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DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Thomas Reade, the son of a Congleton surgeon was one of the guardians of Napoleon during his exile on St Helena.



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Thank you for picking up this guide!

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.

Cllr Denis Murphy

Congleton Town Mayor 2014/15

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

Congleton is a historic market town with a population of around 26,500 located in south-east Cheshire. It can be found about half way between Manchester and Stoke and is part of the beautiful Cheshire Peak District. The town is well known for its 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 artists, the beauty of our vast open spaces and the huge variety of shops, sports and social establishments! 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.

Whether you are already living in Congleton, here as a visitor or thinking of moving to the 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.

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An 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 The Earl of Chester and granted him the whole of Cheshire. He in turn passed 'Cogleton', 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 present day High Street is, and the river was straightened and diverted away from the town.



DID YOU KNOW?

The willow tree in the grounds of a Congleton garage is a cutting from one of the trees which surrounded Napoleon's grave on St Helena.



More information about the history of Congleton can be found in the excellent Congleton Museum which is currently located behind the Town Hall but which has plans to move to Bradshaw House in 2016.

The Bridestones is a chambered 'cairn' on the outskirts of Congleton built in the Neolithic Stone Age. The Cairn originally had a stone circle.



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.



Congleton was also well known for its cockfights and bearbaiting. When the town bear died just before the annual wakes fair, the town used money it had been saving to buy a new bible, to buy a new bear instead. 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.

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 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

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



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BEARTOWN!

Anyone visiting Congleton cannot 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'. It appears more likely that the Town Corporation lent the Bearward (Bearkeeper) 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 nick-name has seen a revival in Congleton – with many of the school children passionate about bears.



In 2011 the town experienced 'Bearmania' where 70 five-foot fibreglass bears formed a trail around the town. The proceeds from that project were used to rescue a Moon Bear from the Bile Farms in Vietnam and pay for it to live in a bear sanctuary.



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Congleton is a confident, attractive market town in Cheshire with a population of around 26,500 which is set to grow over the next few years.

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

‘Congleton continues to evolve’

Congleton is famed for its fantastic community spirit. The Mercian (Cheshire's) regiment called Congleton the 'Little Town with the Big Heart' following the town's support of the regiment during its tours of Afghanistan. It is also well known for its floral displays, having gained RHS gold standard for past three years and one of only four large towns in the UK to gain gold standard in Britain in Bloom in 2014.

The town has breweries, theatre, museum, two golf courses, a country park, formal park, paddling pool, over 200 shops and 20 plus pubs. Some of the UK's top tourist attractions are within an hour's drive – including Chester Zoo and Alton Towers. And there is an abundance of historic homes and beautiful gardens within a short drive.

Congleton continues to evolve, adapt and change with the times. A new and much needed multi-million pound Link Road is due for construction in the life-time of this guide. This will reduce congestion in town and make our business parks more accessible. It will also open up more land for development, increasing the number of people living in and around Congleton.

We asked local people what they liked about Congleton

‘Our schools are excellent and young people are valued and supported’

‘It’s a very friendly place with a wonderfully caring community’

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

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Congleton people like to celebrate life – and actively welcome visitors to come along and join in the fun!

With so many groups and societies active in town there is nearly always something happening so please check the calendar on www.congleton-tc.gov.uk for the latest events!

Some events have now established themselves as firm favourites in the Congleton social calendar and attract visitors from near and far. If you've not yet experienced one of these special occasions why not come along and see what the fuss is about!

Congleton Unplugged

Congleton Unplugged is a cool new musical event for Congleton which started in February 2014 and is set to become a regular festival. As the name suggests it's a mainly acoustic music event which showcases lots of up and coming local talent as well as some well-known experienced musicians and is designed to blow away the winter blues!

There's something for everyone with folk, country, pop, blues, jazz and plain old fashioned good music taking place across a number of pubs and bars in Congleton. Unplugged is held at the weekend at the end of Feb/early March.

See www.congletonunplugged.co.uk



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'One of the best open air festivals in the County'



DID YOU KNOW?

At the beginning of the 20th Century Congleton was renowned for the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes.



Teddy Bears' Picnic (June)

The town's pre-school children come to the park with their bears, their picnics and their parents or guardians to enjoy arts, crafts, stories, singing, dancing and 'big bears'. This annual event takes place on the Thursday afternoon following the Food and Drink Festival.

Congleton Carnival (July)

Carnival is such a big event for Congleton that it can only happen once every two years! It takes place during the July of even years – with the next due in 2016. Visitors can expect a lot of colour, noise and celebrations! The Saturday lunchtime parade attracts plenty of floats, marching bands, dancers and characters. The parade ends in Congleton Park where there are lots of stalls, exhibits, fair rides, arena acts and music. Carnival is organised by a committee made up of keen local volunteers.

Congleton Food and Drink Festival (June)

Congleton's Food and Drink Festival began in 2009 and has grown from strength to strength! So much so that Cheshire Life named it one of the best open air festivals in the County. During the one-day festival the town is transformed into a thriving food market with around 100 stalls selling a mouth-watering range of top quality produce and global street food.

This event attracts thousands of people, and the organisers are very particular about who is allowed to trade on the day – carefully selecting traders on the quality of their products while also keeping produce as local as possible. A number of new producers are invited to join the regular favourites – ensuring that there's always something new to see and try. In addition to all the sumptuous food, there's plenty of street entertainment and activities to join in.

This event is organised by the Food and Drink Team led by Congleton Community Projects.

You can find out more at www.foodanddrinkfestival.net



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Jazz and Blues Festival (Aug)

During the August Bank Holiday weekend Congleton is alive with the sound of Jazz and Blues. Acts from all over the area perform a packed programme of mainly free gigs in pubs and bars around Congleton. It is one of the busiest weekends in the year for our pubs.

The Jazz and Blues Festival is organised by a small group of local publicans with support of many businesses. It usually starts with a New Orleans Style Umbrella Parade through the town on the Saturday lunchtime. More information can be seen at www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk

Congleton 'Open Space' Arts Festival (Sept)

Congleton is home to a great number of creative people who have joined together to make the 'Open Space' Arts festival happen on the last weekend in September. During this weekend all aspects of the arts are showcased, celebrated and explored in and around the town. From visual arts to poetry, theatre, dance and music there really is something for everyone.

For more information see www.openspace-arts.com

Congleton Beer Festivals (March)

Take place in Congleton Leisure Centre and enable local people and visitors to enjoy a wide range of beers. If you're in Congleton on a non-beer festival weekend, Cheshire's Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) Cheshire Pub of the Year 2014 can be found on Lawton Street.

Rotary Bonfire -(Nov)

Bonfire night is a special occasion in Congleton - with a torch-lit procession, massive bonfire and children's firework display, followed by an even louder adults display. The display is organised in the park by Congleton Rotary and is held on a Saturday evening. Thousands turn out to enjoy the spectacular display while raising funds for good causes.



Congleton Christmas Crackers (Nov)

We've always made a big deal of switching on our Christmas lights - and local people turn out in their thousands to enjoy the great atmosphere, fun and games! It is usually held on the last Friday in November and then there's entertainment in town for the Saturdays leading up to Christmas - look out for Congleton's Little Guide to a Big Christmas for full details or see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



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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 choice 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 Tourist Information Centre, based in the Town Hall

Tel 01260 271095 for an up-to-date programme of what's on see www.danesidetheatre.co.uk

The theatre was 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 that use Daneside, 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.

