

- 1 TAKE A SELFIE WITH A GIANT
- 2 SEE A TRY SCORED BY A VIKING
- 3 EXPERIENCE VIEWS FIT FOR A KING
- 4 BE VICTORIOUS AND GRAB A PHOTO WITH THE CHALLENGE CUP
- 5 SLALOM DOWN A SKI SLOPE
- 6 MEET THE MAD HATTER IN A CHURCH
- 7 CYCLE ALONG THE MERSEY ON THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL
- 8 SING ALONG TO A SHOW AT AN AWARD-WINNING THEATRE
- 9 RIDE ON A VIRTUAL REALITY ROLLERCOASTER
- 10 DEVOUR TASTY GELATO AND DRINK AUTHENTIC ITALIAN COFFEE
- 11 TRY THE BURRITOS, BRATWURSTS, CRAFT & CASK ALES UNDER AN ARCHWAY
- 12 STROLL UNDER STATUESQUE SCOTS, CORSICAN AND LODGEPOLE PINES
- 13 GET INSPIRED AND HANDS-ON IN A SCIENCE LAB
- 14 SEEK A HIDDEN BEACH
- 15 GLIDE INTO A C L EXPERIENCE
- 16 TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
- 17 DANCE TO THE BEAT OF THE SUMMER OF 1990
- 18 CROSS THE FAMOUS BRIDGE TO DISCOVER THE WHOLE REGION
- 19 FLUTTER THROUGH A BUTTERFLY HOUSE
- 20 STEP ON THE STAGE WHERE GARY BARLOW TOOK HIS FIRST STEPS TO STARDOM
- 21 GO FULL STEAM ON A MINIATURE LOCOMOTIVE
- 22 VISIT THE VENUE OF ONE OF THE LARGEST DANCE MUSIC FESTIVALS
- 23 TUNE IN TO THE STORE WHERE THE GREATS GET THEIR GUITARS
- 24 RECORD YOUR OWN HIT SONG
- 25 EXPLORE A CAMPUS FULL OF WORLD CLASS INNOVATION
- 26 HAVE A PICNIC IN A PARK THAT REIGNS SUPREME
- 27 LICK YOUR WAY THROUGH 12 DELICIOUS FLAVOURS
- 28 VISIT THE VILLAGE & BIRTHPLACE OF LEWIS CARROLL
- 29 HIKE AROUND A BEACHSIDE LIGHTHOUSE
- 30 LOOK OUT FOR BUDDHIST MONKS
- 31 AIRWALK HIGHER THAN A PHOENIX
- 32 MARVEL AT THE MOST EXCAVATED MONASTIC SITE IN EUROPE
- 33 GET ROARSOME AND SEE A DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT
- 34 GET 360° VIEWS FROM THE TOP OF CATALYST
- 35 ACT SAINTLY AND TRAVEL TO A PRIORY
- 36 STEP UP TO A FAMOUS PULPIT
- 37 LOOK OUT FOR RAIDING AIRSHIPS AND STAND PROUD NEXT TO THE VICTORIA CROSS STATUE
- 38 APPRECIATE SOME ARTWORK AT HAZELHURST STUDIOS
- 39 SCALE NEW HEIGHTS AND CLIMB HIGHER
- 40 TAKE A BREATH AT THE TRAVELLER'S REST STONE SEAT
- 41 PAT & SIT ON THE FAMOUS PIGS
- 42 ESCAPE TO AN ISLAND TO MEET A FAIRY AND A HOG
- 43 WALK OVER THE BRIDGEWATER CANAL
- 44 VISIT THE CHURCH FOUNDED BY ETHELFLEDA
- 45 TAKE A WALK TO A GRADE II LISTED WATER TOWER
- 46 PEEK INTO THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR
- 47 HAVE A TEA PARTY ON THE ALFRESCO TERRACE
- 48 TAKE A RANGER TOUR AROUND AN ECO PARK
- 49 SEE WHERE THE BLACKSMITH GRIFFIN IS BURIED
- 50 SEE THE SETS OF TWO PINTS OF LAGER AND A PACKET OF CRISPS

# CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF HALTON

BY COMPLETING ALL OF OUR 50 QUIRKY THINGS TO SEE AND DO...

Discover Halton's 50 greatest sites in the borough of Northwest, England. A rural hinterland boasting a range of fascinating attractions, renowned heritage and beautiful natural landscapes that draw visitors from across the UK. Whether you're a history buff, a nature enthusiast, or simply looking for a getaway filled with surprises, this hidden gem in the heart of the Northwest is well worth a visit.

## QUIRKY THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO IN HALTON



### 1 CHILDE OF HALE

6 Church End, Hale, Liverpool L24 4AX  
John Middleton was known as the giant of Hale. Allegedly 9 feet and 3 inches tall. You can visit his statue and see how giant he really was in real life!

