

# Bear Necessities

With News from Congleton Town Council & Community Groups  
Summer 2018

## Carnival Time

Saturday 7th July

**Congleton Carnival is back for 2018! It will include a Superhero and Villains parade through the town, starting at 11am and a family fun day in the park from 12 noon until 8pm. The parade will congregate in Bromley Road and wind its way through the town to the Park via Lawton Street, High Street, the pedestrian area, Swan Bank, West Street, Antrobus Street, Mountbatten Way, Worrall Street and finishing at Hankinson's field behind the Leisure Centre. Please come and support if you can!**

The parade is expected to take around 90 minutes to complete its journey and will be a mixture of walking groups, floats, bands, dancers and bikes. Look out for rolling road closures and plan your journey times!

The family fun day in the Park is from 12 noon until 8pm. Entrance is free and there is something for everyone. Local groups will perform on the bandstand while a music stage near the Bowling Green will include a wealth of new and established talent, with 80s chart topping artist Carmel headlining at 6.30pm.

There will be a range of foods, craft and local organisational stalls as well as children's fair rides, donkeys, circus skills in the Little Big Top, Feathery Folk,

a dog show from 2pm - 4pm, plus lots more.

As with all community events, Congleton Carnival is grateful for the generous support of local organisations and businesses and to volunteers for giving up their time to make the event happen. For further info, checkout: [www.congletoncarnival.co.uk](http://www.congletoncarnival.co.uk) or Congleton Carnival on Facebook, or pick up a brochure from the TIC and other venues around town.



Congleton's newest Festival, taking place from the 8th to 23rd September, will include over forty varied events. Highlights include talks by Lars Tharp of the BBC Antiques Roadshow, and by Adam Partridge, our own local antiques celebrity. A medieval banquet will celebrate 700 years of Congleton Mayoralty, and there will be rare opportunities to visit sites normally not open to the public, such as the Masonic Museum, Biddulph Old Hall and Mow Cop Primitive Methodist Church.

Events and activities will take place in a variety of venues across the town and local area, with history walks and talks, period music and drama performances, exhibitions and much more.

A full programme of events will be available from August at Congleton's Tourist Information Centre, and on their website: [www.CongletonHeritageFestival.com](http://www.CongletonHeritageFestival.com)



Bear Necessities is produced by Congleton Town Council. The next newsletter will be delivered around 9th October. All contributions should be sent by 19th September to Jackie MacArthur at: Congleton Town Hall, High Street, Congleton, CW12 1BN; or Tel 01260 270350; or email [jm@congletontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:jm@congletontowncouncil.co.uk)

the  
**MAKERS**  
market

CONGLETON

Congleton now has its very own Makers Market on the last Saturday of every month, in the pedestrian area from 10am - 4pm. The Makers Market was introduced as an attraction to bring more people into the town centre and to complement the offer of the town's shops and market. The April and May markets both showed an almost 40% increase of footfall in the pedestrian area. For more information about the market see: [www.themakersmarket.co.uk](http://www.themakersmarket.co.uk) or see Facebook page: Congleton Makers Market

**HELP YOUR TOWN TO WIN GOLD!**  
North West in Bloom judging: 24th July • Britain in Bloom judging: 2nd August



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where friends are made

# Know Your Councillor

**CONGLETON** is divided into two wards, East and West. As a rough guide East Ward covers Buglawton, Bromley Farm and Mossley. West Ward covers the Town Centre, West Heath, Lower Heath and Newcastle Road. Each ward is represented by 10 Councillors.

All Councillors can be contacted through the Town Council and further details can be seen at [www.congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk) Your Councillors elected to serve until May 2019 are:



Larry Barker (C)



Charles Booth (C),



Peter Broom (C)



David Brown (C),  
Deputy Leader



Bob Edwards (C),  
Council Leader



George Hayes (C)



Sally-Ann Holland (C),  
Deputy Mayor



Anna Morrison (C)



Harvey Richards (C)



Glen Williams (C)

← **East Ward Councillors**

**West Ward Councillors** →



Suzie Akers Smith (C),  
Town Mayor



Dawn Allen (UKIP)



Andrea Armitt (C)



Geoff Baggott (C)



Paul Bates (C)



Robert Boston (L)



Amanda Martin (C)



Jean Parry (C)



Maurice Walker (C)



Elizabeth Wardlaw (C)

C = Conservative; L = Labour;  
UKIP = UK Independence Party

## New Mayor for Congleton



A hundred years after women first got the vote, Congleton Town Council has three females holding three civic roles for the year. At a packed Town Hall in May, Cllr Suzie Akers Smith was elected Town Mayor for the civic year 2018-19, with Cllr Sally-Ann Holland as Deputy Mayor and Clara Jackson from the ATC as the Mayor's Cadet. Cllr Akers Smith consort is her husband Peter. The Town Mayor will be raising funds for the LOL foundation and Ruby's Fund as well as supporting projects promoting health, physical fitness and well-being.