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Astbury Mere



Congleton Paddling Pool



Congleton Park



Astbury Mere Country Park

Thanks to the hard work of a local trust the former sand quarry has been transformed into beautiful Country Park and Visitors Centre, which attracts over 140,000 visitors a year! The 14 acre 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 has one of only 8 Keep Britain Tidy 'Eco Centres' in the country. The trust needs to raise around £30,000 a year to maintain this beautiful 'free' attraction – so please leave some coins in the donation boxes. For the more active, Astbury Mere is the site of a national Park Run every Saturday at 9am. It also is the base of 'Buggy Runs' and Nordic Walking. The Visitors Centre is open daily from 9am – 5pm. For more information see:

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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. 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 Pool opens on the Saturday before the late May bank holiday and then, weather permitting, is open daily from 10am – 6pm seven days a week until early September. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and parking in the area is restricted so users are advised to use Town Centre Car Parks.

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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. 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!

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Congleton Town Hall

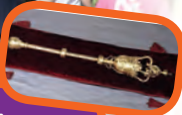
Since its completion in 1866, Congleton Town Hall has been at the centre of Civic and Community Life in Congleton. The impressive Victorian building is now home to the award winning Tourist Information Centre, Congleton Town Council, Congleton Partnership and De Lacey's Tapas Bar and Café.

Congleton Town Centre

Congleton is a busy market town which has a varied mix of more than 200 shops, businesses, cafés, restaurants and bars catering 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 an Artisan and Vintage Market on the second Sunday of the month.
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“Congleton has a wealth of talented musicians”



Victoria Mill Antiques and Collectables Centre

Spread over three floors, this former mill building is a treasure trove of collectables and regularly features on antique programmes on the tv. The Mill is open daily from 10am-4pm. Free entry and car parking. Visit: www.victoriamillartscentre.co.uk

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.

Congleton Town Football Club

The Bears' play in the NW Counties League and Cheshire League and bring crowds of day-trippers to Congleton throughout the season. See www.congletontownfc.co.uk

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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There is no admission charge, but donations are always welcome – the museum is a charity and run by volunteers. Tel: 01260 276360

An ancient log boat, bronze age weapons, buried treasure and a hero's medals from World War II – just some of the things you will see at Congleton Museum.

It can currently be found behind the Town Hall, in the old police station, but it has plans to move to the much larger Bradshaw House on Lawton Street. It needs the space to house and display the thousands of artefacts and documents donated by Congleton people.

The museum tells the story of the town from prehistoric times to the second world war, with special displays on the English Civil War and the textile industry. Figures from the past tell their stories, and interactive computers fill in the background to the area's history. Relief maps show the changes over the centuries.

You can find out about John Bradshaw, the Congleton man who signed the death warrant of Charles I, and discover just how far a fustian cutter walked in a day. You can see a civil war cannonball with bits of Biddulph Hall still attached and St. Peter's bells, which were rung around the streets to herald a holiday. You might imagine what it would be like to be locked into the old town stocks or to be an evacuee in the 1940s, far from your London home.

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



DID YOU KNOW?

A detachment of the Royal Netherlands Army (the Princess Irene Brigade) was formed in Congleton during World War II.

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BUSINESS

Businesses are vital to the success of Congleton. The town has around 900 VAT registered businesses and almost as many micro businesses.

Traditionally Congleton was a textile manufacturing town – and there is still a significant manufacturing base in the town.

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The award winning Siemens manufacturing plant makes 400,000 drives a year and is a major employer along with Airbags International and Senior Aerospace.

Congleton Town Council, Cheshire East Council, Congleton Partnership and the East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce work together to support businesses wishing to come into Congleton.

Government has pledged £45 million for a Northern Link Road connecting the west and northern sides of the town. This is part of a strategy to stimulate growth and development around the town and will provide direct access to Radnor Park and Congleton Business Park. It is envisaged that work could start on the Link Road in 2016.

There is an active Congleton Business Group enabling town centre traders to work together. East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce sits at the heart of the business community offering support to businesses and promoting local prosperity.

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Take time to browse in our specialist and individual shops. Helpful staff will be happy to advise you – and if you can't find what you are looking for please ask! Many businesses have been in Congleton for decades and have a huge depth of knowledge about their products and what else is available in town. Many of our shops go that extra mile! You can join in Italian lessons at the Deli, early morning yoga at the health shop or mixology classes in the Cocktail bar. Just about anything can be fixed or 'upcycled' at the Menditz shop while local green grocers and butchers sell locally sourced products.

The new Art with Attitude Shop is attracting visitors from far and wide, while the collective of artist at the Electric Picture House host regular exhibitions and sales that's worth visiting while you're in town.. If you're about to get married we have three excellent bridal shops, and places for mothers of the bride too! The Victoria Mill Arts and Collectable Centre – a regular on TV programmes such as Antique Road Trip and Bargain Hunters- is full of hidden treasures!

The majority of shops can be found in the town centre, stretching from Lawton Street, through to the pedestrian area and in a loop around Mill Street, Swan Bank, West Street and Antrobus Street. There are also clusters of shops at Barn Road, West Heath, High Town and at the garden centres and farms surrounding the town.

Over the next few years there are plans to further develop the Town Centre and improve some key sites to make it even more attractive for residents, workers and visitors.

For a full list of shops and services in the town centre see
www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

ALIVE AFTER FIVE!

Like many High Streets these days, the lights do not go out at 5pm!

It is estimated that a quarter of all trade in the High Street happens after 5pm – in the bars, restaurants, clubs, take-aways and services which stay open late. Many hairdressers and beauticians have at least one late night. With all parking free after five in the evening why not venture into Congleton for yourself and see what's happening in your town after five!

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A visit from both the Olympic Torch in 2012 and the Commonwealth Baton in 2014 have inspired many local people to get active. Congleton has a good mix of traditional sports clubs – our rugby club is one of the oldest in the world – while also embracing new activities such as the regular Parkrun at Astbury Mere on a Saturday morning.

Badminton Courts can be booked at Congleton Leisure Centre Monday- Friday Peak time: 6pm-10pm.

Basketball Congleton Basketball Club takes place at Congleton High School Sports Centre on Monday evenings. Junior sessions ages 10-16 welcome, the times for this session are: 7pm-8pm and adult, aimed at people 15 and above times: 8pm-9pm.

Bowling Teams are located at the Booth Street ground, Congleton Park Bowling Green, the Railway Inn and Coronation Club. The nearest indoor ten-pin bowling centres are at Festival Park, Stoke and 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 open 7-9pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. See: [www.freeindex.co.uk/profile\(beartown-abc\)_159272.htm](http://www.freeindex.co.uk/profile(beartown-abc)_159272.htm)

There's a wide range of sports and activities established in the town – but if you can't find what you are looking for contact Everybody Leisure Trust who can advise on sports clubs and activities further afield.

