

# Congleton Events & Attractions Guide



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# Welcome

Welcome to Congleton, a friendly market town nestled in South East Cheshire, where vibrant events and activities await you all year-round.

We invite you to delve deeper into the heart of Congleton, in this booklet we'll introduce you to some of our most beloved attractions and key events. Whether you're a visitor or a local, we aim to showcase the best of what our town has to offer.

Throughout the year, our calendar is brimming with events to suit every taste and interest. From lively festivals celebrating music, food, and culture to charming markets showcasing local artisans and producers, there's always something happening in Congleton.

But it's not just about the events; Congleton boasts a collection of popular attractions that cater to a diverse range of interests. Whether you're a history buff eager to uncover the town's storied past, a culture vulture in search of creative inspiration, or an outdoor enthusiast looking for adventure, Congleton has something special for everyone.

An unforgettable experience awaits for all who visit. So, come and discover the hidden gems and vibrant spirit that make Congleton a destination worth exploring.

For the latest updates on events and news, be sure to visit: [www.congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.congleton-tc.gov.uk). Let the adventure begin!



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## Congleton Unplugged Town Centre Venues

Congleton Live CIC

 [congletonjazzandblues.co.uk](http://congletonjazzandblues.co.uk) • 

Embark on a musical journey like no other, this dynamic event promises an extraordinary weekend filled with over 40 gigs spanning an array of genres, all showcased in fantastic venues across town.

Dive into the soulful melodies of jazz, feel the rhythm of electrifying blues and grove to indie vibes – there's something for every music lover. With a lineup set to captivate and entertain, attendees are guaranteed an unforgettable experience.

All gigs during the main weekend are absolutely FREE to attend, ensuring that the magic of live music is accessible to all. It's an opportunity for the community to come together, and celebrate the vibrant cultural scene of Congleton.

There will be a selection of popular ticketed events to keep the musical momentum going strong. Whether you're a seasoned music enthusiast or someone looking to explore new sounds, Unplugged promises a celebration to remember.

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15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

FREE



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## Health & Wellbeing Fayre 10am-3pm

Congleton Partnership & Congleton Town Council

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A day of enriching activities, workshops, and exhibits for leading a happy and healthy lifestyle. With more than 35 exhibitors, attendees will have the unique chance to explore a variety of health and wellness services. Whether it's fitness, mental health support, community activities, or specialised services, there will be something for everyone. Plus The Big Clothes Movement, goody bags and raffle prizes! The event is particularly well suited to those aged 50+, drop in at anytime. Enjoy complimentary refreshments in Bluey's Café.

FREE

26<sup>th</sup>



Location: Congleton Town Hall

**COMMUNITY  
HEALTH &  
WELLBEING FAYRE**

*Free Entry, Drop in and see what  
your community has to offer!*

Workshops and Training Sessions:

**Defibrillator Training by Congleton Lions & Northwest Ambulance Service:**

Learn how to do lifesaving CPR and how to use a defibrillator in an emergency.

**Dementia Friends Workshop, 10:30am:** Gain insights into effective communications and supportive measures for enhancing the lives of those living with dementia.

**Energy-Saving Talk by Citizens Advice, 11.30am:** Navigating the energy crisis, with practical tips for reducing energy consumption and saving money.

**Chair-Based Aerobics with Becky Morley, 2pm:** Perfect for all fitness levels, improve co-ordination and flexibility in a fun, inclusive environment.

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## Hop around the Shops Easter Trail, Town Centre

1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

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This delightful celebration promises fun-filled activities for families to enjoy during the holiday season. A day not to be missed is 'Easter Treats', offering egg-citing games and entertainment, including crafts, farm animals, seed planting, face painting, circus skills and much more. Perhaps, there might even be an appearance from Billy, the giant Rabbit!

FREE

Featuring  
'Easter Treats  
Day' 9<sup>th</sup>,  
11am-2pm

One of the highlights is the ever popular 'Hop Around the Shops' trail, where families can embark on an adventure, hopping from one shop to another searching for clues with an Easter treat at the end. The trail runs from Easter Saturday to 15 April, promising an egg-cellent time for all participants.

Embark on a Peter Rabbit Scavenger Hunt in Congleton Park on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.



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Trails available to download online or copies from the Congleton Information Centre

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## Town Mayor's Charity Ball, Town Hall

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Join Congleton Town Mayor for an evening of elegance, entertainment and fundraising. Indulge in a delectable three-course meal and dance the night away to the sensational sounds of 'The Sound Party', performing 80s and 90s classics live. Plus a chance to win some amazing raffle prizes. Every ticket sold contributes to the mayor's charities - Visyon and Vale Juniors Kickabout.

Ticketed  
£40



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FREE

## Annual Town Meeting 7pm, Town Hall

Congleton Town Council  
 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

9<sup>th</sup>

All Congleton residents, businesses, and local groups are invited.

This gathering isn't a council meeting; rather, it's an opportunity for people to come together, voice their concerns, and ask questions about issues affecting the town.

Chaired by the town mayor, the meeting will include a review of the year, presentations and an open session. It's a chance to have your voice heard and contribute to the ongoing development and well-being of our community.