To invite the Town Mayor to attend or support an event, contact 01260 270350, opt 4.

## Listen to Bear Necessities!



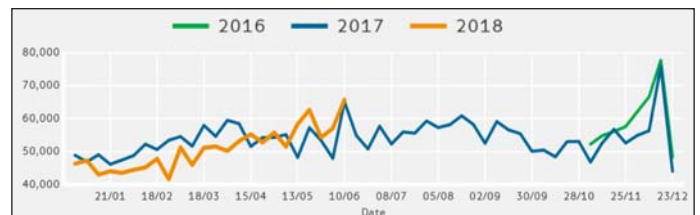
Congleton's Talking Newspaper will be recording Bear Necessities, starting with this edition! The Talking Newspaper is an organisation formed by The Lions, and supplies news to visually impaired people in and around Congleton. Four teams of wonderful volunteers take turns to produce a weekly audio memory stick covering news in the Chronicle. The recordings are sent free post to registered listeners. Those on the list

are supplied with simple to use equipment, free of charge, so that they can listen to the weekly audio sticks. If you know someone who could benefit from receiving the local Talking Newspaper, please contact Paul on 07738 992580 or Cynthia on 07986 490397 to find out more.

## Footfall in Pedestrian Area is Increasing!

Congleton has seen a steady rise in the number of people coming into the pedestrian area since the public realm works finished at the end of March. Congleton is one of seven towns across the UK that is taking part in an Institute of Place Management led project looking at how town centres work. As part of this project, a free footfall camera was installed in the pedestrian area and has been monitoring

footfall on an hourly basis since November 2016. The town centre has also benefited from a number of new premises opening in recent weeks. If you have not made it into town, come back and see the changes for yourself and support your local businesses.



## Congleton Neighbourhood Plan



As Bear Necessities went to print the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan was in the process of being sent to Cheshire East Council to go through regulation 15 consultation. The Congleton Neighbourhood Plan team has made revisions based on the feedback received in Regulation 14 and is happy that it reflects the views of the community. At regulation 15 there will be further opportunities for people to comment ahead of a referendum vote on whether or not to accept the plan.

## Health & Wellbeing Fayre

Congleton Partnership has partnered up with Mid Cheshire Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust to put on a major Health and Well-Being Fayre in Congleton Town Hall on Tuesday 2nd October. The event will run from 10am to 1pm and is expected to attract around 40 exhibitors. Put the date in your diary and look out for more details at:

[www.congletonpartnership.co.uk](http://www.congletonpartnership.co.uk)



# St. Peter's Bells Silenced for a Year

The bells of St. Peter's Church in Chapel Street will remain silent until 2019 in order to allow the new plaster ceiling to become completely dry and stable. St. Peter's is Congleton's Civic Church and the congregation has raised £291,000 along with help from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Congleton Town Council, the Inclosure Trust, other grants and individuals in order to restore the 18th century nave ceiling. Bell ringing will need to be suspended during and after plastering as it gently rocks the roof and

ceiling timbers. After the plaster has had 12 months to cure and set hard, new mineral wool insulation will be put in place and the bells will ring out in celebration!

St. Peter's will be open as part of Congleton's Heritage and Antiques Festival and the national Heritage Open Days on September 7th & 8th 2018 with displays about the history of the church, its links with the life of the town and a capsule found in the roof during renovation! Further details from 01260 272315

## Elizabeth - A Thoroughly Modern Woman

Congleton Museum's summer exhibition celebrates the centenary of the death of Congleton and Buglawton resident Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy, an unrecognised leader of the women's suffrage movement. In 1911, during the Coronation of George V, this staunch advocate of women's rights was acknowledged as 'England's oldest suffragist'. This was in recognition of her campaigning zeal in securing access to higher education for women, the passing of the Married Women's Property and Custody of Infants Acts and in establishing the principles upon which the subsequent suffrage movement led by the Pankhursts was founded. Congleton Museum is located behind the back of the Town Hall and is open six days a week. Entry is by donation.