Whether you are looking for a regular commitment or a casual drop-in event there's plenty of classes, clubs and competitions to choose from. Below are details of some of the more popular sports and leisure activities – for more information tel Congleton Tourist Information Centre on 01260 271095 or www.congleton-tc.gov.uk or Everybody Leisure Congleton on 01260 387717 or www.everybody.org.uk

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

Cycling The active Congleton Cycling club is open to anyone aged 12 or older, but under 15s must be accompanied by an adult. The Cycling Club has an all year programme of touring and racing events. www.congletoncyclingclub.org.uk Congleton Cycling Campaign Group is leading the campaign for better routes, signage and facilities.

Darts, Pool and Cribbage Each has its own thriving league competition. The Cygnet Club is a major centre for the game, located on Swan Bank. If interested contact: 01260 273390 for more information.

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.





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Football Congleton Town FC (The Bears) play in the North West Counties League and were previously members of the Northern Premier League First Division. www.congletontownfc.co.uk Amateur and youth football is also well catered for via Vale Juniors, Tel: 01260 224536 / 07935 911552 or use www.valejuniorsfc.co.uk Congleton Rovers, Tel: 01260 290133 and see: www.congletonrovers.co.uk and Beartown Wanderers, Tel: 07982 955582 and see: www.pitchero.com/clubs/northcongletonunitedfc

Golf There are two golf clubs on the edge of the town: Congleton Golf Club, which has 9 holes. Tel: 01260 273540 and see: www.t444.co.uk/cgc1/ Astbury Golf Club with its testing 18-hole course. Tel: 01260 272772, and see: www.astburygolfclub.com. For those who prefer the occasional game there is the Malkins Bank Golf Club, tel: 01270 765 931 or Marton Golf Course which are both pay as you play.

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

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

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

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

Rambling Congleton Ramblers Association has a packed programme of local walks, day and weekend trips to suit all abilities. Search for local walks on www.ramblers.co.uk or www.congletonramblers.org.uk or www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshireeast/health-wellbeing/walking-groups

Rugby Congleton Rugby Club is one of the oldest 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 100 members and abilities. Training sessions usually start from the Leisure Centre. See: www.congleton-harriers.co.uk Boalloy Running Club - This is also a successful running club with around 60 members and a strong youth group. Tel: 01260 277550 or see: www.britishathletics.org.uk/grassroots/search/?entryid2=80970&p=15 ParkRun takes place at Astbury Mere every Saturday morning at 9am. See: www.parkrun.org.uk/congleton/

Snooker There is an active snooker club based in Mottershead Mill, Royle Street, tel: 07530 426184

Swimming The town has two clubs based at Congleton Leisure Centre. Congleton Amateur Swimming Club see: www.facebook.com/CongletonAmateurSwimmingClub and Dane Valley Swimming Club: www.danevalleyswimming.org Congleton Divers meets at the Leisure Centre for pool training on Monday evenings. www.congletondivers.co.uk

Tennis Congleton Lawn Tennis Club has six all weather courts plus three artificial grass courts and is one of the largest tennis clubs in the area. www.congletontennis.co.uk

Windsurfing, Kayaking, Sailing and Canoeing- This takes place on the beautiful Astbury Mere. For more details see: www.peakpursuits.co.uk/peak-pursuits-centres/peak-pursuits-at-astbury or tel: 01782 722226

Zumba There are many people who are interested in the dancing fitness classes of Zumba! There are many instructors who hold classes at various venues over Congleton. For more information on the classes see: www.zumba.com/en-US/party?search=Congleton%2C+GB

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COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRES

Congleton Leisure Centre

The Leisure Centre is run by Everybody Leisure. Situated in Worrall Street, it has a 25m swimming and trainer pool, a fitness centre, sports hall, squash courts, sauna, crèche and bar.

The centre is open weekdays from 8am and from 7.15am on Tuesday and Thursdays, until 10pm. On Saturdays 9am until 8pm and on Sundays 9am until 9pm. It is home to many sporting clubs and societies. See: www.everybody.org.uk/centres/clc or Tel: 01260 387717

Congleton High School Sports Centre

Off Box Lane, offers a packed, community sports programme in the evenings and at the weekends. Tel: 01260 387 000

Eaton Bank Academy

Jackson Road has ambitious plan to develop a new 'Ann Packer' sports centre at Eaton Bank Academy during this guide.

This will be used for sporting events and open to individuals and clubs at evenings and weekends.

Tel: 01260 273000

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

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





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Congleton is surrounded by stunning Countryside which is great for exploring by foot, bike, barge or even horse!

Wonderful walks are available for those who want to explore and enjoy the great outdoors from maintained country parks to rural hill paths and lakes.

Some of our favourite walks are:

Astbury Mere Country Park suitable for all abilities with an all-weather 3km path – tel the visitors centre on 01260 297237

Brereton Heath Country Park 01477 534115

Biddulph Valley Way Disused railway track which starts at Tommy's Lane close to Congleton Park and heads towards the Potteries – a favourite for family cycling!

Congleton Town Park Easy waking close to the centre of Congleton

Gritstone trail A more challenging walk in three sections stretching from Disley to Kidsgrove with some fine ridge walking and stunning views over the Cheshire Plains.

Rudyard Lake www.rudyardlake.com

Macclesfield Canal From Marple Junction to Kidsgrove

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Route 55 – This route runs from Iron Bridge to Preston, passing through Congleton.

Route 70 – A 176 mile circular route passing through Chester, Acton Bridge, Bollington, 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 Tourist Information Centre or as a download from the Town Council's website www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/discover-congleton/cycling-in-congleton

BEAUTIFUL BOATING

The Macclesfield Canal runs from Marple Bridge to Kids Grove 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 walkers and runners.



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Everybody Leisure

Leisure Centre, Worrall Street, Congleton CW12 1DT
Tel: 01260 387717
clc@everybody.org.uk

Gym etc

Alexandria Way, Off Barn Road, Congleton CW12 1LB
Tel: 01260 277226
congleton@gymetc.co.uk

Gymphobics (Women's Only Gym)

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Pulse Fitness Limited

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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.

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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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The friendly and knowledgeable team can advise on the best type of accommodation to meet your needs, check availability and book to make your visit as enjoyable as possible.

Visit the Award Winning Centre in the foyer of Congleton Town Hall, in the Town Centre, where you will find a wide range of books on local history and local walks along with souvenirs making ideal gifts.

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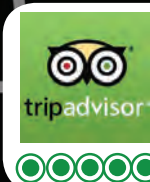
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With the growth of traditional beers brewed by micro brewers there is ample choice in the town centre offering distinctive local tastes across a wide range of beer styles. The pubs and bars are well known for providing entertainment during the week and weekends with live bands and karaoke, along with folk and blues featuring regularly with some top acts.

You'll find food of all kinds from pub grub to gastro meals are served and many venues have late licenses at weekends to cater for the party goers who just want to have fun.



