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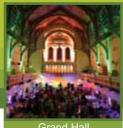
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WELCOME TO CONGLETON

WELCOME to the historic market town of Congleton. This guide has been produced by Congleton Town Council to give visitors, residents and those thinking of moving to the town an insight into both modern life and the history of the town.

Congleton is located in south east Cheshire at the foothills of the Pennines. The town is surrounded by spectacular countryside, yet is just ten minutes drive from junction 17 of the M6 motorway. The town has excellent communication links, great schools, a wide variety of shops and a successful business community. It also benefits from a wealth of voluntary organisations and groups, an active cultural scene and multitude of sporting and leisure activities. All of which, along with the friendly and welcoming residents, makes Congleton a very desirable place in which to live.

Whether you are already living in Congleton, are here as a visitor, thinking of moving or even considering relocating your business to the area, we hope this guide will prove useful to you. We also trust that, whatever your reason for coming to Congleton, you have a thoroughly enjoyable time and that Congleton – the little town with the big heart – becomes one of your favourite places.



Councillor David Martin, Congleton Town Mayor 2011-12

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HIGHLIGHTING OUR **HISTORY**



Congleton has a very varied and interesting past. Here Congleton Museum highlights some snippets of our past.

1. The **Bridestones**, a significant Neolithic feature situated on the Cheshire and Staffordshire border near Congleton. The remnants of this high status Stone Age burial cairn is now limited to a few stones, but is still considered to be of national importance.



The Bridestones

Bronze Hoard 2. Evidence of **Bronze Age** inhabitants were discovered during the excavation for a school in New Street, now Daven School. Two





Hoard of Gold Coins

bronze spear heads with their butts and a socketed bronze axe were unearthed, possibly the personal property of a hunter or warrior!

3. During the Civil War (a turbulent time in history), a former Congleton Mayor and lawyer, John Bradshaw, became president



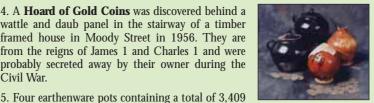
John Bradshaw Plaque

of the court which sent Charles 1 to be beheaded in 1649, and his signature as Attorney General was the first on the king's death warrant.



Town Hall

4. A Hoard of Gold Coins was discovered behind a wattle and daub panel in the stairway of a timber framed house in Moody Street in 1956. They are from the reigns of James 1 and Charles 1 and were probably secreted away by their owner during the Civil War.



Silver Coins

silver coins were discovered in 1992. The probable owner was John Walker a prominent Royalist during the Civil War and one of Congleton's wealthiest inhabitants.



Congleton Bath House

6. Congleton Town Hall is the most prominent building in the town. Built in 1864 to designs by E.W. Goodwin, it is based on the plans he prepared for Northampton Corporation.



Civic Mace

7. The first silk mill in Congleton was built by John Clayton in 1752. At the end of the 18th century, there were numerous **textile mills**. However, from 1860 the

English silk trade declined, but the introduction of fustian and velvet cutting in 1867 revived the town's textile trade, which continued to be important throughout the twentieth century.



Machinists in the Textile Mills

8. Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden is a restoration project run by the volunteers of Congleton Building Preservation Trust. The Bath House itself is a rare survivor of a private spring-fed cold water plunge pool



Town Mace

from early 1800s standing in the grounds of Bradshaw House built by William Lowndes.

9. **Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy**, one of the most significant pioneers of the British women's emancipation movement, opened a school in Moody Hall in 1867.

10. Congleton possesses two interesting historic **Civic Maces**. The older of the two is the silver mace on display in the museum. The **Town Mace**, made in 1651, is reputed to have been used as a model for the House of Commons mace and is still carried in front of the Mayor on ceremonial occasions.



Elizabeth Wolstenhome Elmv



Scold's Bridle

11. The **Scold's Bridle** was used for punishing nagging women or 'scolds' in the 17th and 18th conturies. It was locked about the women's hear

centuries. It was locked about the women's heads to humiliate them! It was last used in 1824 on Jane Runcorn for shouting at the Churchwardens and Constables as they went around the town making sure all the public houses were closed during morning service.

Congleton has the best set of ancient records in Cheshire, outside Chester itself. These include Charters from 1272 to 1825, court records, lists of Freemen from 1563-1807 and detailed records of the reformed Borough from 1836.

For more detailed information about Congleton's history why not visit Congleton's museum in Market Square behind the Town Hall, or join in one of the popular Museum walks at 2pm on the first Sunday of the month (March-November). See www.congletonmuseum.co.uk

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STORY OF CONGLETON BEARTOWN

Anyone visiting Congleton cannot help but notice a strong link with bears! There are beartown buses, bears on the roundabout, wooden bears in the park and on the green in Buglawton; many of the sports clubs have bear mascots and numerous businesses have beartown in their title – including the Beartown Brewery! The town's nickname is 'Beartown'.

According to the legend, Congleton got its nickname from an incident in the 1660s when the town bear died just before the Wakes holiday. Reluctant to miss the opportunity of bear baiting, the town sold the Town Bible to buy a new bear. A more realistic version is that faced with a resentful populace, the Corporation lent the Bearward (Bearkeeper) 16 shillings to buy a new bear. This money was taken from the Town Chest which contained money saved to buy a new Bible. The incident gave rise to the rhyme 'Congleton rare, Congleton rare, sold the bible to buy a bear'.



Bear at Buglawton



Bearmania bears 2011

Congleton's 'bearmania', where around 70 five foot fibreglass bears could be seen around Congleton from May until October. It started as a schools project, but with the help of the Congleton Partnership, Town Council and local artists the project soon blossomed and Congleton Beartown Ltd, a not for profit organisation was formed.

In 2011 thousands of

visitors experienced

Thanks to the generousity of the schools, local businesses and everyone who supported Bearmania, Congleton was able to present a cheque for £6,500 to Animals Asia to rescue a

bear and pay for it to live in a bear sanctuary. Bearmania also raised funds for local Congleton charities.

In November 2011 Bearmania was awarded the 'Best Local Community Initiative Award' at the How-Do UK Public Services Communications Awards.

Congleton Beartown Ltd volunteers have great ideas for further promoting Congleton and the bear connections. For the latest news on Congleton Beartown Ltd see www.visitbeartown.com



Congleton's Adopted Bear

CONGLETON TODAY!



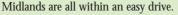
Capitol Walk

Congleton is a confident, flourishing, attractive town with a population of around 28,000. The town benefits from excellent

communication links. The M6 motorway is just 10 minutes away and the railway station has hourly services to Manchester and to Stoke. By train, travellers can be in London in less than two hours. Four main airports – Manchester International, Liverpool John Lennon, Birmingham and East



Mercian March



We asked local people what they liked about Congleton

'Our schools are excellent and our young people are valued and supported'

'The town has a sense of pride in its history and its heritage'

'It's a very friendly place with a wonderfully caring community'

"Within ten minutes in any direction you are on countryside footpaths'

'Congleton is a really safe place for all ages'

'There's a can-do attitude here – enterprising residents and businesses make things happen'

'The best place to live, but don't tell anyone, we want to keep it to ourselves!'



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Call in and meet us.

CONGLETON FESTIVAL TOWN

Congleton people like to celebrate life – and actively welcome visitors to come along and join in the fun! With so many groups and societies active in town there is nearly always something happening, so please do check the event calendar on www.congleton-tc.gov.uk.

Certain events have now established themselves as firm favourites in the Congleton Calendar – and we hope these will continue for years to come, as well as new festivals being established!:

Congleton Food and Drink Festival (June) – A true celebration of locally grown, sourced, produced and cooked food and drink. The High Street is closed to traffic and packed with stalls offering a huge range of culinary delights. The festival is held on a Sunday in the middle of June – the next being 17th June 2012. This is followed by a Tasty Town Week, where lots of the town's restaurants and cafes put on special tasting sessions.



