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WELCOME TO OUR TOWN GUIDE 2021

e hope that you find this guide useful! It has been written to give residents and those thinking of moving to or visiting Congleton an insight into what makes our town so wonderful.

For the latest information about events and news in Congleton see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

We think Congleton is a great town! We have a fabulous location on the edge of the Peak District and a friendly and caring community. As a town we are known for our flowers, festivals, ribbons, beers and bears! In this guide you'll find out more about Congleton's past, present and future – as well as lots of fascinating facts about the town and its people. We want to share with you the fun of our festivals, the creativeness of our community, the beauty of our vast open spaces, the variety of our shops, sports and social establishments and ways that you can get involved in the community! We'll tell you about places to stay, places to visit and places to eat! We have also added some useful numbers to make it easier to get established in our town.

we hope you find this guide useful and informative. 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.

Cllr Sally Ann Holland Congleton Town Mayor 2019-21







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HISTORIC CONGLETON

he first settlements in the Congleton area were in Neolithic times, and archaeological finds tell us people lived here in both the Stone and Bronze Ages. There is little evidence of Roman occupation, but the Vikings made their mark by destroying nearby Davenport which allowed Congleton to become the local market town.

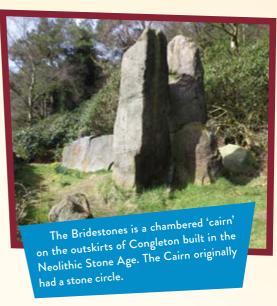
In Saxon days Earl Godwin of Wessex held the town, but by the time of the Domesday Book of 1086, William the Conqueror had made his nephew The Earl of Chester and granted him the whole of Cheshire. He in turn passed 'Cogletone', which had been laid waste by the King's army, to his man Bigot.

In the 13th century Congleton belonged to the de Lacy family and Henry de Lacy, granted its first charter in 1272. This made the town a free borough with the right to elect a Mayor and Ale Taster, have a merchant guild and behead known felons. The people were allowed to travel throughout Cheshire without paying tolls, dig turves, keep pigs and get their corn ground at the town mill 'on payment of the twentieth grain". This provided the Corporation with its main income.

Disaster struck Congleton in 1451 when the River Dane flooded and destroyed the wooden bridge, the town mill and half the timber framed buildings. The town centre was re-built on higher ground, where the High Street is, and the river was straightened and diverted away from the town.

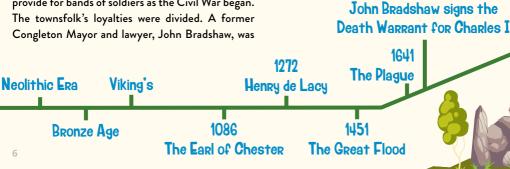
Congleton was ravaged by plague. In 1641 it was believed that the plague reached the town in a box of clothes sent from London. The town became deserted and poor – but was still expected to provide for bands of soldiers as the Civil War began. The townsfolk's loyalties were divided. A former Congleton Mayor and lawyer, John Bradshaw, was

president of the court which sent Charles I to be beheaded in 1649, and his signature as Attorney General was the first on the King's death warrant. There is a plaque commemorating him on Bradshaw House in Lawton Street.



Congleton became prosperous again, with much of its wealth derived from leather working and lace making' Congleton "points" were leather strips with a silver tip, similar to modern shoelaces, which were used for fastening clothes. Many Tudor buildings are still evident today. The first silk mill in Congleton was built by John Clayton in 1752, and by 1771 this industry had restored the town's prosperity.

1649



Ribbon weaving began in the 1750s and cotton spinning in 1784. By the end of the 18th century, there were numerous textile mills in the town, and better communications were needed.

Turnpike Trusts improved the state of the roads, the Macclesfield Canal was opened in 1831 and in 1848 the railway arrived. In 1860 a treaty with France allowed French silk to be imported duty free. The English silk trade began to decline and Congleton suffered. Its fortunes were revived when fustian and velvet cutting were introduced in 1867, and different aspects of the textile trade continued to be important through the twentieth century. Congleton's ribbons and tapes are particularly well known.

More information about the history of Congleton can be found in the excellent Congleton Museum which is currently located behind the Town Hall, see page 28.

DID YOU KNOW? John Bradshaw the President of the tried and ordered the

John Bradshaw the President
Council which tried and ordered the
execution of Charles I was Mayor of
Congleton in 1637 and lived in this house
on Lawton Street.

Celebrating Elizabeth

Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy (1833-1918) was dubbed 'the brains of the suffragist movement' by Emmeline Pankhurst. She is listed on the Millicent Fawcett statue in Parliament Square, London. She lived in Congleton and the Elizabeth Group is working hard to raise her profile and create an Elizabeth statue for Congleton.

Find out more about Elizabeth' story, by visiting www.elizabethelmy.com or facebook. com/elizabethsgroup



1848 Fustian and Velvet
Railways arrived cutting

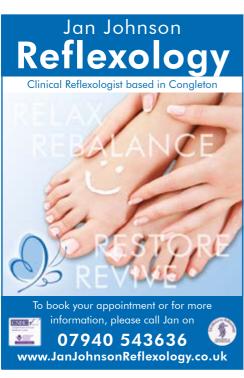
1831 Kall Macclesfield Canal

1784

Cotton Spinning

The first Silk Mill







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ongleton is an attractive town with a strong community focus. At the last census, the population of the town was around 26,600 with 11,561 households. In the latest Local Plan (covering 2015 – 2030) the Congleton area is expected to see a growth of almost 4,000 homes and potentially 10,000 residents. The challenge is to maintain the community town feel, develop the services that everyone will need and continue the sense of community pride in our town.

Congleton is nestled at the foothills of the Pennines, offering some of the most beautiful countryside in Britain. With its good schools, excellent transport, busy events calendar, wealth of social, sporting, cultural and community groups and reasonably priced houses (compared to much of Cheshire), Congleton remains a popular place to live, work and visit.

The town has breweries, a theatre, a museum, a non-A&E hospital, two golf courses, a country park, a formal park, paddling pool, over 200 shops and 29 plus pubs. Some of the UKs top tourist attractions are within an hour's drive – including Chester Zoo

companies such as Airbags International, Siemens, Berisfords, Boalloy and Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows as well as

and Alton Towers. It is home to some international

Bellows as well as many very successful national and regional businesses.

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Congleton is
struck by the floral
and horticultural
excellence in the
town. Congleton has
received RHS Gold
every year for the past



decade and has been a national finalist in Britain in Bloom 6 times in the past 20 years.

Visitors can also not help but notice a strong link with bears! There are bears on the roundabout, wooden bears in the park and at Buglawton, Beartown Brewery, numerous Beartown businesses – even our Rugby and Football Teams are nicknamed 'The Bears'.

According to the legend, Congleton got its nickname from an incident in the 1660s when the town bear died just before the Wakes holiday and the town 'sold its Bible to buy a bear'. According to the records the Town Corporation lent the Bearward (Bear keeper) 16 shillings from the town chest (containing money to buy a new Town Bible) to buy a new bear. "The incident gave rise to the tale 'Congleton rare, Congleton rare, sold the bible to buy a bear'.

In recent years, the Beartown nickname has seen a revival and has been used to help market the town. Bearmania, a festival of 5ft bear statues around Congleton, was a huge success in 2011 and there are plans for a return of the bears in 2021. Funds raised through Bear Mania helped to sponsor the activities of Animal Asia rescuing bears.



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FESTIVAL TOWN

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 happening. Visitors flock to Congleton for the annual events:



Congleton Unplugged - March

Unplugged is an acoustic music event which showcases talent of all varieties from classic performers to upcoming fresh talent aiming to blow away the winter blues. There is something for everyone across a variety of pubs and bars in Congleton; www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk

Easter Treats - April

Congleton hosts an Easter Treats fun day in the town centre with lots of fun, free activities, including the 'Hop Around the Shops' Easter Egg Hunt Trail; a trail over two weeks around the town, a great way to find out what the town centre businesses have to offer, with a sweet treat at the end!

Triathlon - April

After the success of the first sporting event in 2017, the Town Council host an annual Triathlon in Congleton Park and Leisure Centre. The event made up of swimming, cycling and running is great for people of all ages and abilities, with a Go-Tri for children before the main adult Triathlon.

