.ctguild.org.uk)

**Davenham & Sandiway Players**

telephone: 01606 74127

email: [jcchloe@aol.com](mailto:jcchloe@aol.com)

**Frodsham Community Association**

email: [manager@frodshamcc.co.uk](mailto:manager@frodshamcc.co.uk)

website: [www.frodshamcc.co.uk](http://www.frodshamcc.co.uk)

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**YOUTH ARTS GROUPS**

**Youth Dance:** 21 groups

All groups have an element of dance classes or performance within them.

**Winsford Street Dance**

telephone: 01606 867533

email: [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)

website: [www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure)

**Hotsteppin' Youth Street Dance**

Rudheath Leisure Centre; Northwich,  
Wednesday, 7:30-8:30pm (Age 11-17)

**Weaverham Corvettes Dancing Troupe**

Weaverham Youth Club; Weaverham; Northwich  
Thursdays

**Wendy's Dance Centre**

telephone: 01606 833643

**Vale Royal Majorettes**

telephone: 01928 561175 mobile: 07958 454243

email: [l1llbabs@aol.com](mailto:l1llbabs@aol.com)

**Junior and Youth Dance**

telephone: 01606 867533

email: [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)

website: [www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure)

**Integrated Dance ' Dance 4 All'**

telephone: 01606 867533

email: [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)

website: [www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure)

**Hotsteppin' Street Dance**

telephone: 01606 867533

email: [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)

website: [www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure)

**Hot Roc Jive**

telephone: 01606 40286

mobile: 07746141762

email: [enquiries@hotrocjive.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hotrocjive.co.uk)

website: [www.hotrocjive.co.uk](http://www.hotrocjive.co.uk)

**The Kingsley Players –**

telephone: 01928 787075

mobile: 07734910723

email: [lesleyandneil@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleyandneil@hotmail.com)

website: [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk)

**Suzie's Stompers –**

telephone: 01928 725760

mobile: 07762 945163

email: [se.hodgson@btinternet.com](mailto:se.hodgson@btinternet.com)

**Parents and Tots**

telephone: 01606 867533

email: [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)

website: [www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure)

**Northwich Dance Company**

telephone: 01606 49050 / 07721 907618

email: [amanda@northwichdancecompany.co.uk](mailto:amanda@northwichdancecompany.co.uk)

website: [www.northwichdancecompany.co.uk](http://www.northwichdancecompany.co.uk)

**NCD Cheer & Dance**

telephone: 0151 4279428 / 07900011090

email: [ncdcheerleading@aol.com](mailto:ncdcheerleading@aol.com)

website: [www.cheshirecheer.moonfruit.co.uk](http://www.cheshirecheer.moonfruit.co.uk)

**Dancercise**

Tel: 01606 832703 mobile: 07729 964761

email: [dianne.coleman@emerson.co.uk](mailto:dianne.coleman@emerson.co.uk)

**Dance Basics**

Tel: 01270 669084

email: [mark@dancebasics.co.uk](mailto:mark@dancebasics.co.uk)

website: [www.dancebasics.co.uk](http://www.dancebasics.co.uk)

**Vale Royal Majorettes**

Frodsham Community Centre and  
Weaver Vale Primary School

Mrs. Beverley Shaw;

Tel: 01928 561175

**Frodsham Street Dance**

Frodsham Leisure Centre;  
telephone: 01606 867533  
email: [swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:swalker@valeroyal.gov.uk)  
website: [www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.valeroyal.gov.uk/leisure)

**Frejoy Dancing**

telephone: 01606 834492  
email: [fredboast@btinternet.com](mailto:fredboast@btinternet.com)

**Dancing 4 Fun**

Winnington Hall Estate,  
Winnington Lane, Northwich,  
CW8 4GX –  
01606851303

**Dollar & Dime**

telephone: 01606 77586  
website: [www.dollaranddime.co.uk](http://www.dollaranddime.co.uk)