Food & Drink Festival

Seartow

Teddy Bears Picnic

Teddy Bear's Picnic (June) – the town's pre-school children come to the park with their bears and enjoy

arts, crafts, story-telling, singing, dancing and 'big bears' on the Thursday afternoon of Tasty Town Week.

Congleton Carnival (July) – A three-day carnival celebration comes to town on alternate years – with the next one planned for the 13-15th July 2012. Expect a local musical bonanza on the Friday night, a mass of colour, noise and crazy antics in the procession, followed

by a full programme of events

in the park on the Saturday, Party in the Park on Saturday night and further fun in the park on the Sunday.

Jazz and Blues Festival (August) – Many Congleton Pubs have banded together to put on a musical spectacular over the August bank holiday weekend. A wide range of acts are attracted to the town for the event, which promises to be even bigger in 2012.

Congleton Beer Festivals – Congleton Round Table put on a beer festival in June, while the Leisure centre holds two minibeer festivals in March and October.



Carnival

Sting in the Tail Half Marathon – (October) have been held in Congleton since 1983 and has a reputation for being a 'tough' half marathon. It is organised by Congleton Harriers.

Rotary Bonfire – Bonfire night is a special occasion in Congleton – with a children's display, followed

Christmas Lights

by a louder adults display organised in the park by Congleton Rotary. Thousands turn out to see the spectacular display set to music.

Congleton Christmas Crackers – we've always made a big deal of switching on our Christmas lights – and local people turn out in their thousands to enjoy the great atmosphere, fun and games!

In addition for 2012 we have a whole host of activities surrounding the Diamond Jubilee and London 2012!

See www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

TEAM CONGLETON

Congleton is tapping into the energy and excitement which is being created by the 2012 London Games. The town is delighted to be named on the route of the Olympic Flame, and looks forward to supporting the torch carriers as they travel through Congleton on the morning of Thursday 31 May 2012.

Team Congleton has a mission of bringing Congleton people together to have fun and create new opportunities through



championing sport. Two former Olympians who live in the town – Ann Packer and Robbie Brightwell – are Team Congleton's President and Vice President. Patrons include Roger Draper, Dame Mary Peters, Bob Wilson OBE and Sir Clive Woodward OBE. Lord Sebastian Coe has sent a message of support.

Events planned for 2012 include:

- Creating a Congleton Celebration Song, medals and podium so that more Congleton events can be given an Olympic twist.
- a Polyathlon where local teams can compete over a number of disciplines throughout the year to find the ultimate town team
- It's a Knockout in Congleton Park light-hearted competition and fun for all
- Congleton Sports Awards celebrating our inspiring teams and individuals
- Tomorrow's Sporting Heroes programme supporting Congleton youngsters to make the leap to the next level.

The aim is to create a lasting legacy where talented young people from Congleton who are inspired by the games can be supported to realise their dreams.







CONGLETON MARKET



Congleton Market

Congleton was granted its Market Charter in 1272! We are proud to be a market town. The town holds a market twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays – and a lively car boot sale every Sunday combined with a craft fayre on the first Sunday of the month. The market is likely to move location temporarily during the lifetime of this guide, to enable a new market square to be built. This improved future location should secure the market's future for decades to come.

BUSINESS IN CONGLETON

Business is welcomed as an important partner in the success of Congleton. The Town has around 900 VAT registered businesses which is matched by the number of micro businesses in the town. Traditionally Congleton was a textile manufacturing town – and there is still a significant manufacturing base in the town. 90% of the UK ribbons are manufactured by Berisfords of Congleton. Siemens celebrated 40 years of production in Congleton in 2011 while other major manufacturers include Airbags International and Senior Aerospace.



Siemens - Celebrating 40 years

Congleton Town Council, Cheshire East Council,
Congleton Partnership and the East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce have formed a 'Delivery'
team to support businesses wishing to come into Congleton. Copies of the Business
Portfolio, the Developers Portfolio and the Delivery Team contacts can be downloaded from
www.congleton-tc.gov.uk.

Congleton's Town Centre Plan provides a vision of how residents and businesses wish to see the town develop. This is further enhanced by a Public Realm Strategy setting out a guide for the look and feel



Congleton Means Business

of future development. There is an active Congleton Business Group enabling traders to work together, and East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce supports local businesses. There are a number of developers interested in Congleton, and a major Town Centre development is due to commence in 2012 which will include a town centre supermarket, hotel, new market square and retail units. However the town is determined not just to attract business, but to attract the right sort of business to grow and sustain the town's future.

For more see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk or tel 01260 270350

SHOPPING IN CONGLETON

Shopping should be an enjoyable experience! With friendly customer service, a great mix of independent, regional and national stores and an attractive location we aim to make your visit to Congleton Town Centre as enjoyable as possible.

Congleton has over 160 retail premises and 32 places to eat or drink! The town centre boasts well known retailers such as Gamestation, Costa Coffee, foneshop, Argos and Dorothy Perkins as well as numerous independent shops, catering for everything from dance wear to designer clothes, from diamond rings to French furniture, and from cheeses to African art.



Love Local Life Card

Love Local Life (LLL) cards are accepted at over 30 independent shops in town, encouraging local people to shop locally and rewarding them for doing so. LLL cards can be purchased from Congleton TIC and library and or can be downloaded as a free app – search Love Local Life.

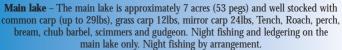
For visitors or residents with mobility difficulties a helpful and friendly Shop Mobility office is open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in the municipal building behind the Town Hall – tel 01260 273733

The Town is not content to stand still. A PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY gives a clear vision for the future of the town. Work is due to start early in 2012 on a multi-million pound development which will result in a new town centre supermarket, hotel and market square.

MORETON FISHERIES



The complex consist of three waters containing 15 species of fish up to double figures. During the summer months net of 50lbs plus are regularly being caught in matches. Please ring for peg availability if you are pleasure/night fishing on the weekend.





Pecks pool – Pecks pool is approximately 1½ acres (28 pegs) and is mainly stocked with big carp, crucians and roach. No nuts or floating bait. Float fishing only.



Cottage pool – The cottage pool is approximately 1¼ acres (25 pegs) and contains a good head of carp, roach, perch, tench, golden orfe, chub, barbel, rudd and crucians.
No nuts or balls of ground bait to be used on this water. Float fishing only.

Club matches welcome Snack bar on site 7 days a week hot and cold food/drink sold Pegs and facilities – Info, Tickets and Bait

Tel: 01260 272839 - Chris Talbot/Manager

New Road, Astbury, by Jubilee Garage





CONGLETON ATTRACTIONS

Congleton is blessed with a great location, surrounded by spectacular countryside. The Macclesfield canal edges around the town, while the River Dane gives a glorious green corridor through the centre of town. Below are some of our favourite Congleton attractions. We hope that you will enjoy them too!



Museum



Astbury Mere

Astbury Mere - this beautiful Country Park was a former sand quarry. It is run by a charitable trust and is one of the most visited free attractions in the North West! An all weather level path around the mere makes walking easy for all abilities, while the sail school provides visitors with greater challenges! There is parking for 80 cars, and a visitors centre is open from 9am – 5pm – Visitors centre tel 01260 297237

Congleton Museum – brings to life the characters, lives and histories of Congleton through the ages. The town boasts the best set of ancient records in Cheshire outside of Chester – with Charters from 1270 to 1825. With knowledgeable staff and volunteers you're sure to leave amazed! Museum walks are held on the first Sunday of the month.

www.congletonmuseum.co.uk

Congleton Paddling Pool - has kept children happy through the summer months since the 1930s! Renovated and managed by the Town Council the pool is open from the end of May until early September 10am— 6pm www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



Congleton Park



Paddling Pool

Congleton Park – is a stunning Victorian park, complete with river walk, children's play area, ancient woodland walks, bowling green, amazing flower beds, toilets and a park pavilion café – and all just five minutes walk from the town centre. www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



Little Morton Hall

Daneside Theatre – offers a range of top quality productions throughout the year. For a full programme see www.danesidetheatre.co.uk

The Cloud at Timbersbrook – walkers venturing up the Cloud on the outskirts of Congleton will be rewarded with amazing views over the Cheshire Plain towards the Welsh mountains (in the right weather conditions!).

The Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall can provide more details about these and other attractions. Tel 01260 271095 www.cheshirepeaksandplains.co.uk

Little Morton Hall – one of England's finest examples of a timber-framed manor house can be found just four miles from Congleton. The moated 15th century house is owned by the National Trust. For more details see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/littlemoretonhall or tel 01260 272018.

Congleton Town Hall – is the home of the award winning Tourist Information Centre. Visitors can view a film about the history and current day use of the Town Hall, and enjoy a range of food in the tapas café and bar.



The Cloud



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SPORTING CONGLETON

Team Congleton is bringing Congleton people together to have fun and create new opportunities through championing sport during the Olympic year and beyond.

Congleton is the home of a number of successful sports stars – including two former Olympic medallists!

Whatever sport you are interested in, there's almost certainly a local club which you can join. Below are details of some of the more common sports – for more information tel Congleton Tourist Information Centre on 01260 271095 or www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

Badminton – courts can be booked at Congleton Leisure Centre. Dane Valley Badminton Club meets on a Monday from 7-10pm.

Bowling - teams are located at the Booth Street ground, Congleton Park Bowling Green, the Railway Inn and Coronation Club. The nearest indoor ten-pin bowling centres are at Festival Park, Stoke and Lyme Green Estate, Macclesfield.



Bowling

Boxing – Beartown Amateur Boxing Club offers coaching and fitness training to people of all ages. It's a growing club open 7-9 Tuesdays and Thursdays www.beartown-abc.9f.com

Cricket – Congleton benefits from two thriving cricket clubs – Congleton Cricket Club www.congleton.play-cricket.com and Mossley Cricket Club www.mossley.play-cricket.com. Both play cricket in a friendly and competitive spirit!

Cycling – the active Congleton Cycling club is open to anyone aged 12 or older and has an all year programme of touring and racing events. Congleton Cycling Campaign Group is leading the campaign for better routes, signage and facilities. www.congletoncycling.co.uk



Congleton Town FC

Darts, Pool and Cribbage – each has its own thriving league competition. The Cygnet Club is a major centre for the game, located on Swan Bank.

Dance - Congleton is the home to many dance troupes from ballet to tap, jazz, modern, ballroom, tea dances, Zumba, street or majorettes. For more details contact the Tourist Information Centre.

Fishing - enthusiasts will be welcomed by the Congleton and District Fly Fishing Club 01260 270012, the Fly Fishers Eaton 01260 276738 or Marton Heath on 01260 224231.

Football - Congleton Town FC (The Bears) competes in the

First Division of the North-West Counties League www.congletontownfc.co.uk.

Amateur and youth football is also well catered for via Vale Juniors www.valejuniorsfc.org.uk, Congleton Rovers www.congletontonrovers.co.uk and Beartown Players.

Golf - There are two golf clubs on the edge of the town **Congleton Golf Club** (01260 273540) which has 9 holes and **Astbury Golf Club** (01260 272772) with its testing 18-hole course.

For those who prefer the occasional game there is the **Malkin Bank** course (tel 01270 765931) or **Marton Golf Course** (01260 224330) which are both pay as you play.

Hockey – there are mens, ladies and youth teams – known as the South Cheshire Hockey Club contact www.schc.org.uk

Martial Arts The martial arts, judo, jujitsu, tae kwondo, Thai boxing and karate are well catered for with many local clubs.

Netball enthusiasts can join Congleton Adult Netball League 7-10pm on a Tuesday at Congleton Leisure Centre

Pilates and Yoga are catered for within local Leisure Centres and Halls.

Rambling - Congleton Ramblers Association has a packed programme of local walks, day and weekend trips to suit all abilities. Search for local walks on www.ramblers.co.uk

Rugby - Congleton Rugby Club is one of the oldest in the world and has an active adult and junior section. see www.pitchero/cubs/congleton



Rugby

Running - the town has two running clubs - Congleton Harriers www.congleton-harriers.co.uk has over 100 members of all ages and abilities. Boalloy Running Club is also a successful running club with around 60 members and a strong youth group. Contact 01260 277550.

Heritage Narrowboats

Heritage Marina, Station Road, Scholar Green ST7 3JZ





Heritage Narrow boats offers a self catering waterside bungalow that sleeps 12, day boats and holiday hire boats. The marina is situated on the beautiful Macclesfield canal. We have a Chandlery that provides gifts, hot and cold drinks and a licenced area. Visitors are welcome all year round to sit and enjoy the canal views.

Opening Times: Mon - Sun 9am to 5pm Tel: 01782 785700 • email@heritagenarrowboats.co.uk Website: www.heritagenarrowboats.co.uk

Snooker - there is an active snooker club based in Mottershead Mill, Royle Street contact 01260 279083.

Swimming the town has two clubs based at Congleton Leisure Centre. **Congleton Amauteur Swimming Club** (www.congletonasc.com) and **Dane Valley Swimming Club** (www.dvasc.co.uk). Congleton Divers meets at the Leisure Centre from 9.30pm on a Monday night www.congletondivers.co.uk

Tennis - Congleton Lawn Tennis Club has six all weather courts plus three artificial grass courts and



Tennis

is one of the largest tennis clubs in the area. www.congletontennis.co.uk 01260 277624.

Windsurfing, Dinghy Sailing and Canoeing take place on the beautiful Astbury Mere. For more details contact www.astburysailsports.com or tel 01260 297172.

Community Sports Centres

Congleton Leisure Centre in Worrall Street has a 25m swimming and trainer pool, a fitness centre, sports hall, squash courts, sauna, crèche and bar. The centre is open seven days a week from 8am and from 7.15am on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is

home to many sporting clubs and societies. Contact www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or tel 01260 387716

Congleton High School Sports Centre, off Box Lane, offers a packed, community sports programme in the evenings and at the weekends. Tel 01260 387013.





There are also a number of private gyms and health clubs in the area.

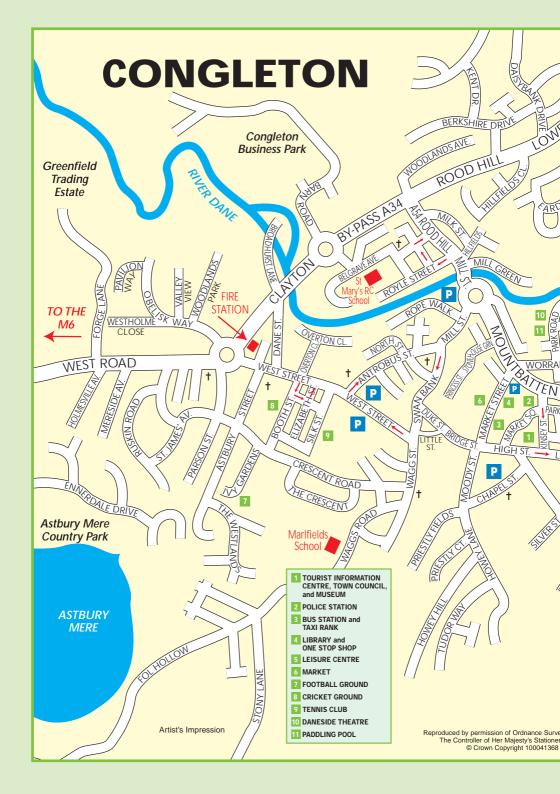
Whatever your leisure pursuit or sporting pastime, Congleton has much to offer both residents and visitors. Contact numbers for the organisations (if not already given) can be obtained from the Congleton Tourist Information Centre at the Town Hall tel: 01260 271095