Have  
Your  
Say

16<sup>th</sup>

## Mayor Making 7pm, Town Hall

Congleton Town Council  
 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

In the time-honoured tradition of Congleton, don't miss this opportunity to witness the annual proceedings. Town councillors will elect one of their fellow councillors to assume the prestigious role of town mayor for the 2024-25 civic year, and offer thanks to the out-going Town Mayor, Cllr Rob Moreton after his successful term in office.

FREE



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# May

## Congleton War Memorial Hospital 'Centenary Celebration' 27<sup>th</sup>

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 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

FREE

Get ready to revel in the spirit of the Roaring Twenties to celebrate 100 years of Congleton's Hospital. To honour this momentous milestone everyone is invited to join in the festivities, featuring a 1920s swing band, live music, traditional games, RSPCA dog show, side stalls, food and drink, a charity hospital bed race!

Established in 1924 and opened by HRH Duke of York (later King George VI), the hospital holds a significant place in the town's history. East Cheshire



Share your stories and experiences by submitting them to: [ecntstaff.comms@nhs.net](mailto:ecntstaff.comms@nhs.net)



NHS Trust encourages local residents to contribute their cherished memories of the hospital to an online portal.

## Stay connected to all the latest events, news, and what's on!



Stay informed and never miss out on the latest happenings by visiting our website: [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk). Whether you're looking for upcoming events, or the latest in entertainment, our website is your one-stop destination. With timely updates and comprehensive coverage, we ensure that you're always in the know about what's happening in your community. From changes to scheduled events to exciting new announcements, our website keeps you informed and engaged every step of the way.

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## Town Mayor's Parade & Civic Service

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 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

FREE

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Welcome the new town mayor with excitement and cheer! Local

groups and organisations are invited to participate in the lively parade happening in the heart of the town centre. Spectators are invited to be part of this memorable occasion too! Let's come together to celebrate our wonderful town and new mayor as they signify their future commitment to the community.



6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

## Everybody Games Congleton Leisure Centre

Register via:  [everybody.org.uk/everybody-games/](http://everybody.org.uk/everybody-games/) or email:  [sport@everybody.org.uk](mailto:sport@everybody.org.uk)

FREE

A 3-day extravaganza is planned to celebrate 10 years of Everybody. From obstacle courses, archery, giant puzzles, water challenges, an inflatable dart board and much more. The event is designed to test both your mind and body. An unforgettable experience filled with fun, laughter, and healthy competition. With prizes to be won, could you be the Everybody Games Champion?



Assemble your team and showcase your skills! Enter a team of 8 into the Inclusive Games, School Games, or Community Games. Spaces are limited, don't miss your chance to take part.



Get yourself Everybody Games ready at Congleton Leisure Centre with gym, swim, classes, sport, spa and more. Get in touch to find out more.



Jun

## Food & Drink Festival 10.30am-4.30pm, Town Centre

Congleton Community Projects

 [congletoncommunityprojects.org](http://congletoncommunityprojects.org) • 

FREE

Bring your appetite, your sense of adventure, and your love for great food as the town comes together to indulge in a day of culinary delights! This vibrant event transforms the town centre into a bustling hub of gastronomic delights.

Discover the finest local produce alongside a diverse selection of world street food. Shop for savoury delights to sweet treats. Quench your thirst with a tantalising variety of craft beers, ciders, gins and innovative mocktails.

Enjoy the lively atmosphere enhanced by live music, street entertainment, and kids' activities.

High Street, Mill Street, and Swan Bank will be closed to traffic from 7am to 6pm. This allows the 20,000+ visitors to wander safely while purchasing top quality local produce.



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30<sup>th</sup>

## Lions Duck Race

Congleton Lions Club

Prepare to have a quacking good time at the 12th Annual Duck Race. Tickets in advance from the Congleton Information Centre or get your ducks on the day! Local businesses also have the opportunity to sponsor a duck. It's sure to be a feather-filled day of excitement!

Jul

## 60th Anniversary of the Royal Horticultural Society 12pm-4pm, Congleton Park

Congleton Town Council  [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

FREE

7<sup>th</sup>



Come and join the special celebration hosted by Congleton in Bloom and Friends of Congleton Park.

The festival promises an enriching experience for all. Discover delightful garden displays, community stalls, mini hands-on workshops, food stalls and kids' activities to keep the little ones entertained. Witness toe-tapping performances from the talented Youth Band of Congleton Lions plus live music throughout the day.

Marvel at the beautiful blooms adorning the award-winning park, highlighting the hard work and dedication of the volunteers. With an emphasis on togetherness, the anniversary promises to be a joyous occasion set in stunning surroundings.

Over the past two decades, Congleton has had amazing success in regional and national RHS In Bloom competitions scooping 20 gold medals for its horticultural excellence, community involvement and environmental responsibility. Congleton has represented the North West in the national large town finals in 2001, 2007, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2022, winning four gold medals.



15<sup>th</sup>

## Green Fest, Astbury Mere 10am-4pm

Congleton Climate Action Group • 

FREE

This exciting new event promises a day filled with environmental awareness and positive action.

Whether you're passionate about sustainability, interested in learning more about eco-friendly practices, or simply want to contribute to a greener future, there's something for everyone at Green Fest. No matter your skills or interests, the friendly group of volunteers welcomes more individuals to join them. Together, help to make Congleton a more climate-friendly, greener, and safer place for all.