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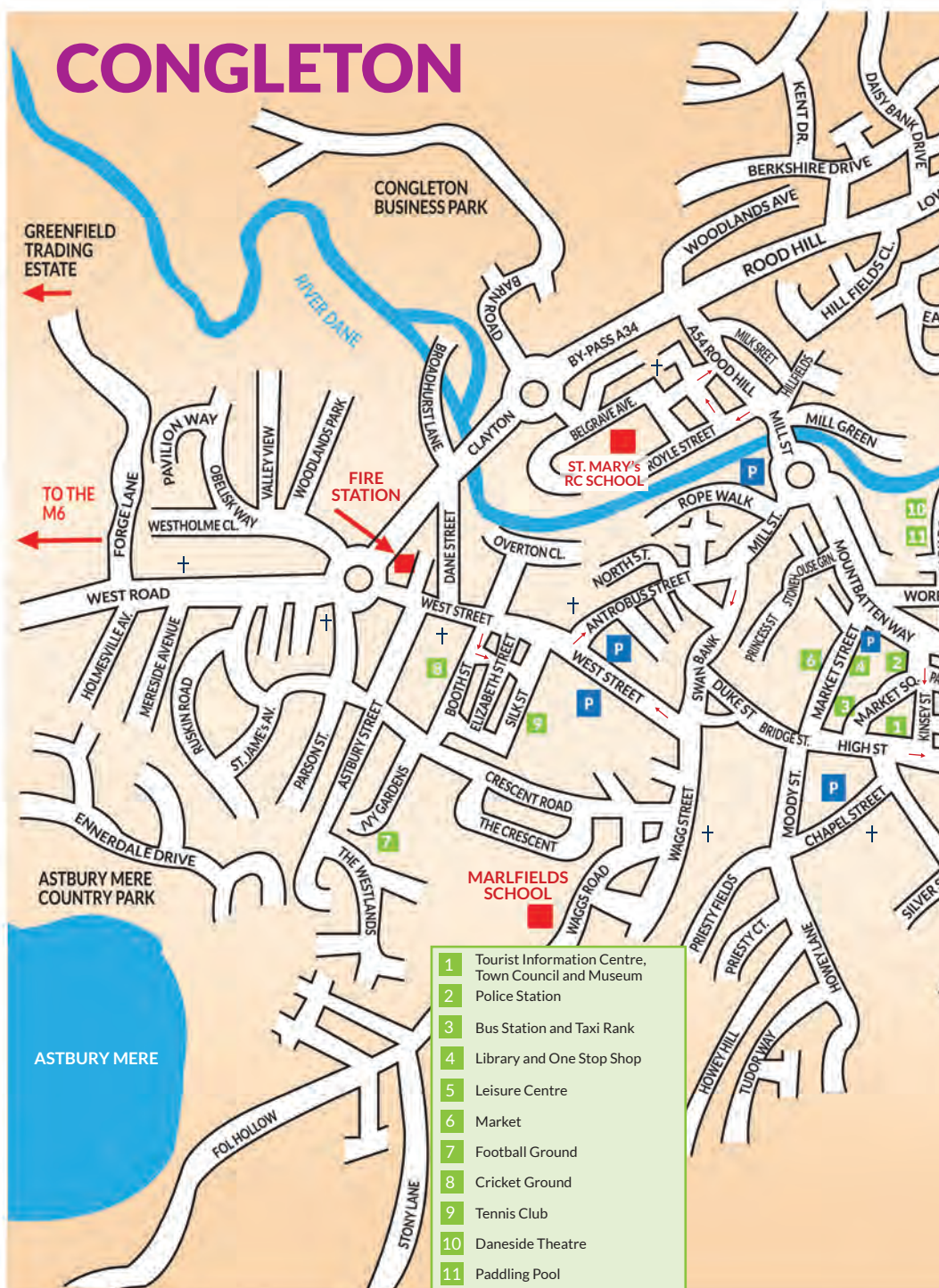
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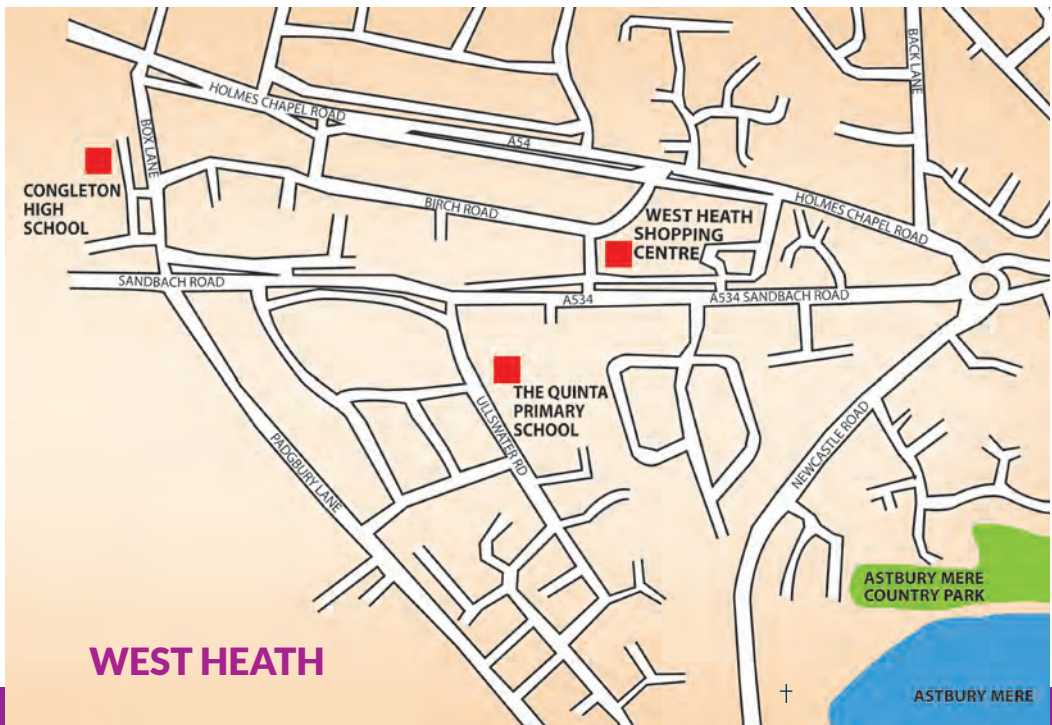
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- 11 Paddling Pool





From pubs to bars to restaurants to cafés, Congleton has it all. There is a wide range of dining establishments that meet all tastes and budgets.



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The Cheshire Brew House, also in Congleton, has a reputation for fine craft beers that can be found in many local ale houses and local festivals. See www.cheshirebrewhouse.co.uk
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Bojangles Brasserie
13 Bridge Street
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Tel: 01260 272 571
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Opening Times

Monday 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday - Saturday 9.00am - 3.00pm
and 6.00pm - midnight

Breakfast Menu 9.00am - 3.00pm

Lunch Menu 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Local Delicacies while you are in Congleton you really should try:



- **Congleton Apple Juice and Cider** made using excess apples donated by local people and collected by Congleton Sustainability Group then turned into juice with the help of Dunham Massey Farm nr Altrincham
- **Oatcakes** they may be a dish from over the border in Staffordshire, but are still a firm favourite and made in Congleton!
- **Congleton Gingerbread** made from an old recipe that has remained in the town!