**Youth Drama/Theatre:** 0 groups with youth specific focus

**Visual Media Groups – 2 groups**

**Frodsham Film Society**

Frodsham Community Centre-  
Contact: CJ Faulkner  
telephone: 01928 734621  
website: [www.frodshamfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.frodshamfilmsociety.org.uk)

**Arts Clubs – 1 group**

Arts & Crafts Club  
Helsby Community Centre  
Sunday 6:00-7:00pm

**Mid-Cheshire Camera Club**

The Dingle Recreation Centre,  
Winsford CW7 2AS-  
Contact: Andrew Adams –  
telephone: 01606 554181

**Music** - 11 music groups:

**Barnton Silver Band**

Royal British Legion, Meadow Drive,  
Christopher Ravenscroft,  
telephone: 01606 44457,  
email: [chris.ravenscroft@royaldoulton.com](mailto:chris.ravenscroft@royaldoulton.com)  
Web: <http://www.themouthpiece.com/bsb>

**Tarporley Brass Band**

The Band Room, High Street, Tarporley -  
Contact: Les Moore,  
telephone: 01606 737621  
mobile: 07790796924

**Condate Singers**

Methodist Church, Witton Street,  
Northwich,  
Contact: Janet Scott,  
telephone: 01606 594076,  
email: [admin@condate.org.uk](mailto:admin@condate.org.uk)

**The Distaff Singers**

Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Acton Bridge -  
Contact: Mrs. Sheila R Evans  
telephone: 01606 860559

**Frodsham Music & Arts Club**

Frodsham Community Centre –  
Contact: Mrs. Margaret Dodd ,  
telephone: 01928 722282

**Vale Royal Amateur Operatic Society**

Civic Hall, Winsford - Contact:  
Mrs. S Sadler or Mrs. S Ross  
telephone: 01606 553339 or 559448 –  
mobile: 07880 592799 –  
email: [shirley.sadler@winsford.net](mailto:shirley.sadler@winsford.net)  
or [sally@woollysheep.org](mailto:sally@woollysheep.org)

**Frodsham Silver Band**

Greenfeild Lane, Frodsham  
Contact: Mrs. C Hopley  
telephone: 01928 581914  
<http://fsband.info/index.html>

**The Wyvern Singers**

St John's Church, Delamere Street, Winsford -  
Contact: Mrs. Joyce Hambleton  
telephone: 01477 537399

**Frodsham Community Association**

Fluin Lane, Frodsham WA6 7HE  
telephone: 01928 732222 –  
email: [manager@frodshamcc.co.uk](mailto:manager@frodshamcc.co.uk)  
website: [www.frodshamcc.co.uk](http://www.frodshamcc.co.uk)

**Northwich Folk Club**

Harlequin Theatre, Northwich -  
Contact: Bill Pook –  
telephone: 01606 48382  
email: [info@northwichfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@northwichfolk.co.uk)  
website: [www.northwichfolk.co.uk](http://www.northwichfolk.co.uk)

**Mid-Cheshire Amateur Operatic Society**

Oakwood Lane Theatre, Barnton -  
Contact: David Parkes-  
telephone: 01606 871233  
fax: 01606 45688  
website: [www.mid-cheshires.org.uk](http://www.mid-cheshires.org.uk)

**Commercial Arts Groups** – 6 groups

**Sue Morgan School of Dance**

Barton Memorial Hall; Townfields Lane, Barton;  
Northwich;  
Wednesdays  
5:30 (Age 12-16)

**Davies School of Dance Ballet**

Methodist Hall  
Tuesday;3:15-5:30pm  
tel;01928 722486

**Danash Stage School**

(3+) Modern, Tap & Ballet  
Methodist Hall;  
Wednesday & Thursday;4:00-9:00pm  
Friday4:00-7:30pm

**Joan Pierpoint School Of Dance & Drama**

37 Chester Way,  
NORTHWICH, CW9 5JE  
0160642384

**Stagecoach Theatre Arts - Northwich**

Tel: 01606 784219  
within Victoria Road Primary School  
Victoria Rd, Northwich,  
Cheshire, CW9 5RE  
[www.stagecoach.co.uk](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk)