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Jul

## Congleton Pride 10am-5pm, Town Centre

Congleton Pride  [congletonpride.co.uk](http://congletonpride.co.uk) • 

Congleton Pride is back and bigger than ever as it celebrates its 5th Birthday! Prepare to witness a jubilant explosion of love, acceptance, and celebration, marking one of the most vibrant and colourful birthday parties of the year.



In a show of inclusivity and unity, town centre roads will be closed off, paving the way for a full day of family-friendly fun. Embracing the rich tapestry of diversity within the town, this spectacular event promises something for everyone. Live entertainment will grace two outdoor stages, filling the air with music, laughter, and joy. The crown jewel of the festivities is undoubtedly the Pride Parade, a dazzling display of solidarity, empowerment, and pride.

The streets will come alive with community groups, activities, and food vendors, whether you're drawn to artisan stalls, fun and games or delectable treats, there's something to captivate every visitor. Since its creation in 2019, Congleton Pride has evolved into one of the highlights on the town's summer calendar.



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20<sup>th</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup> Jul - 27<sup>th</sup> Aug

## Summer Play Days, every Tuesday 10.30am-2.30pm, Town Centre

Congleton Town Council & Congleton Community Projects

 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

Every Tuesday during the holidays, families can enjoy an array of multi-activities. Each week, a new theme will unfold, promising endless entertainment. From Sports to Music, Junk Art to Kite Making and Clay, and even Photo Snappy workshops, there's something for every little one.

Tuesday 13 August is National Play Day! Expect even more fun and games, while gaining valuable insights into the significance of play. Join in the vibrant community atmosphere, we can't wait to see you there!



FREE

24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Aug

## Jazz and Blues Festival Town Centre Venues

FREE

Congleton Live CIC

 [congletonjazzandblues.co.uk](http://congletonjazzandblues.co.uk) • 



The two-day event is set to unfold on the August Bank Holiday weekend. The festival will host approximately 70 free gigs across 20 or so town centre venues, promising a delightful mix of returning favourites and fresh, exciting bands.



Keep an eye out for the pocket festival guide, a handy companion designed to ensure you don't miss a single beat. The event promises to be a celebration of music, community, and the vibrant spirit of Congleton.

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Sep

## Congleton Horticultural Society Show 10.30am-3.30pm, Town Hall

7<sup>th</sup>

Congleton Horticultural Society • 

£1 Admission & Free\*

Individuals are invited to showcase their talents in various categories including flowers, photos, handicrafts, vegetables, and cookery items. Entry forms can be obtained from the show secretary.

The public is warmly welcomed to explore the horticultural delights, marvelling at the dazzling entries that showcase the wealth of local talent and creativity. The highlight of the event arrives at 3pm with the presentation of awards and trophies, adding a thrilling climax to the day's festivities.

\*Admission is £1 and FREE for accompanying children





8<sup>th</sup>

FREE

## Green Island Fiesta

Congleton Community Projects

 [congletoncommunityprojects.org](http://congletoncommunityprojects.org) • 

This brand new community event for Congleton will celebrate the wonders of Green Island - an area within Bromley Road/Willow St/ Brunswick St and wider that was once marsh and meadow until the 1830s and the industrialisation of the town. The Fiesta will celebrate the area with history, music, art, food, drink, conversation and reminiscence. Are you from this area? How do you remember it? Come along and share your stories.




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## Chamber Business Fair 10am-3pm, Congleton Leisure Centre

25<sup>th</sup>

East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce

 [eastcheshirechamber.co.uk](http://eastcheshirechamber.co.uk)

Register Online

A dynamic platform for local companies to showcase their offerings and build connections. With a diverse array of products and services, ranging from budding startups to innovative technologies, the event serves as the ultimate network showcase. Seize the opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and cultivate lasting partnerships in an atmosphere teeming with entrepreneurial energy. Accessible to all, the free entry event, invites visitors to explore the exhibits and engage with the thriving business community in and around Congleton.



28<sup>th</sup>

## Green Fayre 10am-4pm Town Hall & Town Centre

Congleton Partnership and Congleton Town Council

 [congletonpartnership.co.uk](http://congletonpartnership.co.uk) • [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

FREE

The bustling High Street will be transformed into a hub of sustainability, boasting over 30 stalls showcasing green businesses, products, and services. The day will be filled with inspiration and innovation in the collective effort towards a greener, brighter future for Congleton and beyond. There will be something for everyone with stalls, talks, demos and much more. Returning favourites include the Congleton Repair Café, The Big Clothes Movement and electric vehicles display.




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Oct

## Congleton Half Marathon

Congleton Harriers

 [congleton-harriers.co.uk](http://congleton-harriers.co.uk)

Celebrating its 40th year, the established Half Marathon is set to challenge runners amidst the picturesque backdrop of Congleton. From the adrenaline of the start line to the triumphant crossing of the finish, it's a day filled with camaraderie and personal achievement. All entrants will be rewarded with a medal and t-shirt. Register early to secure your place.

6<sup>th</sup>

Ticketed



FREE

## Halloween Trail - Town Centre

26<sup>th</sup>

## Witchy Wednesday - Town Hall

30<sup>th</sup>

Congleton Town Council  [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

Looking for ways to keep little ghosts and ghouls entertained? Look no further than the Haunted Halloween Trail, running from 26 October-3 November. This spooktacular adventure, crafted by the town council with the support of local traders, promises thrills and chills with a Halloween treat at the end!