Food & Drink Festival - June

This all day event sees Congleton Town Centre filled with stalls offering delicious local produce, street food and drink with music and entertainment throughout. www.foodanddrinkfestival.net

Brass on the Grass - June-August

The Friends of Congleton Park team organise a programme of music concerts located at the Bandstand in the Park throughout the summer months. www.friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk

Congleton Pride - July

The Congleton Pride team bring colour and pride into the town centre on their event day. Congleton Pride is about celebrating equality, diversity and inclusion across the LGBTQ+ community. www.congletonpride.co.uk

Congleton Jazz & Blues Festival - August

August Bank Holiday weekend sees Congleton come alive with the sound of music at this free music festival offering lots of different styles across many venues in town.

www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk

Congleton Heritage & Antiques Festival -September

This biennial festival celebrates Congleton's local heritage with a mix of exhibitions, talks and displays. www.congletonheritagefestival.com

Bonfire Night - November

On bonfire weekend, Congleton Rotary Club light up the bonfire and the skies with their annual Bonfire and Fireworks display in Congleton Park. www.congletonrotary.co.uk

Remembrance - November

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

Congleton Christmas Lights Switch-On -November

The town centre is filled with festive fun; street and stage entertainment, food stalls, fair rides, grand lantern procession and much more.

Congleton Tree of Light Service - December

A dedicated tree in the Community Gardens is lit in a short service to remember loved ones at Christmas time, as well as raising funds for worthy local causes. Stars for the tree are generally on sale from November onwards.

On top of all these annual events, there are also one off Green and Wellbeing Fayres in the Town Hall, monthly Makers Markets in the town centre as well as regular In Bloom 'Town Tidies'. For the most up to date information on town events, please visit our website www.congleton-tc.gov.uk search 'What's On'





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and buried treasure, including one of the largest collections of Roman coinage in the North West. These are just some of the things you can see at Congleton Museum.

Situated behind the Town Hall, in the old police station, the museum uses relief maps to illustrate how the town has grown from prehistoric times to the beginning of the 21st century. Figures from the past tell their stories and the museum's fascinating collection of artefacts is used to portray the intriguing heritage of the area and its people through displays on archaeology, the English Civil War, the textile industry, and World War II.

Find out about John Bradshaw, the Mayor of Congleton who signed the death warrant of Charles I and how an amazing 17th century coin hoard was unearthed and its probable owner identified. Discover the town's important role in the industrial revolution and how far a fustian cutter walked in a day. Imagine what it would be like to be locked



into the old town stocks, to wear the scold's bridle or to be evacuated far from your Manchester home during World War II.



There are monthly history walks around the town and an exciting programme of talks and temporary exhibitions. The museum gift shop offers souvenirs, locally made crafts, hand-made cards and history books, including an exclusive series of over 50 booklets on various aspects of Congleton's past.

Opening hours: 10.30am – 4.15pm Tuesday to Saturday, 12 noon – 4.15pm on Sunday.

Admission is free, but donations are welcomed as the museum is a charity run by volunteers.

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conditions, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, and some cancers. Physical activity can also boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress, depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

There are many ways to increase your activity levels. Choose activities that you enjoy, and you are more likely to make time to do them. Below we explore some of the many sports clubs and groups in Congleton.

On page 34 you can find out more about the Great Outdoors.

Whether you are looking for a regular commitment or a casual drop-in event there is a wide choice of classes, clubs and competitive sport to choose from. If you can't find what you are looking for from the list below see www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell which covers a wider area.

What to do to keep active

Leisure Centres

Congleton has two Public Leisure Centres:

Congleton Leisure Centre based in Worrall Street which is run by Everybody Leisure on behalf of Cheshire East Council. This centre was built in 1974

and there are approved plans for renovation and new build swimming pool. Contact 01260 387717 or www.everybody.org.uk/locations/congleton

Congleton High School Sports Centre supports a range of sport and leisure activities.

www.congletonhigh.com/69/sports-and-clubs-information

There are also a large number of private gyms and classes held in other local schools.

Badminton

Courts can be booked at Congleton Leisure Centre Monday- Friday Peak time: 5pm-10pm.

Basketball

Congleton Basketball
Club takes place at
Congleton High School
Sports Centre on Monday
evenings. Junior sessions
- 7pm-8pm and adult 8pm-9pm.

Bowling Teams

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 the Lyme Green Estate, Macclesfield.

Boxing

Beartown Amateur Boxing Club offers coaching and fitness training to people of all ages. It's a growing club for more information visit www.beartownboxing.co.uk

Cricket

Congleton benefits from two thriving but closely linked cricket clubs - Congleton Cricket Club www. congleton.play-cricket.com and Mossley Cricket Club www.mossleycricketclub.co.uk Both play cricket in a friendly and competitive spirit!



Cycling

The active Congleton Cycling Club has an all year programme of touring and racing events. It is open to adults and juniors, under 18's will require a completed parental consent form. Visit www.congletoncyclingclub.org.uk

Darts, Pool, Snooker and Bingo

The Cygnet Club is a major centre for these games. Located on Swan Bank. If interested contact 01260 273390 email: mail@thecygnetclub.co.uk

Dance

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

Fishing Enthusiasts

Will be welcomed by the Congleton and District Fly Fishing Club: 01260 270012, the Fly Fishers Eaton Email: eatonflyfishers@gmail.com or Marton Heath 01260 224231. Moreton Fisheries, 01260 272839



Football

Congleton Town FC (The Bears) play in the North West Counties League Premier Division www.pitchero.com/clubs/Congletontownfc.

Congleton Rovers has merged with Congleton Town FC as an enlarged club offering boy and girl teams from 7-18's, as well as academy, senior, a semi-professional and veteran's team.

Vale Juniors also offers football for all from 4-21 contact www.valejuniorsfc.com

Colf

There are two golf clubs on the edge of the town: Congleton Golf Club, which has 9 holes. 01260 273540 and see www.congletongolfclub.co.uk Astbury Golf Club with its testing 18-hole course. 01260 272772 and see www.astburygolfclub.com. For those who prefer the occasional game there is the Malkins Bank Golf Club, 01270 765 931 or Marton Golf Course 01260 224008 which are both pay as you play.

Hockey

There are men's, ladies and youth teams visit Triton Hockey Club www.tritonhockey.co.uk

Martial Arts

The martial arts, judo, jujitsu, taekwondo, Thai boxing and karate are well catered for with many local clubs.

Netball

Enthusiasts can join Congleton Adult Netball League which runs every Tuesday evening at Congleton Leisure Centre 01260 387717

Pilates and Yoga

These are catered for within local Leisure Centres and Halls, there are also many classes on-line.

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 or www.congletonramblers.org.uk

Rugby

Congleton Rugby Club is one of the oldest clubs in the world and has an active adult and junior section. See www.pitchero.com/clubs/congleton

Running

The town has two running clubs

Congleton Harriers has over 140 members and abilities. Training sessions usually start from the Leisure Centre. See: www.congleton-harriers.co.uk
Boalloy Running Club is a successful running club with around 60 members and a strong youth group.
See Facebook page or www.britishathletics.org.uk.
The town also has a friendly and popular Park Run at Astbury Mere at 9am every Saturday.

KEEPING ACTIVE

Snooker

There is an active snooker club based in Mottershead Mill, Royle Street, CW12 1HR. Visit www.congletonsnookerclub.co.uk

Swimming

The town has two clubs based at Congleton Leisure Centre. Congleton Amateur Swimming Club see www.congletonasc.wordpress.com and Dane Valley Swimming Club: www.danevalleyswimming.org

Tennis

Congleton Lawn Tennis Club is one of the oldest Tennis clubs in the country, founded in 1890. It has seven all weather courts plus two artificial grass courts and is one of the largest tennis clubs in the area. www.congletontennis.co.uk

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Congleton is just fifteen minutes from the M6 at either Junction 17 or 18 and located in the heart of the beautiful Cheshire countryside. You will find ample to spend your time in a truly historic and friendly town. Congleton is close to wonderful tourist attractions, including Little Moreton Hall a unique Elizabethan Manor House, Biddulph Grange Gardens, Jodrell Bank, miles of wonderful canal walks, a short drive to the Peak District Hills and open Cheshire countryside to explore.