In addition to the exhibition an 'Elizabeth's Group' has been formed, in the centenary year of some women getting the vote, with the aim of raising funds to create a suitable memorial/celebration to honour Elizabeth in the town where she lived and worked for so many years. Anyone wanting to join the group or find out more should contact Susan Munro, tel: 07534510841, or email: [suziemunro@btinternet.com](mailto:suziemunro@btinternet.com) Facebook: [www.facebook.com/elizabethsgroup](https://www.facebook.com/elizabethsgroup)



## Come and Play in Congleton!

Playday is the national day that celebrates a child's right to play - highlighting the importance of play in children's lives. Congleton Community Projects and Health Box are organising a Playday event on August 14th in Congleton's pedestrian area with lots of opportunities for kids to play from 10am - 2pm.

Activities include hoolah hooping, skipping and hopscotch, den building, giant board games like Connect 4 and Jenga, and even power bike smoothie making. For toddlers there will be activities in Moody St Garden organised by Hilltop Nursery. For more information contact [jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org](mailto:jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org)

## Congleton Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days have expanded to include two weekends in September, which are 6th-9th and 13th-16th. Several local properties will open for free on at least one of these days, including Congleton Bath House & Physic Garden, St Peter's Church, Little Moreton Hall, the Town Hall and Biddulph Grange. The Bath House & Physic Garden will welcome visitors from 10am to 4pm. Informative tours of the historic buildings will include the plunge pool and Adam-style garden seat, and a professional medicinal herbalist will take visitors on an exploration of the garden.

Further details are available from: [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)



## News In Brief...

### KEEPING YOUR DATA SAFE

A copy of Congleton Town Council's Privacy Notice can be downloaded at [www.congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk) and is in line with the new General Data Protection Regulations. The Town Council will only use your personal data for the purpose that it was provided and only keep it for as long as is necessary. We do not pass on personal data that you have given us unless we either have your permission or a legal or contractual reason for doing so.

### CONGLETON LINK ROAD

Providing the road passes the final Government Business Case review in August, work on this £90m scheme is expected to start in January 2019, with completion in winter 2020. Costs are being split £45m from the Department of Transport, £21m from developers and £24m from Cheshire East Council.

### CONGLETON LEISURE CENTRE

Work is still progressing to develop a new swimming pool and improved dry side facilities at the Congleton Leisure Centre site in Worrall Street. A planning application for this £9m project to upgrade the Leisure Centre, which was built in 1976 is expected in the next few months and then subject to approval, work will start later in the year.

### PADDLING POOL

Congleton Paddling Pool will remain open on all dry days until the 9th September. The pool area is limited to 300 people, and a one-in, one-out policy will be adopted once this number is reached. Please continue to respect local residents and clear up after yourselves so that the Paddling Pool can remain a pleasant venue for all.

### CONQUER CLOUD

A team fitness event taking part on Sunday 19th August - base camp will be at the Timbersbrook Picnic Area - a 6km trail with 10 physically demanding work stations. Enter in pairs (£40 per pair). Not for the faint-hearted! Food, entertainment and children's events at the base camp, see [www.conquerfitness.org.uk](http://www.conquerfitness.org.uk)

### GET INVOLVED!

Want to get involved in something new and meet some new people?

**Cheshire Wildlife Trust:** Is looking for more volunteers. Meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday. contact Adam Linnet on 01948 820728 or [alinet@cheshirewt.org.uk](mailto:alinet@cheshirewt.org.uk)

**Company Corner:** Meets every Monday from 10am-12 noon at Congleton Cricket Club

**Canal & Railway Tidy Group:** Meets each 4th Thursday of the month, 10am-2pm. Contact Duncan: 07584 285766; or Piers: 07742 450068

**Old Saw Mill:** Back River Street, off Antrobus Street. Pop in as a customer, or sign up to assist for a couple of hours to help keep this growing community hub a great place for all.

## CONGLETON JAZZ AND BLUES

The 9th Congleton Jazz and Blues Festival takes place on the August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th.