**Sound Technique-**

Music tuition and studies  
Barnton; 123 Runcorn Rd  
Barnton  
Northwich  
CW8 4EX  
Tel. 01606 872474

**Commercial Licensed Music venues**

**De.Bees (Pollen8)**

Programme & Weekend family events -17 Market Place, Winsford, CW7 3DA.  
01606 558596. [info@debees.com](mailto:info@debees.com)

Lots of under-age music activity, music workshops or musicians network activity and workshops for families also- get more off website

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## **ANNUAL FESTIVALS/EVENTS IN VALE ROYAL:**

### **Winsford Festival**

The Winsford festival has taken place for the last 10 years and has many different elements - troupe dancing, crafts tent for children, fairground, tribute acts and local bands from youth to older performing throughout the festival.

Contact Steve on 07786 554441.

Email [winsfordfestival@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:winsfordfestival@tiscali.co.uk),

websites [www.myspace.com/winsfordfestival](http://www.myspace.com/winsfordfestival) and [www.winsfordtownfestival.com](http://www.winsfordtownfestival.com)

### **Anderton Canal and River Festival**

As well as taking part in guided flower walks and wild flower plantings, visitors to the event will also be able to create giant exotic flowers out of recycled materials, join in wildflower plantings and wildflower walks, see a chainsaw artist at work and get information about recycled garden products. Annual event taking place in June.

<http://cyog.blogspot.com/2008/06/anderton-canal-and-river-festival.html>

### **Northwich Carnival**

Annual July festival which includes a wide variety of entertainment ranging from a dancing troupe competition to judo demonstrations. To the traditional floats that make their way through Northwich in the traditional parade.

Contact Pat Evans on 01606 891565.

### **Frodsham Festival**

Frodsham festival is new to Cheshire in 2008 and will be a great new showcase for new local talent to as well as the better known signed bands. Located in rural Cheshire on the grounds of Lady Heyes Craft Centre, Kingsley Road, Cheshire, WA6 6SU

Tel: 01928 787919

Email - [info@frodshamfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@frodshamfestival.co.uk)

Web: [www.frodshamfestival.co.uk](http://www.frodshamfestival.co.uk)

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## **PUBLIC ART**

### **Public Art:**

Town centre pieces include Weaver shopping prescient water feature, the Anderton Boat Lift and also some environmental arts projects/sculptures at Marbury Park, Owley wood, Marshalls arms woods, Winsford Flashes and Weaver valley park. Many schools and young people have been involved in these commissions.

Public Art Initiatives in Vale royal Partners include the Action Weaver Valley and Cheshire County Council (Countryside/Arts service.) Work includes sculptures in Marbury Country Park, Marshalls arms Park, Anderton Parks, Owley woods etc.

Street Art Interpretation: Panels explain some of the street art works installed in Northwich Town Centre. There are also heritage interpretation panels throughout Frodsham and Northwich featuring illustrations of historic properties. Telephone: 01606 867721 Email: [dhayes@valeroyal.gov.uk](mailto:dhayes@valeroyal.gov.uk)  
Sandstone Trail, Frodsham Environmental artist, Stephen Charnock, was commissioned to design and make a piece of artwork to mark the start of the Sandstone Trail in Frodsham, a 34 mile long walk stretching across Vale Royal to Whitchurch.

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## **BODY ART / TATTOO PARLOUS**

Eternal Images – 111 Middlewich Roads, CW9 7BY - Rudheath

Indigo Tattoo – 163 Witton Street, CW9 5EA - Northwich

Sacred Arts – 59 Chester Road, Castle, CW8 1HG

## **EDUCATION: SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES - 1**

### **Mid Cheshire College**

Mid-Cheshire College, Hartford Campus,  
Chester Road, Northwich, Cheshire. CW8 1LJ

website: <http://www.midchesh.ac.uk/>

Tel: 01606 74444

Email: [info@midchesh.ac.uk](mailto:info@midchesh.ac.uk)

Mid-Cheshire College is one of the best performing further education colleges in the country. In 2004 we had our best ever Ofsted inspection and our student success rates are now in the top 5% of the sector.