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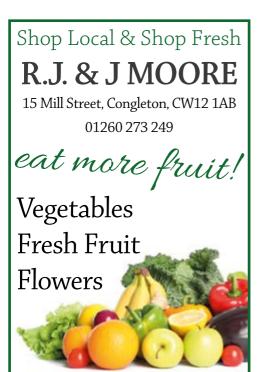
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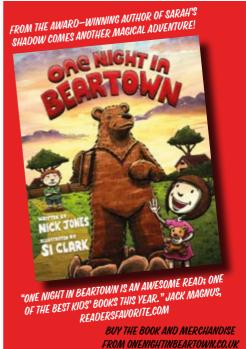
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Astbury Mere Country Park

Thanks to the hard work of a local trust the former sand quarry has been transformed into a beautiful Country Park and Visitors Centre, which attracts over 140,000 visitors a year! The 14 hectare site includes a 3km all-weather path around the Mere, open space, extensive woodlands and wildflower meadow. The site has been awarded multi-green flags and hosts an Eco Centre. The trust needs to raise around £40,000 a year to maintain this beautiful 'free' attraction - so please leave some coins in the donation boxes dotted around the site. For the more active, Astbury Mere is the site of a national Park Run every Saturday morning at 9am, which is free but you will need to register at www.parkrun.org.uk/Congleton. The Visitors Centre is open daily from 9am - 5pm. The Park is open daily, with the closing time dependent on the time of year. For more information see: www. astburymerecountrypark.uk or 01260 297237

The lake is owned by Stoke Angling Society who

rent out space to Peak Pursuits for water sports. If you fancy kayaking, canoeing, or sailing contact Peak Pursuits on: www.peak.co.uk/centre-category/astbury. Also, Congleton Nature Watch is based here, visit Congleton Nature Watch Facebook page for more information.



Congleton Paddling Pool

The town's Paddling Pool has entertained children throughout the summer months from the 1930s and continues to be a source of summer fun and delight

to the younger age group. While many councils have closed their pools, Congleton Town Council has seen it as an important part of the town's heritage and continued to invest in the site. The Paddling Pool opens on the Saturday before the late May bank holiday and then, weather permitting, is open daily from 10am - 6pm until early September. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and parking in the area is restricted so users are advised to park their cars in the Town Centre Car Parks. Visit: www. congleton-tc.gov.uk



Congleton Park

This impressive Victorian Park, complete with children's play area, paths through the ancient Town Woods, river walks, ornamental gardens, bowling green, bandstand, toilets and pavilion café is just a five minute walk from the Town Centre! Thanks to a £1.5 million Heritage and Lottery Grant in 2005 the park was lovingly restored to its former glory. The Park is the venue for some great community events - including music concerts on the 100 year old bandstand, Duck Race and the spectacular Rotary Bonfire and fireworks display. It has even been the venue for some major concerts - including Girls Aloud! In 2021 the park will be celebrating its 150th anniversary! The Park is owned by Cheshire East Council, but staff from Congleton Town Council's Streetscape service ensures the park looks good 365 days of the year!



Congleton Town Hall

Since its completion in 1866, Congleton Town Hall has been at the centre of Civic and Community Life in Congleton. The impressive Victorian building is now home to the Visitor Information Centre and Congleton Town Council.

Congleton Town Centre

Congleton is a busy market town which has a varied mix of more than 200 shops, businesses, cafés, restaurants and bars for a wide range of ages, tastes, styles and budgets. There's a traditional market every Tuesday and Saturday, a lively car boot sale every Sunday and a Makers Market on the last Saturday of the month. Visit: www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



Daneside Theatre

Congleton is proud to have its own theatre, which can be found in Park Road. The Daneside is an independent theatre, which puts on a wide range of productions to appeal to people of all ages and tastes! For most of the shows at Daneside, the tickets are available at Congleton's Visitor Information Centre, based in the Town Hall, call 01260 271095 for an up-to-date programme of what's on or visit www.danesidetheatre.co.uk

The theatre opened in 1984 and is run by a charitable trust. Various performing arts groups use the rehearsal rooms for practice and perform on stage. These groups include Centre Stage Youth Theatre, Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre, Congleton Musical Theatre, Congleton Panto, Congleton Players, Our Gang and Trinity Amateur Operatic Society. These groups alongside a number of dance troupes and touring theatre groups, ensure that the local people and visitors can enjoy first class performances in the local area, rather than having to travel out of town. The Daneside Theatre also holds regular film evenings on a Sunday.

Victoria Mill Antiques and Collectables Centre

Spread over three floors with an onsite restaurant, this former mill building hosts over 40 dealers making it very easy to lose track of time in this fascinating centre! The Mill is open daily from 10am-4pm. Free entry and car parking. Visit the website www.victoriamillantiques.co.uk or call 01260 297838

EXPLORE CONGLETON

Live Music

Congleton has a wealth of talented musicians, singers, and local bands, from all age ranges and styles of music. Many of these can be found playing in local pubs and bars at weekends. The town is gaining a reputation for its lively music scene which includes the Congleton Unplugged in March and the Jazz and Blues festival in August.

For more ideas of places to visit in and around Congleton and Cheshire, contact the Visitor Information Centre in Congleton Town Hall. 01260 271095 or visit: www.cheshirepeaksandplains.co.uk and www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure,_culture_and_tourism

Congleton Town Football Club

The Bears' play in the NW Counties League Premier Division and bring crowds of day-trippers to Congleton throughout the season. See www.pitchero.com/clubs/Congletontownfc

The Cloud at Timbersbrook

For experienced or novice walkers, the Cloud is the place to venture. Situated on the outskirts of Congleton, many walkers are impressed with the scenic views when reaching the summit. On a good day, weather permitting, it is possible to look across the beautiful Cheshire Plains to the Welsh Mountains.







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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Wonderful Walks

Congleton is surrounded by stunning countryside which is great for exploring by foot, bike, barge or even horse! There are lots of footpaths and bridleways to enjoy around Congleton in addition to the popular Biddulph Valley Way, Macclesfield Canal towpath, Congleton Cloud, Congleton Park and Astbury Mere Country Park.

Stepping out and enjoying the countryside on our doorstep can benefit physical and mental health! If you don't want to walk alone, there are many walking groups for all ages and abilities listed on the Cheshire East Live Well guide, visit www. livewellservices.cheshireeast.gov.uk.

You can download free maps and self-guided routes from the Cheshire East Council Ranger Service and Public Rights of Way Team, visit www. cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure,_culture_and_tourism/ ranger_service/free-walk-leaflets.aspx.

Cheshire East also has 'Walks for All' guides with details of walks without stiles or steps, which can cause an issue for some walkers.

For more adventurous walkers the Congleton Partnership in conjunction with partnerships in our neighbouring towns has created a 'South Cheshire Market Town Trail' which includes a circular 42 mile walk taking in the towns of Alsager, Congleton, Holmes Chapel, Middlewich and Sandbach. Copies are available in the Visitor Information or online at www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/south-cheshire-markettowns-trail

Scenic Cycle Routes

There are three Sustrans cycle networks that run through Congleton.

- Route 55 This route runs from Iron Bridge to Preston, passing through Congleton.
- Route 70 A 176-mile circular route passing

- Macclesfield Forest, Congleton, Shavington, & Malpas.
- Route 573 A 18-mile regional route between Congleton and Davenham which uses mostly minor quiet roads.

There are also plenty of beautiful routes to discover for yourself! The Biddulph Valley Way, a former railway line, is popular with cyclists wanting an 'off road' experience.

Details of cycling routes are in the 'Let's go Cycling in South East Cheshire' leaflet available from the Visitor Information Centre or as a download from the Town Council's website www. congleton-tc.gov.uk/discover-congleton/cycling-incongleton.

The Town Council and Active Congleton are lobbying hard for more connected cycle routes through and around Congleton to make it easier, safer and more convenient for residents to cycle to town, schools or Congleton attractions.

On the Water

The Macclesfield Canal runs from Marple Bridge to Kidsgrove and circles around the south eastern side of Congleton from Buglawton passing close to the railway station and curving round to Mossley and Astbury. There are mooring points close to the town centre which prove a popular stopover point for those exploring this part of Cheshire by boat. The flat tow paths are also popular with walker and runners.

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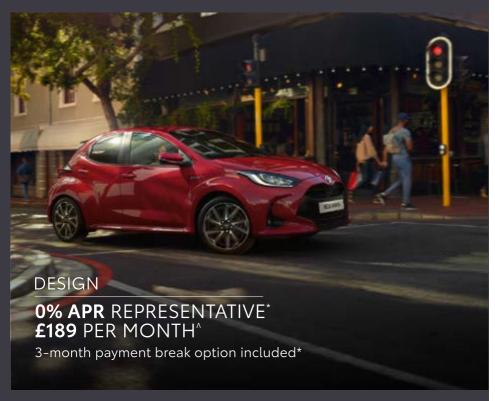
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he friendly and knowledgeable team at Congleton Visitor Information Centre, based in the foyer of the Town Hall, can help you make the most of being in Congleton and are a great resource for finding out about things to do and organised events in the area. In the shop you will find a wide range of books on local history and local walks along with souvenirs making ideal gifts.

You can buy tickets for the local Daneside Theatre and other local theatres such as The Regent and Victoria Hall in Hanley, the New Vic. at Newcastle and Buxton Opera Theatre.

