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# WELCOME TO CONGLETON

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

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

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



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# HISTORIC MARKET TOWN

THE 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 Earl of Chester and granted him the whole of Cheshire. He in turn passed 'Congleton', 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 it a free borough with the right to elect a mayor and ale taster, have a merchant guild and behold known felons. The people were allowed to travel throughout Cheshire without paying tolls, dig turves, keep pigs and were obliged to have their corn ground at the town mill "on payment of the twentieth grain". This provided the Corporation with its main income.

Disaster struck in 1431 when the River Dane flooded and destroyed the wooden bridge, the town mill and half the timber framed buildings. The town centre then grew up on higher



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One of the many textile mills

to buy a new bible, but lent the bearward 16 shillings from the fund to buy a new bear. The story was immortalised in the inaccurate rhyme, Congleton rare, Congleton rare, sold the Bible to buy a bear. Congleton is still known as Beartown.

Congleton was ravaged by plague in the seventeenth century. In 1641 it was believed to have 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 townfolk's loyalties were divided, but a former Congleton mayor and lawyer, John Bradshaw, became 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.

The first silk mill in Congleton was built by John Clayton in 1752, and by 1771 this industry had restored the town's prosperity. 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 its silk to be imported duty free. The English silk trade began to decline and Congleton suffered accordingly. Its fortunes were revived when fustian and velvets 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 behind the Town Hall.

ground, where the present day High Street is, and the river was straightened and diverted away from the town.

Congleton soon 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.

Congleton was also well known for its cockfights and bearbaiting. On one occasion the town bear died just before the annual wakes, or holiday. The town had been saving



Town Hall



# CONGLETON TODAY

**TODAY** Congleton is a flourishing and attractive town with a population of around 28,000. The town benefits from excellent communication links. The M6 motorway is just 10 minutes away and the railway station has hourly services to Manchester and to Stoke. By train, travellers can be in London in less than two hours. Three main airports – Manchester International, Liverpool John Lennon and East Midlands are all within an hour's drive.

It is a town with ambition, an entrepreneurial spirit and a huge community heart. Congleton is a Fair Trade town (awarded in 2007), it is also the first ArcAngel protected town (2009). The town holds the Guinness World Record for the largest Maypole Dance (2008). It is working towards becoming a Transition Town and has an active group developing initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of the town. Another group is working on introducing more events and marketing the town as Congleton Beartown – where friends are made. The section on the Community and Cultural Scene shows just how key local people are to the success of the town.



Distinctive features – Mill Buildings and the Cloud

The local landscape is dominated by a distinctive, 300m high outcrop known as 'The Cloud'. This can be seen from most parts of the town. Formed of Millstone Grit, this dramatic large hill was extensively quarried over many years to make grindstones and provide dark red stone for houses and pavements. The Cloud forms the outline for the Congleton Partnership logo and is used in local branding.

The River Dane winds its way through the centre of the town creating an outstanding wildlife corridor. It is one of the fastest rising rivers in the country. A visit to the river is a must for visitors who will admire not only the old textile mills along its banks but also the historic green-flagged Congleton Park with its ecologically important Town Wood.

Congleton and Macclesfield Canal runs around the eastern side of the town. It is regarded by narrow boat enthusiasts as the "gentle highway" and is well used by energetic walkers who can follow its towpath to Macclesfield in the north or the Potteries in the south.



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Little Street

Each summer Congleton looks forward to a superb floral display. School children and youth organisations are involved in planting baskets and tubs and their efforts have reaped many awards. The Community Gardens in Lawton Street is a green oasis in the town centre, well used by local office workers. Here visitors will also see a bronze statue of Sgt. George Eardley, a local hero who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery, during a battle at Overloon, Holland on October 16th 1944. Congleton Paddling Pool, open late May–September, is a fantastic free attraction for young children.

Each Christmas the town looks forward to a visit from Father Christmas to switch on the impressive Christmas lights. Many of shops have small, lit Christmas trees above their doors and the Town Council and Congleton Community Projects host community events. Carnival comes to town every other year, with the next one in July 2010.

Perhaps Congleton's best asset is its people, who have a reputation for being friendly, warm and caring. This is evident in the colossal number of voluntary groups and organizations which give today's town a real buzz.