Join in the hijinks at 'Witchy Wednesday' that will cast a spell of delight on all who dare to attend! Bewitching activities include pumpkin carving (small charge), a thrilling fancy-dress competition, creepy crafts, spine-tingling music, and much more!



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## Bonfire & Fireworks Display Congleton Park

Ticketed

Rotary Congleton  [congletonrotary.co.uk](http://congletonrotary.co.uk)

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Congleton skies will be illuminated with not one, but two breathtaking firework spectacles. The first display will start at 6.30pm, catering to families with younger children, followed by the main display at 7.30pm. Entry is through wristbands, available for purchase in advance from the Congleton Information Centre and the Rotary stall in the town centre on Saturdays leading up to and including 2 November. Rotary Congleton promises an evening of wonder and delight for all attendees.



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## Remembrance Sunday 11am Cenotaph, Lawton Street

FREE

Congleton Town Council  [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

The Remembrance Parade will march through the town centre to the Cenotaph for the annual outdoor service. All are welcome to join in this significant commemoration. At 11am, a poignant two-minute silence will be observed, dignitaries and representatives from various associations will lay wreaths in remembrance, followed by a short service, providing an opportunity for reflection and unity as the community comes together to pay their respects.



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Nov

## Christmas Lights Switch-on 4pm, Town Centre

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Experience a festive extravaganza filled with free entertainment and boundless Christmas cheer. Join in the countdown to the highlight of the evening, the much-anticipated big switch-on at 6pm.

Marvel the twinkling creations in the traditional lantern parade, visit Santa in his enchanting grotto, shop for unique gifts from the craft stalls, join in the fun and games with the community groups and indulge in seasonal delights from the food and drink stalls. Don't miss the live entertainment on both the main stage and community stage, featuring performances sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Whether you're savouring a mug of something mulled, admiring the dazzling town lights or dancing to the cheerful tunes, there's something for everyone to enjoy at this spectacular community celebration.



29<sup>th</sup>

30<sup>th</sup>

## Tree of Light Ceremony 4pm Community Garden, Lawton Street

Rotary Congleton  [congletonrotary.co.uk](http://congletonrotary.co.uk)

Hang your message on the beautiful Christmas tree, a symbol of unity and community spirit.

Stars and shapes are available from the Congleton Information Centre, ready to be adorned with heartfelt wishes and festive greetings.

Witness the magic as the tree is illuminated at a special ceremony to celebrate the joy of the season.

The tree which will remain lit until the 12th Night is a symbol of collective efforts and giving back to the community. Any profits will support Rotary's vital work in Congleton.



### Regular monthly events include:

**Congleton Market** every Tuesday and Saturday with a car boot every Sunday

**Congleton Museum** monthly historic walk on the first Sunday

**Congleton Park Run** every Saturday, 9am  
Astbury Mere

**Independent Street Market**, Congleton Market Quarter on the first Saturday

**The Makers Market** on the last Saturday

**The Repair Café** on the last Saturday at the Old Saw Mill



# Congleton Map

## How to get to and around our town



**By Car** - 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.



**By Bus** - A number of local bus services operate in Congleton. Maps showing routes and destinations can be downloaded from [cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk) or call National Traveline on 0871 200 2233



**By Train** - 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 [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) tel. 0345 748 4950

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2 via A34 & Peel Ln

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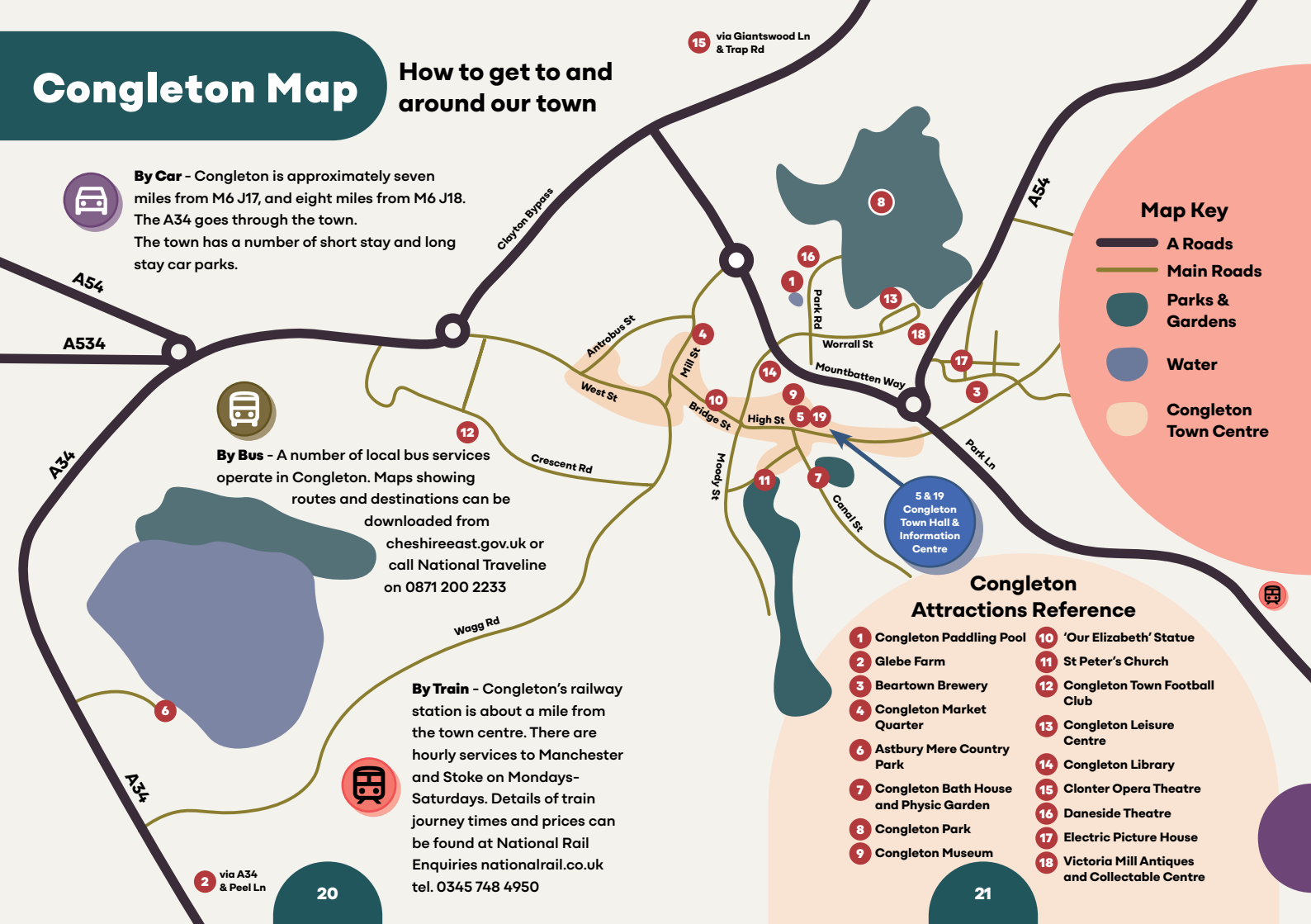
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# Family Friendly