A photocopying service for visitors and residents is available along with local produce such as Congleton honey, Congleton gingerbread, jams and chutneys.



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| Boots Opticians | Pedestrian Area |
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| Cheshire Colonics | Lawton Street |
| Congleton Dental Centre | West Street |
| Congleton Hearing Centre | Duke Street |
| Congleton Osteopathic Pract | ice Kinsey Street |
| E-Cig Congleton | Mill Street |
| E-Cigolution | High Street |
| Herbecures | Mill Street |
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| Huff & Puff | Pedestrian Area |
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| Lloyds Pharmacy | West Street |
| Moody Terrace Dental | Moody Street |
| Mossley Pharmacy | Hightown, Mossley |
| Narngjam Therapy Centre | West Street |
| Norris Health | Lawton Street |
| Readesmoor Medical Centre | West Street |
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| Premier | Cross Lane |
| RJ & J Moore Greengrocers | Mill Street |
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Congleton also has a twice weekly retail market every Tuesday and Saturday with a mixture of indoor and outdoor stalls, a Car Boot on a Sunday Morning and a visiting Makers Market on the last Saturday of the month.

For details about stalls on the market, and for further details on all the shops, see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



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BLOOMING MARVELLOUS CONGLETON

ongleton in Bloom has been successfully greening and transforming areas of Congleton since the group was formed in 1998. In addition to helping to create a cleaner, greener Congleton, In Bloom activities have also brought hundreds of people together, of all ages, in either town-wide or local greening projects.

Congleton has been awarded the RHS gold standard for its horticultural excellence, community involvement and environmental responsibility for the past 10 years! Congleton has represented the North West in the national large town finals in 2001, 2007, 2014, 2016 and 2018, winning 3 gold medals. Congleton would have been a finalist in 2020 if COVID-19 hadn't caused the competition to be postponed. In addition to Congleton in Bloom, the town also benefits from many 'It's Your Neighbourhood' campaigns, including Buglawton in Bloom and Bromley Farm in Bloom have been running almost as long as the town group.

Although the town is praised for its floral roundabouts, hanging baskets, troughs and flower



beds, only 40% of the marks are for horticultural excellence. The rest are for environmental responsibility and community engagement. Schools, businesses, youth groups, churches, pubs, care homes and many local neighbourhoods and individuals take part.

The group would love to see even more people

take part! Look out for monthly litter picks, planting opportunities or talk to the group about setting up your own neighbourhood group and be part of the movement to create more community pride and an even cleaner, greener Congleton. Visit for more information www.congleton-tc. gov.uk









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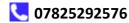
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CONGLETON CARES...

ongleton has a reputation as a friendly town. We hope you find that to be true. There are many groups and organisations across the town which provide help, support or a chance to interact with others.

A good place to start is the 'Get Involved' book produced by Congleton Community Projects. It gives the contacts and more information on around 100 organisations in Congleton. You can pick up a copy at the Visitors Information Centre or download at www.congletoncommunityprojects.org. A new directory is due out early in 2021. Below are just some of the areas that we are passionate about as a town.





Congleton Cares about your Safety

Feeling safe in your own home and neighbourhood is important. Congleton has its own policing unit made up of Cheshire Police Constables and Police Community Support Officers as well as a Sergeant. The local unit is based in the Police Station in Congleton. The Police hold regular local surgeries in the community for the public to come and have a chat. The Police Station is staffed Monday to Friday from 9-4pm. It is the work with residents that enables the police to identify, target and prosecute individuals who commit crime. You can report crime via 101 online, 101 telephone call or Crime Stoppers Anonymous online or 0800 555 111.

Congleton Town Council pays for the main CCTV cameras around the town to be monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the control room in Macclesfield. Pictures from the cameras can be sent straight to the tablets of police in the area.

Within your local community there may already be a Neighbourhood Watch - you can check on www.ourwatch.org.uk If there isn't one, why not set one up? Congleton Town Council will help you.

Congleton Cares about Stopping Abuse and Violence

In September 2020 Congleton Town Council was awarded White Ribbon Status for the work it is doing within the community to stop violence and abuse. Hundreds of people in Congleton have already signed the white ribbon pledged, promising not to commit, excuse or ignore violence or abuse against women and girls. Although most abuse is

male against female, the Council also recognises that all violence and abuse is wrong. My Cheshire Without Abuse is a local charity which is working hard to support victims of abuse in Congleton. They have started to hold regular clinics in Congleton and can be contacted on 0300 123 5101

Congleton Cares about Older People

Just over 25% of Congleton residents are aged over 65; 3,200 are over 75 and 900 aged 85+. That is a large section of our community. Congleton U3A (University of the Third Age) is one of the largest in the country with 1400 members and a huge range of classes and activities. Congleton Partnership has a senior forum which focusses on the interests and needs of our senior residents, particularly around minimising social isolation, promoting good mental health and well-being and making sure older people feel included in the town. This group also organise an annual health and well being fayre. They can be contacted via www.congletonpartnership.co.uk

Congleton Cares About Younger Residents

Young people also sometimes struggle to have a voice in the town and have a Youth Forum via the Congleton Partnership to consider their issues and concerns. This group particularly concentrates on the 11–25 year age group. The main concerns identified and being worked on are the lack of services or information about services concerning drugs, sexual health, youth groups, housing, work and Lack of opportunities. The youth forum can be contacted via www.congletonpartnership.co.uk

Congleton Cares about the LGBTQ+ Community

Congleton Pride was established in 2018 and organised the town's first pride event in July 2019. The group believes that Congleton should



be a safe and happy place for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Congleton Pride advocates for LGBTQ+ people locally and nationally. It also brings people together socially and is planning several evening events and another fabulous Pride Day in 2021. They can be contacted via the Congleton Pride Facebook page.

Congleton Cares about your Heart

There are a growing number of defibrillators (AEDs) around Congleton. If a person has a sudden cardiac arrest when their heart suddenly or unexpectedly stops beating, early use of a defibrillator can greatly increase their chance of survival. Find out where you nearest Defibrillator is by checking the Congleton Chronicle or the front of the Town Council's website www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



Find more Congleton Cares about...

...Climate, A Greener Congleton
(see page 64-65)
...Physical and Mental Health
(see page 80-81)
...People with Dementia (see page 54)

Congleton's Citizen's Advice Bureau is here for any resident in Congleton who needs their help and advice. Contact 0800 1448848 (freefone) or drop in at their offices in Lawton Street between 9.30am – 12.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Congleton Cares about Keeping you Informed

There are lots of ways to find out what is going on in Congleton!

Local Papers

Congleton is fortunate to have one of the few independently owned paid for papers in the Country. The Chronicle has been publishing every Thursday since 1893. The current editor is only its 4th ever editor!

Congleton stories also feature in the Sentinel which is a daily paper edited from Stoke.

Newsletters/brochures

In addition to numerous newsletters from schools, churches, residents' areas, clubs and societies, households in CW12 will receive a quarterly Bear Necessities. This is edited by the Town Council and contains news of upcoming local events, issues and campaigns. Households also receive a Beartown Voice magazine and Congleton Directory.

Radio Stations

Our local stations are
BBC Radio Stoke and BBC Radio Manchester
Silk FM (based in Macclesfield
Signal FM (based in Stoke)
Canalside Radio (based in Bollington)

Moorland Radio (based in Staffordshire Moorlands)

Social Media & Websites

Town Council – for events and local campaigns and resources

Congleton Partnership

Congleton Chats back – local news from over 20,000 members on what's going on in Congleton Congleton News and Views – for debate and discussion on news in Congleton and further afield Congleton Town Council – for updates from your Town Council

Search Social Media for the relevant pages

Notice boards

There are also community noticeboards which are updated by the Town Council on a weekly basis. This can be found in St John's Road Buglawton, Parnell Square on Bromley Farm, Mossley Village Hall, Congleton Library, West Street Car Park and West Heath Shopping Centre.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CONGLETON

any people in Congleton are working hard to make the town Dementia friendly, where people living with dementia can live well. A group set up in 2018, under the auspices of Congleton Partnership, to help people and businesses become aware of the needs of people with dementia, to publicise and create more events that welcome people living with dementia and can cater for any additional needs they have.

Since 2018 more than 1,000 people in Congleton have attended an awareness course and have become a Dementia Friend. Anyone can attend one of the free awareness sessions, and Congleton's Dementia Friends Champions are happy to run a session in any location for groups, organisations, friends and families. If you can get a group of five or more people together in Congleton - we can provide someone to run the session. These sessions cover what dementia means and give tips on how to communicate effectively with people

living with dementia. To find out more information call 01260 270350, sessions last around an hour.