### 6 THE LEWIS CARROLL CENTRE

All Saint's Church, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4AE  
A striking and unusual stained glass window made in 1935 with illustrations from the story of Alice in Wonderland.

### 11 SOCIETY TAP ROOMS

33 Ashridge St, Runcorn WA7 1HU  
A bar full of refreshing beers and tasty bites - wry out the burritos, bratwursts, craft and cask ales under an archway.

### 16 PICKERING'S PASTURE

16 View Rd, Widnes WA8 8LP  
Local Nature Reserve with acres of wild flower meadows and a fabulous view across the Upper Mersey Estuary. It is a peaceful place to enjoy picnics and watch the abundant wildlife.

### 2 DCBL STADIUM

Lower House Ln, Widnes WA8 7DZ  
Home of the rugby league side Widnes Vikings of the Betfred Championship. The stadium is all seater and has a total capacity of 13,350.

### 7 TRANS PENNINE TRAIL

Widnes, Runcorn WA4 6XA  
A great route to take your bike out and cycle along the Mersey river, sighting beautiful views on the way.

### 12 DARESURY FIRS

Daresbury Tower, Keckwick Ln, Warrington WA4 4AB  
Stroll under statuesque Scots, Corsican and Lodgepole pine. Daresbury is a charming village steeped with history waiting to be discovered.

### 17 SPIKE ISLAND

Upper Mersey Rd, Widnes WA8 0DG  
Go and explore the island with its footpaths, cycle paths, canal walks, woodland and wetlands. Take in the views of the River Mersey.

### 3 HALTON CASTLE

Castle Road, Runcorn WA7 2BE  
Located on top of Halton Hill - the castle was originally built out of wooden motte-and-bailey, then replaced by sandstone which is still standing.

### 8 THE BRINDLEY

High St, Runcorn WA7 1BG  
An award winning theatre in Runcorn with amazing performances you can sing along to.

### 13 CATALYST

Mersey Rd, Widnes WA8 0DF  
The Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum is an interactive experience with exhibits, reconstructed scenes, science shows and hands-on workshops for all ages.

### 18 SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE

Runcorn WA8 0DT  
Walk along the circular route around the Island on the wide paths that lead under the Mersey Gateway Bridge and witness spectacular views of the iconic Silver Jubilee Bridge.

### 4 WIDNES VIKINGS

Lower House Ln, Widnes WA8 7DZ  
Described as 'Cup Kings' claiming the Challenge Cup 7 times. If you're lucky you may be able to take a picture with their Viking mascot.

### 9 VR WAREHOUSE

Unit 31 Percival Ln, Runcorn WA7 4UX  
Experience the thrill of virtual reality with places that can literally take you out of this world.

### 14 OGLET SHORE

Unit 31 Percival Ln, Runcorn WA7 4UX  
Take a walk along Paul McCartney's favourite childhood beach.

### 19 BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Birchfield Rd, Widnes WA8 7SU  
Flutter through a tropical oasis in the glasshouse full of butterflies at Victoria Park.

### 5 RUNCORN SKI CENTRE

Town Park, Stockham Ln, Palacefields, Runcorn WA7 6PT  
Offers many activities and lessons such as; skiing, snowboarding and tubing.

### 10 ESPOSITO'S CAFÉ

Fairfield Rd, Widnes WA8 6SQ  
Devour tasty gelato and drink authentic Italian coffee, shipped from Tuscany at Esposito's Café in Victoria Park and Runcorn Hill.

### 15 PLANET ICE

Earle Rd, Widnes WA8 0TA  
Europe's No 1 for ice leisure in Widnes. Glide into a cool experience at Planet Ice and show off your skating skills!

### 20 HRB LEGION CLUB

Castle Rd, Halton, Runcorn WA7 2BE  
Step on the stage where Gary Barlow took his first steps to stardom.

### 21 MINIATURE RAILWAY

Town Park, Stockham Ln, Runcorn WA7 6PT  
Go full steam on a miniature locomotive.

### 27 DARESURY DAIRY

Penkridge Lake Farm, Newton LN WA4 4HZ  
Treat your taste buds to their seasonal special ice cream flavours.

### 33 DINOSAUR'S FOOTPRINT

Highlands Rd, Runcorn WA7 4PT  
Visit Runcorn Hill Park built on a sandstone hill. Pick up a coffee from Espositos while you are there and look out for a dinosaur's footprint!

### 39 UPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hough Green Road, Widnes WA8 4PF  
Scale new heights and climb higher on Upton's Community Centre's climbing wall.

### 45 NORTON WATER TOWER

Norton, Runcorn WA7 6PX  
Take a walk to a Grade II listed Water Tower.