The Town benefits from many listed buildings and two conservation areas. Many of the buildings are Georgian, such as the town houses of Moody Street, but there are also earlier examples such as the Lion and Swan and the Kings Arms both from the 17th Century.

One of the most striking features of the town is its mills, most of which have been converted to commercial premises; Riverside, on Mounbatten Way, is now the home of a number of companies including the Enterprise Centre and Learning Centre.



Congleton Paddling Pool

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Capitol Walk, a quaint undercover arcade, derives its name from the cinema which formerly occupied the site. In this arcade you will find a diverse range of pretty shops offering a unique range of products.



Capitol Walk

A covered market, just off the pedestrian area, is held twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The Tuesday market is joined by a Farmers Market, offering local produce, once a month and there is a very lively car boot sale on Sundays.

The Town has five supermarkets – Tesco, Morrisons, Somafield, Aldi and Farm Food. It also has a number of local co-ops and late shops. On the outskirts of town is the Barn Road retail park. Amongst the stores based here are Tesco, McDonalds, Halfords, Laura Ashley Homes,

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and Car Phone Warehouse. West Heath Shopping Centre, off Holmes Chapel Road, has been revamped and includes a wide range of shops and places to eat. There is also an interesting collection of retail businesses in the former Victoria Mill site along Foundry Bank – known locally as Green Island and at Hightown near the Railway station.

In 2007 Congleton was first recognised as a Fairtrade Town and there is a growing number of cafes and retailers in Congleton stocking fair-trade products.

The Town is not content to stand still. The Congleton Partnership, working closely with the Town Council, has many plans to further improve the town. A new Town Plan was adopted by the Town Council in 2008 setting out a vision for the town's development over the next decade or so. A couple of major flagship developments are in the pipeline that could help transform parts of the town in the next few years.



Congleton Town Centre

# BUSINESS IN CONGLETON

CONGLETON has a strong business infrastructure and a resilient economy. The Town has the support of the local Chamber of Commerce, a fledgling enterprise centre and an associated learning centre.



Congleton is the home of the UK's largest ribbon manufacturer

Congleton has an estimated 900 VAT registered businesses and a considerable number of developing micro businesses. Whilst the traditional manufacturing areas of textiles and engineering have been affected by globalization, the town still has a significant manufacturing base, with employment in this sector well above the national average. In recent years there has been a shift to the finance and professional, tourism and retail sectors. The town is a net exporter of labour.

The Town Centre Plan is a blueprint of how residents and businesses wish to see the town

develop. It is transformational but retains the Town's strong heritage. It includes proposals for a modern retail centre and new health complex. A Town Centre Manager was introduced in 2008 and there is an active Traders Forum. A wider Regeneration Strategy "Congleton in Transition" was adopted in 2009 through which the Town Council is lobbying for more new modern employment sites capable of attracting the high value businesses, necessary to increase wage earnings in the town nearer to the Cheshire average; looking to assist the retention of indigenous businesses; identify and support micro businesses and improve sustainability through becoming a transition town. Congleton is a great place to do business - a town on the up.



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## CIVIC ARTEFACTS

CONGLETON has the best set of ancient records in Cheshire, outside Chester itself. These include Charters from 1170 to 1825, court records, lists of Freemen 1563–1807 and detailed records of the reformed Borough from 1836. The Town Council is proud of its fine collection of civic artefacts, charters and documents known as the Town Treasures. Notable amongst these are:

**Town Mace** – silver gilt, made 1651, the mace has an intriguing historical connection with the Commonwealth under Thomas Cromwell. It is reputed to have been used as a model for the House of Commons mace and is still carried in front of the Mayor on ceremonial occasions. An inscription around the head of the mace, originally said: "The freedoms of England by God's Blessing Restored." But, in 1660 King Charles II regained the throne and the inscription was considered subversive. The town accounts of 1661 refer to a sum of £3 being "paid to ye goldsmith for altering ye Mace." The date was changed, somewhat clumsily, from 1651 to 1661 and the phrase "to C.R." (Charles Rex) added to the inscription. These alterations can be clearly seen today.

**Mayoral Chain** – comprises five gold and enamel shields, 19 gold shields, eight gold open-work links, one gold medallion and one pendant with diamond.