Many Businesses in Congleton have gone a step further. In addition to their staff attending an awareness session they have also taken actions to make their premises better for people living with dementia. These premises have a Dementia Friendly Congleton Sticker in the window.

The group also runs sessions for those living with dementia and their supporters. These include traditional games, sing-alongs and other stimulating activities. A memory cafe is organised through the support of the Alzheimer's Society and local care homes host sessions to which people living with dementia are invited.

If you would like to be involved, there is usually a weekly column in the Chronicle, flyers in the information centre, GP surgeries etc or you can contact the chair Diane Ritherdon 07770 724932.

We are excited to be able to announce a new extension to our service for those affected by domestic

abuse in Congleton.

We are now able to offer a weekly advice clinic in the town to provide help, support and guidance in relation to domestic abuse.

On a monthly basis, the clinic will also be in collaboration with Cheshire Police with specialist domestic abuse officers attending to provide advice and support in relation to new complaints, Claire's Law disclosures, updates on existing cases. COVID 19 and the new lockdown will undoubtedly cause additional pressures on families in our area, and we want to reassure those affected by domestic abuse that they are still able to access help and support and that our team are in the local community and here to help.



We understand that not everyone will want, or be able to see our team in person at the moment and so our clinic appointments are also available virtually or by phone. To book an appointment please call My CWA 01270 250390. If you feel that you are at risk of immediate harm please call 999.

For support with your, or your children's experience of domestic abuse or to access help if your are worried about your own behaviours please contact the Cheshire East Domestic Abuse HUB 0300 123 5101.

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COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

ne 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 groups are run by volunteers, making Congleton a very lively, welcoming and active community

A key organisations for the Congleton is Congleton Partnership. The Partnership has brought hundreds of thousands of pounds into



the town via grants to deliver projects aimed at improving Congleton for its residents, workers and visitors. The Partnership is a volunteer group that actively encourages more people to get involved - with the firm belief that the more involved people the more that can be achieved! There are groups

Sustainability, Congleton Creative, Youth Forum, Senior Forum and Dementia. Some successes include the recent renovation of the Cenotaph, adding safe cycle routes, mapping country walks, introducing information boards and town entry signs, the River Dane Walkway, Congleton Apple Juice, creating a Dementia Friendly town and establishing Moody Street Garden. More information at www.congletonpartnership.co.uk

Congleton has four 'Connected Community' Hubs offering a wide range of activities for the community. They are Bromley Farm Community Centre, Ruby's Fund, The Old Saw Mill in Back River Street and Bromley Farm Wellbeing Hub in Parnell Square.

Congleton Community Projects is a lynchpin

of the community provides creative support, advice and practical help to many voluntary groups and organisations. CCP created and delivers the very popular annual Food and Drink Festival and is involved with most other festivals. For more information contact jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org or visit www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

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 11 and 25 and can be found at Fellowship House, near Congleton's Paddling Pool. Ruby's Fund is a charity providing social, sensory, educational and recreational services for children, young people, their families and carers at a Sensory Centre in Roe Street. Scouting and Guiding flourishes in Congleton with numerous units throughout the town engaged in offering challenging opportunities and new skills. The Air Training Corps 230 (Congleton Squadron) and the Congleton Army Cadets, both based at Rope Walk are also very active in the Town. Congleton has a Youth Council which represents the youth of town to the Town Council.

Church life and faith groups are very 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 and activities. New life Church runs a free food bank for those in need called The Storehouse. See the section on faith groups for more information, page 72.

Congleton has a thriving University of the Third Age which has more than 1400 members and 100 active groups ranging from art classes through to foreign language groups, ecology and book clubs to a popular Ukulele club. U3A is open to everyone who not in full time employment. There is no age limit. It is a great place to meet a wide circle of people from diverse backgrounds and interests. More information at www.congletonu3a.org.uk

Congleton Rotary Club and Congleton Lions

add greatly to the community life in Congleton, organising many key events while raising money for great causes. Both local groups provide excellent networking and friendship groups and are always keen to welcome new members.

Congleton Credit Union has been operating since 1995. It is only open to people who live or work in CW12 and offers members a chance to save on a regular basis and borrow money (up to 3 x what they have saved) at a low interest rate. The collection point is in Congleton library on a Saturday from 10-11am.

The town is extremely fortunate to have its own fabulous theatre, run by a trust. There are lots of thespian groups of all ages and disciplines involved in the local Daneside Theatre. More details of which can be seen at 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 the fabulous Clonter Opera on the outskirts of Congleton 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. For those not ready for the Choral Society the popular 'Can't Sing Choir' (which very definitely can sing!) provides a good mix of singing and social.

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 can loan instruments free of charge for a trial period. Brass bands are still strong in the area and two local bands, the Macclesfield Silk Band and the Rode Hall Silver Band often play at the theatre, Town Hall and at local events.

Congleton has a growing arts community with both Victoria Mill www.victoriamillartcentre. org and the Electric Picture House www.electricpicturehouse.online providing units for a wide range of artists and exhibition space. See Creative Congleton, page 58.

There is a wide range of sporting and leisure

groups run by volunteers for the benefit of their members. See 'Keeping Active' page 22.

There are several support and friendship groups offering an opportunity for people to meet others in a similar position. These range from parent and toddler groups, to Age Concern's Men in Shed group. There are also support groups specialising in helping those with additional needs. Many groups rely on volunteers to help them to function.

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 hundreds of thousands of pounds into supporting voluntary sector activities and initiatives and the town is extremely fortunate to have their support.



Looking for more information and voluntary organisations?

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

For lots more information about all the Community Groups and Organisations in Congleton see Congleton's Get Involved Booklet produced by Congleton Community Projects, available at www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

CREATIVE CONGLETON

ongleton is a Creative Town with a wide ranging arts and cultural offer including art clubs, drama, writing and choral groups, dance schools, music events, community arts projects and town-wide festivals.

At the heart of the Creative Congleton scene is the Electric Picture House, located in Spindle Mill, five minutes' walk from the town centre. It is a non-profit making artists' cooperative run by internationally and nationally recognised artists.

The building combines working studios, offices, a gallery and workshop space and offers a comprehensive programme of exhibitions, studio theatre, music performances and workshops. It is also the home of Congleton Community Projects, organisers of a wide range of community activities in the town including the very popular Food and Drink

Festival in June and the Christmas Lantern Parade at the Lights Switch on in November. Congleton Live CIC is based in the Mill from where they plan the Congleton Jazz and Blues and Unplugged Festivals.

Looking forward to 2021 Congleton Creative is in the process of planning an Arts Festival called 'Into The Light', a celebration of theatre, visual arts, performing arts and spoken word. If funding permits they hope the Festival will provide relief for the town from the dark year 2020.

For more information:

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS

hen you walk around Congleton you can still see lots of glimpses of our past. Much of the town's prosperity was from the fast-flowing river Dane and the mills alongside it. Many of the historic buildings, mills and grand homes and halls of the area have been lost over time to make way for housing estates and new buildings. Some have been repurposed have a new role. Congleton still has 133 listed buildings. These buildings include: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment/heritage_natural_environment/conservation_listed_buildings/conservation_listed_buildings.aspx

Bradshaw House

Bradshaw House in Lawton Street replaced an earlier timber-framed house which was the Congleton home of John Bradshaw, the former Congleton Mayor who went on to preside over the court that sentenced King Charles 1 to death. The building has stood empty for many years.



Congleton Town Hall

Congleton Town Hall was opened in 1866 and designed by Edwin Godwin. It is probably the third building to be erected on this site, which has been the centre of the Town's government since 1272. The Town Hall is currently owned and managed by Congleton Town Council, which has spent almost £750,000 renovating this important building for Congleton.

Congleton Bath House

Congleton Bath House was built around 1820 and contains a cold-water plunge pool. It is set in its own grounds with a Robert Adam style garden shelter. The Congleton Bath House Preservation Trust has restored the Bath House and created a Physic Garden in the grounds using plants that have played an important part in local medicine and industry.

Davenports

Davenports, now a menswear clothes shop on the High Street, was built around 1432-1480. Inside the shop you can see many of the original timbers and wooden pegs. The building was once the Kings Arms Public House. In 1622 Dr Dean, an apothecary, bequeathed the income from this and the adjacent shop to the Corporation for the benefit of the town's poor. This explains why the old town badge and the symbol of Hippocrates are included in the external woodwork.

Little Street Shops

This area dates back to the 16th and 17th centuries and the buildings were originally cottages forming one side of a market triangle.



St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church – is the Town Centre Parish church. The present building dates from 1740. It is one of the best examples of a Georgian interior in the country. During the summer months the Church is usually open every Tuesday from 10-2pm – offering a quiet place to go and cool down, reflect and explore local history.