## Congleton Paddling Pool

📍 Park Road CW12 1DP

📅 25th May 2024 - 1st September 2024

☎️ 01260 270350

✉️ [info@congleton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@congleton-tc.gov.uk) 🌐 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

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FREE



The town's Paddling Pool has entertained children from the 1930s and continues to be a source of summer fun and delight. Capacity per session is 140 people, monitored by a clicker system. Once the session is full no further entries will be allowed until the next session. Opening is weather dependent; session dates and times may vary. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Parking in the area is restricted so attendees are advised to park in the town centre car parks.

## Glebe Farm

📍 Peel Lane, Astbury, CW12 4RQ

☎️ 01260 273916

🌐 [glebefarmastbury.co.uk](http://glebefarmastbury.co.uk)

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There's something for everyone at this family friendly visitor attraction featuring a coffee shop, farm shop, butcher's, and an interesting selection of independently owned shops and businesses, nestled in the farm's barns. There's a children's play area and tractor rides at weekends during the summer. Not forgetting the star attractions - the animals! Alpacas, Donkeys, Ponies, Goats and more, which are kept in the paddocks, fields, and pens around the farm. Get your tickets for 'ASTonBuRY' the lively family friendly festival on 12-13 July 2024.

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## Beartown Brewery

📍 Bromley House, Spindle St CW12 1QN

🕒 The Den is open Tuesday-Sunday: 10am-10pm

☎️ 01260 299964

✉️ [sales@beartownbrewery.co.uk](mailto:sales@beartownbrewery.co.uk) 🌐 [beartownbrewery.co.uk](http://beartownbrewery.co.uk)

£ Tours from £10pp

Guided tours every Saturday provide the perfect opportunity to delve deeper into Beartown's history, passion, and what lies ahead for the brewery. Tours include access to the taproom facility with complimentary beer tasting! Special occasion and corporate event tours are also available upon request. Booking essential.



# Social Congleton

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## Congleton Market Quarter

📍 Princess Street CW12 1AB

🕒 Wednesday-Sunday 12pm-10pm

🌐 [marketquarter.co.uk](http://marketquarter.co.uk)

A collection of bars, eateries and independent market traders offering fabulous food and drink options to suit all tastes and budgets. Perfectly situated between Princess Street and Mill Street the once set of derelict buildings have been transformed into a vibrant thriving hub. Enjoy cuisines from all over the world, alongside local craft beers and artisan coffee. Visit the independent street market held on the first Saturday of the month. Look out for Totally Locally events and promotions. Expect plans for new workspace and attractive retail space to relax with friends whilst sampling some of the best produce the market has to offer.



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## Social Congleton

### Congleton Town Hall

📍 High Street CW12 1BN

☎ 01260 270350

✉ info@congleton-tc.gov.uk 🌐 congleton-tc.gov.uk

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A stunning Victorian building owned and managed by Congleton Town Council. Whether it's a dream wedding, party, corporate occasion, or sporting event the Town Hall has three rooms available to hire at affordable rates.

The iconic Town Hall is gaining a growing reputation for its tribute nights.

