

Congleton looks forward to welcoming you!



Congleton is a friendly town, with an exceptional location set in some of the most scenic countryside around! For visitors and residents there is a wealth of natural and man-made attractions right on the doorstep ready to be explored!

The town benefits from a vibrant events programme. Visitors flock to the town for the annual Unplugged Musical event in March, the Food and Drink Festival and Brass on the Grass in June, Jazz and Blues Festival in August and Christmas Lights extravaganza in November. New for 2019 is Congleton Pride, taking place on the 20th July.

Congleton has a fabulous floral reputation, having won North West in Bloom Large Town for the four of the past six years and represented the North West in the Britain in Bloom finals three times since 2014. You will also notice a number of bear statues and bear references around the town, relating to the town's nickname of 'Beartown'.

Over the past couple of years Congleton Town Centre has benefited from a £1 million revamp to its pedestrian area, and has welcomed some great new independent shops. There are over 200 shops and businesses ready to welcome you - including a marvellous range of eateries, catering for all tastes and budgets. The town also has a number of micro-breweries and CAMRA listed pubs.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Congleton. For more about the town and what's on see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

How to get to Congleton...

Travel information...



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



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



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

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

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Congleton Tourist Information Centre
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Congleton

EVENT DAYS

& attractions

2019

Cheshire
Community
Pride Overall
Champion 2018

Britain in
Bloom Gold
Finalist 2018



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



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What's on in Congleton -

April

- 9th Easter Treats Day, Town Centre, 10.30am-1.30pm
 9th-22nd Hop around the Shops Easter Egg Hunt, Town Centre.
 - A number of the towns' shops have joined together in an Easter 'hop around the shops' - a fun activity for children, to explore local shops and collect stamps in order to earn a chocolate prize.
- 19th Churches Together Easter Service in the Town Centre 12 noon.
- 28th Congleton Town Mayor's Charity Sprint Triathlon & Go-Tri, Congleton Park, 1.30pm.
 - "The Year to Tri" come to watch and cheer on the individuals and teams participating in the Triathlon and visit the local sports group stalls.

May

- 2nd Congleton Town Council & Cheshire East Election Day.
- 11th Hidden Theatre performance, various venues and times.
- 16th Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm.
- 18th Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden Open Day 10am - 4pm Free Entry.
- 23rd Annual Town Council Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony, Town Hall, 7pm.
- 25th Congleton Paddling Pool opens for the Summer Season 10am - 6pm daily.

June

- 2nd Congleton Town Mayor Civic Parade & Service.
- 2nd Pantonic Steel Orchestra, Congleton Park 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 9th Congleton Food & Drink Festival, Town Centre, 10.30am-4.30pm.
 - The Town Centre will be filled with stalls offering delicious local produce, street foods and drinks, with music and entertainment throughout. www.foodanddrinkfestival.net
- 9th Cry Baby & the Hootchi Cootchi Band, Congleton Park, 4.30pm - 6.30pm.
- 16th Congleton Brass on the Grass, Congleton Park, 1.30pm - 5.30pm.
 - Annual concert showcasing a number of bands playing from the Bandstand.
- 23rd Audley Silver Band, Congleton Park, 2.30pm.

July

- 7th Lions Youth Brass Band Concert, Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 14th Barnton Silver Band, Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 20th Congleton Pride Event, Town Centre 10am - 4pm and carries on in various bars in the evening.
 - Congleton is host to its first ever Pride event, a celebration of diversity.
- 21st The Friday Night Band, Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 28th Rode Hall Brass Band, Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

Congleton will compete in the In Bloom competition at regional level this year.



August

- 4th The Encores (50s & 60s Band), Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 6th Play Day in the Town Centre, 11am - 2pm.
- 11th Pastry Shoes, Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 18th Rode Hall Silver Band, Congleton Park, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
- 23rd-25th Congleton Jazz & Blues Festival.
 - August Bank Holiday weekend is set to be filled with music! A variety of acts will take to the stage performing in different locations around the town.
www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk
- August/ September weekends- Congleton Youth In Bloom present their Back2Back Gardens, Community Polytunnel, Congleton Park, 2pm - 4pm.

September

- 7th Congleton & District Horticultural Society Exhibition, Town Hall.
- 8th Congleton Lions Annual Duck Race, Congleton Park, 2pm.
- 8th Congleton Paddling Pool Closes for the Summer Season.
- 13th-22nd Heritage Open Days.