Moody Hall

Built in 1771 on Moody Street, and once the home of industrialist Robert Hodgson and his wife Mildred, who was a second cousin of George Washington, has links with the founding of the United States of America and the Royal Family. By marrying the 13 Earl of Strathmore, their grand-daughter became the great grand-mother of Queen Elizabeth II. It was here, in 1867, that Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy, an advocate of female education and later a prominent figure in the suffragist movement opened her school for young ladies. Plans were approved in 2020 to convert the building into assisted living spaces.

The Lion and Swan

The Lion and Swan Hotel on Swan Bank – parts of this hotel date back to the 16th Century and it is known that there has been a Licensed Inn, Alehouse or Travellers Resting Place at this site since at least 1496. Between 1614 and 1633 it was venue for plays presented by that group of travelling players, associated with William Shakespeare and Richard Burbage, called the 'King's Men'. Their fee being the princely sum of 10 shillings. It was purchased in 2020 and plans to reopen in 2021 as a restaurant and hotel.

The White Lion

The White Lion public house on Congleton High Street probably dates back to the late 1500s or early 1600s when it was a large house. John Bradshaw learnt his profession as a lawyer here. John Bradshaw went on to be the President of the Court in London and was the first name on the death warrant of King Charles 1. See the Blue Plaque on the front.



20, 22, 24, High Street Whittaker and Biggs, Clarity Hairdresser's and Mortgage Corner

These three businesses once formed a larger medieval 'open hall, house dating from the 1450s. The timber frame structure is still visible in Whittaker and Biggs, which still has the original huge cooking fireplace and in the hairdressers where there are the remains of wall paintings. If you look through the gated passage into Black Lion Court you can see the overhanging/jettyed first floor of what was the west wing of this impressive building.

Ye Olde Kings Arms

Although Ye Olde Kings Arms on the High Street is thought to be the oldest pub in Congleton dating back to 1585, with some of its beams are said to come from 600-year-old galleons it foundations are much older. If you look carefully at the stone plinth on which the beams rest you will see the remains of a partially covered door and window.

Homefield

This elegant Georgian town house on Chapel Street was once the home of Reade family has links with Napoleon's exile on St Helena. In the garden there was once a willow tree said to be from a cutting from one of the trees which surrounded Napoleon's grave on the island. It was planted to commemorate the house's ownership by Sir Thomas Reade, who was as Lieutenant Governor of the island was one of Napoleon's guardians during his exile.

West House

Built by John Clayton in 1753, this house off West Road, was occupied until 1881 by successive owners of Congleton's largest industrial enterprise, the 'Old Silk Mill'. It was the childhood home of James Pattison, who was Governor of the Bank of England from 1834 to 1837 and Member of Parliament for the City of London 1835-41 and 1843-49. His uncle was James was Chairman of the East India Company in 1818 and 1822. A 20th occupant, William Tavernor, was at the centre of a national financial scandal involving the National Old Age Pensions Society. From 1914 the house became a re-settlement centre for Belgian refugees during World War I. It is now converted into flats.



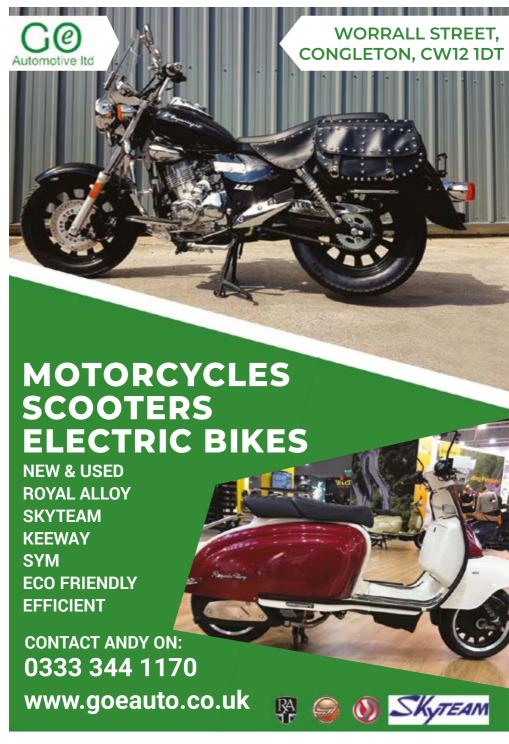




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A GREENER CONGLETON

ongleton has a proud history of environmental projects over the decades. This created a strong foundation for the formation of Congleton Sustainability Group in 2009. 10 years later, in September 2019 Congleton Town Council declared a Climate Change Emergency Pledge.

Groups across Congleton are working hard to raise the profile of environmental matters and to help develop local solutions and actions. The problem belongs to all of us and we all going to need to be part of the solution.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY PLEDGE • To make Congleton Town Council carbon

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GREEN GROUPS & RESOURCES IN CONGLETON

Active Travel Congleton

A not for profit Community Interest Company promoting walking and cycling for short journeys. This group is interested in your experiences and your ideas. It wants to make it safer so that more people in Congleton choose to walk and cycle for journeys under three miles.

Visit www.atcongleton.uk

Congleton Apple Juice

Congleton residents have been donating their excess apples to the Sustainability Group for the past decade. This is turned into delicious Congleton Apple Juice, Cider and Cider Vinegar. Donate apples at the Old Saw Mill or Astbury Mere Visitor's Centre from August to October. Buy the produce all year around while stocks last!

Congleton in Bloom

Active for more than 20 years, this group has brought regional and national glory to the town. Some people may think it's about pretty flowers, but the majority of the marks are for environmental responsibility and community involvement.

> Congleton in Bloom welcomes your help see page 48 for more information.

Congleton Food4Free

An independent group which is part of the Congleton Sustainability Group and which aims to encourage, inspire and educate residents to think about how food can be grown communally and attractively, and how they could also grow more of their own food in their own plots.

Congleton Repair Café

Aims to reduce waste by helping people to repair rather than bin goods! Get more use out of your items and learn DIY skills at the same time! The Café meets once a month on a Saturday at the Old Saw Mill in Back River Street.

Congleton Sustainable Living E-learning Guide

Look out for E-learning courses designed to give you top tips for living more sustainably in Congleton. These are expected to be launched by Spring 2021.

Dane Valley Community Energy Ltd

Was set up as a Community Benefit Society to develop sustainable energy from the weir on the River Dane in Havannah. The local community and green energy fans bought shares in the scheme and clean energy will be produced in 2021.

Love Food Hate Waste

Upto 40% of the waste in Cheshire East household bins is waste food. Find out top tips for reducing your food waste at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

Plastic Free Congleton

Is a small volunteer team working hard with groups, organisations and businesses in Congleton to reduce the use of single use plastic in Congleton. The town is working towards Plastic Free status. More on their facebook page.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Cheshire East is a relatively wealthy borough that

consumes more than the national average and creates more waste. To address climate change we need to consume less, reuse and recycle more. More at www.recycling-guide.org.uk

Trees for Congleton

Another small volunteer team working with Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the local authorities to plant 30,000 trees in Congleton between 2019 – 2024. They need more volunteers to help and are also interested to hear of any trees that you have planted in your garden. Contact treesforcongleton@gmail.com

WHERE CAN I RECYCLE IN CONGLETON

The order of preference is to

REDUCE - do I need to purchase/consume in the first place **RE-USE** - can I get it fixed, can another person make use of it

RECYCLE – depose of in a way where the product can be used in another way.

RE-USE

- Quality Household Goods can be donated to New Life Church will collect and redistribute reusable household items and furniture call 01260 297961. Also NW Air Ambulance Charity Shop and Congleton's Second Hand Furniture Warehouse.
- Charity Shops for clothes, shoes, toys, CDs and goods which are fit to be reused. See On Our Streets (Page 40) for a list of Charity Shops
- Congleton Freegle founded in August 2007 5027 members a way of advertising for items wanted
 or free to collect www.facebook.com/CongletonFreegle

RECYCLE

- Silver household recycle bins collected fortnightly via Cheshire East Council the best place to put
 unwanted cardboard, paper, glass, tins and cans, plastic bottles, plastic containers and trays, cartons
 and aluminium foil. Contact www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_and_recycling
- Brown 'green' garden waste collected fortnightly from households.
- Batteries Superdrug, Morrisons, (all shops which sell batteries should offer recycling)
- Congleton Household Waste Recycling Centre, Barn Road CW12 2HH. Wide range of products including: Plastic bottles, glass bottles, textiles, mixed metal food and drink cans, paper, books, shoes, drink cartons, car batteries, domestic batteries, garden waste, mixed scrap metal, car oil, furniture and bric-a-brac, fluorescent lamps, scrap wood, fridges and freezers, display equipment, general waste electronics, large household appliances, gas discharge lamps, xmas trees, bricks, rubble and concrete. www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_and_recycling/using-household-waste-recycling-centres
- McColls Car Park, St. Johns Road, Congleton, CW12 2AW (Paper, Cans)
- Tesco Car Park, Barn Road, Congleton, CW12 1LR (Paper, Shoes, Textiles)
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The schools work together on many initiatives and projects via the Congleton Education Community Partnership (CeCP) supporting each other to benefit their pupils and the wider community.

