

Congleton looks forward to welcoming you!

The friendly market town of Congleton, in south east Cheshire, benefits from a wealth of sporting, culinary and musical events throughout the year as well as a range of activities that can be enjoyed every day.

Visitors flock to the town for the annual Unplugged Festival in March, Food and Drink Festival and Brass on the Grass concert in June, Carnival in July, Jazz and Blues in August and Christmas lights in November.

New for 2018 is Congleton's Heritage and Antiques Festival, which will take place in September and encompasses more than 40 events.

The town has a fabulous floral reputation, having won North West in Bloom's Best Large Town competition for four of the past five years. In 2018 the town will represent the North West in the National in Bloom finals. You will also notice a number of bear statues and references around the town, relating to the town's nickname of 'Beartown'.

Congleton has more than 200 shops and businesses ready to welcome you. The town also has a fabulous range of places to eat and drink, catering for all tastes and budgets. It has a number of micro-breweries and CAMRA listed pubs.

In this leaflet we have highlighted some of the key events and attractions that we believe you will enjoy in our town. You can find out more at...

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

How to get to Congleton

Travel information...



Congleton is approximately seven miles from M6 J17, and eight miles from M6 J18. The A34 goes through the town. The town has a number of short stay and long stay car parks.



Congleton's railway station is about a mile from the town centre. There are hourly services to Manchester and Stoke on Mondays-Saturdays. Details of train journey times and prices can be found at National Rail Enquiries.
www.nationalrail.co.uk tel 0345 748 4950



A number of local bus services operate in Congleton. Maps showing routes and destinations can be downloaded from www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or call National Traveline on 0871 200 2233

For further details about events, places to visit, accommodation and other information about Congleton please contact our award-winning Tourist Information Centre.

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Congleton Event days and attractions 2018

Come and find out what's so special about Congleton beartown!



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What's On in Congleton -

April

4th Easter Treats Day, Town Centre, 10am-1pm.

10th Family Fun Festival, Congleton Leisure Centre, 1-3pm.
25th Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival Warm Up Gig, Congleton Town Hall.

22nd Congleton's 2nd Sprint Triathlon, 1.30pm - Come to Congleton Park to watch and cheer on the individuals and teams of people competing in the three disciplines of the Triathlon.

26th Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm.

28th Congleton's first regular Makers Market bringing together the finest and often award-winning food, drink, art and craft producers in the area.
www.themakersmarket.co.uk

May

5th Hidden Places Theatre Day & Performance, from 1pm.

Tel: Electric Picture House on 01260 270908

17th Annual Council Meeting & Mayor Making Ceremony, Town Hall, 7pm.

19th Carnival Fundraiser - Soul Night, Congleton Town Hall 7pm.

26th Congleton Paddling Pool Opens for the summer season - 10am-6pm daily.

June

10th Congleton Food & Drink Festival, Congleton Town Centre, 10.30am-4.30pm
Celebrate the Food & Drink Festival's 10th

Anniversary with over 100 stalls selling delicious local produce, a wonderful variety of global street foods, music and entertainment.
www.foodanddrinkfestival.net

17th Congleton Town Mayor Civic Parade and Service, Town Hall.

17th Congleton Brass on the Grass, 1.30pm-5.30pm, Congleton Park. Friends of Congleton Park bring to you their 5th annual musical concert in Congleton Park with a variety of acts performing from the Bandstand.
www.friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk

24th Audley Silver Band, Congleton Park.

July

7th Carnival Parade and Fun Day.

Calling all superheroes and villains for a brilliantly bright procession through the town followed by a free family fun day in the park with stalls, entertainment and music - 11am-7pm. www.congletoncarnival.co.uk

8th Congleton Lions Club-Band Concert, Congleton Park, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

29th Rode Hall Brass Band, Congleton Park, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

Congleton in the Regional and National In Bloom Judging Competitions. Due to the hard work put in in 2017, the In Bloom Team qualifies for both North West and Britain In Bloom judging for 2018, the same year it celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

August

12th Salt City Jazz Men Concert, Congleton Park, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

19th Rode Hall Brass Band Concert, Congleton Park, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

25th-26th Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival.