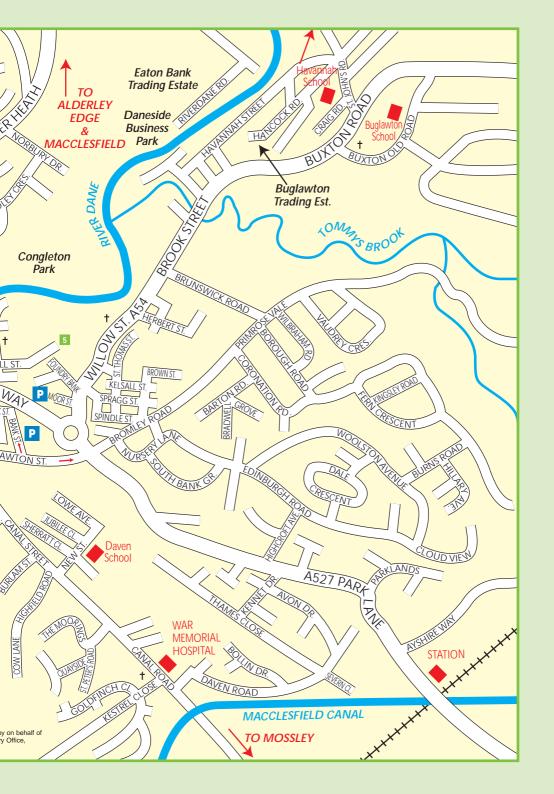
FLAVOURS OF CONGLETON

There's a vast variety of tasty places to eat and drink in Congleton. The town prides itself on being able to meet all tastes and budgets from its fine array of restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes and takeaways. Congleton introduced a Food and Drink festival in 2009 and this has now become so popular that the town is looking to hold quarterly fests! Look out for local produce!

Congleton Sustainability Group oversees the making of Congleton apple juice, perry, chutneys and jams from excess produce – while the town's Beartown Brewery –is gaining a national reputation for its wide range of ales.







FOOD AND DRINK IN CONGLETON





Restaurant L'Endroit ('the Place') is a small 36 cover restaurant owned and run by chef-patron Eli Leconte and his wife Amanda.

After working for many years in Paris and Belgium in various Michelin starred restaurants, Eli originally arrived in

England to be Head Chef at Restaurant Reform in Manchester. Restaurant L'Endroit opened in May 2003.

The menu changes with the seasons with several daily specials, in the autumn and winter the accent is on game.

The restaurant opens for Sunday lunches, for special occasions (Mother's Day, End of Game season Lunch, Father' Day, Easter). Bookings for six or more people must be pre-ordered, as all food is made fresh.

The cooking is based on traditional French cuisine, but without the 'nouvelle'.

Restaurant L'Endroit won Cheshire Life Restaurant of the Year for 2004-2005 and possibly more importantly won Cheshire Life Reader's Choice for 2004-2005.

Now listed in this year's Michelin Guide, and The Good Food Guide.

Tel: 01260 299548 www.lendroit.co.uk

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CONGLETON'S COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SCENE

One of the most outstanding characteristics of Congleton is its strong voluntary sector, which plays a vibrant role in every aspect of the cultural, social and sporting life of the town. Over 150 organisations and initiatives are run by volunteers, making Congleton a very lively community.

The town is proud to have its own theatre, the Daneside Theatre, which can be found in Park Road. The Theatre was opened in



Congleton Theatre

1984, it is run by a charitable trust and is the home of the **Congleton Players Amateur Theatre Club, Centre Stage, Congleton Musical Theatre, Trinity Amateur Operatic Theatre, Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre** and **Congleton Pantomime**. These groups, along with a number of local dance troupes and visiting professional companies ensure that local people can enjoy first class performances in the town, without travelling to Stoke, Manchester or Buxton. Daneside Theatre also holds regular film evenings.

Tickets for most shows at Daneside are available from Congleton's Tourist Information Centre in the High Street. www.danesidetheatre.co.uk.

Congleton's music scene is thriving, and ranges from talented **local indie and rock bands** to the long established **Congleton Choral Society**, and from **Clonter Opera** to Karaoke nights. The **Choral Society** www.congletonchoralsociety.org offers a varied range of choral music, with a number of concerts held during the year.

Congleton Youth Orchestra encourages young musicians from nine up to twenty five years old. It has a junior string section and trains younger players for the main orchestra. The group is pleased to hear from young musicians and is able to loan instruments free of charge for a trial period. Brass bands are still strong in the area and two local bands, **the Silk Band** and the **Rode Hall Silver Band** often play at the theatre and at local events.

Congleton has a growing arts community with both Victoria Mill www.victoriamillartcentre.org and the Electric Picture House www.electricpicturehouse@gmail.com providing units for a wide range of artists and exhibition space.



Victoria Mill Arts Centre

Care of young people is a strong strand in community life. VISYON is a charitable trust formed to provide a confidential counselling service for young people between the ages of eleven and twenty five. Scouting and Guiding flourishes in Congleton with numerous units throughout the town engaged in offering challenging opportunities and skills learning. The Air Training Corps 230 (Congleton Squadron) and the Congleton Army Cadets, both based at Rope Walk are also very active in the Town.



Concert

Church life is active in Congleton with most of the churches having community rooms which help support their youth groups, luncheon clubs for senior residents and many social events. See useful information at the back of this guide for contact details.

Congleton has a thriving University of the Third Age organisation it has more than 1,000 members and 70 active groups, ranging from art classes through to foreign language groups to ecology and book clubs. It is open to everyone retired or semi-retired and is a great place to meet a wide circle of people from diverse backgrounds

and interests. Call in on Tuesdays during term time at St John's Headquarters on West Street between 10am-12noon. www.congletonu3a.org.uk

Congleton Rotary Clubs, Congleton Round Table and Congleton Lions add greatly to community life in the town, organising key events while raising funds for good causes. St John's Ambulance and Congleton First Responders also carry out a magnificent task supporting town events – see useful contacts.

Congleton Partnership, an association of voluntary sector and statutory bodies, is behind many of the projects to revitalise and regenerate the town. It has six working groups, made up of more than 150 volunteers tackling areas such as sustainability, marketing and businesses. Major achievements include the award winning Congleton Apple Juice, Bearmania, gaining funding for a hydro scheme on the River Dane and the River Dane Walkway - contact ms@congletontowncouncil.co.uk or tel 01260 270350

Congleton Community Projects (CCP) works with various groups to make Congleton a more enjoyable place to live for all residents. If you are interested in the arts or events, CCP would like to hear from you! jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org.

The Congleton KISS (Knowledge, Information Sharing and Support) is another voluntary group made up of like minded people from businesses and local groups who promote training, learning and

best practice. Since 2006 this group has organised an annual training and careers open day.

Supporting the work of many of the voluntary groups and organisations are four local trusts: Congleton Town Trust (1640), Congleton Young Peoples Trust, The Inclosure Trust (1795) and the William Dean Environmental Trust (1993). Between them, they have injected thousands of pounds into supporting voluntary sector activities and initiatives and the town is extremely fortunate to have their support.

It is impossible to mention every voluntary organisation in the town and the above are just a few examples to illustrate the vibrancy and massive



Congleton Sustainability Group

contribution that such groups make to the quality of life in Congleton.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



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01260 297237 Disused railway track In the centre of Congleton On the Cheshire/Staffordshire border www.rudvardlake.com From Marple Junction to Kidsgrove On the outskirts of Congleton

You download useful maps for free at www.walkingincheshire.co.uk/congleton or www.cycle-route.com.uk. If you don't want to walk alone, Congleton Ramblers Association has a packed programme of walks see www.ramblers.co.uk

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Glorious Gardens surround Congleton, varying from traditional stately home grounds to modern Chinese inspired gardens.