### 22 CREAMFIELDS

1 Hall Ln Daresbury Warrington WA4 4AF  
Take a stroll around Moore and pass by the site of the world famous Creamfields Music Festival.

### 28 DARESURY VILLAGE

WA4 4AE  
Daresbury is a charming village steeped in history and creativity. The childhood home of Lewis Carroll, Daresbury offers a diverse range of attractions for visitors of all ages.

### 34 THE OBSERVATORY GALLERY

Mersey Rd, Widnes WA8 0DF  
Enjoy 360 views from the top of 'Catalyst' Science Discovery Centre and Museum.

### 40 TRAVELLER'S REST STONE

Daresbury, junction of Chester Road and Newton Lane  
Take a breather at the Traveller's Rest Stone seat in Daresbury.

### 46 MAYOR'S PARLOUR

Heath Rd, Runcorn WA7 5TD  
Have a peek in the Mayor's Parlour in the Runcorn Town Hall. Look out for open days!

### 23 FRAILER'S

89 Church St, Runcorn WA7 1LG  
Tune in to the store where the greats get their guitars.

### 29 THE LIGHTHOUSE

Church Rd, Hale, Liverpool L24 4AZ  
The Hale Head Lighthouse overlooks the beaches and salt marsh of the picturesque coastline.

### 35 ST CHRISTOPHER STATUE

Tudor Rd, Windmill Hill, Runcorn WA7 1SX  
Travel to the Priory to see a saintly statue.

### 41 NORTON PIG STATUE

Tudor Rd, Windmill Hill, Runcorn WA7 1SX  
Pat and sit on the famous pig statues.

### 47 ALFRESCO TERRACE

High St, Runcorn WA7 1BG  
Try the famous afternoon tea at The Brindley.

### 24 THE STUDIO

Lacey St, Widnes WA8 7SQ  
Once part of the Queens Hall, a space for all things sound that hosts live events, rehearsal rooms and recording studio.

### 30 THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

88 High St, Runcorn WA7 1JH  
In need of some zen? Visit the Buddhist Temple and Meditation Centre in Runcorn.

### 36 FAMOUS PULPIT

St. Mary's Road West Bank, Widnes Cheshire, WA8 0DP  
Step up to the famous pulpit at the West Bank Church in Widnes.

### 42 WIGG ISLAND

Runcorn WA7 1LU  
This historic nature reserve is positioned between the River Mersey and the Manchester Ship Canal. You might spot a fairy and a hog.

### 48 ST MICHAEL'S ECO PARK

Dundalk Road, Widnes, WA8 8DF  
Take a Ranger tour of a solar panel farm near the DCBL stadium.

### 25 SCI-TECH

Keckwick Ln, Daresbury, WA4 4FS  
Explore a campus full of world class innovation and look out for opening days.

### 31 PHOENIX SKATEPARK

Phoenix Park Ave, Castlefields, Runcorn WA7 2LW  
Take out your skateboard and airwalk higher than a phoenix.

### 37 BOMBED MILESTONE

Birchfield Rd, Widnes WA8 7SU  
Look out for raiding airships from the Bombed Milestone of the Zeppelin Air Raids of WW1 in Victoria Park, and Stand proud next to the Statues of Victoria Cross holders.

### 43 BRIDGEWATER CANAL

Runcorn WA7 1AB  
Make your mark on the Bridgewater Canal nature trail.

### 49 ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Pit Ln, Widnes WA8 9HU  
See the holy site where the Blacksmith who slew the Griffin is buried.

### 26 VICTORIA PARK

Birchfield Rd, Widnes WA8 7SU  
Have a picnic in a park that reigns supreme whilst enjoying the stunning views of nature.

### 32 NORTON PRIORY

Tudor Rd, Windmill Hill, Runcorn WA7 1SX  
One of Halton's hidden gems. Once home to a medieval church, this is the most excavated monastic site in Europe.

### 38 HAZLEHURST STUDIOS

73a High St, Cheshire, Runcorn WA7 1AH  
Visit the studio where local Artists are working within the community, offering a range of skills, training, and workshops.

### 44 ALL SAINTS CHURCH

All Saints Church, Daresbury WA4 4AE  
Visit the church founded by Ethelfleda, Lady of the Mercians.

### 50 TWO PINTS OF LAGER AND A PACKET OF CRISPS TV SETS

Runcorn WA7 1AB  
Seek out the sets of the sitcom 'Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps' in Runcorn Village.

## WIN A PRIZE EVERY MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS\*

Take a picture of yourself doing any of the 50 Quirky Things, then POST and TAG Visit Halton's Social Media using the hashtag #HaltonHighlights.

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A lucky winner will be drawn randomly each month and win one Prize from a Bonanza of Borough Wide Rewards. So, what are you waiting for! Get snapping and sharing all of the 50 Quirky Things that you've seen and done!

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