WHERE TO EAT		
Cafés		
Bear Grills	Market Street	07500038609
Bojangles	Bridge Street	01260 272571
Coffee Central	Moody Street	01260 400086
Costa Café	High Street	01260 281952
Crema	Bridge Street	01260 270511
Cross Street Café	Cross Street	01260 273635
De Laceys Tapas Bar & Café	Town Hall	07813772469
Illuccini's Café	Capitol Walk	01260 299585
New Life Church Coffee Shop	West Road	01260 297791
The Hub (Age UK)	Off Foundry Street	01260 273610
Room at the Top	Victoria Mill, Foundry Bank	01260 276141
Restaurants		
Amans	West Heath	01260 271218
Bangkok Thai	Antrobus Street	01260 274829
Bojangles	Bridge Street	01260 272571
Bon-o-Phool	Antrobus Street	01260 274488
McDonalds	Clayton By-Pass	01260 299787
Nobanno	Newcastle Road	01260 299771
Stock at the Pavilion	Congleton Park	01260 278576
Purple Pakora	Lawton Street	01260 291110
Reuben Stubbs	Lawton Street	01260 273517
The Courtyard	West Street	01260 281072
The Forum	Worrall Street	01260 299061
The Happy Garden	West Heath	01260 279492
The Lion and Swan	West Street	01260 273115
Takeaways		
Domino's Pizza	Barn Road	01260 275111
Paccino's Pizzeria	Rood Hill	01260 280999
Papa King	Lawton Street	01260 289444
Rose of Kashmir	Lawton Street	01260 295786
Pizza Pan	Lawton Street	01260 290111
Sizzlers	High Street	01260 295295
Subway	West Heath	01260 278470
The Hot Spot	High Street	01260 298112
Turkish Delight	High Street	01260 299064
Valley's	High Street	01260 270606

WHERE TO EAT

Chip Shops

Ann's Plaice
Green Island Chippy
Hightown Fish & Chips
The Hill Chippy
West Heath Chippy
21 Fish and Chips

Havannah Street
Willow Street
Hightown
Rood Hill
West Heath
Antrobus Street

n/a
01260 273204
01260 276452
01260 281281
01260 270182
01260 272108

Chinese Takeaways

Beijing City
Chopstix
Go East
New Ruby
Sweet Chillies

Mill Street
Lawton Street
Hightown
Antrobus Street
Lawton Street

01260 274488
01260 272006
01260 272889
01260 291886
01260 277611

Indian Takeaways

Beartown Spices
Congleton Tandoori
City Spice

West Street
Lawton Street
Rood Hill

01260 281777
01260 298674
01260 281026

Many restaurants also offer a takeaway service.

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EDUCATION

Congleton

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Congleton has many good and outstanding schools in its catchment where pupils are happy, enjoy learning and meet or exceed their potential. Both of our Secondary Schools have academy status and are respected.

Both enjoy above average success at national exams as well as developing students into excellent young people with strong links to their community.

The schools work together on many joint initiatives via the Congleton education Community Partnership (CeCP) which is a Partnership of 13 primary schools and 2 secondary schools supporting each other to benefit the pupils and the wider community. Larger schools often 'buddy-up' with the smaller schools. There is an annual Town Sports competition for all the primary schools and many inter-school competitions, tournaments and friendlies. All the schools are supportive of community life – taking an active role in key events such as Carnival, Olympic and Commonwealth Games visits, Mercian regiment marches, youth council events at the Town Hall, recycling and In Bloom activities.

Applications for places at state schools in Congleton are via Cheshire East Council. All of our schools are friendly and welcoming. Many hold open days in readiness for the next year's intake. Most schools have a 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.



“Congleton has many good and outstanding schools in its catchment”

Astbury St. Mary's C of E Primary School

School Lane, Astbury CW12 4RG
Tel: 01260 272528
www.astburyschool.org.uk

Black Firs Primary School

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

Bosley St Mary's Primary School

Leek Old Road, Bosley SK11 0NY
Tel: 01260 223280
www.bosleyschool.co.uk

Buglawton Primary School

Buxton Old Road CW12 2EL
Tel: 01260 272208
www.buglawtonprimaryschool.org

Daven Primary School

New Street CW12 3AH
Tel: 01260 387356
www.daven.cheshire.sch.uk

Havannah Primary School

Malhamdale Road CW12 2DF
Tel: 01260 387060
www.havannah.cheshire.sch.uk

Marlfields Academy Primary School

Waggs Road CW12 4BT
Tel: 01260 387057
www.marlfields.cheshire.sch.uk

Marton & District Primary School

School Lane, Marton, SK11 9HD
Tel: 01260 224482
www.marton.cheshire.sch.uk

Mossley C of E Primary School

School Lane, Marton, SK11 9HD
Tel: 01260 272451
www.mossleyce.cheshire.sch.uk

St. Mary's RC Primary School

Belgrave Avenue CW12 1HT
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www.stmarysrccongleton.cheshire.sch.uk



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Scholar Green Primary School

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

The Quinta School

Ullswater Road CW12 4LW
Tel: 01260 387051
www.quintaschool.org

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

One of the key organisations for Congleton is the 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 and has a number of task-related sub groups. The Partnership actively encourages more people to get involved – with the firm belief that more people involved the more that can be achieved!

There are many active groups including Sustainability, Marketing and Events, Creative Congleton, Youth Forum, Senior Forum. Some of the groups successes include introducing Town Noticeboards and Entry Signs, River Dane Walkway, Congleton Apple Juice, Bearmania, Seed and Plant Swaps, support for cycle signage. For more information see

www.congletonpartnership.co.uk



DID YOU KNOW?

St Peter's Church, Congleton has one of the best Georgian interiors in the north of England.



Congleton Community Projects is a lynchpin of the community working with various groups and organisations to make Congleton a more enjoyable place to live, work and visit. CCP leads on the Food and Drink Festival and helps or advises on most other festivals in the town. CCP in conjunction with the Electric Picture House have been instrumental in bringing the Rural Touring Theatre productions into Congleton and provides creative support and energies as well as practical help to many groups. For more information contact jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org or see www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

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 11 and 25 and can be found at Fellowship House, near Congleton's Paddling Pool. Scouting and Guiding flourishes in Congleton with numerous units throughout the town engaged in offering challenging opportunities and skills learning. The Air Training Corps 230 (Congleton Squadron) and the Congleton Army Cadets, both based at Rope Walk are also very active in the Town, as is the Fire Service Cadets. Congleton has a Youth Council which represents the youth of town to the Town Council. One of its former members went on to become the UK's Youngest Ever Mayor in 2013. The Youth Council run www.youthinfo.co.uk where there is information about opportunities for young people.



“One of the most outstanding characteristics of Congleton is its strong voluntary sector”

DID YOU KNOW?

At the beginning of the 20th century 'Havannah' was known as Cheshire's deserted village.

"Congleton has a thriving University of the Third Age "

Church life is active in Congleton with most of the churches having community rooms which help support their youth groups, luncheon clubs for senior residents and many social events. See the section on faith groups for more information (p 56).

Congleton has a thriving University of the Third Age which has well over a 1,000 members providing more than 100 active groups ranging from art classes through to foreign language groups, ecology and book clubs to a thriving Ukulele club. U3A is for people in their 'Third Age' and is open to everyone who is 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. Call in on Mondays during term time at St John's on West Street between 10-12am. www.congletonu3a.org.uk

St John's Ambulance and Congleton First Responders carry out a magnificent task in the town supporting events and providing training to the community. Congleton First Responders offer a free Heart Start course see www.congletonfr.org.uk.