Little Morton Hall



Tatton Park

Arley Hall and Gardens	www.arleyhallandgardens.com	01565 777353
Biddulph Grange Garden	www.nationaltrust.org.uk	01782 517999
Bridgemere Garden World	www.bridgemere.co.uk	01270 521100
Capesthorne Hall	www.capesthorne.com	01625 861221
Gawsworth Hall	www.gawsworthhall.com	01260 223456
Hare Hill	www.nationaltrust.org.uk	01625 584412
Little Moreton Hall	www.nationaltrust.org.uk	01625 584412
Rode Hall	www.rodehall.co.uk	01270 873237
Stapeley Water Gardens	www.stapeleywg.com	01270 623868
Tatton Park	www.tattonpark.org.uk	01625 534400
Trentham Gardens	www.trentham.co.uk	01782 646646

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www.monkey-forest.com Monkey Forest

01782 659845

Stockley Farm www.stockleyfarm.co.uk

01565 777323

Wheelock Hall Farm www.cheshire.ivisitorguide.com 01270 764230



Chester Zoo

Marvellous Museums make history come alive all over the area, whether you're interested in local town history or famous produce of centuries past.



Alton Towers

www.congletonmuseum.co.uk 01260 276360 Congleton Museum Jodrell Bank Observatory www.manchester.ac.uk 01477 571339 www.macclesfield.silk.museum01625 612045 Macclesfield Silk The Potteries 01782 236000 www.visitstoke.co.uk Salt Museum www.saltmuseum.org.uk 01606 41331

If exhilarating rides are your thing then Alton Towers is just 30 miles away www.cheshirepeakdistrict.com

Our award winning Tourist Information Centre, in the Town Hall can provide further details on all the attractions and many more enjoyable excursions. They also have information on local events and festivals. contact the TIC on 01260 271095, or see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk or www.visitbeartown.com for more information.

GETTING TO CONGLETON

Directions by Car: - Congleton is approximately seven miles from M6 junction 17, and eight miles from M6 junction 18. The town has a number of short stay and long stay car parks. At the time of print parking is £1.50 for all day. 30p for an hour.

By Train: Congleton's railway station is approximately a mile from the town centre. The town benefits from hourly services to Manchester in the north and Stoke to the south from Mondays to Saturdays. Details of train times and prices can be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk tel 08457 484950;

By Bus – a number of local bus services operate in Congleton. Maps showing routes and locations can be downloaded from www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or call Cheshire Traveline on 0845 1402666 (calls charged at a local rate)

CONGLETON'S TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

At our award winning Tourist Information Centre, based in the Town Hall, you will find helpful, knowledgeable staff that will be happy to deal with any enquiries and provide friendly advice, information and a quality service. They offer a free accommodation booking service and tickets for local events and attractions. You can also find information about places to visit and local transport in and around Congleton. Also on offer are a range of souvenirs, Ordnance Survey maps, walking books and lots more. Tel 01260 271095 Email congleton-tic@cheshireeast.gov.uk



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Town Council & Town Hall

Supportive Local Government

Community life in Congleton is supported by two levels of local government. Cheshire East Borough Council is the principle authority which oversees schools, roads, social services, libraries, waste and recycling, planning and high level strategies. Congleton Town Council exists solely for the benefit of the town, its residents, businesses and visitors. Funding for the Town Council is raised through an annual precept collected with the council tax. The Town Council is responsible for operating the Town Hall, the Paddling Pool, Hilary Avenue Allotments, town centre management, the Town Handy Person Service and is consulted on planning, licensing and other key decisions which affect the town.

The Town Council is also the accountable body for Congleton Partnership, which brings together the public, community and business sectors in an effective force working to regenerate Congleton. The Town Council supports the voluntary sector with around £70,000 in grants per year and helps sponsor four Police Community Support Officers.

The town has 20 councillors, who are elected to serve for four years. The next elections will be in May 2015. Contact details for the Councillors can be found on the web site.

For more information contact Congleton Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Congleton CW12 1BN, tel 01260 270350 fax 01260 280357 info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

The Town Hall

The impressive Town Hall was designed by E.W. Godwin and built in 1864 at a cost of £8,000. A major refurbishment was undertaken in 1996, which enabled many interior features to be brought

back to their original design. In 2008, the freehold and management transferred to Congleton Town Council and significant internal and external works have transformed the building into a civic and social hub for the town. The building is licensed for civil ceremonies and is regularly used for weddings, parties, conferences, training, concerts and sales. The in-house caterers run a popular Tapas café and bar on the ground floor. For further information about hiring rooms in the Town Hall contact 01260 270350 email info@congletontowncouncil.gov.uk or www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



Inside the Town Hall

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

We love Congleton and are proud of our town - but it's not just us that recognise what a great town Congleton is! In the past few years we have been recognised by:

Cheshire Community Pride Awards

Best Kept Town 2011 (runners up 2010 previously won 5 times) Best Community Web Site www.visitbeartown.co.uk Little Gem Award - Congleton Community Garden

North West in Bloom

Large Town - RHS Gold Medal 2011 (Silver Gilt 2010)



Sustainability Group gains national recognition

Action for Market Towns

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Positive Action Awards Northwest

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The 1st Mercian Regiment chose Congleton as the venue for its medal ceremony when returning from duty in Afghanistan in 2010 – and named Congleton as 'the little town with the big heart'.



Award Pic

Freedom of the Town

In November 2011 Congleton Town Council granted Freedom of the Town to the veterans of the Dutch Princess Irene Brigade. The town's relationship to the brigade dates back to 1941 when Dutch nationals formed the brigade in Congleton.

USEFUL NUMBERS

ALCOHOL PROBLEMS Alcoholics Anonymous

(Advice on getting over alcohol addiction)
Tel 0845 769 7555
www.alcoholicsanonymous.org.uk

East Cheshire Alcohol Service

2nd Floor George Street House George Street Macclesfield SK11 6HS Tel: 01625 443203

The Hope Street Centre

10 Hope Street Sandbach CW11 1BA Tel: 01270 764003 www.hopestreetcentre.co.uk

CAREERS ADVICE

Next Step

(Information and advice to adults aged over 19) The Congleton Learning Centre Riverside, Mountbatten Way CW12 1DY Tel 01260 290682

Citizens Advice Bureau

Dean House, Chapel Street CW12 4AB Drop in: Tue-Fri (9.30am-12.30pm) Appointments: Tues-Fri 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 and 14:00 Tel 0844 411 444 www.cecab.org.uk

CHEMISTS - Boots

14/16 Bridge St CW12 1AY Tel 01260 273153 Unit E, Congleton Retail Park, CW12 1LJ, Tel 01260 276977 www.boots.com

Lloyds

41a West St. CW12 1JN Tel 01260 275523 www.lloydspharmacy.com

Mossley Pharmacy

18 Bidďulph Road CW12 3LG Tel 01260 275177

Superdrug

41 High Street CW12 1AU Tel 01260 278341 www.superdrug.com

The Co-operative Pharmacy

2, Mill St. CW12 1AB Tel 01260 273200 1 Park Lane CW12 3DN Tel 01260 280810 www.co-operative.coop

West Heath Pharmacy

West Heath Shopping Centre CW12 4NB Tel 01260 297196

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Child Support Agency

PO Box 55 Brierley Hill DY5 1YL Tel 0845 713 3133 secureonline.dwp.gov.uk/csa/v2/en/ contact/index.asp

Home-Start East Cheshire

(Support and friendship for families with a child under 5): Suite 2b 11 Market Place Macclesfield SK10 1EB Tel 01625 511611 www.homestartec.org.uk

National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) Congleton:

Croft House, Peel Lane, Astbury CW12 3NQ Tel 01260 272685 www.nspcc.org.uk

CHURCHES

Congleton Baptist Church

meets at St John Ambulance, West Street CW12 1YA Tel 0753 029 0496 www.cbaptist.org.uk

The Methodist Church Dane and Trent Circuit

Tel 01260 270899 www.congletonmethodist.org.uk

Cloud Methodist Chapel

Cloudside CW12 3QQ

Rood Lane Methodist Church

Derby Street CW12 1HZ Tel 01260 297298

Trinity Methodist Church

Wagg Street CW12 4BA Tel 01260 272976

Wellspring Methodist Church

Canal Road CW12 3AP Tel 01260 297298

Congleton Team Parish (C of E)

www.congletonteamparish.co.uk Parish Office Tel 01260 273212

Holy Trinity Church Mossley (C of E)