**Mayoress' Chain** – comprises a crown, one large and three small diamonds and is a replica of James I seal.

**The Chrome Ship's Bell** – from the submarine *Conqueror* which was adopted by the town. She took part in the Falklands conflict of 1982 and has since been decommissioned.

Other documents preserved in the Town Hall include the 'Boundary Roll' stating the boundaries as determined by courts held in 1593, 1662 and 1673. The Council is committed to improving the methods of storage and making both the documents and the information they contain, more accessible.

The Treasures are available for viewing by contacting the Town Clerk, Town Hall, High Street, Congleton CW12 1BN telephone 01260 270350. Email: [info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk)

Further town treasures such as the Hand Bell dated 1732 and recast in 1855, Congleton Brank or Scolds Bridle and Congleton Charters including the first granted in 1172 are housed by Congleton Museum. [www.congletonmuseum.co.uk](http://www.congletonmuseum.co.uk)



Town Mace



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT



LOCAL Government functions in Congleton are currently undertaken by two levels. Cheshire East Borough Council, which was formed in April 2009 through the merger of borough and county councils and Congleton Town Council.

The Town Council exists solely for the benefit of the town, its residents, businesses and visitors. Money is raised through an annual precept collected with the council tax. The Town Council is responsible for operating the Town Hall, the Paddling Pool, Hilary Avenue Allotments, Town Centre Management and the Town Handy Person Service and is consulted on planning and licensing applications. It is also 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 more than £100,000 in grants per year and helps sponsor four Police Community Support Officers.

The town has 20 councillors, who are elected to serve for four years. The next elections will be in May 2011. The current Councillors (Nov 09) are:

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Bob Edwards (C)

### South

David Brown (C) (DTM)

Sally Ann Holland (C)

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Matthew Carey (C)

### West

Nigel Bayley (C)

Denis Murphy (LD)

Phillip Smith (C)

Rebecca Williams (C)

C = Conservative, L = Labour LD = Liberal Democrat TM = Town Mayor DTM = Deputy Town Mayor

For more information contact Congleton Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Congleton CW12 1BN, tel 01260 270330 fax 01260 280357 [info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk) [www.congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk)

### The Town Hall

The impressive Town Hall was designed by E.W. Godwin and built in 1864 at a cost of £8,000. A major refurbishment was undertaken in 1998, which enabled many interior features to be brought back to their original design. In 2008, the freehold and management transferred to Congleton Town Council, which is currently undertaking a £750,000 refurbishment including DDA compliance, 10 years backlog maintenance, energy efficiency improvements, opening a De Lacey's tapas bar and re-instating more original features.

More proactive management and promotion will make the Town Hall not only the civic hub, but the focal point for musical and community events, weddings and corporate events. The Grand Hall will accommodate 300 people for concert style events or up to 120 for dining. A magnificent stone staircase leads up to the Bridestone Suite, balcony, meeting rooms and Town Council, Congleton Partnership and Community Projects offices.



CHESHIRE East Council, a unitary authority which came into being on 1 April 2009, serves the area previously covered by the borough councils of Congleton, Crewe and Nantwich and Macclesfield.

As the third largest unitary in the North West, after Manchester and Liverpool, the Council has a net budget of £234 million, a population of 340,700 (2007 figures) and covers an area 1166km<sup>2</sup> (450 square miles).

The authority covers a wide range of services related to people and places including education, social services, waste, recycling, highways, transportation, trading standards, environmental health, licensing, planning, economic development and tourism, grounds and cleansing services and libraries.

The authority has a number of local offices where residents can get help with enquiries and receive information on services. The Congleton One-Stop Shop is based in the Town Hall and is open Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm tel 01270 529507.

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Look out for the Town Council and community groups newsletter through your door in January, April, June and October.

Contact us about the Handy Man Service, Town Centre Management, Paddling Pool, Small Grants, Christmas Lights, Town Mayor, Town Treasures, Town Hall or issues you wish us to raise on your behalf.

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# THE SPORTING SCENE

WHATEVER sport you are interested in, there's almost certainly a local club which you can join in the Congleton area. Below are brief details of some of the more common sports – to find out more about other clubs try the award winning Congleton Tourist Information Centre on 01260 271095.