The festival is hosted in 21 venues throughout the town with more than 65 FREE gigs over the two days. The music covers a wide range of traditional and modern Jazz and Blues sounds as well as some great local bands and artists providing some excellent entertainment either side of Jazz and Blues! The festival artistes hail from all over the country. The weekend of music will start with a traditional umbrella parade on Saturday 25th at 1.30pm, meeting at the top of 'Woolies Wall' near Royal Bank of Scotland and marching towards the Bath House. For more details, see the programme on: [www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk](http://www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/congojazzblues](https://www.facebook.com/congojazzblues)



## FREE Concerts in Congleton Park

Congleton's Bandstand is the venue for a number of free Sunday afternoon concerts in Congleton Park this summer. Friends of Congleton Park oversee the events and puts out a limited number of chairs. The Concerts are from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

### Events planned for July - September:

- 8th July: Lions Youth Brass Band
- 29th July: Rode Hall Brass Band
- 5th Aug: U3A "The Encores" 50s & 60s Band
- 12th August: Salt City Jazz Men
- 19th August: Rode Hall Brass Band
- 9th September: Children's Treasure Hunt, 1-2pm followed by the eighth annual Lions Ducks Race, 2-4pm.

For more Park events or information about the Park or the Friends Team, see: [www.friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk)



*Why not pop along and explore the Back to Back gardens in the park polytunnels – Open from 2pm–4pm on Saturdays and Sundays, in August and September.*

## 35th Congleton Half Marathon

Entries are open now for the 2018 Congleton Half Marathon! Organised by Congleton Harriers, this year's event takes place on Sunday 7th October at 9:30am, starting at Congleton High School. Over its 35 years history, this race has developed a great



reputation for its scenic routes and friendly marshalling. All race finishers will receive a souvenir technical t-shirt and medal.

The Congleton Half Marathon has raised thousands of pounds for charity, including over £4,000 last year. This year's chosen charity is Ronald McDonald House, at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. Find out more: [www.congletonhalfmarathon.co.uk](http://www.congletonhalfmarathon.co.uk) or 'Congleton Half Marathon' on facebook. Secure your place at: [www.BookitZone.com](http://www.BookitZone.com) Places are limited. Minimum age is 17.

Congleton Harriers always welcome newcomers, and runs three club runs a week.

## Congleton Horticultural Society

Do you have flowers, photos, handicrafts, vegetables, or cookery items you would like to display? Congleton and District Horticultural Show in the Town Hall on Saturday 1st September is the place to show them off! Entry forms need to be in by Wednesday 29th August and can be

submitted to the Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall or the Horticultural Club Secretary tel: 01782 514326. The show is open to the public from 10.30am - 3.15pm with the presentation and trophies being at 3pm. Admission is just 50p and FREE for accompanying children.

## Other dates for your diary...

### July

- 1st Museum Walk "Mill Walks and Industrial Yarns", Congleton Museum, 2pm
- 4th Cooking for Congleton, Congleton Learning Centre, Riverside
- 5th CTC Finance & Policy Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 7th Congleton Carnival Procession & Fun Day 11am - 8pm
- 7th Congleton Players- One Act Playwriting Festival, Daneside Theatre, 7.30pm
- 12th CTC Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 13th-14th: Ruby's Fund Camping Weekend, Glebe Farm
- 14th Congleton Choral Society- Summer Concert, Town Hall
- 19th NHS Blood Service, Town Hall, 1.45-4.15pm - 5.30-7.45pm
- 19th CTC Planning Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 22nd Film at Daneside "Edie", Daneside Theatre, 7pm
- 24th North West in Bloom judging
- 26th CTC Town Hall Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm

### August

- 2nd CTC Community, Environment & Services Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 2nd Britain in Bloom Judging
- 3rd NHS Blood Service, Town Hall, 1.45-4.15pm - 5.30-7.45pm
- 5th Museum Walk "Congleton and the Age of Enlightenment", Congleton Museum, 2pm
- 9th CTC Planning Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 14th Congleton Play Day - Town Centre 10am - 2pm
- 17th First Congleton Ladies' Probus Club Talk, Congleton Tennis Club, 10.30am
- 17th-18th: SOL Theatre School present "Spamalot", Daneside Theatre, 7.30pm
- 25th-26th: Jazz and Blues Festival