There is an annual Town Sports competition for all the primary schools and many interschool competitions, tournaments and friendlies. All the schools are supportive of community life – taking an active role in key events and community activities.

Applications for places at state schools in Congleton are via Cheshire East Borough Council. All of our schools are friendly and welcoming. Many hold open days in readiness for the next year's intake. You can find out more from their website or you can call and speak to staff if you wish to find out more about availability of places or strengths of various schools in and around Congleton.

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Bosley St Mary's Primary School Leek Old Road, Bosley SK11 ONY 01260 223280

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Buxton Old Road CW12 2EL

01260 633080

www.buglawtonprimaryschool.org

Daven Primary School New Street CW12 3AH 01260 228088

www.daven.cheshire.sch.uk

Havannah Primary School Malhamdale Road CW12 2DF 01260 387060

www.havannah.cheshire.sch.uk

Marifields Academy Primary School Waggs Road CW12 4BT

01260 633120

www.marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk

Marton & District Primary School School Lane, Marton, SK11 9HD 01260 224482

www.marton.cheshire.sch.uk



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

St. Mary's RC Primary School Belgrave Avenue CW12 1HT 01260 274690

www.stmarysrccongleton.cheshire.sch.uk

Scholar Green Primary School
Congleton Road North, Scholar Green, ST7 3HF
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www.scholargreen.cheshire.sch.uk

Smallwood Primary Academy School Lane, Smallwood CW11 2UR 01477 500362

The Quinta School
Ullswater Road CW12 4LW
01260 221640
www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk

Woodcocks' Well School
Church Street, Mow Cop, ST7 3NQ
01782 512323
www.woodcockswell.cheshire.sch.uk

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buildings in Congleton. St Peter's Church in the town centre is a Grade 1 listed building. Completed in 1786, it is a fine example of a Georgian building and interior. St Mary's RC Church is an early example of a 'new' Roman Catholic Church built after the reformation. It was built in 1826.

Cloud Methodist Chapel

Cloudside, CW12 3QQ

Minister: Revd Yvonne Pearson

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01260 409039, Office: 01260 273212

www.congletonparish.org.uk

Congleton Spiritualist Church

15 Park Road CW12 1DS

admin@congletonspiritualistchurch.co.uk Facebook:@CongletonSpiritualistChurch www.snu.org.uk/congleton-spiritualist-church

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Antrobus Street CW12 1HE

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Minister Andrew Calvert

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Mossley CW12 3LL

01260 273212

Facebook: @congletonparish.holytrinity

www.congletonparish.org.uk

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The Scout Hut, St Johns Rd, CW12 2BH

Pastor: Sandy Hallyburton

07933 251115

Facebook: @hopechurchcongleton www.hopechurchcongleton.com

Latter Day Saints (LDS) Church

Newcastle Road, CW12 4HL

01260 289755

Facebook: @CongletonWard

Danesford Community Centre

West Road CW12 4EY

Leader: Steve Hodgkinson Office

01260 297961

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www.nlchurch.org.uk

Rood Lane Methodist Church

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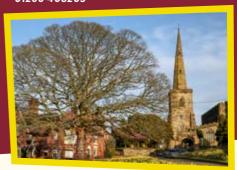
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Old Buxton Road, Buglawton, CW12 2ES 01260 273212

Facebook: @congletonparish.stjohns. www.congletonparish.org.uk

St. Mary's Chapel

30 West Road CW12 4ES (RC) Parish Priest: Fr Bill Kilkenny

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Facebook: @congletonparish.stpeters Web site:

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Brook Street, CW12 1RJ

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By Foot and Bike

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By Bus

Congleton benefits from three circular bus routes connecting the community with the Town Centre – the Number 90 serving the Bromley Estate, the 91 serving the Mossley area and the 92 serving the Buglawton area. There is also a regular service between Macclesfield and Crewe via Congleton (number 38), Congleton to Leighton Hospital (42) Congleton to Newcastle (42) and Congleton to Alsager (318) See www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/public_transport/bus/bus_service_timetables.aspx call Traveline on 0871 2002233 calls cost 12p per minute.

By Taxi

Several taxi companies serve Congleton. The main taxi rank is by the bus station in Market Square – contact 01260 279400

By Train

Congleton's railway station is approximately a mile uphill from the town centre on Park Lane. There are hourly train services to Stoke and Manchester. Details of train times can be found at National Rail Enquiries 03457 484 950 www.nationalrail.co.uk.

By Car

You can get to Congleton easily by car. We're about half-way between Stoke and Manchester on the A34. From the M6 we are about seven miles from junction 17 and eight miles from junction 18. The town has a number of short stay and long stay car parks. At the time of printing car parking prices were £1.60 for all day or 40p for an hour. On street parking is time-limited but free. The Town has two fee paying short stay car parks (Antrobus Street and Fairground Car Park) and one free short stay at Roe Street near Lawton House Surgery. There are also five long stay fee paying car parks. There is usually plenty of capacity for parking in town.



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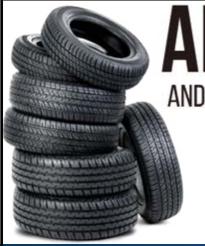
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All of the parks have benched seating areas for the adults, or children when they eventually get tired! Residents and visitors can benefit from these free play areas by getting active and socialising at the same time. You'll find the play areas at the following sites:

Atkins Close

off Holmes Chapel Road, CW12 4WJ

Balmoral Gardens

off Buxton Road, CW12 2GG

Bromley Farm

Edinburgh Road, CW12 3EN

Buglawton

St. John's Road, CW12 2AU

Congleton Park

Park Road, CW12 1JG

Galloway Green

off Macclesfield Road, CW12 1LY

Lower Heath

Lower Heath Avenue off Giantswood Lane, CW12 2HJ

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Quinta Park off Ullswater Road, CW12 4LX

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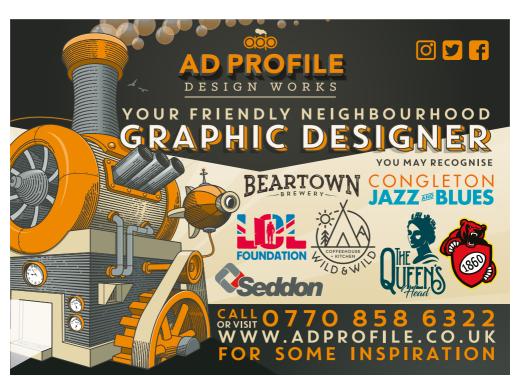
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CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

ommunity life in Congleton is supported by two levels of local government. Cheshire East Borough Council is the principal authority which oversees services such as roads, planning, education, social services, waste and economy development. Congleton Town Council exists solely for the benefit of the town, its residents, businesses and visitors. Congleton Town Council is based in the Town Hall and its offices are open Monday - Friday 9am-5pm. The Town Council spends just under £1.5 million a year, the majority of which is raised through an annual precept on households collected with the council tax. Other funding comes from contracts to deliver services such as streetscape, revenue made from hiring rooms in the town hall and from grants.

The Town Council is responsible for operating the Town Hall, Streetscape Services (emptying public bins, cleaning public toilets, street cleansing, some grass cutting and maintaining public open spaces including the park and roundabouts) the

Paddling Pool, Hilary Avenue Allotments, The Cenotaph, the Community Garden, Town Centre events and liaison, marketing the town and supporting initiatives to benefit residents.

The Town Council is consulted on planning and licensing applications and other matters that directly affect the town. It is the responsible body for Congleton Partnership, which brings together the public, community and business sectors in an effective force working to regenerate the Town. The Town Council supports the voluntary sector with grants, sponsors a Police Community Support Officer and is the major sponsor of Congleton Community Projects.

The Town Council has details of its Mayor going back to 1318! A Town Mayor is elected in May and serves as the Chair of the Council as well as the ceremonial figurehead. During their year in office the Mayor raises funds for their chosen local charity.