**Badminton** – the Badminton Club runs out of the Leisure Centre and is open to anyone who wants to join in either informal games or get involved with a league. Dane Valley Badminton Club meetings on a Monday from 7–10pm at the Leisure Centre.

**Bowling** – there are numerous bowling teams operating in Congleton. Well supported teams are located at the Booth Street ground, Congleton Park Bowling Green, the Railway Inn and Coronation Club. The nearest indoor ten-pin bowling centres are at Festival Park, Soke and Lyme Green Estate, Macclesfield.

**Boxing** – Beartown Amateur Boxing Club offers coaching and fitness training to people of all ages. It's a growing club open 7–9 Tuesdays and Thursdays see [www.beartown-abc.91.com/](http://www.beartown-abc.91.com/)

**Cricket** – Congleton has a thriving cricket club, established in the 1930s. It is a member of the Cheshire County Cricket League. Over a hundred juniors ranging from nine to 17 play in various district and local leagues. The aim of the club is to provide cricket for all in a friendly but competitive spirit. Winter nets are available for all ages from January and qualified coaches are always in attendance. The club has a two-tier pavilion with changing rooms and a viewing balcony. New players are always welcome – contact the Congleton Cricket Club on 01260 275601. There is also Moxley Cricket Club, see [www.moxleyplay-cricket.com](http://www.moxleyplay-cricket.com)

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Cycling for fun

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

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

**Fishing** – enthusiasts who like fishing will be welcomed by the Congleton and District Fly Fishing Club 01260 270012, the Fly Fishers Easton 01260 276738, Marton Heath on 01260 224251 or Moreton Fisheries 01260 272839.



Congleton Rovers & Vale Juniors U14s

**Juniors**, (01260 278538) founded in 1983, field an astonishing 11 football teams and three girl teams ranging from the under 7s to the under 16s. They are very active and successful in the Mid-Cheshire League and have 250 youngsters playing regularly at the Back Lane Playing Fields, see [www.valejuniorsfc.org.uk](http://www.valejuniorsfc.org.uk). **Congleton Rovers** is another very popular club, which runs teams from U7 to U17 playing in various leagues and competitions. The Rovers is based at Congleton High School. For more details see [www.congletonrovers.co.uk](http://www.congletonrovers.co.uk) or tel 01260 290133.

**Football** – the North West is home to some world class football teams – and football is big in the town! **Congleton Town Football Club** (The Bears), was formed in 1901 and currently competes in the First Division of the North-West Counties League. The club runs a Youth Team and also a "Junior Bears" section which provides football and fun for four to thirteen year olds. Contact the club on 01260 274460. Amateur and youth football is also well catered for with a number of local leagues. **Vale**

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**Golf** – There are two golf clubs on the edge of the town, the older one being **Congleton Golf Club** (01260 273540) which has 9 holes and **Astbury Golf Club** (01260 272772) with its testing 18-hole course. Both have strong memberships but for those who prefer just the occasional game there is the Malkin Bank course run by Cheshire East Council or **Marton Golf Course** which are both pay as you play.

**Hockey** – South Cheshire Hockey Club formed when Congleton and Holmes Chapel teams combined. There are mens, ladies and youth teams. The Hockey club is based with the Cricket and Bowls Club at Booth Street and train at Congleton High School. For more details contact 01260 273601.

**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** 7-10pm on a Tuesday at Congleton Leisure Centre.

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

**Rambling** – With beautiful scenery on the doorstep it is not surprising that walking is a very popular pastime. The long established **Congleton Ramblers Association** has a packed programme of local walks, day and weekend trips. There are usually able to offer a variation in length and difficulty on their led walks so that everyone can enjoy a walk of their choice.

**Rugby** – Congleton Rugby Union Football Club plays in Division Four of the South Lancs. and Cheshire Leagues. It fields three senior teams, a veterans, colts and U7 to U17 youth teams. It is one of the oldest rugby clubs in Cheshire. The group trains at Hankinson's Playing Field, next to the Leisure Centre. The club house is in Park St. Contact [www.pitchero/clubs/congleton](http://www.pitchero/clubs/congleton)

**Running** is growing in popularity so if you want to stretch those legs join the **Congleton Harriers**. This is oldest running club in the Borough and celebrated 25 years in 2008. It has almost 100 members of all ages and abilities. Training sessions usually start from the Leisure Centre. Contact 07973 906911. **Beauloy Running Club** is also a successful running club with around 60 members and a strong youth group. Contact 01260 277558.