Tel 01260 273182

St John's Church

Buglawton Tel 01260 278288

St. Peter's Church

Tel 01260 278288

St. Stephen's Church

Tel 01260 278288

New Life Church

Danesford Community Centre West Road CW12 4EY 01260 297961 www.nlchurch.org.uk

Pentecostal Church

Cross Street CW12 1HQ Tel 01260 273635

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Spiritualist Church

15 Park Road CW12 1DS Tel: 01782 258631 www.snu.org.uk/churches/congleton.htm

St James's Church (C of E) Tel 01260 408203 www.stjames-congleton.org.uk

St. Mary's RC Church 30 West Road CW12 4ES Tel 01260 273314

The Jesus Christ Church of the Latter Day Saints Astbury 01260 272208

United Reformed Church Antrobus Street CW12 1HE Tel 01260 273901/274969

Word of Life Church (meets at St John's Church, Buglawton) Tel 01260 277724 wordoflife.witnesstoday.org

COUNCILS Cheshire East Borough Council 0300 123 5500 www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

Congleton Town Council Tel 01260 270350 www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

COURTS

hmctscourtfinder.justice.gov.uk HMCTS

Chester Crown Court The Castle, Chester CH1 2AN Tel 01244 317606

Crewe County Court. Law Courts Civic Centre Crewe CW1 2DP Tel 01270 539300

Knutsford Crown Court

Sessions House, Toft Road Knutsford WA16 0PB (Postal address: The Castle, Chester CH1 2AN) Tel: 01565 624020

Macclesfield County Court

2nd. Floor, Silk Ho. Macclesfield SK11 7NA Tel 01625 412800

Macclesfield Magistrates Court The Law Courts. 6-8 Hibel

Macclesfield, SK10 2AB (Postal address: Law Courts, Civic Centre, Crewe CW1 2DT) Tel 0870 1626261

CREDIT UNION

Congleton Community Credit Union, Collection point on the ground floor of Congleton library Sat 10-11am: Tel Graham on 07504184902 www.mybeartown.co.uk/conglet on-community-creditunion.htm

Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

www.dwp.gov.uk/contact-us

Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance Warbreck House

Warbreck Hill Blackpool Lancashire FY2 0YE Tel 0845 712 3456

Carer's Allowance

Carer's Allowance Unit Palatine House' Lancaster Road Preston PR1 1HB Tel 0845 608 4321

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DISABLED PEOPLE AND CARERS

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Congleton Shop-Mobility (based in Market Square behind the Town Hall): Tel 01260 273733

Crossroads Care (Support for carers): Overton House West Street CW12 1JY Tel 01260 292 850 www.crossroadsce.org.uk

Congleton Talking Newspaper The Hollies, Newcastle Road, Astbury, CW12 4RN Telephone 01260 274891

Friends for Leisure (Friendship and leisure for children and young people with a disability) Albert Chambers Canal Street CW12 4AA Tel 01260 275333 www.friendsforleisure.org.uk

Visually Impaired People's Club: meets at New Life Church alternate Weds 14:00-16:00 Tel 01260 271282

DOG WARDEN Community Dog Warden:

Tel 0300 123 5021
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/commu
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ety/dog_wardens.aspx
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DRUG ADDICTION Addaction

(Counselling and Structured Day Care) 1 Royal Buildings, Pickford St, Macclesfield SK11 6HX Tel: 01625 443253 www.addaction.org.uk

East Cheshire Community Drug Team

The Barnabas Centre, Bridge Hse 15 Brook Street, Macclesfield SK11 7AA Tel: 01625 422100

Environment Agency – Floods and Water Pollution

General enquiries: National Customer Contact Centre, PO Box 544, Rotherham, S60 1BY Tel: 03708 506 506

Flood line: Tel 0845 988 1188 **Incident hotline** (to report an incident such as pollution): Tel 0800 807060

River water levels:

www.environmentagency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/fl oods/riverlevels

FRIENDSHIP Congleton National Women's Register

www.nwrcongleton.org.uk

Fire Emergency: dial 999
Non-emergency: Cheshire Fire
and Rescue Service
Headquarters, Winsford
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Tel 01606 868700
www.cheshirefire.gov.uk

Heating and Insulation

Warm Front (help for people living on benefits to improve insulation or heating):
Tel 0800 316 2805
www.direct.gov.uk/en/Environm entandgreenerliving/Energyandw atersaving/Energygrants

Health and Safety Executive

HSE North-West Office, Redgrave Court, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 7HS Incident line (for reporting fatal and major injuries only) Tel 0845 300 9923 //www.hse.gov.uk

HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS Child Benefit Office

PO Box 1 Newcastle Upon Tyne NE88 1AA Tel 0845 302 1444

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Recycling Centre, Barn Rd. off

Recycling Centre, Barn Rd. off A536 (Clayton Bypass) Tel 01260 298586

Waste Reduction Volunteers.

Tel 0300 123 5500 www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_ and_recycling/recycling_advice/ waste_reduction_volunteers.aspx

HOUSING SOCIAL HOUSING

Plus Dane Housing Group Worrall St CW12 1DT Tel 01260 281037 / 0500 026 079 www.plusgroupltd.org.uk

The Beth Johnson Housing Associations Ltd, Bradwell Court, Bradwell Grove CW12 3SA Telephone: 01260 281428

Cheshire East Housing Teams Affordable Housing:

Initial Enquiries:
Tel 0300 123 5031
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Tel 0300 123 5017 (Option 6)
Automated Phone Bid Line:
Tel 0300 0112 450
www.cheshirehomechoice.org.uk

Housing Options Team

(Housing options and homelessness), Town Hall, Market Square, Macclesfield, SK10 2DS Tel: 0300 123 5017 (Option 2 then 1)

Decent Homes Team (private rented housing) and Care and Repair Team (helping older and disabled people to repair or adapt their homes)
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Sandbach, CW11 1HZ
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www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employm ent/Jobseekers/ContactJobcentre Plus

Job Centre Plus

Wagg Street, CW12 4BD, Tel: 0845 604 3719 **Find a job** Tel 0845 606 0234

Find a job Tel 0845 606 0234 New benefit claims

Tel 0800 055 6688

Bereavement Benefits

Tel 0845 608 8601

Crisis Loans

Tel 0800 032 7958

Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity BenefitTel 0845 608 8673

Jobseekers Allowance, Income Support Tel 0845 608 8673 Maternity Allowance Tel 0845 608 8610

Social Fund Tel 0845 603 6967

Job Club

Work Club, The Congleton Learning Centre, Riverside, Mountbatten Way, CW12 1DY, Tel 01260 290682 Every Tue 10:00-12:00

LEISURE CENTRES (COMMUNITY)

Congleton Leisure Centre, Worrall St. CW12 1DT, 01260 387716 www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure,

www.chesnireeast.gov.uk/leisure, _culture_and_tourism/leisure_fa cilities/my_nearest_centre/ congleton_leisure_centre.aspx

Congleton High School Sports Hall, Box Lane CW12 4NS. Tel 01260 387 013 www.chs.itqsolutions.net/about.

www.chs.itqsolutions.net/abou html

LIBRARY

Congleton Library

Market Square, CW12 1ET 01260 375550 www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure, _culture_and_tourism/libraries/ nearest_library/ congleton_library.aspx

MEDIA LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Congleton Chronicle

11 High Street, CW12 1BW Tel: 01260 273737 www.chronicleseries.com

The Sentinel

Sentinel House, Etruria, Stoke on Trent, ST1 5SS 01782 602525 www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk

LOCAL RADIO

Canalside Community Radio 102.8 fm

Canal 2B, Clarence Mill, Bollington, SK10 5JZ Tel: 01625 576633/576689 www.new.ccr-fm.co.uk

Silk 106.9

140, Moss Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 7XE Tel 01625 269000 silk1069.com

BBC Radio Stoke

Cheapside, Hanley ST1 1JJ 01782 221294 radio.stoke@bbc.co.uk

Signal Radio

Stoke Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2SR, 01782 861026 www.signalradio.com