The College offers learning opportunities at all levels from Entry Level courses and Basic Skills to Foundation Degrees, in partnership with local Universities. Whether it's Bricklaying, Biology, Business Studies or Badminton we are likely to have a course for you.

Mid-Cheshire College offers first class facilities for all its students and staff and is a great place to learn and work.

The College supports the government initiative 'Every Child Matters' and 'Youth Matters' and all courses include elements which contribute to students achieving the five outcomes, namely, being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well-being.

London Road visual arts studios- A significant part of the visual and performing arts and media provision is provided at the London Road site near the centre of Northwich.

## **SPECIALIST ARTS COLLEGES -2**

### **Rudheath High School**

Performing Arts Specialist School Shipbrook Rd  
Rudheath, Northwich, CW9 7DT

01606 338616

An arts school that proposes to offer all learners in the school community challenging, creative and enjoyable learning through the arts within and beyond the school day.

The arts and new technology is proposed to benefit all subjects, leading to higher achievement.

Through the arts they hope to develop students' skills for life and work, communication, co-operation and independent learning.

They run the "Creative & Media Diploma" which is equivalent to 6 -7 GCSE's.

Tel - 01606 42515

Email: [centraloffice@rudheathhs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:centraloffice@rudheathhs.cheshire.sch.uk)

Website: [www.rudheathhs.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.rudheathhs.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **The County High School Leftwich**

Headteacher: Miss J Brandreth

Tel: 01606 331483

The County High School Leftwich is a small sized Media Arts co-educational comprehensive school that serves approximately 900 students between 11 to 16 years of age. It is located in the district of Leftwich, Northwich in Cheshire, England. Children come here from neighbouring areas such as Moulton, Davenham, Leftwich, Kingsmead and Winsford.

E-mail: [admin@thecountyhigh.school.cheshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@thecountyhigh.school.cheshire.org.uk)

Web: [www.chsleftwich.com](http://www.chsleftwich.com)

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS SCHOOLS - 4**

### **Cloughwood Community Special School**

Stones Manor Lane, Hartford, Northwich, CW8 1NU  
01606 76671

### **Greenbank Residential School**

Greenbank Lane, Hartford, Northwich, CW8 1LD  
01606 76521

### **Hebden Green Community School**

Woodford Lane West, Winsford, CW7 4EJ  
01606 594221  
Web: [www.hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk/](http://www.hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk/)

### **Oaklands School**

Montgomery Way, Winsford, CW7 1NU  
01606 551048

### **County Based Vale Royal district contacts:**

Vale Royal Extended Schools Co-ordinator: Amanda Gould  
Email: [amanda.gould@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.gould@cheshire.gov.uk) 0779 958 2983

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## **YOUTH ARTS FESTIVALS**

None

### **OTHER ARTS - 2**

#### **Commercial Sector:**

##### **Blakemere Craft Centre**

Shops, workshops and craft fairs, located near to Northwich- There are various events held every weekend from antique and collector's fairs to farmers' markets, festive events over the Christmas period and activities during the summer holidays.

Website: <http://www.blakemere-shoppingexperience.com>

Email: [info@visitblakemere.co.uk](mailto:info@visitblakemere.co.uk)

##### **Church Meadow Crafts**

Carisbrook Drive, Winsford –  
telephone 01606 594 200

Lace making equipment and supplies

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## **YOUTH CLUBS – 19 groups**

### **Youth Drop In**

Youth Group; Methodist Hall;  
Monday evenings tel:01928 727418

### **Frodsham Red Room**

Frodsham Youth Centre ; Fluin Lane ;Frodsham  
Monday's (Year 7 & 8 only)Wednesday (Age 11-  
19)7:00-9:00pm;Helen Daviestel;01606 350750

### **Kingsley U17's Youth Club**

Kingsley Community Centre; Smithy Lane;  
Frodsham; Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of  
the month;tel;01928 788364