**Snooker** – there is an active snooker club based in Mossarhead Mill, Royle Street contact 279081. [www.congletonsnooker.co.uk](http://www.congletonsnooker.co.uk)

**Swimming** – For swimmers, there are two clubs based at Congleton Leisure Centre. For many years the **Congleton Amateur Swimming Club** ([www.congletonsnac.com](http://www.congletonsnac.com)) was the only one in the town and then, in the 70s the **Dane Valley Swimming Club**

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([www.dvsc.co.uk](http://www.dvsc.co.uk)) was established to cater for the competitive aspects of the sport. A **Sub-Aqua Club** also has its base at the Leisure centre.

**Tennis** – is very popular in the town and **Congleton Lawn Tennis Club**, formed in 1890 is one of the oldest in the county. There are six all weather courts plus three artificial grass courts. The club has around 150 senior members and over 200 junior members and is one of the largest tennis clubs in the area. The club has a professional coach and private lessons are available. Based in Crescent Road, contact 01260 277634.

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### Community Sports Centres

**Congleton Leisure Centre** in Wormal Street has a 25m swimming and trainer pool, a fitness centre, sports hall, squash courts, sauna and sunbed as well as a crèche and bar. The centre is open seven days a week from 8am and from 7.15am on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is home to many sporting clubs and societies. Contact [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) or tel 01270 529502.

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

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

Whatever your leisure pursuit or sporting pastime, Congleton has much to offer both residents and visitors. Contact numbers for the organizations (if not already given) can be obtained from the Congleton Tourist Information Centre at the Town Hall tel: 01260 271095 or 01270 529685.



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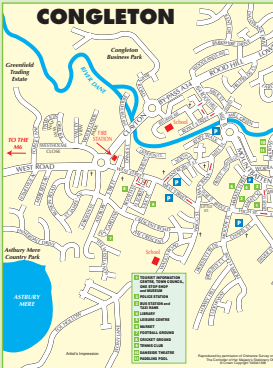
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## FOOD AND DRINK

CONGLETON is noted for its excellent food. There is a huge variety of restaurants, take-aways, pubs and hotels to meet all tastes and budgets from modest coffee and cake snacks to sumptuous a la carte meals. Congleton introduced a Food and Drink Festival in June 2009 – which was so successful it is being planned as an annual event.

Many of the pubs serve excellent food and their Sunday lunches, in particular, are extremely popular, alongside house specialities.

Value for money is a hallmark of the town and no visitor will lack for sustenance at a very reasonable cost.



Fun at the Food and Drink Festival

## THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SCENE

ONE of the 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. A huge number of organisations and initiatives are run by volunteers, making Congleton a very lively community.

The town is proud to have its own theatre, the Daneside Theatre, which can be found in Park Road. The Theatre was opened in 1984, is run by a charitable trust and is the home of the Congleton Players Amateur Theatre Club, Centre Stage, Congleton Musical Theatre, Trinity Amateur Operatic Theatre, Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre and Congleton Pantomime. These groups, along with a number of local dance troupes and visiting professional companies ensure that local people can enjoy first class performances in the town, without travelling to Stoke, Manchester or Buxton.

Congleton does not have a cinema, but Daneside Theatre holds film evenings. Tickets for most shows at Daneside are available from Congleton's Tourist Information Centre in the High Street. For more information about the theatre contact [www.danesidetheatre.co.uk](http://www.danesidetheatre.co.uk).



Carnival returns in 2010





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

**Congleton Youth Orchestra** encourages young musicians from nine up to 15. It has a junior string section and trains younger players for the main orchestra. It features one concert a term, plus another during the festive period. The orchestra is always pleased to hear from young musicians and is able to loan instruments free of charge for a trial period. [www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org.uk](http://www.congleton-youth-orchestra.org.uk)

Brass bands are still strong in the area and two local bands, the **Silk Band** and the **Rode Hall Silver Band** often play at the theatre and at local events.