Congleton Rotary Club, Congleton Round Table and Congleton Lions add greatly to the community life in Congleton, organising many key events while raising money for great causes. All three 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 for all ages and disciplines involved in the local Daneside Theatre. More details of which can be seen at www.danesidetheatre.co.uk or on page 16.

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. There is also a Children's Choir, which is an off-shoot of the Choral Society. 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 is able to loan instruments free of charge for a trial period. Brass bands are still strong in the area and two local bands, the Macclesfield Silk Band and the Rode Hall Silver Band often play at the theatre, Town Hall and at local events.



"There is a wide range of sporting and leisure groups run by volunteers"



“Many groups rely on volunteers to help them to function.”

There is a wide range of sporting and leisure groups run by volunteers for the benefit of their members. See Keeping Active page 25.

Congleton has a growing arts community with both Victoria Mill www.victoriamillartcentre.org and the Electric Picture House www.electricpicturehouse.com providing units for a wide range of artists and exhibition space. See Creative Congleton page 53.



There are a number of 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 UK's Men in Sheds group. There are also support groups specialising in helping those with additional needs. Many groups rely on volunteers to help them to function. A full range of organisation are available at the tourist information centre or www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

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. 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.

For lots more information about the various Community Groups in Congleton see Congleton's Community Index produced by Congleton Community Projects and found at www.congletoncommunityprojects.org



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Congleton 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 Cross Street in the town centre.

It is a non-profit making artists' cooperative run by internationally and nationally recognised artists. The building combines working studios, 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.

To add to the offer, Congleton now has Beartown Radio, its own community radio station which is actively engaged in helping to train future budding presenters. In a bid to make art even more accessible to all in Congleton, many of the town's artistic community worked together to create the Open Space Arts Festival in September 2013. The event was successfully repeated in 2014 and is set to become a regular feature in the Congleton calendar, along with the now well established annual Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival during the August Bank Holiday weekend.

For more on the Electric Picture House

Tel: 01260 270908

www.electricpicturehouse.com

For more on Open Spaces Arts Festival www.openspace-arts.com

For more on Jazz and Blues www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk

Congleton boasts a thriving 300 seat theatre, the Daneside Theatre, as well as a rural opera house, home to the acclaimed Clonter Opera Company and the Clonter Farm Music Trust.



Some of the Historic Buildings in Congleton

Bradshaw House

Bradshaw House in Lawton Street is to become the new home of Congleton Museum providing all goes well with the fund-raising. It replaced an earlier timber-framed house which was reputed to be 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.



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 Adams style garden shelter. Congleton Historic Society are in the process of restoring the Bath House and introducing a Physic Garden in the grounds using plants that have played an important part in local medicine and industry.



Davenport's

Davenport's, now a menswear clothes shop on the High Street, was built using reclaimed ship timbers around 1432-1480. Inside the shop you can see many of the original timbers and wooden pegs. The building was originally the Kings Arms Public House. In the 1600s it became an apothecary's shop.



Little Street Shops

This area dates back to the 16th and 17th centuries and the buildings were originally cottages.





The historic buildings of Congleton

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. The Hotel is reputed to be haunted and has been featured on tv programmes.



St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church – is the Town Centre Parish church and dates back to 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. Its roof was replaced in 2014 and further restoration works are planned.



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. It is thought that 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.



Whittaker and Biggs

Whittaker and Biggs estate agent on the High Street is located in a building believed to date back to the 1450s. Inside are original beams and a huge fireplace.



Ye Olde Kings Arms

Ye Olde Kings Arms is thought to be the oldest pub in Congleton dating back to 1585. It has now part of the Titanic Brewery chain. Some of the beams are said to come from 600 year old galleons.



Faith groups play an important role in Congleton. They provide a Street Pastor service on a Friday night in the Town Centre. They provide a Food Bank for the town. They provide support and help to the community in many ways.

The faith groups are also the custodians to some of the most iconic and important historical buildings in the Town. For example St Peter's Church in the town centre has been listed as a Grade 1 building by English Heritage. 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.

Whatever your faith you can find friends and support at one of the many groups in Congleton:

Congleton Baptist Church

(meets at St Johns Ambulance)
West Street CW12 1YA
Tel: 07530290496
www.cbaptist.org.uk

The Methodist Church

Dane and Trent Circuit
Tel: 01260 270899
www.congletonmethodist.org.uk

Cloud Methodist Chapel

Cloudside CW12 3Q
[www.methodistheritage.org.uk/
cloudmethodistchapel.htm](http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/cloudmethodistchapel.htm)

Rood Lane Methodist Church

Derby Street CW12 1HZ
Tel: 01260 297298

Trinity Methodist Church

Wagg Street CW12 4BA
Tel: 01260 272976
www.trinitywoking.org.uk

Wellspring Methodist Church

Canal Road CW12 3AP
Tel: 01260 297298
www.wellspringcongleton.co.uk

Congleton Team Parish (C of E)

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

Holy Trinity Church Mossley (C of E)

Tel: 01260 273182
www.congletonteamparish.co.uk

St. John's Church

Buglawton. Tel: 01260 278288
www.congletonteamparish.co.uk

St. Peter's Church

01260 278288
www.congletonteamparish.co.uk

St. Stephen's Church

Tel: 01260 273182
www.congletonteamparish.co.uk

Pentecostal Church

Cross Street CW12 1HQ
Tel: 01260 273635
www.crossstreetchurch.co.uk

St. James's Church (C of E)

Tel: 01260 408203

The Jesus Christ Church of the Latter Day Saints

Astbury
Tel: 01260 289755

Word of Life Church

(meets at St. John's Church, Buglawton) Tel: 01260 277724
www.wordoflifechurchcongleton.org

New Life Church

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

Spiritualist Church

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

St. Mary's RC Chapel

30 West Road CW12 4ES
Tel: 01260 273314

United Reformed Church

Antrobus Street CW12 1HE
Tel: 01260 273901/ 274969
www.congletonurc.org.uk



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New Life Church
Danesford Community Centre, West Road
Congleton, Cheshire
CW12 4EY

01260 297961

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GETTING TO & AROUND CONGLETON

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 £1.50 for all day or 30p for an hour. On street parking is time-limited but free.

By Train

Congleton's railway station is approximately a mile uphill from the town centre. There are hourly train services to Stoke and Manchester. Details of Train times can be found at Trains: National Rail Enquiries Tel: 08457484950 www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Bus

A number of local bus companies operate in Congleton. For the most up to date information about bus times and journeys contact Traveline North West on 0871 200 2233 or www.traveline-northwest.co.uk
A Dial-a-Ride service operates in the area - tel 01270 505525

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PLAY PARKS

“There’s no reason for kids to be bored in Congleton!”

Congleton has 12 great play areas dotted around the town, each containing a range of play equipment such as swings, slides, springs, roundabouts, climbing frames and sheltered areas. Some of the parks also have obstacle courses, zip wires, cycle paths, and playing fields equipped with netball and basketball posts and football goal frames. All of the parks have benched seating areas for the adults – or children when they eventually get tired! Why not try and visit them all? You’ll find the play areas at the following sites...