### September

- 1st Congleton & District Horticultural Show, Town Hall
- 2nd Clonter Fair, Clonter Opera, 10am
- 2nd Museum Walk "From Mansion to Cottage", Congleton Museum, 2pm
- 6th CTC Planning Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 6th-9th & 13th-16th: National Heritage Days
- 8th-23rd: Congleton Heritage & Antiques Festival
- 9th Congleton Paddling Pool Closes for the Summer Season
- 13th CTC Finance & Policy Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 19th NHS Blood Service, Town Hall, 1.45-4.15pm - 5.30-7.45pm
- 20th CTC Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm
- 21st First Congleton Ladies' Probus Club Talk, Congleton Tennis Club, 10.30am
- 21st Medieval Banquet, Town Hall - Ticketed
- 27th CTC Community, Environment & Services Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm

### October

- 2nd Health & Wellbeing Fayre, Town Hall, 10am
- 4th NHS Blood Service, Town Hall, 1.45-4.15pm - 5.30-7.45pm
- 4th CTC Planning Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend Congleton Town Council (CTC) meetings, and may ask a question at full council. To do this you are requested to advise the Chief Officer, in writing or by e-mail, at least 7 working days before the day of the meeting. Please note, there could be items towards the end of the meeting, which by law, require the press and public to be excluded.

For Daneside Theatre productions contact Congleton Tourist Information on 01260 271095.

For Congleton Town Council (CTC) contact 01260 270350. For more events see [www.congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk)

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# Annual Town Report Summary

**2017 - 2018 has been another good year for Congleton, with a £1 million town centre public realm works delivered, overall winners of North West In Bloom large town, and a Royal Visit from the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall in January. The community events grow stronger each year, with the Food & Drink Festival, Christmas Lights Switch-On, Congleton Triathlon and Jazz & Blues Festival to name a few. Congleton has also seen the introduction of a monthly makers market, bringing more people into town.**

Below is a summary of Town Council's Annual Report 2017-18. The Council year runs from 1st April 2017 until the 31st March 2018.

Congleton Town Council is one of the largest of the 108 Local Councils in Cheshire East covering an area of 2255 hectares with a population of around 26,900. Congleton Town Council services the local community by:

- *Managing a range of local services and facilities to benefit Congleton including the Town Hall, Streetscape and grounds maintenance services, padding pool and allotments.*
- *Providing financial support to a variety of community groups and organisations which support the wellbeing of Congleton residents.*
- *Encouraging economic development and regeneration of the town.*

## How the Town Council is Financed

The majority of the Town Council's funds come from a precept which is added to the Council Tax levy set by Cheshire East. In 2017-18 the precept was £798,212. Total cost of Streetscape services was £510,936 of which £366,706 is funded through the Cheshire East Council contract. The chart is a summary of expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2018. The funds are spent providing services and representing the people of Congleton.

The Town Council also supports local voluntary and community groups with approximately £61,855 worth of grants in 2017-18.

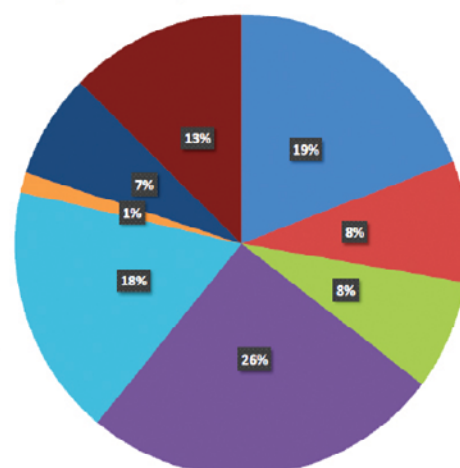
## 2017-18 Some of the Key Achievements

- *Engaging in the towns next generation by supporting youth organisations and facilities and working with the Town's Youth Council Committee and engaging with schools.*
- *Began a long-term project, working with Congleton Partnership to make Congleton a Dementia Friendly Town.*
- *Seeking to create better sport and leisure facilities, which promote healthy lifestyles.*
- *Making the town safer by part funding PCSOs and CCTV and supporting PubWatch and Cheshire East Winter gritting.*
- *Developing policies in the Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard green open spaces and encourage sustainable transport.*
- *Worked with volunteer fundraisers to place the statue of the war hero dog Treo.*
- *Working with Congleton Cenotaph group to gain planning permission to renovate the area.*
- *Promote Congleton Link Road to improve access to business parks, reduce congestion, improve air quality and access to the Town Centre.*
- *Increased Town Hall bookings and created more efficiency savings to reduce the Town Hall running cost deficit.*