Congleton is home to many artists, photographers, painters, sculpturers and writers. Many have joined together to form the **Victoria Mill Artists (YMA)**. This group puts on exhibitions, talks and workshops based out of the Victoria Mill in Foundry Bank.

The green-flagged, magnificent Victorian **Congleton Park** is a jewel in Congleton's Crown.



Congleton holds World Record for the largest muppets dance



Congleton Choral Society

Created in 1871, the Park was recently restored thanks to a £1.5 million Heritage Lottery Grant and now boasts a fantastic ornamental gardens, town wood, new lighting and bandstand, bowling park, childrens play park and a refurbished Pavilion Bar and Grill. Many events are held at the Park throughout the year, ranging from brass bands to outdoor theatre, and from **Rotary Club of Congleton's** wonderful Bonfire Night to the **BEAR** team's Teddy Bear Picnics. **Friends of Congleton Park** has over 80 members and ensures that the Park remains a great place. More Friends are always welcome, contact Adrian Steinkamp on 01268 297222.

Care of young people is a strong strand in community life. **VISION** is a charitable trust formed to provide a confidential counselling service for young people between the ages of eleven and twenty five. Complimenting **VISION** is the **Youth Information Shop** project which gives practical support and runs a successful youth cafe at their premises in the High Street. The **Scouting and Guiding Movement** flourishes in Congleton with numerous units throughout the town engaged in offering challenging opportunities and skills learning.

The **Air Training Corps 138 (Congleton Squadron)** and the **Congleton Army Cadets**, both based at Rope Walk are also very active in the Town.



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Christmas is a special time in Congleton and turning on the Christmas lights is a big occasion thanks to the efforts of **Congleton Community Projects** and **Congleton Town Council**. The Street lights are turned on at the end of November, shops are dressed with small illuminated Christmas trees and stalls and entertainment is held in the town. **Congleton Community Projects** also organise a Food and Drink Festival and tasty town week in June and a Garden Festival in the park over the summer. Carnival is held every other year, with the next on 10 July 2010. The **Carnival Committee** work extremely hard to ensure a great time is had by all.



*Christmas in Congleton*

Church life is active in Congleton with most of the churches having community rooms which help support their youth groups, luncheon clubs for senior residents and many social events.

Congleton has a thriving **University of the Third Age** organisation, based at St. John's, West Street, with over 900 hundred members who enjoy life long learning opportunities ranging from art classes through foreign language groups to ecology and book clubs. It is open to everyone retired or semi-retired and is a great place to meet a wide circle of people from diverse backgrounds and interests. Contact [www.congletonu3a.org.uk](http://www.congletonu3a.org.uk) or tel 01260 273990.

**Congleton Partnership**, an association of voluntary sector and statutory bodies, is behind many of the projects to revitalise and regenerate the town. It has six working groups, made up of more than 150 volunteers tackling areas such as sustainability, marketing and businesses. Major achievements include developing the River Dane Walkway, town signage, information boards, the Town Centre Plan and Congleton in Transition – regeneration strategy. For more details about the Partnership contact [ms@congletontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:ms@congletontowncouncil.co.uk) or tel 01260 270350

The **Congleton KISS** (Knowledge, Information Sharing and Support) aims to enable local businesses to share skills, knowledge and information about learning opportunities. Since 2006 this group has organised an annual training and careers open day. See [www.congletonkiss.co.uk](http://www.congletonkiss.co.uk)

The Lions, Round Table, Ladies Circle and the Rotary Clubs are all active in the town and arrange many events during the year.

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

It is impossible to mention every voluntary organisation in the town and the above are just a few examples to illustrate the vibrancy and massive contribution that such groups make to the quality of life in Congleton.





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Closer to home there are many historic houses, halls, parks, museums, theatres, walks, lakes, working farms and interesting towns and villages waiting to be explored.

Congleton is surrounded by famous gardens among some of the best are:

**Arley Hall and Gardens**, near Northwich, won North West's small visitor attraction 2006. Visitors can explore the stately home and grounds which has been owned by the same family for over 500 years. Contact [www.arleyhallandgardens.com](http://www.arleyhallandgardens.com) or telephone 01565 777353.