- Atkins Close, Holmes Chapel Road- CW12 4NG
- Back Lane, Congleton- CW12 4PY
- Bromley Farm, Off Cloud View- CW12 3EN (includes multi use game area)
- Congleton Park, Park Road Congleton- CW12 1JG (includes teenage play equipment)
- Congleton Skate Park – ramps for skating – back of the Leisure Centre
- Galloway Green, Old Cattle Market, Congleton- CW12 1LZ
- Lower Heath, Tidnock Avenue, Congleton- CW12 2HN (Inc. Hill Tunnel, Basketball Post)
- Marshall Grove, Off Reades Lane, Congleton- CW12 3ST (Inc. Football Goals, Cycle Route)
- Newcastle Road South, Brereton- CW11 1RS
- Quinta Park, Brooklands Road, Congleton- CW12 4NL (Inc. Football Goals, Obstacle Course)
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CONGLETON TOWN HALL

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The impressive Town Hall was designed by E.W. Godwin and opened in 1866, costing £8,000 to build. A major refurbishment was undertaken in 1996, which enabled many interior features to be brought back to their original design.

In 2008, the freehold and management transferred to Congleton Town Council.

The Town Council has spent almost £750,000 improving and restoring the building. Works include DDA compliance, 10 years backlog maintenance, energy efficiency improvements, opening 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 200 for dining. A magnificent stone staircase leads up to the Bridestone Suite, balcony, meeting rooms and the Town Council and Congleton Partnership offices.

For information about booking the Town Hall call 01260 270350 ext 6 or see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk



The complex consists of three waters containing 15 species of fish upto double figures.
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7 acres MAIN LAKE 53 pegs
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1 1/2 Acres PECKS POOL 28 pegs
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**CHESHIRE EAST
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Congleton is a town within Cheshire East. Cheshire East Council is the principle authority responsible for delivering more than 500 local public services across an area of over 1,100km² for over 370,000 residents and 17,500 businesses.

Cheshire East has a budget of around £750m, which is raised from a combination of local taxes, national taxes (in the form of government grants) and payments direct from service users and other organisations to deliver these services.

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Services delivered by Cheshire East Council include Children and Family services, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Wellbeing, Highways and Environmental Services, Communities and Economic Growth. Congleton elects six ward councillors on to the Cheshire East Council. To contact Cheshire East call 0300 123 5500.

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

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During World War I it was proposed that Havannah should become an internment camp for German nationals.

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CAR PARKS

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Cheshire East Council owns and operates a range of car parks in Congleton. Pay and display car parks operate from 9am – 5pm Monday to Saturday inclusive. Short Stay car parks allow people to park for up to 3 hours. Long Stay are up to 10 hours. **Here is a list of the Car Parks (GREEN = FREE CAR PARKS):**

Antrobus Street	CW12 1HB	Short Stay	84 Spaces	2 Disabled
Princess Street	CW12 1DF	Short/Long Stay	90 Spaces	2 Disabled
Fairground	CW12 1BP	Short Stay	97 Spaces	6 Disabled
Back Park Street	CW12 1EP	Long Stay	98 Spaces	3 Disabled
Chapel Street	CW12 4AB	Long Stay	52 Spaces	0 Disabled
West Street	CW12 1JR	Long Stay	216 Spaces	4 Disabled
Park Street	CW12 1EG	Long Stay	37 Spaces	0 Disabled
Blake Street/ Edgerton Street	CW12 4DT	Long Stay	35 Spaces	0 Disabled
Leisure Centre (users only)	CW12 1DT	Long Stay	82 Spaces	3 Disabled
Rope Walk	CW12 1AG	Long Stay	29 Spaces	0 Disabled
Roe Street	CW12 4TR	Short Stay	24 Spaces	0 Disabled
Rood Hill	CW12 1HY	Long Stay	8 Spaces	0 Disabled
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When built in 1752, Congleton's 'Old Mill' was reputed to be the largest textile factory in England

Community life in Congleton is supported by two levels of local government. Cheshire East Borough Council is the principle 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. It's offices are open Monday - Friday 9am-5pm and based in the Town Hall.

The Town Council spends around £1.2 million a year, the majority of which is raised through an annual precept on households collected with the council tax.

The Town Council is responsible for operating the Town Hall, Streetscape Services (emptying public bins, public toilets, litter picking, maintaining public spaces including the park), the Paddling Pool, Hilary Avenue Allotments, Town Centre Management and the Town Handy Person Service. 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 around £70,000 in grants per year and helps sponsor four Police Community Support Officers.

The town has 20 councillors, who are elected to serve for four years. The next elections will be in May 2015.

Full details about the Town Council, its services and councillors can be seen at www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

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AWARD
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Congleton is a successful town that often ‘punches’ above its weight! Our town, its schools, its businesses and many of its residents have received local, regional or national awards in recognition of their achievements.

Awards for the Town include:

RHS North West in Bloom Gold Standard 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
RHS North West in Bloom winner 2013,
Britain in Bloom National Finalist 2000, 2007 and 2014
Britain in Bloom Gold 2014
Cardiac Smart Award Gold 2013

Cheshire Community Pride Awards 2011
2012 Best Kept TownCommunity Pride Awards
Little Gem Awards for the following;
Congleton Community Gardens (2011)
Park Fountain (2012). Paddling Pool (2013)
Priestly Fields Allotment 2014.

Green Flag awards for Congleton Park, Astbury Mere and 12 schools
(37 in total). Biggest cluster of Eco Schools in the area

As a town we have won numerous awards from Action for Market
Towns for sustainability, branding and economic development.

As a Town we have three World Records where the community were
involved

Guinness World Record – Largest Maypole Dance – 2008
Guinness World Record – Most Frisbees thrown – 2010
Guinness World Record – Longest game of rugby – 2011

We also have the world’s smallest cow!

The Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) named the Young Pretender Beer
Parlour in Lawton Street, Congleton as its Cheshire Pub of the Year 2014

“Congleton is a successful
town that often ‘punches’
above its weight!”



ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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Help for Residents or Visitors with Additional Needs.

Congleton offers a warm welcome to all residents and visitors and recognises that sometimes people need additional help. There are a large number of groups, agencies and organisations based in and around Congleton designed to help.



Congleton Shop Mobility is located behind the Town Hall and is open on a Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10-3.30pm. For £5 a year members can have free access to electric power scooters and wheelchairs when in town – 01260 273733 email shop-mobility@cdag.org.uk. The former Council offices are also home to Congleton Disability Information Bureau (DIB). DIB offer a wide range of free and confidential services and has produced a useful handbook of more than 70 Local Disability Related Organisations. Copies are available in the Tourist Information Office www.dibservices.org.uk

For help with legal, money and other problems try Congleton Citizens Advice Bureau, based in Lawton Street. They offer a walk-in sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 – 12.30 and telephone advice lines from 9.30 – 4pm Monday – Thursday and 9.30 -1pm on Friday. Congleton operates a Safe in Town scheme – look out for stickers in shop windows – offering elderly or vulnerable people a safe haven when in town. Register with the scheme through DIB and if ever you feel lost or scared in town staff in these shops will contact your relative or nominated friend.



Congleton Shop-Mobility

Reduced Mobility?