MEDICAL

DOCTORS

Lawton House. Surgery, Lawton Ho., Bromley Rd 01260 275454

Meadowside Medical Centre,

Mountbatten Way 01260 272331

Readesmoor Group Practice,

29-29a West St. 01260 276161

NHS Direct Tel 0845 4647 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk



HOSPITALS

Congleton War Memorial (not

A & E) Canal Road CW12 3AR Tel 01260 294800

Macclesfield District General Hospital, Victoria Rd. Macclesfield SK10 3BL

Tel 01625 421000 www.eastcheshire.nhs.uk

Leighton Hospital

Leighton, Crewe, CW1 4QJ Tel 01270 255141 www.mcht.nhs.uk

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Fiona Bruce MP Westminster, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA Tel: 020 7219 7042 Fax: 020 7219 1258

fiona.bruce.mp@parliament.uk
Constituency Office:

Riverside, Mountbatten Way, Congleton CW12 1DT Tel: 01260 274044

PRIMARY CARE TRUST Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust, Universal

House, ERF Way (Off Pochin Way), Middlewich, CW10 0QJ, Tel 01606 275303

www.cecpct.nhs.uk

SUPPORT

Diabetes UK – East Cheshire Branch: Tel 01260 276957 www.diabetes.org.uk

Arthritis Research UK -

Macclesfield & Congleton Branch: Tel 01625 669677 www.arthritisresearchuk.org

MS Society - Macclesfield & District Tel 01625 430933 www.mssociety.org.uk/macclesfield

Reynaud's & Scleroderma Association. 112 Crewe Road.

Alsager, ST7 2JA Tel 01270 872776 or 0800 9172494

OLDER PEOPLE Fifty Plus Network:

3 Royal Mews, Gadbrook Park, Northwich, CW9 7UD Tel 01606 350042

University of the Third (U3A),

Congleton and District: Tel: 01260 274506 / 273060 Enrolment at St Johns Ambulance, West Street, Tue 10:00-12:00. www.congletonu3a.org.uk

THE PENSION SERVICE The Pension Service

PO BOX 15, Chester CH70 8BG New State Pension claims: Tel 0800 731 7898 New Pension Credit claims: Tel 0800 99 1234 General enquiries or to report a death or change of circumstances: Tel 0845 606 0265

Pensions Direct / State Pension Forecasting Team

Tyneview Park, Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE98 1BA For advice on State Pension or bereavement benefits already being paid Tel 0845 301 3011 For a State Pension forecast Tel 0845 300 0168

PEST CONTROL Cheshire East Pest Control

Services Tel 0300 123 5015 www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environ ment_and_planning/environme ntal_health/pest_control.aspx

POLICE

Community Wardens

0300 123 5021 communitywardens@cheshireeas t.gov.uk

Congleton Police Station,

Market Square, CW12 1EU, Open Tue to Sat, 9:00-17:00 Tel 0845 4586382 congleton.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk Emergency – 999 Non-emergency – 0845 4580000

POST OFFICES

Main Post Office: 34, Mill St. Mon-Sat 9:30-17:30 Tel 01260 291046

Hightown Post Office

26 Biddulph Road Tel 01260 272997

West Heath Sub Post Office,

Unit 10 West Heath Shopping Precinct, CW12 4NB Tel 01260 275045

Royal Mail Congleton Delivery Office: Royal Mail Greenfield Ind. Estate Tel 01260 273360

REGISTRAR FOR BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The Registrar is available in the ground floor office at Congleton Library: Wed and Fri morning by appointment only. Tel 01625 374040 or 01270 375106

SCHOOLS

*Primary Schools*Astbury St. Mary's C of E
Primary School

School Lane, Astbury CW12 4RG Tel 01260 272528

Black Firs Primary School.

Longdown Rd CW12 4QJ Tel 01260 272935 www.black-firs.co.uk

Buglawton Primary School,

Buxton Old Rd CW12 2EL Tel 01260 272208 www.buglawton.cheshire.sch.uk

Daven Primary School

New St. CW12 3AH Te: 01260 387356 www.daven.cheshire.sch.uk

Havannah Primary School,

Malhamdale Rd. CW12 2DF, Tel 01260 387060 www.havannah.cheshire.sch.uk



Marlfields Primary School,

Waggs Rd. CW12 4BT, Tel 01260 387057 www.marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk

Mossley C of E Primary School, Boundary Lane, CW12 3JA. Tel 01260 272451 www.mossleyce.cheshire.sch.uk

St. Mary's RC Primary School, Belgrave Ave. CW12 1HT, Tel 01260 274690 www.stmarysrccongleton. cheshire.sch.uk

The Quinta School. Ullswater Rd. CW12 4LX. Tel 01260 387051 www.quintaschool.org

Secondary Schools **Congleton High Schoo** Box Lane, CW12 4NS

Tel 01260 387000 www.chs.itqsolutions.net

Eaton Bank High School, Jackson Rd. CW12 1NT. Tel 01260 273000 www.eatonbank.cheshire.sch.uk

SELF-HELP Cheshire Communicators

(improve self-confidence and communication skills): Tel 0845 226 1343. Meets twice a month at the Lion and Swan www.cheshire.powertalk.org.uk

SOCIAL SERVICES **Macclesfield and Congleton Social Care Team** Tel 01625 534700

THEATRE

Daneside Theatre, Park Rd. 01260 278481 (when show is on) **Box Office Tourist Information** Tel 01260 271095 www.danesidetheatre.co.uk

Centre Stage Youth Theatre: Booking 01260 270602 www.centrestageyt.co.uk

Clonter Opera Theatre,

Swettenham Heath, CW12 2LR, Box Office 01260 224514 www.clonteropera.com

Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre: Tel 01260) 277502.

Congleton Musical Theatre: Tel 01260 275353

Congleton Pantomime

Tel 01260 271095 info@congletonpanto.co.uk www.congletonpanto.co.uk

Congleton Players Amateur Theatre Club:

Tel 01260 272405 http://www.congletonplayers.com

Gang Show:

www.congletongangshow.co.uk

Nomads – Drama Without Ties: Tel 01260 274230 www.nomadsdrama.co.uk

TRADING STANDARDS **Trading Standards Office:**

Cheshire East Council. Consumer Protection & Investigation Westfields, Middlewich Road Sandbach, Cheshire CW11 1HZ www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/busines s/trading standards.aspx **Consumer Direct**

Tel 08454 040506 www.tradingstandards.gov.uk

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/transport and travel/public transport.aspx

Traveline North West

Tel 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline-northwest.co.uk

Taxi rank

Market Square CW12 1BP Tel 01260 279400 www.cheshiretaxis.com/congleto ntaxis.html

Trains: National Rail Enquiries Tel 08457 484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk **Buses:** Tourist Information Centre Tel 01260 271095 Bus Passes: Congleton Library, Market Square, Congleton CW12 1£T Dial-a-Ride: Tel 01270 505525

VALUATION OFFICE Valuation Office Agency,

Second Floor, Wellington House, Delamere Street Crewe CW1 2LQ Tel 03000 504000 www.voa.gov.uk/corporate/conta ct/liverpool/creweOffice.html

VOLUNTEERING **Bromley Farm Community Development Trust**

Bromley Farm Community Centre, Edinburgh Road CW12 3EN Tel 01260 279707

Buglawton Community Group Tel 01260 276540

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

Sadler Road, Winsford CW7 2FQ 01606 868654 www.cheshirefire.gov.uk

Cheshire Marshals

Tel 01260 291156 www.cheshiremarshals.co.uk

Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Tel 01260 271282 www.cheshirewildlifetrust.co.uk/ volunteers.html

Citizens Advice Bureau

Dean House Chapel Street CW12 4AB Tel 01260 288510 www.cecab.org.uk

Community and Voluntary Services (CVS), 11 Hope Street. Sandbach, CW11 1BA Tel 01270 763100 www.cvsce.org.uk