**Biddulph Grange Garden**, two miles from Congleton, this National Trust attraction takes you on a journey of discovery through gardens around the world. Tunnels and pathways lead to individual gardens inspired by the Chinese, Egyptians and Italians amongst others. Telephone 01782 517999.

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**Gawsworth Hall**, on the way to Macclesfield, is an ancient manor house wrapped in romance, intrigue and great charm. The grounds are the venue for an extensive range of performances from Abba to Shakespeare. Contact [www.gawsworthhall.com](http://www.gawsworthhall.com) or telephone 01260 223456.

**Hare Hill**, at Over Alderly is a National Trust run charming wooded and walled garden, which has spectacular rhododendron and azalea displays and well as a holly collection of national repute. Telephone 01625 584412.

**Little Moreton Hall**, off the A34 a just four miles south of town, is perhaps the finest example of timber-framed moated manor houses in Britain.



Congleton Park



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**Rode Hall**, at Scholar Green just south of Congleton is an early 18th century country house with extensive gardens including a formal garden designed in 1860 and a walled kitchen garden which dates from 1750. Contact [www.rodehall.co.uk](http://www.rodehall.co.uk) or telephone 01270 873237.

**Stapeley Water Gardens** on the A51 a mile south of Nantwich, pulls in 1.5 million visitors each year. It is regarded as one of the world's leading water garden centres and, apart from the display gardens, offers a tropical oasis of palms as well as an angling centre. Contact [www.stapeleywg.com](http://www.stapeleywg.com) or telephone 01270 628868.

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**Lakemore Farm Park**, off the A534, near Crews is a family-friendly attraction suited to young children. You can see llamas, pygmy goats, miniature donkeys, sheldand ponies, pigs, sheep and ducks amongst others. There are indoor and outdoor children's play areas, plus children's rides and a crazy golf course. Contact [www.lakemorefarm.co.uk](http://www.lakemorefarm.co.uk) or telephone 01270 253556.

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**Whealock Hall Farm**, between Sandbach and Crewe has a successful farm shop as well as cafe, children's play area and access to farm animals. Telephone 01276764230.

For those preferring museums some of the best include:

**Congleton Museum** – focusing in the history of Congleton and its immediate neighbourhood with particular emphasis on the pre-history, the civil war, industry in the town, and the second world war. Contact [www.congletonmuseum.co.uk](http://www.congletonmuseum.co.uk) or telephone 01260 276360.

**Jodrell Bank Observatory** – between Alderly Edge and Holmes Chapel is not so much a museum as a scientific and engineering centre, featuring the world-famous Lovell Radio Telescope which has stood proudly over the Cheshire plain since 1957. Attractions include a 3D theatre. Contact [www.manchester.ac.uk/jodrellbank/viscon](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/jodrellbank/viscon) or telephone 01477 571339.

**Macclesfield Silk** – three different museums with a single theme and a common silk town heritage – Silk Museum and Paradise Mill, Tea Heritage Centre and West Park Museum. Contact [www.macclesfieldsilk.museum](http://www.macclesfieldsilk.museum) or telephone 01625 612045.

**The Potteries** – To the south of Congleton are the potteries of Stoke on Trent. The potteries is home to the world's greatest pottery manufacturers including Wedgwood, Royal Doulton, Spode, Portmeirion and Minton. There is a wealth of ceramic attractions, museums and visitor centres. Contact [www.visitstoke.co.uk](http://www.visitstoke.co.uk) or telephone 01782 236000.

**Salt Museum** – at Northwich shows the hidden heritage of salt production in the county – more details contact [www.saltmuseum.org.uk](http://www.saltmuseum.org.uk) or telephone 01606 41331.

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For those craving open space to walk and explore there is a huge amount of choice. Of particular note is:

**Astbury Mere Country Park**, off the A34 in Congleton. A charitable trust runs this covered, five-time Green Flag awarded park which has splendid views of the mere and has a special easy access trail for visitors in wheelchairs. Telephone 01260 297257.

**Breneton Heath Country Park** between Congleton and Holmes Chapel is managed by Cheshire East Council. Attractions include a 50 acre woodland, grasslands and 15 acre lake. There is a visitors' centre and toilets. Telephone 01477 534115.

**Congleton Town Park** a fantastic park in the centre of town, designed in 1871 and restored in 2004/5. Includes a bandstand, bowling green, play area and Grade A listed Town Wood and Pavilion bar & grill.

