

CONGLETON IS CELEBRATING

750 years since the town gained its first Charter in 1272.

The Charter gave the townsfolk certain rights including the ability for men to own land and trade. The Charter also gave rights to appoint a Mayor, Town Crier, Catchpole and Ale Taster. Look out for these costumed characters as they play a part in the 750 charter celebrations!

Over the past 750 years Congleton has grown and blossomed. The town has intriguing links with royalty and parliament, particularly around King Charles 1. You can find out more about our history at our small but perfectly formed Congleton Museum run by a local trust.

Today the town is better known for its blooms, beers and bears! Congleton has represented the North West in the Britain in Bloom finals five times in the past 10 years - including this year. The town is home to some award-winning breweries and visitors will notice lots of references to bears, Congleton is nicknamed **BEARTOWN!**

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

SAT 13 Aug. 12 noon-6pm

Don't miss out on the chance to watch the Knights of Nottingham's dazzling jousting displays, take part in the Dragon Quest and meet Dreygo the big red Dragon! Try your hand at medieval style arts and crafts, hear traditional medieval music, enjoy food and drink and generally enjoy a fabulous day in the park.

CONGLETON has around 50 places to eat and drink, with culinary delights to suit all tastes and pockets. Individually owned shops make shopping personal and pleasurable. The town also has a fantastic park, paddling pool and theatre.

SO MUCH TO OFFER, SO EASY TO VISIT!

Congleton, Cheshire is about an hour north of Birmingham and 45 minutes south of Manchester. There are regular trains from Stoke and Manchester and the town is on bus routes from Hanley and Crewe. Congleton is about 7 miles from junctions 17 and 18 of the M6 and is close to the Peak District National Park.

The town is an easy day trip for millions, but with so many great bars and restaurants plus some top National Trust properties on our doorstep why not make a historic staycation!

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CELEBRATION

CELEBRATE CONGLETON'S 750TH CHARTER YEAR 1272- 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION

on places to stay in Congleton and to buy some great 750 merchandise, contact the Information Centre on: **01260 270350** ext 1 or email: **info@congleton-tc.gov.uk**



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From early rights to the town of today!
Enjoy a visit to Congleton in 2022
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Coming into Congleton you'll know something special is happening. See the hand-painted heraldic flags above shops, the medieval-style banners on Mountbatten Way and the floral plaque in the park. Congleton is dressed to impress! Visit the Information Centre in the Town Hall for a heraldic trail to find out more about the flags.

SOAK UP THE 750 VIBE AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS



BEATING THE BOUNDS



Hundreds of people 'Beat the Bounds' on an organised walk around the town's boundaries. You can do a self-guided walk along all or part of the 9.9-mile route. Download at www.congleton750.org or pick up a leaflet in the Information Centre.

OTHER HISTORIC OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Attend an Open Day at the Bath House and Physic Garden on Sat 14 May or Sat 17 Sept. At other times enjoy a self-guided tour of this hidden gem. www.congletonbhpg.co.uk

PRIESTY WALK TO ASTBURY CHURCH Sun 3 July

In 1272 Congleton was in the parish of Astbury. Follow the footsteps of priests from centuries ago along the ancient route between the two settlements. Tickets include tea, cakes and a tour of the church. www.congleton750.org

ENJOY HERALDIC BACK-TO-BACK GARDENS

Local groups will reflect the 'Heraldic Flag' theme in special back-to-back gardens, open for viewing in the Congleton Park polytunnels during the weekends in late July and August.

OUR ELIZABETH

The Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy statue in the town centre was unveiled in March. Elizabeth lived in Congleton for much of her life and had a big impact on the lives of women thanks to her relentless campaigning. www.elizabethelmy.com



JOIN IN THE ALE TRAIL

Pick up a free **Congleton Ale Taster Guide to Ale Pubs in Congleton**. Some of our local breweries are making specially named beers just for 2022! [#congleton750](https://twitter.com/congleton750)

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Thur 2 June. 1pm-5.30pm
Congleton Park. Bring a picnic and enjoy live music, stalls, children's games, Punch and Judy and RSPCA dog show.



JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES

FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL



Sun 12 June 10.30am-4.30pm
The town centre will be filled with stalls offering delicious local produce, street food and drink, music and entertainment. www.foodanddrinkfestival.net

ASTONBURY MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL

Fri 1-2 July. Glebe Farm, Astbury
All profits going to local charities. Tickets available from Glebe Farm. www.glebefarmastbury.co.uk

PRIDE FESTIVAL

Sat 23 July. 10am-4pm. Congleton Town Centre
A colourful event full of stalls, entertainment, food and drink plus much more! www.congletonpride.co.uk

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL DAY



Sat 13 Aug. 12noon - 6pm Congleton Park
Free entry festival day! Come along and see the Knights of Nottingham plus lots of other entertainment, food and drink stalls and much more.



JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL

August Bank Holiday
Congleton will come alive with the sound of music at this free festival. Something for everyone at great venues across the town. www.congletonjazzandblues.co.uk

HERITAGE & ANTIQUES FESTIVAL Sat 10 - Sun 25 Sept

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

MEDIEVAL BANQUET Fri 30 Sept. Congleton Town Hall

On the day after Michaelmas there will be a chance to eat, drink, dance and be merry. Get your costume ready! Ticketed event, email: info@congleton-tc.gov

750 BEER FESTIVAL

Sat 29-30 Oct. (provisional date)
Join the Ale Taster and friends as Congleton showcases many of its finest local brews in the Town Hall.

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BEARTOWN PATCHWORK & QUILTERS EXHIBITION

Fri 24 - Sun 26 June
Congleton Town Hall
View an exhibition of quilts from the traditional to the modern and contemporary. www.beartownpandq.co.uk

EXHIBITIONS AND WORKSHOPS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



Tues 5 - Sat 9 July
Congleton Town Hall
Experience what life was like in Congleton in 1272. Living History Exhibition open to school groups in the week.

Public viewing with speakers on
Fri 8 July. 7pm.
Exhibition open to the public on
Sat 9 July. 10am - 2pm.



CREATIVE ARTS, KIDS' WORKSHOP

Tue 9 - Thur 11 Aug. Electric Picture House
Art workshops with a Medieval twist run by professional artists - find out about the materials used by artists in the Thirteenth Century. To book email: electricpicturehouse@gmail.com or tel: 01260 270908.

CONGLETON MUSEUM daily apart from Mondays



Congleton Museum

Find out more about the characters, buildings and history of Congleton in our fascinating local museum. Look out for a new history book, based around 100 objects which have a particular resonance with aspects of the town's history.

Free entry although donations towards the running costs are highly appreciated!



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