Congleton Community Projects Congleton Town Hall, CW12 1BN Tel 01260 291156 www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

Congleton First Responders: Tel 07931 748902 www.congletonfr.org.uk

Congleton Lions Club Tel 01260 272286 www.congletonuk.lionwap.org

Congleton Round Table www.congletonroundtable.org.uk

Home-Start East Cheshire (Support and friendship for families with a child under 5): Suite 2b, 11 Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1EB, Tel 01625 511611 www.homestartec.org.uk

League of Friends of Macclesfield and Congleton Hospitals: 119B Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6DP Tel 01260 299029

Rotary Club of Congleton, meet at Congleton Golf Club, Biddulph Road, CW12 3LZ Tel: 01782 515635 Mon 12:30 or 19:30 www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/home page.asp?ClubID=275

Rotary Club of Congleton Dane Contact 01260 276673

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Tel 0845 772 5725 www.britishlegion.org.uk/branch es/congleton

Rubys Fund: 92 Leek Road, CW12 3HX Tel 07538230706 www.rubysfund.co.uk

St John Ambulance Tel 01260 298801 www.sja.org.uk **Waste Reduction Volunteers**

Tel 0300 123 5500 www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_ and_recycling/recycling_advice/ waste_reduction_volunteers.aspx

Water Supply

Web site: www.unitedutilities.com/ Water and wastewater enquiries & emergencies (24-hour) Tel: 0845 746 2200 To report leaks in footpaths/roads/gardens Tel 0800 330033 Pollution Hotline Tel 0800 0151230

YOUNG PEOPLE Air Training Corps 230 (Congleton), Rope Walk, Tel 01260 299882 www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

Centre Stage Youth Theatre: Booking 01260 270602 www.centrestageyt.co.uk/

Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre: Tel 01260) 277502.

Congleton Youth Orchestra: www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org.uk/

Connexions: Employment advisers are available in the Job Centre, Wagg Street, Tel: 01260 276116 Mon, Weds, Fri 9.30am - 5.00pm www.connexionscw.co.uk/young-people

Fire Cadets, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Sadler Road, Winsford, CW7 2FQ Tel: 01606 868431 www.cheshirefire.gov.uk

Girl Guiding Cheshire Border, PO Box 555, Macclesfield, SK10 9EF, Tel 01260 277341 www.girlguidingcheshireborder. org.uk

Macclesfield and Congleton
District Scouts, West Bond St,
Macclesfield, SK11 8EQ
Tel 01625 42333832
1st Buglawton
Tel 01260 274073
1st Congleton 01260 274994
1st Mossley 01260 291061
6th Congleton and West Heath
01260 279897
Dane Valley 01782 518230
www.mcscouts.org.uk

Visyon (Promoting emotional well-being in young people), Fellowship House, Park Road, CW12 1DP Tel 01260 290000 or 0800 652 6293 www.visyon.org.uk

Youth in Action, Congleton District (Co-ordinates community work by volunteers 14+): 41 Borough Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 3HN Tel: 07745 751173 www.yia.org.uk

HELP LINES Alcoholics Anonymous

(Advice on getting over alcohol addiction) Tel 0845 769 7555 www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

BEAT (Beating Eating Disorders) Tel 0845 634 7650 Text 07786 20 18 20 www.b-eat.co.uk

Benefit Enquiry Line (Advice about benefits and how to claim them) Tel 0800 88

22 00 www.dwp.gov.uk

Benefit Fraud Hotline (To report suspected benefit fraud) Tel 0800 854 440 campaigns.dwp.gov.uk/campaign s/benefit-thieves

Brook

(Information for under 25s) Tel 0808 802 1234 www.brook.org.uk

Citizens' Advice Bureau Advice line Tel 08444 111 444 www.adviceguide.org.uk

Child Benefit Enquiry Line Tel 0845 302 1444 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.htm

Childline

(Help and advice about a wide range of issues) Tel 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Child Support Agency National Enquiry Line: Tel 0845 713 3133

Crimestoppers

(Fight crime without revealing your identity) 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Energy saving trust (advice on saving energy) Tel 0800 512012

Exam Results Helpline

(If your results were unexpected, get free advice)
Tel 0808 100 8000

Gingerbread

Tel 0808 802 0925 Mon-Fri 10:00www.gingerbread.org.uk

Home Heat Helpline

(help with home insulation and fuel bills): Tel 0800 336699

ISA Helpline

(tax rules on ISAs) Tel 0845 604 1701 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.htm

Lesbian and gay switchboard

(advice on HIV and sexual health) Tel 020 7837 7324 www.llgs.org.uk

Mind

(for better mental health) Tel 0300 1233393 www.mind.org.uk

Missing People:

Missing a person Tel 0500 700 700 Runaways Tel 0808 800 70 70 www.missingpeople.org.uk

National Domestic Violence Helpline Tel 0808 2000 247 www.womensaid.org.uk

National Insurance Helpline:

Tel 0845 302 1479 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.

NHS Direct

(Health advice and information) Tel 0845 4647 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

NHS Smokefree

(To help you quit smoking) Tel 0800 085 8818 www.smokefreecheshire.nhs.uk

Parentline

(help and support in all aspects of family life) Tel 0808 800 2222 familylives.org.uk

RSPCA Cruelty Line

Tel 0300 1234 999 www.rspca.org.uk

Pay and Work Rights

(Advice on employment rights) Tel 0800 917 2368 www.direct.gov.uk/en/ Employment

Pregnancy Helpline

(Free pregnancy testing, support after abortion or miscarriage) Tel 0845 330 8466 www.pregnancyhelpline.co.uk

Quit

(Advice on how to quit smoking) Tel 0800 00 22 00 www.quit.org.uk

Samaritans

Tel 08457 909090 www.samaritans.org

Self Assessment Helpline

Tel 0845 900 0444 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.htm

Self Employed Helpline

(to get started in selfemployment) Tel 0845 915 4515 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.htm

Talk to Frank

(Unbiased information about drugs) Tel 0800 77 66 00 www.talktofrank.com

Tax Credit Helpline:

Tel 0845 300 3900 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.htm

Tax Helpline:

Tel 0845 300 0627 http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/index.htm

Terrance Higgins Trust

(For homosexual, bisexual and transsexual people) Tel 0845 1221200 www.tht.org.uk

UCAS Application

(Information and advice about university applications) Tel 0871 468 0468 www.ucas.ac.uk

Victim Supportline

(For victims of crime, witnesses and their families) Tel 0845 3030 900 www.victimsupport.org.uk



Notes



Charter Veterinary Surgeons have been looking after the pets of Cheshire and Staffordshire for over 50 years. Over that time we have grown from a single man practice to five branches and 14 vets. This means that we are able to provide a wealth of experience, skill and state of the art facilities and medical equipment to best look after your pet.

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CONGLETON Tel: 01260 273449

16West Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4ER

By appointment only: Monday to Friday 8.30am–12 noon; 2pm–6.20pm Open Surgery at weekends only: Saturday 9am–10am; 5pm–6pm

BIDDULPH Tel: 01782 513077

51 Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffordshire ST8 6EF

By appointment only: Monday to Friday 8.30am-12 noon; 2pm-6.20pm Open Surgery at weekends only: Saturday 12 noon-1pm

NEWCASTLE Tel: 01782 616551

6 Queen Street, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 1ED

Open Surgery Monday to Friday 9am–9.30am; 2pm–2.30pm
Appointments between 10.30am–1pm; 3pm–6.20pm

Open Surgery at weekends only: Saturday 9am-9.30am; 5pm-6pm; Sunday 9am-10am

BUTT LANE Tel: 01782 771441

118 Congleton Road, Butt Lane, Talke, Staffordshire ST7 1LX By appointment only: Monday to Friday 9am–10am; 4pm–6pm

SMALLTHORNE Tel: 01782 577995

173 Ford Green Road, Smallthorne, Stoke on Trent ST6 1PF

By appointment only Monday to Friday 9am–10.30am; 5pm–6pm Saturday 11am–11.30am open surgery.