Filling the August Bank Holiday weekend with music! Many different music acts take to the stage in various locations throughout the town, starting with the colourful umbrella parade on Saturday 25th www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk

September

1st Congleton & District Horticultural Show, Congleton Town Hall.

6th-9th & 13th-16th National Heritage Days.

8th-23rd Congleton Heritage & Antiques Festival.

A new festival for Congleton dedicated to the local heritage and antiques the town has to offer - over 40 activities within these two weeks.

9th Eighth Annual Congleton Lions Duck Race, Congleton Park, 2pm.

9th Last day to enjoy Congleton Paddling Pool in 2018.

October

7th The 35th Sting-In-The-Tail Half Marathon, meeting at Congleton High School, 9.30am.

November

3rd The Rotary Bonfire, Congleton Park.

Sparks fly in Congleton Park lighting up the sky with the annual Rotary Bonfire. Firework displays and a roaring bonfire admired by many.

11th Remembrance Parade & Service.

Led by the Royal British Legion, many Congletonians join the parade and march to Congleton Cenotaph to pay their respects on the day of remembrance.

24th Congleton Christmas Festival, Town Centre, 10am-6pm.

The town centre will be buzzing with a Christmas craft and food market, all day entertainment and a lantern parade to welcome our special guest - Santa himself!
www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

Shopping & Markets

Congleton benefits from more than 200 shops and businesses.

Market Days!

The town has an indoor and outdoor market every Tuesday and Saturday and a car boot sale every Sunday.

Makers Market

On the last Saturday of the month the town centre has a Makers Market in addition to the regular market.



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Congleton Attractions

1 Congleton Park
 Congleton Park is a stunning Victorian park complete with river walk, children's play area, ancient woodland walks, bowling green, bandstand, amazing flower beds and pavilion café—and all just 5 minutes walk from the town centre. Park events held throughout the summer see www.friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk

2 Astbury Mere Country Park
 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 path around the mere makes walking easy for all abilities while the sail school provides visitors with a greater challenge! The Visitors Centre is open 9am–5pm most days. www.astburymerecountrypark.uk

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

4 Town Centre
 Congleton is a bustling market town with a great mix of more than 200 shops, cafés, restaurants, pubs and town centre businesses catering for a wide range of tastes and budgets. There's a market every Tuesday and Saturday and a car boot on Sunday. For a full list of shops see www.congleton-ta.gov.uk

5 Congleton Museum
 Brings life to characters, lives and histories of Congleton through the ages. It can be found in Market Square at the back of the Town Hall and is open 12–4.30pm Tuesday to Friday, 10am–4.30pm Saturday and 12–4.30pm Sunday. Entrance is by donation. www.congletonmuseum.co.uk

6 Victoria Mill Antiques and Collectable Centre
 Spread over three floors it is easy to lose track of time in this fascinating former mill building which is packed full of interesting antiques, artefacts and resident artists—as well as a café. The mill is open daily from 10am–4pm. Free entry and free parking. www.victoriamillantiques.co.uk

7 Electric Picture House
 Is home to an art gallery, artist studios and community arts space. The venue is used for art exhibitions, workshops, theatre, music and community projects. Visitors are very welcome. www.electricepicturehouse.com

8 Daneside Theatre
 Congleton's very own theatre located in Park Road. The Theatre offers a wide range of top quality productions throughout the year. It also hosts a monthly film night. www.danesidetheatre.co.uk

9 Old Saw Mill
 Hidden away in Back River Street this is a community hub with a large heart. Run mainly by volunteers it offers a lounge, café, secret garden and a large programme of events. Open Monday–Saturday 10–4pm. Facebook @OldSawMill

10 Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden
 The bath-house and garden are so well hidden that many townspeople have no idea they are there! A delightful find close to the centre of town—Bath House only opens occasionally but the gardens are accessible at all times. www.congletonbpt.wordpress.com

Live Music – Good night out!
 Congleton has a wealth of talented musicians, singers and local bands many of which can be heard playing in local bars and pubs at the weekends. The town is gaining a reputation for its great place to go out in the evenings.

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 Town Hall, High Street