### **Moulton Adventure Group**

Moulton Adventure Group HQ; School Lane;  
Moulton  
Monday;7:15-9:15pm

### **IMPP**

youth group alternate WEDNESDAYS term time  
School Lane; Moulton

### **Northwich & District Youth Club**

Winnington House; Winnington Lane; Northwich  
Monday – Special Needs Group; Tuesday &  
Wednesday- Youth Club; 7:00-9:30pm  
Bob Barton; tel: 01606 350750



**ToC H Drop in Centre**

Youth Group; Robin Hood PH; 2nd Monday of the month  
6:30-9:30pm (Age 14-17)

**Cheshire Youth Inclusion**

Unit 1 Theatre Court; London Road, Northwich, CW9 5HB;  
Tel; 01606 333589  
Working with 13-16 year olds from Winsford and Northwich through referrals from agencies such as YOT, Schools, Community wardens and children's services. Each young person is assigned a project worker to address individual's needs and they develop their own programme of development which can be linked to Youth Achievement awards.

**Cuddington 69's Youth Club**

The Playing Fields; Norley Road; Cuddington  
Wednesdays 7-9pm

**Fast Track Remote Control Cars**

Lostock Youth Centre; Works Lane; Lostock  
Neil Goward; 01606 76186

**Lostock Gram Youth Club**

Lostock Gram Community Centre;  
Tuesday; 7:30-9:00pm (Age 11-17)

**Barnton MAD (Make A Difference) Youth Club**

Barnton Memorial Hall, Townfield Lane, Barnton.  
Please ring Parish Clr Ron Hearsey via the parish clerk,  
Roy Garton on 01606 76468.  
vkandel@guardiangrp.co.uk

**Uniformed groups:** 15 groups

**Frodsham Army Cadets**

Drill Hall; Frodsham;  
Monday & Thursday 7:00-9:30pm

**Frodsham Fire Cadets**

Frodsham Fire Station; Ship Street; Frodsham  
Wednesday; 7:00-9:30pm;  
tel 01928 732181

**1st Helsby Scouts**

1st Helsby Scout Group Head Quarters;  
Wednesday; 7:00-9:00pm  
Both boys and girls welcome (Age 10.5-14)

**Frodsham Beacon Venture Scout Group**

Beacon Head Quarters; Moor Lane ;Frodsham  
Tuesday 7:00-10:00pm

**Vale Royal Youth Voice**

Vale Royal Hub; Meadow Court ; Meadow Street  
Northwich; Tuesdays ; 6:30-8:30pm;  
Helen Davies;tel;01606 350750

**Weaverham Youth Club**

Withens Lane; Weaverham;  
Friday; 6:45-9:30pm (Age 4-14)

**The Zone Youth Club**

Wharton Youth Club; Greville Drive; Ages 11-19;  
Thursday; 7:00pm 9:00pm  
01606 554649

**Willow Wood Youth Club**

Willow Wood Youth Centre;  
Friday & Saturday; 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
01606 554649

**Lostock Youth Club**

Works Lane ; Lostock;  
Thursdays; 7:30-9:00 (Age 12-16);  
Julie Johnson 01606 49755

**Middlewich Community & Youth Project**

The Wych Centre, Civic Way, Middlewich, CW10  
9BX.  
01606 835043. wychcentre@tiscali.net

**Oxygen Project**

Contact 01606 592789 for more information

**Northwich Fire Cadets**

Northwich Fire Station; Braddon Close,  
Northwich;  
Wednesday; 7:00-9:30pm  
01606 42283

**Winsford, Middlewich & Northwich Sea Cadets**

Bradford Road (Salt Mines); Winsford;  
Tuesday & Friday; 7:00-9:30pm;  
01606 559960

**Girl Guides**

Lostock Youth Centre, Works Lane, Lostock,  
Wednesday - 7:30-9:00,  
07815138723

**Frodsham Guides**

Guide Headquarters, Ship Street ;  
Wednesday;7.30-9.00pm  
Mrs Caryn Hetheringtontel:01928 735691-  
Ring Before Coming