Get glittered up for the legendary Discos

For Grown Ups on 17 May. Don't miss

the awesome Oasish on 21 June, the

nostalgic 80s Party Electromantics

on 27 September and the sensational

Take That Tribute 'Rule the World' on

1 November.

Tickets from the Information Centre  
or book online at TicketSource:

[ticketsource.co.uk/congleton-town-council](https://ticketsource.co.uk/congleton-town-council)



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### Astbury Mere Country Park

📍 Sandy Lane CW12 4FP

🕒 Open from 9am until dusk every day of the year  
(except Christmas Day)

☎ 01260 297237

✉ astbury@cheshireeast.gov.uk 🌐 astburymerecountrypark.uk

£ \* Car Parking Charges Apply

FREE\*

Described as the 'Jewel in Congleton's Crown' the beautiful Country Park attracts almost 300,000 visitors a year. The site includes a 3K all weather wheelchair friendly path around the lake, 40 acres of open space, extensive woodlands, and a community orchard.

Astbury Water Sports Centre operate from the lake offering water and land-based pursuits. If you fancy kayaking, canoeing, abseiling, orienteering and much more contact Peak Pursuits: [peak.co.uk/centre-category/Astbury](https://peak.co.uk/centre-category/Astbury)

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The Country Park is owned by Astbury Mere Trust and managed on their behalf by Cheshire East Ranger Service.



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# The Great Outdoors

## Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden

📍 Colehill Bank CW12 3AD

✉ info@congletonbhpg.co.uk 📄 congletonbhpg.co.uk

£ \*Free unless hosting a ticketed event

FREE\*

The bath-house is a small brick building, partially hidden by trees and bushes on a roughly triangular plot of land between Lawton Street and Colehill Bank. The bath-house and the physic garden are so well hidden that many townspeople have no idea they are there! The gardens are tended by volunteers, planted with edibles and medicinal plants, shrubs, and trees. The bath-house only opens occasionally, but the gardens are accessible at all times. Mark on your calendars 18 May and 7 September 2024 when this hidden gem hosted open days from 10am-4pm.



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## Congleton Park

📍 Park Road CW12 1JG (postcode for SATNAV)

☎ 01260 270350

✉ info@congleton-tc.gov.uk

📄 friendsofcongletonpark.co.uk

£ \*Free unless hosting a ticketed event

FREE\*

The town's impressive Victorian park, complete with children's play area, ancient woodland paths, river walks, ornamental gardens, bowling green, just bee garden, bandstand, chatty benches, toilets, and pavilion café is just a five-minute walk from the town centre! Friends of Congleton Park organise the free summer music concerts from the Bandstand. They also support larger events such as the Congleton Lions Duck Race, Congleton Rotary Bonfire and Fireworks display and special community celebrations.

Over the years the park has won multiple awards such as Green Flag, Heritage Flag and numerous RHS In Bloom accolades for its floral excellence. The annual Back-to-Back Garden displays can be viewed in the poly tunnels at weekends throughout July and August.

The Park is owned by Cheshire East Council and maintained by the Town Council's Streetscape team to ensure it looks blooming marvellous 365 days of the year!



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# Historic Places



## Congleton Museum



Market Square CW12 1ET



Tuesday-Saturday: 10:30am-4:15pm  
Sunday: 12pm-4:15pm



01260 276360



info@congletonmuseum.co.uk



congletonmuseum.co.uk



\*Free admission, donations welcomed

FREE\*

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Discover a fascinating display of life, culture, and industry dating from the pre-historic period to the present day. There is something for everyone at Congleton Museum. The family-friendly exhibits contain; three Roman coin hoards, a medieval log boat, bronze-age weapons, and so much more. The museum runs a series of events throughout the year and provides various free family trails based around the exhibits.



### Events Diary

**Sunday Walks** –first Sunday of every month from March – October. £10 per adult, £7 for Friends of Congleton Museum, children free. Includes a cream tea.

**Threads of Remembrance** – coffee morning every Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am. Crochet/knit forget-me-knots until November, to go on display in the museum and tour various locations in Congleton for Remembrance.

**Thursday 28 March, 2pm** – Easter Needle Felting Workshop. £15 per adult, limited tickets available.

**Thursday 4 April, 2pm** - Wizards Workshop: Make Your Own Wand. Tickets £12 per person.

**Thursday 11 April, 6pm** – Spellbinding Notebooks: Make Your Own Notebook Cover. Tickets £25 per person, includes complimentary beverages.

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### Events Diary

**Tuesday 23 April, 7pm** – Archaeology in the News! An academic talk on how archaeology is reported in the news by PHD Researcher Ellie Chambers. Tickets £12 per adult, £10 for Friends of Congleton Museum. Includes a complimentary alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverage.

**Tuesday 23 July, 7pm** – A talk on Congleton and Gallipoli during WWI followed by a private view of the temporary exhibition before it opens to the public. Tickets £15 per person, includes a complimentary glass of fizz.

**Wednesday 24 July–December** – A temporary exhibition on the First World War and Gallipoli, marking 110 years since the start of WWI.

**Tuesday 18-Sunday 23 February 2025** – Roman Week: A 6-day Roman themed event during half term, meet real Roman soldiers!

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## 'Our Elizabeth' Statue



Bridge Street, Town Centre



elizabethwelmy@gmail.com



elizabethelmy.com

FREE

A life-size sculpture of Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy, a nationally recognised campaigner for women's, children and human rights stands proudly in Congleton

town centre. The acclaimed sculptor Hazel Reeves crafted the statue, renowned for her work on the Emmeline Pankhurst statue in Manchester.

Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy, lived in Congleton for much of her life and led campaigns for girls' education, for women to have rights within marriage, including owning property and having custody of their children, and women's rights to vote.