## Congleton Town Council Management Accounts: March 2018

Category	Amount
Gen Admin and running costs	145,135
Civic	64,794
Grants	58,062
Community and Environment	194,268
Streetscape	133,936
In Bloom	10,586
Town Hall	55,797
Capital	95,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>757,981</b>

Expenditure 2017/18



# Congleton: Britain in Bloom

## National Finalists for 2018!



Congleton, for the third time in five years, has the honour of representing the North West in the RHS Britain in Bloom finals. We earned this place by winning the North West in Bloom competition in 2017. The Britain in Bloom judges will be in town on Thursday 2nd August, just 8 days after the North West in Bloom judges on the Tuesday 24th July.

During their visit the judges will be looking at community participation, environmental responsibility and horticultural achievements. Congleton will be judged alongside some major towns across the UK. During the visit the judges will consider everything they see, both at the attractions such as the Park or

Astbury Mere and on the journeys inbetween. The Congleton In Bloom team is looking for as much support as possible for this competition and to make the town look its very best for our residents, workers and visitors this summer. If we can win the large town group in the finals the next stage is the Champions of Champions group which would be a massive achievement.

### Improvements over the past couple of years include:

- Complete transformation of Moody Street Garden
- £1 million public realm scheme in the town centre - with new street furniture, planters, lights and seating areas
- Renovating the Community Polytunnel
- Development of the Bath House and Physic Garden
- A huge amount of work by Buglawton in Bloom to improve their area
- Creating a 'Secret' Garden at the Old Saw Mill
- Adding a new statue seat, sustainable planting, interpretation boards and 5 year plan for Congleton Park
- Greening Mountbatten Way with 17 new planters and trees
- Adding several trees across the Congleton area
- Improvement work to canal and other pathways and ROW routes
- Introduction of more events including a Heritage and Antiques two week Festival a Flower Festival at St. Peter's Church and a Makers Market
- Increased occupancy rates and footfall in the town centre
- New destination maps
- Work with various care homes to improve planting and providing In Bloom enjoyment
- Creating a Garden of Reflection and new entry to West Street play area
- New signage and equipment in the play areas.



**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle:** Congleton In Bloom is also about environmental responsibility encouraging the reduction of waste creation and re-using products where possible. For more details see [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste\\_and\\_recycling/what-waste-goes-where](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/waste_and_recycling/what-waste-goes-where)

### Hillary Avenue Allotments 10th Anniversary

**Celebration Event:** Hillary Avenue Allotments will be holding a 10th Anniversary celebration on Saturday 14th July. The Allotments, which can be found between Hillary Avenue and Hutton Drive on Bromley Farm are owned by Congleton Town Council and run by Hillary Avenue Allotment Association. The Allotments are a firm favourite with the In Bloom judges, having received the outstanding award several times. The celebration is from 2-4pm and there will be chance to join in with a range of hands-on activities as well as some fun and a BBQ.

**Back to Back Gardens:** '20' and '5' will be the theme of this year's Back to Back Gardens in the Community Poly Tunnel in the park; celebrating five years of back to back gardens and 20 years of Congleton in Bloom. There will be 10 gardens, designed by young people aged 2-20. Their gardens will be open for all to enjoy every weekend in August and September from 2- 4pm.



**Area Litter Picks:** The Town Council has plenty of litter pickers and hoops and these are available for local groups and organisations to borrow free of charge. You can also join in co-ordinated litter picks such as on Monday 23rd July and Thursday 1st August - meeting at the Community Garden in Lawton Street at 6pm.

**Nominate your Favourite Garden:** Let the In Bloom team know about your favourite front gardens in Congleton. Email [info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk) with the address of your favourite front garden, if the In Bloom team agrees then we'll sort a picture and add them to the publicity boards.

**Don't Drop Litter!** The Town Council empties 165 litter bins in and around Congleton, many of them every day. Please use these bins or take your litter home with you - leaving litter is disrespectful to others and could also make you liable to an £80 fine!

**GET INVOLVED  
WITH CONGLETON IN BLOOM...**

If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact: Ruth Burgess, Streetscape Development Manager, on 01260 270350, ext 2, or [rb@congletontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:rb@congletontowncouncil.co.uk)

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