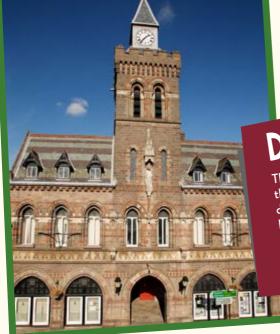
The town has 20 councillors, who are elected to serve for four years. The Council is currently consists of 7 liberal democrats councillors, 6 Conservative Councillors, 6 Independent Councillors, and 1 Women's Equality Party Councillor. The next elections will be in May 2023. Full details about the Town Council, its services and councillors can be seen at

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk.

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The Town Hall was built in 1866. It has three rooms which are available to hire 7 days a week from 8am - 1am! The Grand Hall for large events. The Bridestones for 20 – 70 people and The Spencer for 2-10. All at reasonable rates!

See page 55 for details



HERE FOR YOUR HEALTH

rom time to time we all need some help with our physical and mental health. Congleton is expanding as a town and Congleton Town Council and partners are lobbying for better facilities to meet the needs of our increasing population.

Below you will find details of the hospitals, doctors' surgeries, dentists and pharmacies serving our area. There are also details of some of the other groups and organisation that can help with your equally important mental health.

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01260 299929

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boots.com/stores/6425-congleton-retail-park-cw12-11j

Bridge Street (Pedestrian area)

01260 273153

boots.com/stores/1222-congleton-bridge-street-cw12-1ay

Chemists Lloyds

41a West St. CW12 1JN

01260 275523 www.lloydspharmacy.com

Congleton Pharmacy

West Street

01260 277149

Mossley Pharmacy

18 Biddulph Road CW12 3LG

01260 275177 www.mossleypharmacy.co.uk

Salus Pharmacy

Havannah Street, Buglawton

01260 291091 www.alliedpharmacies.com/stores/salus

Superdrug

High Street

01260 278341

Tesco Pharmacy

Barn Road

01260 268847

Well Pharmacv

1 Park Lane CW12 3DN

01260 280810

West Heath Pharmacy

West Heath Shopping Centre CW12 4NB

01260 297196 www.westheathpharmacy.co.uk

MENTAL WELLBEING

One in four adults are believed to experience a mental health condition each year, making it very likely that everyone will know someone who would benefit from help with their mental



health. Like physical illness, mental illness can affect anyone. And just like with a physical illness it is important that you seek support.

Your local doctors' surgery is usually the best place to start. They will be able to provide you different options of support which may include talking therapies, and/or medication. Maintaining good mental health is invaluable to having a feeling of overall wellbeing.

If you suspect a friend, work colleague or family member is suffering, one way you can support them is simply by listening, not interrupting, just letting them talk and respond in a non-judgemental way. Repeating back what someone says to you can also encourage them to keep talking because they will know that you're genuinely interested in what they have to say.

The Town Council's Health and Wellbeing Working Group is seeking to establish a front-line mental health space for adults. It should be a place in Congleton where people can call in and see professionally trained staff.

LOCAL SUPPORT

The following local groups and organisations can offer help with your well-being.

Mental Health Crisis Line for Cheshire and Wirral

The Crisis Line can link you to with a local Mental Health Link Worker who can assist and support you until your needs are met.

There is a new 24-hour, 7 day a week local NHS Mental Health Crisis Line run by NHS staff for people of all ages needing mental health support in our area.

0300 303 3972

Age UK, Men in Sheds

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Carers Trust for All

West Street provides support and guidance to carers. www.crossroadstogether.org.uk

Changing Lanes

Recovery support network for people with addictions facebook.com/changinglanescheshire

Disability Information Bureau (MACC)

Helping people with disabilities enjoy life www.dibservices.org.uk/disability-information-bureau

Friends for Leisure

Helping young people with disabilities enjoy friendship and leisure

www.friendsforleisure.org.uk

Home Start East Cheshire

Helping support you through bereavement, isolation www.homestartcheshire.org.uk

LOL - Listening Out Loud Foundation

Supporting ex-forces personnel www.lolfoundation.co.uk

Mentell, Congleton Circle

Mentell are a charity providing free support to men experiencing mental or emotional discomfort through a confidential space to listen, share and connect www.mentell.org.uk

Nailed it

The nailed it group is based in Congleton with the aim of help our community through talking together www.facebook.com/groups/331368314220565

Ruby's Fund

Is a charity based in Congleton which provides social, sensory, educational and recreational services for children, young people, their families and carers at their Sensory Centre

www.rubysfund.co.uk

SWaNS - Supporting Wellbeing and Nurturing Strength Supply programmes and training based around the development of emotional resilience and well-being that will build a positive framework for good mental and emotional health

www.swanscic.org

Visvon

Support for young people's mental well-being www.visyon.org.uk

Talking Therapies supplied via The Big Life Group 01625 469 955 www.thebiglifegroup.com

NEED HELP?

Samaritans 116 123 – 24 Hour Helpline www.selfhelpservices.org.uk

USEFUL INFORMATION

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

For general enquiries call: 0300 123 5500 (8.30am - 5pm) For emergencies out of hours, call the Emergency Control Centre: 0300 123 5025 All CE contact numbers start with 0300 123, here are the extensions you may need: Social Care & Health / Adult Support Services: ... 5010 (8.30am - 5pm) ... 5011 Waste and Recycling: Child Support Service, Schools & Families: ... 5012 (8.30am - 5pm) Council Tax, Business Rates & Housing Benefits: ... 5013 Planning: ... 5014 Environmental Health & Licensing: ... 5015 **Electoral Services:** ... 5016 ... 5017 Housing: Leisure, Culture & Tourism: ... 5018 ... 5019 Births, Deaths & Marriages: ... 5020 Roads, Transport & Parking: ... 5021 Community Safety:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk (24 hour access to the Council)

LOCAL SERVICES

Family Support Services:

Social Care Out of Hours Team:

Congleton Town Council

For general enquires call **01260 270350 ext 1** (9am - 5pm)

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

(24 hour access to the Town Council)

Congleton Tourist Information Centre 01260 271095

Cemetery Congleton Cemetery

located beyond St. Peters Church on Howey Lane. The cemetery is open all year round and maintained by Orbitas Bereavement Services. For bereavement services contact:

Crewe: 01270 685545 Macclesfield: 01625 383948

www.orbitas.co.uk

Member of Parliament for Congleton; Fiona Bruce

Westminster Office: House of Commons, London,

SW1A 0AA | 020 7219 2969

Constituency Office: Meadowside, Mountbatten Way,

Congleton CW12 1DY | 01260 274044

fiona.bruce.mp@parliament.uk

Congleton Police Station

Market Square, CW12 1ET Opening Times- Monday-Friday

9:00-17:00

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Emergency Number: 999 // Non-Emergency Number: 101

CrimeStoppers (100% anonymous) 0800 555 111

Congleton Library

Market Square, CW12 1ET

01260 375550

libraries@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Open Monday-Friday: 10am-4.30pm (closed daily 1-2pm),

Saturday: 10am-1pm

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest_library/

congleton_library/congleton_library.aspx

Citizens Advice Bureau

Lawton Street, CW12 1RU

Opening Times-Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9.30am-

12.30pm- no appointment needed.
Advice-line, Freephone: 0800144 88 48

www.citizensadvicece.org.uk

Post Offices

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Hightown Post Office

26 Biddulph Road, CW12 3LG

01260 272997

www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/2804328/high-town

West Heath Sub Post Office

Unit 10 West Heath Shopping Centre, Holmes Chapel Road, CW12 4NB

www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder/2994321/west-heath

Royal Mail Congleton Delivery Office

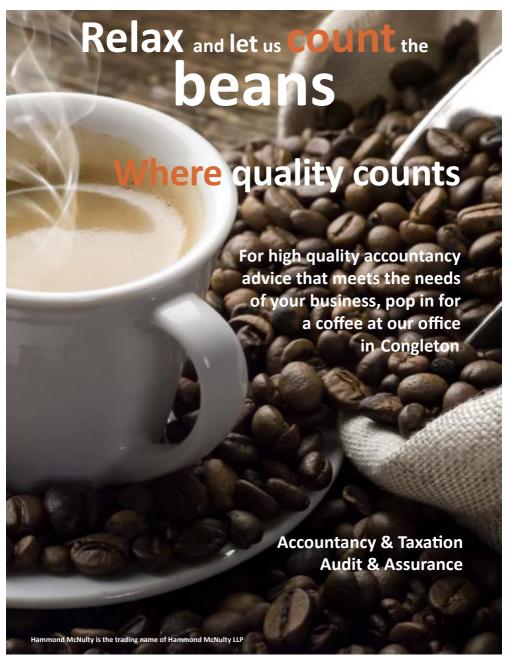
Unit 9 Greenfield Ind. Estate, CW12 4ZZ

03457 740 740

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