Take a tour of the Elizabeth Heritage Trail. A 4.5 mile walk around the town, to all the places that were important to Elizabeth and her husband Ben. The map is available from the Congleton Information Centre.



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## Historic Places

### St Peter's Church

- 📍 Chapel Street CW12 4AB
- 🕒 Apr - Jul: Tuesdays 10am-1pm  
Apr - Sep: Saturdays 10am-2pm
- ☎️ 01260 273212 🌐 [allsaintscongleton.org.uk](http://allsaintscongleton.org.uk)
- ✉️ [admin@allsaintscongleton.org.uk](mailto:admin@allsaintscongleton.org.uk)
- £️ \*Free admission, donations welcomed

FREE\*

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The only grade 1 listed building in the town centre, this magnificent Georgian Church is a must see for any visitors interested in the heritage of the

town. The church is also open on Tuesdays from April-July for refreshments and a programme of events. For those seeking a peaceful retreat, the church is open on Sundays from 11am to 12 noon.

Enjoy music in Congleton's beautiful Georgian church:



## Events Diary

**23 April, 12.15pm:** Celebrating 100 years of St. Peter's Bechstein piano. An illustrated lecture recital by Julian Hellaby, pianist, lecturer, writer.

**7 May, 12.15pm:** Piano recital by students from Chetham's School of Music. Enjoy the amazing talent of these young people.

**18 June, 12.15pm:** Organ recital by Tim Sagar. Assistant Organist at St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Stafford, and former Director of Music at Newcastle under Lyme School.

**2 July, 12.15pm:** Piano recital by Jill Crossland.

**21 September, 7.30pm:** Organ Extravaganza. A fun evening of popular organ favourites with Keith Hearnshaw. St. Peter's historic organ celebrates 200 years. Ticketed event.

**8 December, 3pm:** Advent and Christmas music with the Nantwich Singers

**19 December, 7.30pm:** Community Carols by Candlelight

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### Congleton Town Football Club

- 📍 Cleric Stadium, Ivy Gardens CW12 4GA
- ☎️ 01260 274460 ✉️ [admin@ctfc.club](mailto:admin@ctfc.club) 🌐 [ctfc.club](http://ctfc.club)
- 🏆 League Games: Adults £7, Concessions £5, Children (U16) £3

## Sport & Recreation

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Nicknamed "The Bears," the team competes in the Midland League

Premier Division. Whether home or away, fans are assured of a warm welcome at this community-oriented club. With a capacity of 1,450, including 250 seated, facilities include a club shop, refreshments, and a bar. Additionally, the ground is home to Congleton Town Ladies, adding to the vibrant atmosphere on match days. There is no on-site parking, a public car park is located close by.



### Congleton Leisure Centre

- 📍 Worrall Street CW12 1DT
- 🕒 Centre Opening Times: Mon-Fri 6am-10pm, Sat & Sun 7am-6pm
- ☎️ 01260 387717 ✉️ [congleton@everybody.org.uk](mailto:congleton@everybody.org.uk) 🌐 [everybody.org.uk](http://everybody.org.uk)

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Leisure should be for everybody, not just the few. With great value. Great facilities. Support from a qualified team. And everyone provided for, no matter the age or ability. It should also be fun. Being the best version of you. And getting to know your local community along the way. Pay as you go and memberships available. That's why at Everybody, there's something for, well, everybody.



## Everybody Facilities:

- Two swimming pools
- Thermal spa
- Two storey 100-station gym
- Fitness classes
- Sports hall available for 5-a-side Football, Badminton, Table Tennis, Netball and more
- Dedicated group cycling studio
- School holiday activities
- A range of targeted health and wellbeing programmes, addressing inactivity, illness and long term health conditions
- Onsite Taste for Life Café, providing every tasty meal, snacks and drinks
- Soft play area, children's birthday parties and holiday activities
- Room hire for events and functions

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# Community & Culture

## Congleton Library

📍 Market Square, CW12 1ET

🕒 Open Monday 10am-7pm

Tuesday-Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 10am-1pm. Saturday 9am-1pm

☎️ 01260 375550

✉️ congleton.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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FREE

Explore a world of knowledge and imagination, where you can borrow books, access digital resources, and participate in community events.



Contact the library to check the dates and times of activities

### Weekly Activities

#### After-school board game club

Mondays, 3pm-5pm. Drop in with your friends and family for board games.

#### Crafternoon tea

3rd Monday of the month, 2pm-3.30pm. Try a different craft, meet new people, and share skills. Only £1- includes all materials and refreshments.

#### Stories and Songs

Tuesdays, 10.30am-11am. Stories, rhymes and activities for pre-school children.

#### Keen Cooks

2nd Tuesday of the month, 2.15pm-3pm. Discuss ingredients, swap recipes, and share hints & tips over tasty refreshments.

#### Story & Tea

4th Tuesday of the month, 2.30pm-3.30pm. A friendly reading group with a difference. Relax with refreshments, listen to poetry, and short story readings.

#### Pre-School Fun

Wednesdays, 10am-12pm. Drop in to play with games, crafts, stories, or colouring. For 0-5s.

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#### Crafty Natter

On alternate Wednesdays, 2.30pm-3.30pm. All crafters and abilities welcome. Bring your project to chat over a cuppa and cake.