**Old Man of How**, a crag rising more than 300m on the Cheshire/Staffordshire border. It is topped by a ruined tower called How Cop Castle.

**Rudyard** – an attractive village and reservoir of where Rudyard Kipling's parents became engaged in the 1860s. Also has a miniature steam train at peak times

**Macclesfield Canal** – which stretches 26 miles from Marple Junction to Kidsgrove and passes through Congleton. It was built in 1831 and in the mid 1980s the milestones were restored throughout the route.

**Timbersbrook Picnic area** – on the outskirts of Congleton – is a mixture of woodland and open grassy areas on the site of a former dyeing and bleaching works. From here visitors can take a steep climb to the top of The Cloud – which has magnificent views over the

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**Main lake** – The main lake is approximately 7 acres (35 pegs) and well stocked with common carp (up to 20lbs), grass carp 12lbs, mirror carp 10lbs, Tench, Roach, perch, bream, chub, tench, minnow and gudgeon. Night fishing and lodgering on the main lake only. Night fishing by arrangement.



**Pecks pond** – Pecks pond is approximately 15 acres (28 pegs) and is mainly stocked with big carp, crucians and roach. No min or floating bait. Float fishing only.

**Cottage pond** – The cottage pond is approximately 11 acres (25 pegs) and contains a good head of carp, roach, perch, tench, golden eels, chub, bream, mudd and crucians. No min or balls of ground bait to be used on this water. Float fishing only.



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Cheshire Plain towards the Welsh mountains. Walkers wanting more of a challenge can pick up the Gritstone Trail to Togg's Nose in the north (15.3 miles) or to Kidsgrove in the south (9.3 miles.)

**Tittsworth Reservoir** – 3 miles north of Leek and owned by Severn Trent Water. 188 acre site formed originally in 1858 by a dam across Churnet Valley. Attractions include a 5 mile 'long trail' and 2 mile 'short trail' nature walks, plus a large childrens play area and visitors centre. Telephone 01538 300400

The Tourist Information Centre, in the Town Hall, can provide further details of all these visitor attractions, with opening times and admission prices plus a whole host of other ideas for an enjoyable excursion. They can also advise on festivals and special events. Contact the TIC on 01260 271095. See [www.mybeartown.co.uk](http://www.mybeartown.co.uk)

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Bus Station

Details may be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre 01260 271095 or Traveline Cheshire 0845 1402666 (for rail fares contact National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950)

### Citizens Advice Bureau

Dean House, Chapel Street  
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### Connexions (Careers Service)

35/37 Lawton Street 0800 980 877

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Congleton Edge	
Methodist Church	272976
Holy Trinity Church Mostley (C of E)	
	273182
New Life Church	
	297961
Pentecostal Church	
	273635
Road Lane Methodist Church	
	297298
Spiritualist Church	
	01782 518235
St James's Church (Cof E)	
	273722
St John's Church, Baglowton	
	273294
St Mary's RC Church	
	273314
St Peter's Church	
	273212
St Stephen's Church	
	273294
The Jesus Christ Church of the Latter Day Saints	
	289755
Trinity Methodist Church	
	272976
United Reformed Church	
	273873
Wellspring Methodist Church	
	297298



St Peter's Church

### COUNCILS

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**Albert Place Dental Referral Centre**  
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**NHS Direct** 0845 4647  
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**HOSPITALS**  
**Congleton War Memorial** (inc. A & E)  
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**Dog Warden** 01270 529599

**Job Centre Plus**  
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**Leisure Centres (Community)**  
**Congleton Leisure Centre**  
Worrall Street 01270 529502

**Congleton High School Sports Hall**  
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**Library**  
Market Street 01260 373550

**MEDIA**  
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West Heath	01260 275045

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Cheshire East Registrations	01270 275106
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### Road Safety

Cheshire East Council	0300 123 5500
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### EDUCATION WELFARE

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### Social Services

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### Taxi Rank

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### Trading Standards

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### VETERINARY SURGEONS

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### Volunteer Bureau

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### Waste Disposal

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### Water Supply Enquiries

United Utilities Billing enquiries	0845 7461100
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### HELP LINES

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Childline	0800 1111
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