For a small annual membership fee you can have free use of our Battery Powered Scooters or our wheelchairs to get around the town or even go to an event. Never ridden a scooter before, no problem, you can practise in a safe environment as many times as you like or need. Feel confident in handling a scooter with our guidance to help you. Our friendly staff and volunteers are always willing to help you in whatever way they can. Come and meet our Congleton Disabled Access Group.

Call in and discuss any access issues

Join us for our monthly coffee meetings held at the address below on the first Tuesday of each month (apart from January) between 11am–1pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free coffee/tea, biscuits and a friendly chat.



Congleton Shop-Mobility

Congleton Disabled Access Group,
The Municipal Offices, Market Square
Congleton, CW12 1EX

Tel. 01260 273733

Email: shop-mobility@cdag.org.uk



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Cemetery

Congleton Cemetery, located beyond St. Peters Church on Howey Lane. The cemetery is open all year round from 8am until sunset or 8pm (dependent on which is earlier) on weekdays and from 9am until sunset or 7pm on weekends.

This area is maintained by the Cheshire East Council.

For bereavement services contact:

Crewe: 01270 685545
Macclesfield: 01625 383948

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/bereavement_services/cemeteries/congleton_cemetery.aspx

Citizens Advice Bureau

Lawton Street
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www.mossleypharmacy.co.uk

The Co-operative Pharmacy
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1 Park Lane CW12 3DN
Tel: 01260 280810
www.co-operative.coop

West Heath Pharmacy
West Heath Shopping Centre CW12 4NB
Tel: 01260 297196
www.westheathpharmacy.co.uk

Boots
Barn Road Retail Park. Tel: 01260 276977
www.boots.com/en/Store-Locator/

Congleton-Retail-Park
Bridge Street. Tel: 01260 273153

Congleton Pharmacy (Readsmoor)
West Street. Tel: 01260 277149

Salus Pharmacy
Havannah Street, Buglawton
Tel: 01260 291091
www.alliedpharmacies.com/stores/salus

Superdrug
High Street. Tel: 01260 278341
www.nhs.uk/Services/pharmacies/MapsAndDirections/DefaultView.aspx?id=9148

Tesco Pharmacy
Barn Road. Tel: 01260 268847
www.nhs.uk/Services/pharmacies/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=12513

Doctors

Lawton House Surgery
Lawton House, Bromley Road. Tel: 01260 275454
www.lawtonhousesurgery.nhs.uk/doctors,50524.htm

Meadowside Medical Centre
Mountbatten Way. Tel: 01260 272331
www.meadowsidemedicalcentre.co.uk

Readsmoor Group Practice
29/29a West Street. Tel: 01260 276161
www.readsmoor.co.uk

NHS Direct - Tel: 111
www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Hospitals

Congleton War Memorial (Not A & E)
Canal Road CW12 3AR. Tel: 01260 294800
www.nhs.uk/Services/hospitals/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=1901

Macclesfield District General Hospital
Victoria Road, Macclesfield SK10 3BL
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www.eastcheshire.nhs.uk

Leighton Hospital
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Library

Congleton Library
Market Square CW12 1ET. Tel: 01260 375550
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USEFUL INFORMATION

Local Governments

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

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

Member of Parliament (elections May 2015)
Fiona Bruce
Westminster, House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA

Tel: 020 7219 7042
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Constituency Office- Riverside, Mountbatten Way,
Congleton CW12 1DT
Tel: 01260 274044

Media

Cheshire Borders Independent Newspaper
www.independentnewspapers.co.uk/cheshireborders
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Congleton Chronicle- 11 High Street CW12 1BW
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Non- emergency number: 101
congleton.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Crimestoppers (anonymous) 0800 555 111

Community Warden
Tel: 03001235021
communitywardens@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Post Offices

Main Post Office
34 Mill Street
Opening Times- Mon- Sat: 9.30am- 5.30pm
Tel: 01260 281438
<http://congleton.inuklocal.co.uk/postoffices/congleton-post-office-08090>

Hightown Post Office
26 Biddulph Road
Tel: 01260 272997
www.iopeningtimes.co.uk/Post-Office/Hightown-Congleton/

West Heath Sub Post Office
Unit 10 West Heath Shopping Precinct CW12 4NB
www.openingtimes24.co.uk/Congleton_West-Heath-Post-Office.htm

Royal Mail Congleton Delivery Office
Royal Mail Greenfield Ind. Estate
Tel: 01260 273360
www.yelp.co.uk/biz/royal-mail-group-congleton

Registrar for Births and Deaths

The Registrar is available in the ground floor office at Congleton Library
Opening Times- Weds and Fri morning,
by appointment only
Tel: 01625 374040 / 0300 123 5019
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/register_office/duplicate_certificates.aspx

Social Services

Macclesfield and Congleton Social Care Team
Tel: 0300 123 5010

Schools

See page 45-48

Trading Standards

Trading Standards Office
Cheshire East Council, Consumer Protection & Investigation, Westfield's, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, Cheshire CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/business/trading_standards.aspx

Consumer Direct
Tel: 08454040506
www.tradingstandards.gov.uk

Dogs & Pests

Community Dog Warden-
Tel: 0300 123 5021
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/community_safety/dog_wardens.aspx

Lost dogs found outside of normal working hours (9am to 5pm) and before 8pm can be handed in at Field Farms Boarding Kennels, Bebbington Lane, Off School Road, Eaton
Tel: 01260 224221

Pest Control
Cheshire East Pest Control Services
Tel: 03001235015

Nuisance and Anti-Social Behaviour

Advice on anti-social behaviour, crime prevention, neighbour disputes. Safer Cheshire East Partnership - 0300 123 5030

- To report anti-social behaviour/neighbour issues to Plus Dane
0800 169 2988 (free from most UK landlines)
0300 123 4560 (local rate from a mobile phone)
- Noise Nuisance - Environmental Health
0300 123 5015. Also see Police.

Where Can I Recycle Goods in Congleton?



1. **Silver household recycle bins** – provided at 11, 234 houses in Congleton and 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
2. **Brown 'green' garden waste** – collected fortnightly from households.
3. **Charity Shops** – for clothes, shoes, toys, CDs and goods which are fit to be reused – choice of shops in Congleton
4. **Batteries** – Superdrug, Morrisons, (all shops which sell batteries should offer recycling).
5. **Quality Household Goods New Life Church** – with Plus Dane Housing and Mattroe – will collect and redistribute reuse-able household items and furniture call 01260 297961
6. **Congleton Freegle** – founded in August 2007 - 5027 members a way of advertising for items wanted or free to collect <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Congleton-Freegle/info>
7. **Local Recycling Sites**

Congleton Household Waste Recycling Centre, Barn Road CW12 2HH

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. Only closed on Christmas Day.

Times vary with season see www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_and_recycling/household_waste_centres.aspx

St John's Late Shop, Buglawton CW12 2BA – Glass bottles, textiles, paper, books, shoes, clothing

Fairground Car Park, Market Street CW12 1EA - Shoes and Clothing

West Street Car Park, CW12 1JN – Glass bottles, textiles, paper, shoes, drink cartons, clothing

Church House - Clear Glass bottles and Jars

Co-op Bromley Road - Clothing and Shoes

Radnor Park - Clothing, shoes, paper, books, music – records, CDs, videos, glass (3 types clear, brown and green

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