#### Good Vibrations

On alternate Wednesdays 10.30am-11.30am. A feel good sing-along with guitar accompaniment. Refreshments available.

#### Rhymetime

Thursdays, 10.30am-11.00am. A fun and interactive session of rhymes and songs. For 0-5s.

#### Baby Bounce

Thursdays, 2.15pm-2.45pm. Songs and rhymes for little ones under 12 months or not yet walking.

#### LEGO Club

Saturdays, 10am-12pm. Duplo available for younger children.

### Weekly Activities

## Clonter Opera Theatre

📍 Swettenham Heath CW12 2LR

🕒 10am - 4pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. 10am - 1pm on Performance Days

☎️ Box Office -01260 224514 • Venue Hire - 01260 224661

✉️ boxoffice@clonter.org 📄 clonter.org

Immerse yourself in the exciting world of live musical theatre. Discover a 400-seat indoor auditorium with an orchestra pit, an undercover restaurant and licensed bar with indoor picnic tables. Performances have been described as compelling, stylish, imaginative, colourful, gripping, and refreshingly unpretentious. Indulge in the popular Musical Teas and daytime events.

Ticketed

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## Community & Culture

### Ticketed

## Daneside Theatre

- 📍 Park Road CW12 1DP
- 🕒 CIC Box Office open Monday - Friday 9am-4:30pm and Saturday 10:15am - 1:45pm
- ☎️ 01260 270350 opt. 1

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✉️ [bookings@danesthetre.co.uk](mailto:bookings@danesthetre.co.uk) 🌐 [danesthetre.co.uk](http://danesthetre.co.uk)

An independent 300-seat theatre, nestled in the heart of our community. Opened in 1984 it is run by a charitable trust. Daneside stages

a wide range of productions to appeal to audiences of all ages. From captivating dramas to musicals, comedies, and an annual pantomime! The theatre is home to various amateur groups, including, Centre Stage Youth Theatre, Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre, Congleton Musical Theatre, Congleton Panto, Congleton Players, Our Gang, Phoenix Theatre, and Trinity Amateur Operatic Society. The theatre also holds regular film evenings.

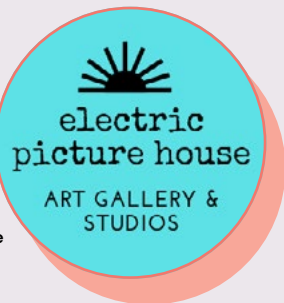


## Electric Picture House

- 📍 Spindle Mill, Spindle Street CW12 1QN
- 🕒 Monday-Friday: 10am-4pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm
- ☎️ 01260 270908
- ✉️ [electricpicturehouse@gmail.com](mailto:electricpicturehouse@gmail.com)
- 🌐 [electricpicturehouse.uk](http://electricpicturehouse.uk)

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At the heart of the Creative Congleton scene is the Electric Picture House. A non-profit making artists' cooperative run by internationally and nationally recognised artists. The building combines working studios, offices, a gallery, and workshop space and offers a programme of exhibitions, studio theatre, music performances and workshops.



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## Victoria Mill Antiques and Collectables Centre

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- 📍 Victoria Mill Antique and Collectors Centre CW12 1EE
- 🕒 Open 7 days a week 10am-4pm
- ☎️ 01260 297838
- 🌐 [victoriamillantiques.co.uk](http://victoriamillantiques.co.uk)

FREE

A warm and welcoming experience awaits at one of Congleton's Historical Mills. This fascinating centre boasts four floors of retail space, with three floors dedicated to Antiques and Collectibles. Take an unforgettable journey through history and culture, meander around the resident artist studios and browse a wide selection of quality antiques and artifacts. After exploring the treasures of the past, unwind at the Loft Café set amidst the historic charm of the mill. (The café is closed on Mondays.)



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## Congleton Information Centre

- 📍 Congleton Town Hall, High Street CW12 1BN
- 🕒 Open Monday - Friday 9am - 4.30pm and Saturdays 10.15am - 1.45pm
- ✉️ [info@congleton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@congleton-tc.gov.uk)
- ☎️ 01260 270350
- 🌐 [congleton-tc.gov.uk](http://congleton-tc.gov.uk)

We hope this guide has whetted your appetite for coming to Congleton. If you need any more help, the team at the Congleton Information Centre, located inside the Town Hall, on Congleton High Street will be happy to assist.

The centre is stocked with lots of information about events, attractions, places to stay and things to do. You can buy your tickets for shows and films at Daneside Theatre with no added booking fees! Also an opportunity to purchase local gifts, books and products.



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## Places to Stay

Enjoy the perfect stay, with a range of accommodation from charming countryside bed and breakfasts to convenient town centre hotels, catering to both business and leisure travellers alike.



## Explore More Social Congleton

## Places to Visit

Discover the beauty of Congleton's picturesque open spaces, thriving sports and social scenes, and rich historical sites, offering year-round enjoyment. Plus, some of the UK's top tourist attractions just an hour's drive away!



## Places to Eat & Drink

Embark on a culinary journey with a diverse selection of dining options and over 40 inviting pubs to explore. As night falls, experience the vibrant social scene, alive with talented local musicians, singers, and bands performing in many establishments.



## Places to Shop

Experience the bustling blend of over 200 shops, cafes, restaurants, pubs, and town centre businesses, catering to every taste and budget, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.



**Congleton, the little town with a big heart.**