**4th Helsby Guides**

Helsby Guide Head Quarters; Wednesday

**Northwich Air Cadets**

Northwich ATC;146 Squadron; Queen Street;  
Northwich  
Tuesdays & Fridays;7:00-9:00pm;  
tel;01606 4992

**Girlguides – Brownies – Rainbows**

Numerous groups across the district  
Website: [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
Email: [website@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:website@girlguiding.org.uk)  
Tel: 0800 1 69 59 01

**Weaverham Scouts**

The Scout Hall; Church Street; Weaverham;  
Mr. R Lloyd; 01606 85176  
[www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

**Fire Cadets**

Winsford Fire Station; Sadler Road; Winsford;  
Wednesday

**Sea Cadets –**

**Winsford, Middlewich & Northwich**  
Bradford Road (Salt Mines); Winsford  
Tuesday & Friday; 7:00pm – 9.30pm;  
01606 559960

**Scouts**

St John's Community Centre;  
Delamere Street; David Hopley,  
email;dave@sjscouts.org.uk  
7:00pm – 9:30pm,tel:1606 594883

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**COUNTYWIDE YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICES IN VALE ROYAL**

**Connexions**

Personal advisors provide support and advice about drugs and alcohol, there is a connexions PA in each school or contact connexions area offices in each district  
01606 354752

**Youth Offending Teams**

Young people involved with YOT can get information, advise and support from specialist misuse workers in their district.  
Central Cheshire; 01244 615300  
Cheshire Youth Offending Team  
Management Unit  
No. 2 The Stables  
Gadbrook Park  
Northwich  
Cheshire CW9 7RJ  
Telephone : 01606 305241

**Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Cheshire**

Young people's advice and support for substance misuse.  
1829 Building, Countess of Chester Heath Park,  
Liverpool Road, Chester.  
Tel: 01244 650435

**Drug Intervention Services Cheshire (DISC)**

Information, support and advice on one to one basis available through DISC young peoples workers;  
Mid Cheshire 01606 863264

**Social Services**

Young people in residential care can get support information and advice from specialist substance misuse workers based at Redsands  
Children's centre in Crewe.  
Tel 01270 664116

**Alcohol Services Cheshire (ASC)**

Providing counseling for young people with problems with alcohol or other substance misuse. ASC provide alcohol education to schools and youth groups.  
Tel 01270 580243

**Young Peoples Treatment Services**

Advice and support for young people with drug or alcohol problems from specialist young peoples treatment workers in each locality;  
Tel Central Cheshire 01270 585412

**Drugs Intervention Service Cheshire**

Vale Royal Hub;  
Meadow Court;  
Meadow Street

**Education Services in schools**

Is delivered through PHSCE- Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship education and supported by Healthy schools Programme. District contacts are PHSCE co-ordinator's in each school

**CHESHIRE HEALTHY SCHOOLS**

Senior Adviser for PSHCE and National Healthy School Co-ordinator; Janet Smith;  
Tel: 01606 274305/3;  
E-Mail: [j.smith@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:j.smith@cheshire.gov.uk)

Healthy School Secretary - Cheshire  
Julie Spurrier  
Tel: 01606 274303  
E-Mail: [julie.spurrier@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:julie.spurrier@cheshire.gov.uk)

West Cheshire Healthy School Development Consultant  
Ellen Weaver  
Tel: 01606 814357  
E-Mail: [ellen.weaver@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.weaver@cheshire.gov.uk)

Healthy School Secretary – Cheshire; Sharon Redrup;  
Tel: 01606 274303;  
E-Mail: [sharon.redrup@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.redrup@cheshire.gov.uk)

**CREWE & NANTWICH / VALE ROYAL**

Central Cheshire Healthy Schools Development Consultant;  
Ruth Boulton; Tel: 01606 274305/3;  
E-mail: [ruth.boulton@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.boulton@cheshire.gov.uk)

Central and Eastern Cheshire Health Adviser;  
Maureen Gleave; Tel: 01270 275284;  
E-mail: [maureen.gleave@cecpcpct.nhs.uk](mailto:maureen.gleave@cecpcpct.nhs.uk)

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