October

- 1st Health & Wellbeing Fayre, Town Hall, 10am - 1pm.
- 6th The 36th Congleton Half Marathon, meeting at Race HQ- Congleton High School, 9.30am.

November

- 2nd The Rotary Bonfire, Congleton Park.
 - Congleton Rotary Club will be lighting the skies with their Annual Bonfire night in the park. Bonfire, firework displays and attractions enjoyed by many.
www.congletonrotary.co.uk
- 8th Remembrance Concert, Town Hall.
- 10th Remembrance Parade, Service & Reception.
 - Led by the Royal British Legion, many Congletonians join the parade and march to Congleton Cenotaph to pay their respects on the day of remembrance.
- 23rd Congleton Christmas Festival, Town Centre, 11am-6pm.
 - The Town Centre will be filled with festive fun including, a Christmas Makers Market, street and stage entertainment, grand lantern parade and a visit from Santa Claus.



Regulars

Congleton's Makers Market
 Held on the last Saturday of every month from 10am-4pm.
 This is in addition to the regular Market.
www.themakersmarket.co.uk

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

Congleton Museum
 The museum is host to monthly talks and walks with local historians. Museum Talks on the last Tuesday of every month and Museum Walks on the first Sunday of the month- both starting at 2pm.
www.congletonmuseum.co.uk

Your Guide to some of Congleton's Key Attractions



Congleton Town Hall

Congleton Town Hall is a key venue in the heart of Congleton which plays host to a wide range of public events including fayres, concerts, soul nights, ghost hunts, wrestling, exhibitions, charity fundraisers and dances. To find out more about events, or to hire one of three rooms available in the Town Hall, see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

Congleton Tourist Information Centre
Town Hall, High Street



- 1 Congleton Park**
 Congleton Park is a stunning Victorian park complete with river walk, children's play area, ancient woodland walks, bowling green, bandstand, amazing flower beds and pavilion café-and all just 5 minutes walk from the town centre. Park events held throughout the summer see. www.friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk
- 2 Astbury Mere Country Park**
 This beautiful Country Park was a former sand quarry. It is run by a charitable trust and is one of the most visited free attractions in the North West. An all-weather path around the mere makes walking easy for all abilities while the sail school provides visitors with a greater challenge! The Visitors Centre is open 9am-5pm most days. www.astburymerecountrypark.uk
- 3 Paddling Pool**
 Congleton Paddling Pool has kept children happy during the summer months since the 1930s. Renovated and managed by the Town Council the pool is open daily from the end of May until early September from 10am-6pm. www.congleton-tc.gov.uk
- 4 Town Centre**
 Congleton is a bustling market town with a great mix of more than 200 shops, cafés, restaurants, pubs and town centre businesses catering for a wide range of tastes and budgets. There's a market every Tuesday and Saturday, a Makers Market on the last Saturday of the month and a car boot on Sunday. For a full list of shops see www.congleton-tc.gov.uk
- 5 Congleton Museum**
 Brings life to characters, lives and histories of Congleton through the ages. It can be found in Market Square at the back of the Town Hall and is open 10.30am - 4.15pm Tuesday to Saturday and 12 noon - 4.15pm on Sunday. Entrance is by donation. www.congletonmuseum.co.uk
- 6 Victoria Mill Antiques and Collectable Centre**
 Spread over three floors it is easy to lose track of time in this fascinating former mill building which is packed full of interesting antiques, artefacts and resident artists-as well as a café. The mill is open daily from 10am-4pm. Free entry and free parking. www.victoriamillantiques.co.uk
- 7 Electric Picture House**
 Newly housed in Spindle Mill, Spindle Street, CW12 1QN- the Electric Picture House is home to an art gallery, artist studios and community arts space. The venue is used for art exhibitions, workshops, theatre, music and Congleton Community Projects. Visitors are very welcome 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday. www.electricpicturehouse.com
- 8 Daneside Theatre**
 Congleton's very own theatre located in Park Road. The Theatre offers a wide range of top quality productions throughout the year. It also hosts a monthly film night. www.danesidetheatre.co.uk
- 9 Old Saw Mill**
 Hidden away in Back River Street this is a community hub with a large heart. Run mainly by volunteers it offers a lounge, café, secret garden and a large programme of events. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Facebook @OldSawMill
- 10 Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden**
 The bath-house and garden are so well hidden that many townspeople have no idea they are there! A delightful find close to the centre of town. The Bath House only opens occasionally but the gardens are accessible at all times. www.congletonbpt.wordpress.com

Live Music - Good night out!

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